



PCU'S Bhashyam



February at PCU was a vibrant blend of culture, sportsmanship, and growth, fostering unity and excellence. The month left behind memories of achievements, strengthened bonds, and renewed enthusiasm for the future.

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Anantam 2k25: Cultural Extravaganza

-Vaidehi Chaturvedi
 The much-awaited "Anantam 2K25 Cultural" Fest transformed Pimpri Chinchwad University into a vibrant hub of energy, talent, and celebration on February 13th and 14th, 2025. This electrifying two-day extravaganza brought together students, faculty, and esteemed guests in a grand showcase of art, music, dance, and camaraderie.

The festival was a mesmerizing blend of performances and competitions, each highlighting the remarkable talents of PCU students.

The stage came alive with celebrity performances that enthralled the audience, including an electrifying "Zingaat" dance by Akash Thosar, star of 'Sairat', and a spellbinding rendition of "Apsara Ali" by the elegant Sonali Kulkarni.

The evening reached

its peak with a spectacular performance by the famous 'Swaroop Pandey'

band, setting the mood for an unforgettable celebration.

The festival's fashion show and talent-driven competitions added to its grandeur, making Anantam 2K25 a true celebration of creativity and cultural diversity.

Beyond the dazzling performances, the fest embodied the essence of PCU—a community united in passion and enthusiasm. It wasn't just about showcasing talent; it was about creating lasting moments, strengthening friendships, and celebrating the collective spirit of PCU.

As Anantam 2K25 came to a close, it left us with cherished memories and an eagerness for the next edition.

The countdown to 'Anantam 2K26' has already begun, and we can't wait to make it even bigger and more spectacular!



ACADEMIC Excellence Meets Entrepreneurial Eminence GEC 2025

-Team Bhashyam

The air crackled with ambition, the halls buzzed with innovation, and the stage shimmered with visionary discourse. Pimpri Chinchwad University's (PCU) Global Entrepreneur Conclave 2025 (GEC), a landmark event orchestrated in collaboration with Garje Marathi Global (GMG) and the Maharashtra Economic Development Council (MEDC), has etched a new paradigm in the Indian entrepreneurial landscape.

This wasn't merely a conference; it was a crucible for ideas, a nexus for opportunity, and a powerful catalyst for Maharashtra's ascent as a global economic powerhouse.

The sheer magnitude of the GEC 2025 was staggering. Over 1,000 participants, 100 distinguished speakers, 500 burgeoning startups, and 50 diplomats from 30 nations converged, creating a vibrant tapestry of global exchange.

The presence of stalwarts like Cabinet Minister Shri Uday Samant, Minister Shri Chandrakant Patil, and the virtual address by Shri Nitin Gadkari underscored the government's unwavering commitment to fostering a fertile ground for entrepreneurial growth. Their insights, particularly Shri Samant's vision for Maharashtra as a leading economy and Shri Gadkari's emphasis on supportive government policies, resonated deeply with the audience.

GEC 2025 transcended the typical conference format. It was a holistic ecosystem, designed to nurture every facet of the entrepreneurial jour-

ney. The conclave's impact on academia was profound. For students and academicians alike, it was a rare opportunity to witness the convergence of renowned policymakers, entrepreneurs, and global educators. This live dialogue, covering cutting-edge topics from AI and cybersecurity to biotech and fintech, provided invaluable insights into the real-world application of theoretical knowledge.

Over 100 students have actively contributed to the conclave that provided an unparalleled hands-on learning experience.

The dedicated volunteers, gained invaluable practical

experience in organizing and executing a global-scale event. They witnessed firsthand the intricacies of logistics, networking, and stakeholder management, skills that are indispensable in today's dynamic business environment. This experiential learning helped in bridging the gap between theory and practice.

The Startup Pitch Fest, with its attractive prize pool, provided a platform for innovation to shine, fostering a competitive yet collaborative spirit.

Beyond the individual success stories, the GEC 2025 focused on building a robust ecosystem. Discussions on MSMEs as the backbone of

Maharashtra's economy, advancements in healthcare, and the state's path to global competitiveness highlighted the importance of strategic collaborations and supportive infrastructure.

The expertise shared by renowned experts has enriched the discourse, providing actionable insights for participants.

The conclave wasn't merely about showcasing innovation; it was about forging lasting connections. The successful creation of synergies between startups and industry leaders, facilitated by the tireless efforts of PCET's trustees and collaborators, solidified the GEC 2025's legacy.

The grand conclave has paved the way for a surge of global investments into Maharashtra's vibrant business ecosystem, marking a pivotal moment in the state's economic trajectory.

The GEC 2025 has effectively transformed the region into a hub of entrepreneurial dynamism, proving that Maharashtra is not just participating in the global economy; it is leading the charge.



Forging Futures: PCU successfully organizes Global Entrepreneur Conclave 2025

Book Recommendation:
The Secret Garden by Frances Hodgson Burnett:

Mary Lennox, a spoiled, ill-tempered, and unhealthy child finds the door to a secret garden, neglected and hidden for years. When she decides to restore the garden in secret, the story becomes a charming journey into the places of the heart, where faith restores health, flowers refresh the spirit, and the magic of the garden, coming to life anew, brings health and happiness.

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Movie Recommendation:
Movie Name: Bambi
Disney classic

1942 American animated coming-of-age drama film produced by Walt Disney Productions and released by RKO Radio Pictures. The film received three Academy Award nominations: Best Sound (Sam Slyfield), Best Song (for "Love Is a Song" sung by Donald Novis) and Original Music Score. In June 2008, the American.

Kridarambh 2k25: Celebration of Sports & Unity

- Aditi Salve

On February 11th and 12th, 2025, Pimpri Chinchwad University came alive with the electrifying energy of "Kridarambh 2k25", the much-anticipated annual sports fest. True to its name, which means "A New Beginning", the event was a thrilling spectacle of sportsmanship, camaraderie, and fierce competition.

From the first whistle to the final showdown, Kridarambh 2k25 was a battleground of skill and determination, where students from various departments pushed their limits across cricket, netball, volleyball, futsal, kabaddi, and badminton.

The courts and fields were abuzz with unstoppable energy, as players displayed agility, teamwork, and strategic prowess in their quest for victory.

The festival wasn't just about the competition—it was about

community and of the event. celebration. Enthusiastic cheers from the crowd echoed through the university, fueling the players with unstoppable zeal.

Spectators witnessed nail-biting finishes, stunning comebacks, and moments of pure sporting brilliance that kept everyone on the edge of their seats.

A major highlight was the felicitation of the champions Rohit Motiwani, the acclaimed sportsmen and chief guest

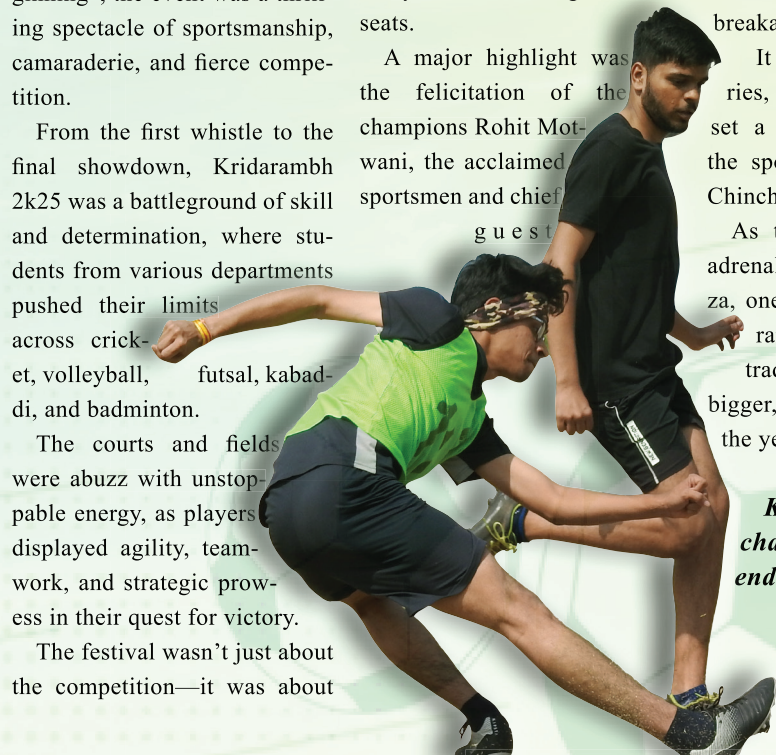
His presence added an extra layer of excitement as he applauded the athletes' hard work and dedication, inspiring future sports enthusiasts.

But Kridarambh 2k25 was more than just a sports fest—it was a celebration of perseverance, friendships, and the unbreakable spirit of competition.

It created lasting memories, strengthened bonds, and set a powerful precedent for the sporting culture at Pimpri Chinchwad University.

As the dust settles on this adrenaline-charged extravaganza, one thing is certain, Kridarambh has etched itself as a tradition that will only grow bigger, brighter, and bolder in the years to come!

Until next year, Kridarambh—where champions rise, and legends are made!

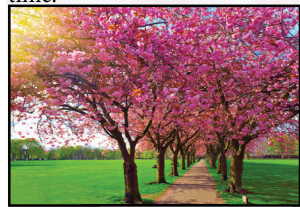


ARE YOU AWARE?

Spring is often associated with renewal and rebirth. This symbolism is deeply rooted in various cultures and religions. For instance, in many traditions, spring represents the resurrection and the promise of new life, as seen in festivals like Easter and Nowruz (Persian New Year). The blooming of flowers and the return of wildlife after winter symbolize hope and new beginnings, making spring a time for reflection and rejuvenation. The gentle breeze carries the sweet scent of blossoms, creating a sensory experience that uplifts the spirit and heralds a time of new beginnings. For gardening enthusiasts, spring is an exciting time.



Spring is a vibrant time for wildlife. Many animals emerge from hibernation, while migratory birds return from warmer climates. This season is crucial for animal reproduction, with many species mating and raising their young. The increase in daylight and temperature stimulates various biological processes, leading to heightened activity levels in both flora and fauna. Observing these changes can be a delightful experience for nature enthusiasts. In spring, many animals emerge from hibernation. Hibernation isn't simply sleeping. Animals like hedgehogs and bears hibernate to conserve energy.



In India, spring, known as Vasant Ritu, is considered the king of all seasons. This period, typically spanning from mid-March to mid-May, is marked by a delightful transition from the cold of winter to the heat of summer. The air becomes warmer, and nature awakens in full splendor. The landscapes across India undergo a vibrant transformation as flowers begin to bloom and trees sprout new leaves. Spring is celebrated worldwide through various festivals and events that honor the season's beauty and significance like Holi in India, Cherry Blossom Festival, Japan, Songkran, Thailand, Tulip Festival, Netherlands, etc.



PCU'S INSIGHTS

Inside the Courtroom: Visit to Bombay High Court



On February 21, 2025, 57 budding lawyers from PCU's School of Law, accompanied by faculty members embarked on an enriching educational visit to the High Court of Judicature at Bombay.

The students witnessed live court proceedings, gaining invaluable insights into the practical application of law. Highlight of the event was the engaging session with Adv. Sudeep Ratnambar Dutt Pasbola, Chairman of the Bar Council of Maharashtra and Goa, Adv. Vitthal Bhaurao Konde-Deshmukh, Member & Ex-Chairman, and Adv. Dr. Uday Prakash Warunjikar, Member & Ex-Vice Chairman, offering expert perspectives on legal practice.

The students then explored the High Court Museum, tracing the evolution of the Indian judiciary, and delved into the Judges' and Advocates' Libraries.

Month's Key Academic Highlights

- **NIPM (National Institute of Personnel Management)** at the School of Management: Fostering professional development and networking opportunities.
- **IEEE (Bombay Section)** at the School of Engineering and Technology: Coordinated events advancing technological knowledge and collaboration.
- **ACM (Pune Chapter)** at the School of Engineering and Technology: Facilitating advancements in computing and information technology.
- **'Explore Germany' and 'Discover Japan'**: Cultural and educational initiatives expanding global perspectives.
- **Book Exhibition on Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj** by the PCU Library Team: Showcasing historical literature and works honoring the legendary leader.
- **Faculty Development Program (FDP)**: focusing on AI and Generative AI: Enhancing faculty expertise and promoting academic excellence in cutting-edge technologies.

Unlocking Blueprint of Success: Strategic Initiatives for Career Readiness

Pimpri Chinchwad University (PCU) is actively shaping its students' futures through a robust, multifaceted approach to professional development. Spearheaded by the Training & Placement Team, a series of impactful initiatives are empowering students to excel beyond academics.

Central to this effort are intensive in-house workshops for BTech third-year students. These sessions focus on "Resume Building, Mock Personal Interviews (PIs), and Personalized Feedback," equipping students with essential skills



for successful career transitions. The workshops emphasize effective communication, addressing crucial gaps through interactive activities. This practical approach ensures students are well-prepared for the competitive job market.

PCU also fosters a global perspective, exemplified by hosting a Japanese delegation. Forty students from the university's Japanese language program engaged in cultural exchange, applying their language skills in a real-world context.



This international interaction underscores PCU's commitment to broadening students' horizons. Intellectual growth is further cultivated through events like the 'Fireside Chat' panel discussion, 'Demystifying Mindsets,

Unraveling Thoughts & Unlocking Potential', organized in association with the Institution's Innovation Council (IIC). This platform facilitates critical thinking and personal development, exploring the nuances of mindset and potential.

Ultimately, PCU's dedication to student success is reflected in its strong placement drives.

The Training & Placement Team's efforts to connect students with leading companies translate academic achievements into tangible career opportunities.

Top Placements of the Month

- Vineet Gawade (DTDC Pune)
- Yuvraj Bodake (IndiaMart)
- Samadhan Mandlik (IndiaMart)
- Nageshwar Birajdar (Asset Financial Consulting Pvt Ltd)
- Sonali Pareek (Godrej Properties)

Congratulations !!!
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“सुंदरतेच्या सुमनावरचे दव चुंबुनी
घ्यावे चैतन्याच्या गोड कोवळ्या
उन्हात हडिाव”
- बालकवी

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“कोयल की मीठी बोली,
फूलों की रंगीन डोली,
आया वसंत फिर से,
धरती पर खुशियों की होली!”
-महादेवी वर्मा

Expressions Beyond Words



Expressed by Pranali More
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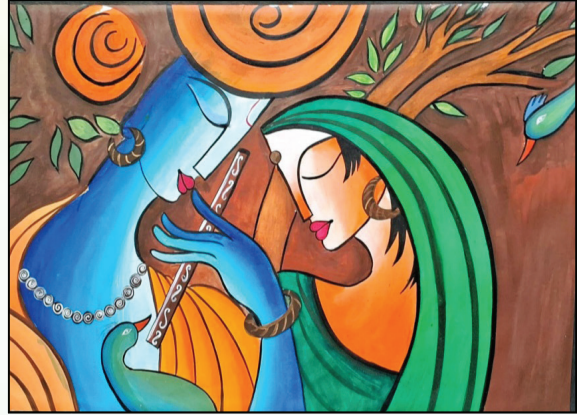
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Spring

After the chills of cold winter,
my heart blooms with the warmth
that this spring offers,
melting my cold emotions to mold
me into something warm and joy-
ous.
This winter, the wind made me cold,
as if my emotions had all ceased.
It made me feel like a living
corpse—stoic and cruel—not know-
ing that was me.
But the spring embraced me in its
arms, hugging a lost little child and
filling her with emotions,
making her feel alive again.
This spring made her realize that
she wasn't the corpse anymore; she
was alive.

By- Aditi Salve
School of Media and Communication
Studies
F.Y

Working on Anantam 2025
for months made me realize how
much effort goes into creating a
successful event.
- Aditya Rasal BTECH

This cultural fest was more than
just an event, it was a platform to ex-
plore our talents, meet new people, and
push our creative limits. The competi-
tions taught me confidence, and team
work.- Sakshi Lokhande BTECH

Anantam 2025 was a result of
months of dedication from students and
faculty, and witnessing it come to life
was surreal. The competitions boosted
our confidence to ultimate celebration.
- Amruta Yadav BA LLB

From planning and rehearsing for
months to finally performing at Anantam
2025, this fest was an incredible learning
experience. Thank you PCU. - Shradha
Solanke BTECH

Anantam's Rewinds

After the months of planning,
seeing our hard work pay off made it all
worth. I thank the university for provid-
ing me with the opportunity to show-
case my talent and enhance my skills.
- Aryan Kajale MBA International



“The greatest human achievement is education, for man can only become truly human through learning.”
-Immanuel Kant

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“If you would be a real seeker after truth, it is necessary that at least once in your life you doubt, as far as possible, all things.”
- René Descartes

FROM VC'S DESK

Shaping Future Leaders: A Commitment to Excellence

At our Pimpri Chinchwad University, we are driven by a vision to be a leading institution that fosters academic and personal growth, transforming lives through education.

Our mission is to cultivate academic excellence, innovation, and social responsibility by providing a holistic and inclusive learning environment. We aim to equip students with the skills, ethics, and global outlook necessary to become responsible leaders and professionals.

Our University sets itself apart through its comprehensive implementation of the National Education Policy (NEP). Our interdisciplinary curriculum allows students to take majors and minors across diverse fields, ensuring a well-rounded learning experience.

An Engineering student can pursue a minor in Management, Pharmacy, or Science, broadening their knowledge and career prospects.

In addition, our university



Dr. Manimala Puri,
Vice Chancellor(I/C), PCU

places a strong emphasis on ability enhancement courses, including training that prepares students for global opportunities.

We integrate industry-relevant certifications, ensuring that our graduates possess not only academic credentials but also practical expertise to create industry-ready professionals.

Beyond academics, we recognize the importance of soft skills such as effective communication, teamwork, and fluency in English. Our

strong industry connections with over 35,000 organizations provide students with internships, guest lectures, workshops, and industrial visits, offering hands-on experience and real-world exposure.

We are committed to nurturing leaders, innovators, and change-makers—and we look forward to witnessing your growth and achievements.

To our students, my advice is simple: manage stress effectively and make the most of your time here. Maintain a structured study schedule, engage in hobbies and relaxation, participate in physical activities and social interactions, and practice mindfulness and smart learning strategies. Success lies in balancing academics, extracurricular activities, and personal well-being.

FROM EDITOR-IN-CHIEF'S DESK

PCU's Bhashyam: Platform for Knowledge, Creativity

In the 21st century, information is abundant, but the real challenge lies in curating, digesting, and sharing it effectively. We live in an era where we are exposed to vast amounts of information daily, but how much of it truly adds value?

At Pimpri Chinchwad University (PCU), with its eight schools, numerous UG and PG programs, 3,400 students, and over 250 faculty and staff members, there is always something happening—events, workshops, guest lectures, and industry interactions.

To ensure that no valuable insight or experience goes unnoticed, we need a platform that compiles, summarizes, and disseminates this wealth of knowledge.

PCU's Bhashyam is that dedicated space—a digest of university activities, bringing together everything that matters. It will serve as an

executive summary of our academic, cultural, and co-curricular engagements, ensuring that every member of the PCU

community stays informed, engaged, and connected.

More than just a newsletter, PCU Bhashyam is a platform for participation and expression. Students can showcase their achievements, share newly acquired skills, express their creative pursuits, or discuss their hobbies.

Faculty members can use this space to share ideas, promote initiatives, and extend their influence beyond their classrooms and schools.

It will not only connect our PCU family internally but also project our collective achievements to the world beyond.

As your Pro Vice-Chancellor, I firmly believe that sharing knowledge amplifies its impact.

We should share not just to inform but to inspire, innovate, and create opportunities for learning.

Knowledge, when shared, multiplies exponentially—enriching both the giver and the receiver. PCU's Bhashyam will be a space for collaboration, celebration, and the collective growth of our university community.

Let's make it our own, engage with it, and let's look forward to every edition as a true reflection of our ideas, aspirations, and achievements. Together, let's build a culture of knowledge-sharing and innovation that strengthens our university's legacy. Let this platform be a source of Thought, Expression and Inspiration.

- Dr. Sudeep Thepade
Pro-Vice Chancellor,
Pimpri Chinchwad
University, Pune



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"Color is the keyboard,
 the eyes are harmonies,
 the soul is the piano with
 many strings."
 - Wassily Kandinsky

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Aarekh 2025: Desing Fest

Pimpri Chinchwad University (PCU) recently hosted "Aarekh 2025", a vibrant art exhibition that went beyond aesthetics to celebrate creativity, sustainability, and a strong sense of community.

The event featured a thoughtfully curated lineup of activities and displays that left a lasting impact on attendees, blending artistic expression with eco-conscious messaging.

Among the highlights were handmade accessories and handprinted jute and tote bags, which struck a balance between style, utility, and sustainability.

These creations were more than just eye-catching products, they carried a powerful message of incorporating environmentally friendly practices into daily life.

The tie-dye session proved to be a major attraction, drawing students and visitors into a

shared, colourful experience. As participants experimented with dyes and patterns, the activity not only showcased their creative instincts but also offered a joyful, hands-on opportunity to explore individuality through design.

The lively session allowed attendees to immerse themselves in the process and walk away with both their creations and meaningful memories.

Another major draw was the pottery segment, where PCU's talented students demonstrated their skills in shaping clay into elegant forms. The meticulous craftsmanship on display highlighted the timeless relevance of traditional arts and their ability to inspire contemporary creators. Interactive workshops and sessions held throughout Aarekh further enriched the event.

These engagements provided students with valuable insights into diverse artistic techniques, from crafting ac-

cessories to mastering dyeing methods.

Participants left with not only enhanced skills but also a renewed confidence in their creative abilities.

More than an exhibition, 'Aarekh 2025' stood as a testament to PCU's spirit of collaboration and innovation.

The event served as a platform for students and faculty to come together, exchange ideas, and celebrate artistic passion. The enthusiastic participation and positive feedback from both faculty and guests reflected the event's success in fostering artistic expression and community engagements.

As 'Aarekh 2025' concluded, it left behind more than just beautifully crafted items: it left inspiration.

Students departed with handcrafted keepsakes and a deeper appreciation for sustainability, creativity, and the enduring value of traditional craftsmanship.



Ideathon 2.0 2k25: Celebrating Innovation

-Team Bhashyam

Pimpri Chinchwad University (PCU) successfully organized 'Ideathon 2.0 2k25', a two-day national-level hackathon held on April 5 and 6, 2025, at its vibrant campus.

The event attracted more than 500 registered teams from across India, with 40 shortlisted teams making it to the final round. Participants showcased a range of innovative solutions aligned with the central theme, "Empowering Change with Innovation and Purpose," reflecting

a spirit of creativity, collaboration, and purposeful problem-solving.

The hackathon was inaugurated by the esteemed Chief Guest, Dr. G. R. Sinha, a renowned expert in Artificial Intelligence and Embedded Systems.

In his inaugural address, Dr. Sinha inspired participants with his visionary insights on the transformative power of technology and innovation in today's world. The event brought together bright minds and provided them with a platform to solve real-world chal-

lenges under the guidance of industry and academic experts.

A panel of distinguished external judges, including Mr. Rajat Jadhav, Senior Robotics Automation Engineer, and Dr. Deepa Parasar, Associate Professor at Amity University Mumbai, evaluated the final presentations and appreciated the ingenuity of the solutions developed by the participants.

The competition concluded with the announcement of the top-performing teams. Team DraconiX from

Pimpri Chinchwad University clinched the first place, followed by Team Codie from Fr. Conceicao Rodrigues College of Engineering (FRCRCE), Mumbai, who secured the second position. The third prize was awarded to Team Alnigma from KKV College of Engineering, Nashik, Maharashtra.

Adding to the excitement, Mr. Rajat Jadhav also offered paid internships at Autofina Robotics & Automation Pvt Ltd to three promising teams, further encouraging young innovators.



PCU Lex Imperium 2025 Laws to Combat Gender-Based Violence



The School of Law at Pimpri Chinchwad University (PCU) organized a thought-provoking law conclave, 'PCU Lex Imperium 2025', focusing on the theme "Women Empowerment through New Criminal Laws to Combat Gender-Based Violence."

The event served as a platform for critical discussions on recent legal reforms aimed at enhancing women's safety and rights in India.

Distinguished speakers included Advocate Durga Dutt (Advocate-on-Record, Supreme Court of India), Mr. Amrit C. Birajdar (Judicial Magistrate First Class, Shivaji Nagar, Pune), and Mr. Lalit

Kumar Junjhunwala (Founder and Director, Triyama Legal), were guests of honor for the event. Their addresses emphasized the urgent need for robust legal frameworks and societal support systems to ensure justice for victims of gender-based violence.

The event provided students and faculty with meaningful insights into the role of criminal law in empowering women and tackling systemic challenges. By integrating academic perspectives with professional experience, the conclave not only enlightened attendees but also inspired the next generation of legal minds to work toward a more equitable society.

Book Recommendation:

The Boy, the Mole, the Fox and the Horse

- Charlie Mackesy

A modern-day illustrated classic that delivers messages of love, kindness, and the simple colors of joy through delicate drawings and profound words. It is a heart-warming journey through conversations between four unlikely friends, each representing different aspects of the human spirit. The book explores themes of vulnerability, courage, hope, and friendship with wisdom.



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Movie Recommendation:

Movie Name: Adolescence

It is a thoughtful and evocative series that explores the emotional, psychological, and social transitions experienced during the teenage years. It captures the highs and lows of growing up—identity struggles, peer pressure, first loves, and the quest for self-understanding. It serves as both a mirror and a guide for young audiences navigating their journey from childhood to adulthood.

'Techneon 2025'

Showcases the Power of Innovation

Techneon 2025, hosted by the School of Engineering and Technology at Pimpri Chinchwad University (PCU), emerged as a spectacular celebration of innovation, creativity, and the vast potential of technology-driven solutions.

With the participation of 966 students from diverse academic backgrounds, the event stood as a shining testament to the ingenuity, dedication, and forward-thinking spirit of the next generation of engineers and technologists.

The event featured an impressive showcase of 122 projects, 52 posters, and

14 models, each offering unique perspectives and inventive solutions to real-world problems.

From AI-powered prototypes and sustainable energy alternatives to advances in robotics and software development, the exhibits reflected both the depth and diversity of talent within the student community.

Techneon 2025 provided a powerful glimpse into the role emerging technologies will play in shaping the future across industries.

More than a display of technical prowess, the event fostered a strong sense of collaboration and camaraderie among partic-

ipants.

The infectious energy and enthusiasm evident throughout the venue created an environment ripe for learning, connection, and innovation.

Students had the opportunity to engage with peers, faculty, and industry professionals, building networks that may well support future research and professional journeys.

The event was further elevated by the presence of esteemed Chief Guests Asmita Murar and Dr. Amol Gore, whose inspiring speeches encouraged students to embrace big dreams and bold ideas.

Their thought-provoking messages resonated with the young innovators, reinforcing the importance of curiosity, resilience, and vision in the pursuit of excellence.

Adding to the intellectual depth of the event, Vice Chancellor Dr. Manimala Puri and Pro-Vice Chancellor Dr. Sudeep Thepade delivered insightful addresses that urged students to think critically and creatively about the role of technology in building a better tomorrow. The guests and members encouraged students towards innovations.

As Techneon 2025 concluded, it left behind a strong message—technology, when driven by purpose and passion, has the power to transform the world.

With bright ideas, collaborative minds, and supportive mentors, the future envisioned at PCU is not only promising but truly boundless..

Exploring Kutch's Artistic and Cultural Heritage

Pimpri Chinchwad University (PCU) recently organized a six-day educational trip to Kutch, Gujarat, for students of its School of Design, offering an enriching experience through the region's diverse art, culture, and history.

The journey commenced on a high note with students exploring the Hiralaxmi Memorial Craft Park and Gujarat's oldest institution, the Kutch Museum. These visits provided deep insights into the region's rare folk art and traditional craftsmanship. The focus shifted to textile heritage to Ajrakhpur, the Living and Learning Design Centre (LLDC)

Museum, and Bhujodi—renowned for its handloom weaving. The visit to the UNESCO World Heritage site of Dholavira, an ancient Harappan city, followed by a stunning sunset view at the Rann of Kutch. The group explored Nirona Village, famed for its Rogan art, and concluded the day at the ornate Aaina Mahal in Bhuj.

The trip provided students with a deeper understanding of India's cultural richness and design heritage. It successfully combined academic learning with experiential exploration, offering valuable context for future designers to draw inspiration from India's artistic legacy.



ARE YOU AWARE?

Yellow is universally acknowledged as the color symbolizing happiness and optimism.

Extensive research indicates that individuals frequently link the color yellow with feelings of cheerfulness and joy.

This strong association renders yellow a favored option in designing and decorating spaces intended to foster uplifting and positive atmospheres. For instance, incorporating yellow elements into interior design can stimulate mental activity and evoke a sense of warmth and energy.

Consequently, yellow is often utilized to create environments that promote enthusiasm, creativity, and an overall sense of well-being.



In Chinese and other East Asian cultures, red symbolizes joy and good luck. It's widely used during celebrations like the Lunar New Year and weddings to attract prosperity and happiness.

During the Lunar New Year, people decorate with red lanterns and give red envelopes containing money to symbolize good fortune.

In weddings, brides often wear red dresses, and venues are adorned with red decorations to ensure a joyful and prosperous union.

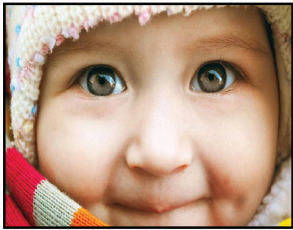
Its vibrant hue continues to hold deep cultural significance, uniting tradition with celebration.

Newborns begin to perceive colors within the first few weeks of life, and red is often the first color they can distinguish.

This early recognition is largely because red has the longest wavelength among visible colors, making it easier for the underdeveloped photoreceptors in a baby's eyes to detect.

As their vision continues to develop, babies gradually begin to recognize other colors, but red remains the most stimulating and noticeable in their early visual experiences.

This is why many baby toys and books feature bold red elements to capture their attention. Exposure to vibrant colors like red can also aid in visual and cognitive development during infancy.



PCU'S INSIGHTS

Behind the Voices: Exploring the world of Radio



Students from the Pune School of Media and Communication Studies, Pimpri Chinchwad University visited the Radio City 91.1 FM studio in Pune as part of an educational industry visit, gaining practical exposure to the world of radio broadcasting.

During the visit, students had the opportunity to interact with key professionals including the Radio Jockey, Program Head, Program Producer, and Advertising Head.

These interactions offered valuable insights into the behind-the-scenes workings of a radio station—from content creation and audience engagement to programming strategies and advertising operations.

The session provided a deeper understanding of the radio industry's creative and technical aspects, helping bridge the gap between classroom learning and real-world media practices. The visit proved to be both informative and inspiring.

Bridging Academic Learning at Mumbai Legislative Assembly

In a remarkable initiative to bridge academic learning with practical governance, the School of Law at Pimpri Chinchwad University successfully organized an educational visit to the Mumbai Legislative Assembly. The visit provided students with a unique opportunity to witness the functioning of the state legislature and deepen their understanding of democratic processes and legal frameworks.

A highlight of the visit was the enriching interaction with three prominent Members of the Legislative Assembly, Shri Mahesh Landge (MLA, Bhosari Vidhan Sabha), Shri Siddharth Shirole (MLA, Shivaji Nagar Vidhan Sabha), and Shri Sunil Shelke (MLA, Maval). The MLAs engaged with the students in meaningful discussions about legislative proceedings, the role of elected representatives, and current policy challenges. Students gained first-hand exposure to the workings of parliamentary procedures, debates, and decision-making processes within the Assembly.



AI Takes Center Stage: PCU's Delhi HR Conclave Pioneers the Future of Human Resources

Pimpri Chinchwad University (PCU), in collaboration with HR Shapers, hosted the Delhi edition of its HR Conclave Chapter, setting a precedent for thought leadership in strategic human resource management.

Building on the success of the Pune conclave, this event created a robust platform for industry leaders, government dignitaries, and HR professionals to share insights and ideas, with a central focus on integrating artificial intelligence (AI) into HR practices.

Held at the India International Centre, the conclave spotlighted the transformative role of AI in redefining human resource strategies, especially in the face of India's ambitious goal to become a \$5 trillion economy by 2027.

The thought-provoking panel discussion, "Opportunities in the Era of AI and Upskilling with AI," explored the intersection of technological innovation and human-centric approaches.

The event featured distinguished dignitaries whose perspectives enriched the discussions. Shri Prataprao Jadhav, Minister of State

for Health and Family Welfare, underscored the importance of preserving the irreplaceable human touch amid technological advancements.

Shri Anandrao Patil, Sec-

retary of the Department of School Education and Literacy, emphasized innovative HR practices in fostering talent and driving educational reforms. Adding depth to the dialogue,

Shri Sushil Gaikwad, Executive Director at the Ministry of Defence, shared strategies for effective HR management in high-pressure environments.

Shri Harshvardhan Patil, Chancellor of PCU, presided over the event and delivered an inspiring address highlighting the pivotal role HR professionals play in organizational success.

His remarks encouraged attendees to embrace the transformative initiatives at PCU's Pune campus, reinforcing the university's holistic approach to education and development.



Top Placements of the Month

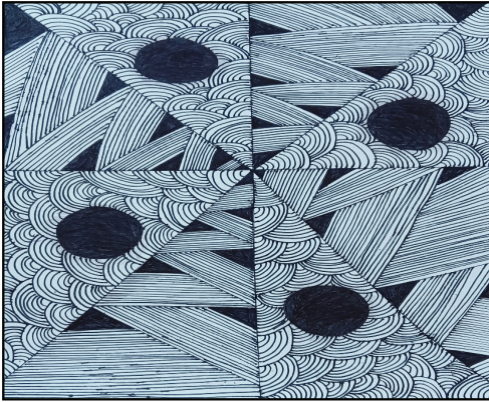
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- Ms. Prerna Kadam (Zomato)
- Mr. Yesh Yengade (MBA International (Hero Fincorp))
- Mr. Anurudh Nair (Hero Fincorp)

**Congratulations !!!
PCU is Proud of You**

“To see a world in a grain of sand
And a heaven in a wild flower,
Hold infinity in the palm of your hand
And eternity in an hour”
-William Blake

“Nature’s first green is gold,
Her hardest hue to hold.
Her early leaves are flowers—
But only so for hours;
Then leaves subside to leaves.
In Autumn she achieves
A still more golden blaze
But nothing golden stays”
-Robert Frost

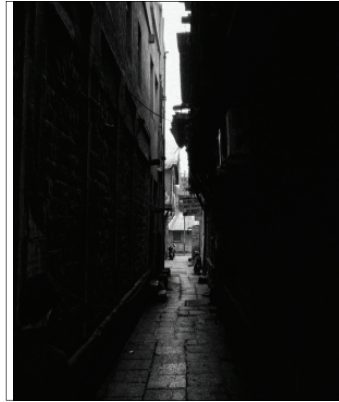
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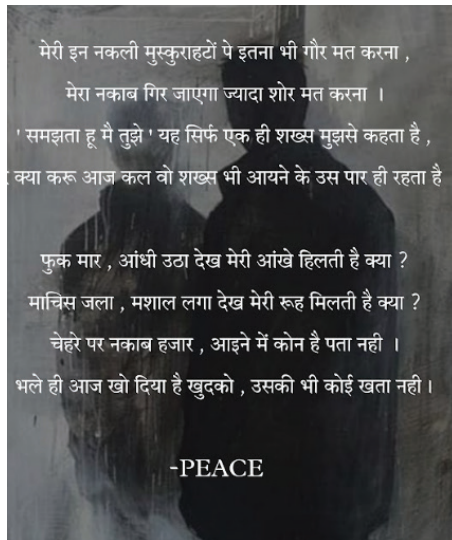
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‘बेज़ार’ बकता रहा रात भरा
—बेज़ार (Aditya SY-BTech)

From the water to the air,
Her love is everywhere.
She cares for every living being,
Cradling them gently in her lap.
Her love is equal for everyone,
Just like a mother’s embrace.
She loves her billions of children,
With a kindness that knows no end.
She is an old, wise lady,
And everything is a part of her.
Her eyes shine like twinkling stars,
And the cold wind flows through her hair,
Drifting softly with the clouds.
She is not human—
She is the Earth,
Our Mother Earth.

-Prachi Sajwani (F.Y Clinical Psychology)



Expressed by Varun Survanshi School of Media
and Communication Studies (F.Y)



मेरी इन नकली मुस्कुराहटों पे इतना भी गौर मत करना ,
मेरा नकाब गिर जाएगा ज्यादा शोर मत करना ।
'समझता हूँ मैं तुझे ' यह सिर्फ़ एक ही शब्द मुझसे कहता है ,
क्या करूँ आज कल वो शब्द भी आयेने के उस पार ही रहता है ।

फुक मार , आंघो उठा देख मेरी आंखे हिलती है क्या ?
मानिस जला , मशाल लगा देख मेरी रूह मिलती है क्या ?
चेहरे पर नकाब हज़ार , आइने में कोन है पता नहीं ।
भले ही आज खो दिया है खुदको , उसकी भी कोई खता नहीं ।

-PEACE

Expressed by Atharva
School of Engineering (F.Y)



Expressed by Darshan Gaikwad
School of Engineering (S.Y)

Stress can be beneficial if managed properly

Prof. Ruchu Kuthiala, Head of the School of Sciences at Pimpri Chinchwad University, recently shared valuable insights on coping with exam-related stress especially as students begin to feel overwhelmed with exams approaching. She addressed key issues such as anxiety and poor concentration, noting that stress is often the root cause behind ineffective time management and lack of subject prioritization, which, in turn, increases pressure during exams. She emphasized that discipline and following a structured timetable can significantly help in managing stress.

Prof. Kuthiala also spoke about the challenges students face while transitioning to university life, such as adapting to new cultures and unfamiliar environments particularly difficult during the first year. She encouraged students to stay focused on their academic goals and to remember their purpose for being at the university. To boost memory and concentration during exams, she stressed the importance of maintaining good physical health. Irregular eating habits or skipping meals can result in low energy levels and poor focus. She recommended group study sessions for sharing notes and staying motivated and encouraged students to consult professors and use

trusted online resources for academic support.

She highlighted the distinction between normal stress and clinical anxiety. While mild stress can actually enhance performance, severe anxiety may manifest as physical symptoms like trembling or mood swings. In such cases, she advocated for seeking professional help early on.

Prof. Kuthiala also pointed out that people cope with stress in different ways such as writing, talking to someone, or spending time in nature. She emphasized the importance of finding a non-judgmental outlet for emotions, whether it be journaling, seeking therapy, or expressing oneself through art or music. She cautioned against unhealthy habits like smoking or substance abuse, which may appear as coping strategies but are ultimately harmful.

She also addressed behaviors like binge eating, nail-bit-

ing, and excessive screen time often signals of deeper emotional struggles. These actions are frequently rooted in unmet emotional needs, high expectations, or a lack of support. For example, people

may overeat or avoid food during stressful times in an attempt to feel a sense of control. Cravings for sugar or salty foods may offer temporary relief but can damage health over time. Thus, Prof. Kuthiala emphasized the importance of identifying and addressing these underlying emotional triggers to effectively overcome such habits.

Touching on peer pressure and risky behaviors, she discussed how teenagers may turn to drugs, alcohol, vaping, or smoking, especially after leaving home, in an effort to fit in or escape emotional pain. Students may assume “everyone is doing it” or fear being excluded socially. These substances may offer a short-term high but have long-term negative effects on



Prof. Ruchu Kuthiala, Head of the
School of Sciences, PCU

mental and physical health, impacting the brain, heart, immune system, skin, and even fertility

She underscored the role of education and awareness in equipping students to make responsible choices. Informed and emotionally supported young people are less likely to fall into harmful behaviors

In her message to teachers and parents, Prof. Kuthiala emphasized the need for a compassionate, collaborative approach to supporting students during exams.

Open, clear, and consistent communication between parents, teachers, and friends is essential. She also appreciated the availability of student counselling at PCU’s Rahat center and encouraged parents and educators to learn how to recognize when a child is struggling so they can guide them toward professional help if needed.

She concluded by reminding everyone that every child is unique. Comparisons and pressure to follow unsuitable paths only add to stress. Instead, offering emotional support and fostering healthy communication can make a meaningful difference in students’ academic performance and overall well-being during exams.

- Interviewer (Aditi Salve and Veidehi Chaturvedit)

Celebrating the Spirit of Womanhood

Pimpri Chinchwad University celebrated International Women’s Day, with great enthusiasm and heartfelt tributes to the strength, spirit, and contributions of women within the university community.

The event was graced by the presence of Vice Chancellor Dr. Manimala Puri and Pro Vice Chancellor Dr. Sudeep Thepade, who addressed the audience with inspiring messages. They emphasized the importance of recognizing women’s achievements and continuing efforts towards their empowerment in all walks of life.

A special cultural program was organized to honor the women faculty members, who enthusiastically showcased their talents beyond the academic sphere. The event was marked by joy, creativity, and a strong sense of camaraderie, with faculty members expressing gratitude for the opportunity to express themselves.

The female members also shared heartfelt messages and performed thought-provoking skits and songs that celebrated women’s achievements and contributions across different sectors of society. Their performances reflected the shared commitment to promoting equality and respect.

The celebration not only recognized the power of womanhood but also served as a platform to encourage dialogue on gender equity and empowerment. It stood as a powerful reminder of the university’s ongoing commitment to creating a more inclusive, supportive, and progressive academic environment.



“Success is the ability to go from failure to failure without losing your enthusiasm.”

-Winston Churchill

PCU'S Bhashyam

“Until the Lion learns how to write,

every story will glorify the hunter”

- African Proverb

PCU Vasundhara: Building Sustainable Future

Pimpri Chinchwad University (PCU) marked a significant stride in its sustainability journey by hosting “PCU Vasundhara”, a pioneering initiative that seamlessly blended environmental consciousness with innovation in green technology.

The event, jointly organized by the School of Management and the School of Computer Applications, was held in collaboration with the National Cooperative Development Corporation (NCDC), under the Ministry of Cooperation. It stood as a proud reflection of PCU's ongoing commitment to sustainable development and cooperative advancement.

The day commenced with an inspiring tree plantation drive, where students, faculty members, and esteemed guests

came together in a united effort to promote ecological responsibility.

With hands in the soil and purpose in their actions, participants contributed not just to the campus greenery but also to a larger movement toward environmental preservation.

As the momentum of the day continued, the Green-Tech Seminar emerged as a vibrant platform for discussions centered on eco-innovation and sustainable technologies.

Experts from diverse fields presented compelling insights into how cooperative development models can lead the way for a more sustainable India.

The event was further enriched by the presence of distinguished guest Lt. Col. Vinit Narayan, Regional Director of NCDC, whose valuable insights and guidance added

depth and gravitas to the occasion.

His address emphasized the role of collaboration between academic institutions and cooperative bodies in shaping a more resilient and eco-conscious future.

‘PCU Vasundhara’ served not just as an event, but as a powerful statement of the university's ethos, one that embraces education, action, and innovation in equal measure. It underscored PCU's vision of nurturing not only intellectual growth but also environmental stewardship.

As the initiative concluded, it left an indelible mark on all attendees, encouraging a renewed sense of responsibility toward the planet and reaffirming PCU's role as a leader in fostering sustainable, community-driven progress.



MBA Students Explore Goa's Industries

MBA International students from Pimpri Chinchwad University visited Goa to gain practical insights into business operations.

At the Paul John Distillery in Cuncolim, they observed the whisky-making process, including the use of traditional copper pot stills and maturation in American oak barrels. The students also toured a local cashew processing facility, witness-



ing the stages from shelling to packaging, and understanding the industry's role in both domestic and international markets.

The trip also included a visit to the vibrant local

markets, where students engaged with small business owners to understand the dynamics of retail and entrepreneurship. They explored how these local businesses cater to both tourism and the local population.

This hands-on experience provided the MBA students with a broader perspective on global trade, supply chain management and the significance of cultural awareness.

PCU Commemorates Dr. B. R. Ambedkar's Legacy

PCU paid a heartfelt tribute to the Chief Architect of the Indian Constitution, Dr. B. R. Ambedkar, through a special Book Exhibition organized by the PCU Library in collaboration with the School of Law.

The exhibition served as a thoughtful reminder of Dr. Ambedkar's immense contributions to Indian society and his unwavering commitment to justice, equality, and knowledge.

The event was inaugu-



rated by Pro Vice Chancellor Dr. Sudeep Thepade, who addressed the gathering with a motivating message on the relevance of Dr. Ambedkar's vision in today's world.

He emphasized the role of education in empowering individuals and foster-

ing a just society.

The exhibition attracted enthusiastic participation from students, faculty, and staff, who engaged deeply with the diverse collection of books and literature reflecting Dr. Ambedkar's scholarly works, socio-political contributions, and constitutional insights.

PCU continues to uphold the ideals of Dr. Ambedkar, encouraging its community to strive for knowledge-driven growth and inclusive progress.

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“Only when the last tree is cut down, the last fish eaten, and the last stream poisoned, you will realise that you cannot eat money.” - Cree Indian Proverb

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PCU Showcases Future-Ready Education at GETEX Dubai 2025



Pimpri Chinchwad University (PCU), Pune, proudly participated in the prestigious GETEX Dubai 2025, held from at the Dubai World Trade Centre, as part of the “Study in India” initiative.

Recognized as one of India's Top Emerging Private Universities, PCU presented its diverse academic offerings and global vision to aspiring students and parents from across the region.

The event was inaugurated by Mr. Satish Kumar Sivan, Consul General of India in Dubai, who graced the Indian Pavilion as the Chief Guest.

During the inaugural day, Dr. Girish Desai, Executive Director of Pimpri Chinchwad Education Trust (PCET), and Mr. Jamir Mulla, Head – Marketing & International Outreach at PCU, had the privilege of engaging with Mr. Sivan at the Consul General's Desk.

Dr. Desai highlighted the

legacy, vision, and rapid progress of PCET and PCU. He also introduced the CIWG Scholarship Scheme—an initiative offering up to 50% scholarships exclusively for Indian expat students from the UAE and other GCC countries. The scholarship announcement was warmly received and appreciated by Mr. Sivan, who acknowledged PCU's efforts in promoting accessible global education for the Indian diaspora.

The PCU delegation had enriching interactions with prospective students and their families, offering personalized career counselling and information on undergraduate and postgraduate programs such as BBA, BCA, B.Tech, B.Design, MBA, M.Tech, M.Des, B.Pharm, and more.

Discussions revolved around international academic pathways, industry partnerships, and emerging opportunities in technology and

innovation.

With a robust ecosystem of 36+ global academic collaborations and over 50 industry partnerships, PCU emphasized its commitment to preparing students for a future-ready world.

The response at GETEX was overwhelmingly positive, with the university's stall (Stall IP-10 at Zabeel Hall 6) witnessing significant footfall and engagement.

“We are proud to represent India on such a global platform and share our commitment to academic excellence and innovation,” said Mr. Jamir Mulla.

“Our presence at GETEX reinforces PCU's mission to empower international students with transformative education and global exposure.”

As PCU continues its outreach beyond borders, the university remains steadfast in its pursuit of delivering holistic, global, and inclusive education.

PCU Honored with EducationWorld India Higher Education Ranking Award 2025-26

Pimpri Chinchwad Education Trust's (PCET) Pimpri Chinchwad University (PCU), Pune has added yet another feather to its cap by securing the 8th Rank in the category of Private Multidisciplinary Universities – Maharashtra in the prestigious EducationWorld India Higher Education Rankings 2025-26.

This recognition marks a significant milestone for PCU, achieved within just two years of its establishment.

The award was presented during a formal felicitation ceremony graced by eminent personalities from academia and the public sphere.

Ms. Dolly Mishra, PCU's representative from the Delhi Regional Office, proudly accepted the honor on behalf of the university.

The event witnessed the esteemed presence of Mr. Arun Singh Dhumal, Chairman of the

Indian Premier League (IPL) and former Treasurer of the BCCI, as the Chief Guest, adding grandeur to the occasion.

The rankings were based on a comprehensive national-level survey conducted by GrayQuest, evaluating universities on multiple parameters including academic excellence, faculty quality, infrastructure, innovation, and student satisfaction.

This prestigious recognition is a testament to the visionary leadership, academic rigor, and relentless dedication of the entire PCU team right from the Hon'ble Trustees to the academic and administrative staff.

It also reflects the university's commitment to delivering high-quality, future-oriented education within a global framework.

Expressing gratitude on this proud occasion, the university extended heartfelt thanks to all stakeholders, especially the Hon'ble Trustees, faculty members, and staff, whose consistent support and belief in PCU's mission have made this achievement possible.

As PCU continues its journey of academic excellence and global engagement, accolades like these reinforce its status as one of India's top emerging universities in the private education landscape.



“Every Marathi Individual is an Ambassador of Maharashtra” - Sachin Itkar

“Jai Jai Maharashtra Majha” Resonates in Dubai on Behalf of Marathi Professionals Pimpri, Pune, One hundred and five martyrs sacrificed their lives for the formation of the state of Maharashtra.

The unified Maharashtra came into existence on May 1, 1960. Today, Maharashtra is recognized nationally as a progressive state across various sectors, including agriculture, education, and several other industries. The contribution of Marathi individuals dispersed across the country and abroad is significant in this comprehensive progress of the state. Every Marathi person settled in Dubai for business or employment is an ambassador of Maharashtra, asserted Sachin Itkar, Member of the Governing Council of Pimpri Chinchwad

University.

To commemorate Maharashtra Day, the organization Marathi Professionals hosted the program ‘Jai Jai Maharashtra Majha’ in Dubai on May 4th.

Present on this occasion were Somnath Patil, Manager at Dubai Electricity and Water Authority, Founder President of Dubai Professionals and a native of Belgaum; Dr. Girish Desai, Executive Director of Pimpri Chinchwad Education Trust; Zamir Mulla, Head of Marketing at Pimpri Chinchwad University; along with Ravindra Deshmukh, Indrajeet Shinde, Atul Vispute, Ravindra Desai, Narayan Tiwari, Sunny Sutar, Nikhil Joshi,



Chandrashekhar Jadhav, Shivaji Patil, Vithoba Aher, Amit Bhosle, Shekhar Diwadkar, Nitin Jadhav, Sadanand Bhojkar, Vijay Kadam, Menka Joshi, and numerous other Marathi officers and entrepreneurs residing in Dubai.

Mr. Itkar further stated that all Marathi people have contributed to the progress of Maharashtra in agriculture, education,

industry, trade, cooperation, literature, culture, arts, sports, science, technology, and healthcare.

He also mentioned that Pimpri Chinchwad University, located at Saate, Vadgaon Maval under the Pimpri Chinchwad Education Trust, is well-equipped to take a significant leap forward in the field of education at the international level.

The cultural program showcased Maharashtra's tradition of valor, along with folk culture and heritage, through performances by local Marathi residents.

Along with the Maharashtra state anthem, the national anthems of the UAE and India were presented, conveying a message of unity.

More than 200 families participated in the event. Young women and ladies welcomed everyone by playing the Dhol and Zanj.

The program commenced with a Ganesh Vandana, followed by the presentation of Bhajans, folk songs, Koli songs, and Lavani.

Somnath Patil expressed the importance

of contributing to the bright future of the youth in the villages from which they originated.

He announced that Maharashtra Day would be celebrated annually in Dubai moving forward, and that Marathi Professionals and Pimpri Chinchwad University would act as a bridge for the advancement of the Marathi community.

President of Pimpri Chinchwad Education Trust Dnyaneshwar Landge, Vice President Padmatatai Bhosle, Secretary Vitthal Kalbhor, Treasurer Shantaram Garade, Trustee and Chancellor of PCU Harshvardhan Patil, entrepreneurs Ajinkya Kalbhor, and Narendra Landge extended their online greetings for Maharashtra Day to everyone.

Book Recommendation:
1984

-George Orwell

It is a dystopian novel set in a totalitarian regime where Big Brother watches every move. It follows Winston Smith, a man who dares to question the oppressive system that manipulates truth and controls thought. Through a chilling portrayal of surveillance, censorship, and propaganda, Orwell warns of a future stripped of freedom.



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Movie Recommendation:

Movie Name: The Human Element:

Centred around climate change, The Human Element chronicles the quest of environmental photographer James Balog to highlight how the four elements — air, earth, water and fire — are being altered by the fifth element of human activity. Pioneering in its videography, the documentary reveals how global warming has drastically contributed to wildfires and hurricanes that disrupt human-nature balance.

Eduvisionary Summit Fosters Global Dialogue in Dubai

Pimpri Chinchwad University (PCU), Pune, under the aegis of Pimpri Chinchwad Education Trust (PCET), successfully hosted the Eduvisionary Summit at Hotel Ramada Plaza, Downtown Dubai.

The summit served as a vibrant platform for school principals and counsellors from across the United Arab Emirates to engage in meaningful dialogue on global education pathways and cross-border academic collaboration.

The event witnessed the presence of distinguished dignitaries, with Mr. Sachin Itkar, Governing Body Member of PCU and Vice President of Maharashtra Economic Development Council (MEDC), delivering the keynote address.

In his talk titled "Bridging Horizons and Empowering Future Leaders through Global Education," Mr. Itkar emphasized the growing influence and potential of India's global education ecosystem.

He invited UAE-based educators to explore Pune, India, fondly known as the Oxford of the East, as a premier destination for higher education.

Dr. Girish Desai, Executive Director of PCU, extended a warm welcome to all attendees and felicitated the participating principals and counsellors for their invaluable contributions to shaping future generations.

Dr. Desai also proudly announced exclusive scholarships for Indian students residing in the UAE, reaffirming PCU's commitment to supporting international student aspirations.



Further enriching the summit, Mr. Jamir Mulla, Head, Marketing and International Outreach at PCU, presented the university's vision, academic strengths, and global positioning.

He outlined the diverse range of undergraduate and postgraduate programs offered by PCU, along with a detailed explanation of the admission process, scholarship opportunities, and key upcoming dates.

The Eduvisionary Summit served as a forward-looking initiative, aimed at deepening academic ties between India and the UAE, and promoting international student mobility.

Attendees expressed appreciation for the informative and collaborative nature of the event, which set the stage for future partnerships and student engagement.

Pimpri Chinchwad University continues to lead the way in fostering global education opportunities and building a truly international academic community.

PCU Felicitates Journalistic Excellence at the 17th Bhartiya Patrakarita Mahotsav, Indore



In a proud and momentous occasion, Pimpri Chinchwad University (PCU), Pune, under the aegis of Pimpri Chinchwad Education Trust (PCET), had the distinguished honor of felicitating the eminent members of the State Press Club, Madhya Pradesh during the 17th edition of the Bhartiya Patrakarita Mahotsav, held in Indore.

The prestigious three-day conclave, themed "AI Transformation," brought together over 200 journalists, media professionals, and academicians from across India to engage in rich, insightful dialogues about the evolving landscape of journalism and

communication in the era of artificial intelligence.

The felicitation was conducted by Dr. Girish Desai, Executive Director of PCET, Pune, who applauded the vital role journalists play in shaping informed societies and upholding democratic values.

He acknowledged the Press Club's consistent contribution to responsible and ethical journalism, especially in the dynamic age of technological advancement.

The event featured vibrant panel discussions and keynote sessions on the impact of Artificial Intelligence across various sectors, including Education, Journalism, Politics,

Elections, and Healthcare. Participants explored the potential of AI to both empower and challenge traditional practices, urging the media to adapt ethically and innovatively.

By participating in such a prestigious national platform, PCU reinforced its commitment to engaging with the broader academic and media community, advocating for progressive conversations at the intersection of technology and social impact.

The university extends its heartfelt congratulations to all awardees and participants, and looks forward to fostering more such thought-provoking collaborations in the future.

ARE YOU AWARE?

Urban green spaces, such as parks, gardens, green rooftops, and tree-lined streets—play a vital role in making cities more sustainable and livable. These natural elements help absorb harmful pollutants like carbon dioxide and particulate matter, significantly improving air quality. Additionally, they lower the urban heat island effect by cooling surrounding areas, which is especially important as cities become more densely populated and prone to heatwaves. By integrating nature into urban planning, cities can combat climate change while creating healthier environments for their residents. Beyond environmental benefits, green spaces have a profound impact on human mental health and well-being.



Solar energy is one of the most abundant and cleanest sources of power available on Earth. Every hour, the sun delivers enough energy to meet the world's total energy demands for an entire year, yet much of this potential remains untapped. Advancements in solar technology have made it more efficient and increasingly affordable, making it a practical solution for households, businesses, and even entire cities. By harnessing solar power, we can drastically cut down on the use of fossil fuels, reduce greenhouse gas emissions, and combat climate change. Moreover, solar panels offer long-term savings by lowering electricity bills and reducing dependence on the traditional power grid.



The fast fashion industry, driven by mass production and rapid consumer turnover, is a major contributor to global pollution and climate change producing more carbon emissions than international aviation and maritime shipping combined. It relies heavily on resource-intensive processes, using vast amounts of water, toxic dyes, and synthetic fabrics that often end up in landfills or oceans. The constant demand for new trends leads to overproduction and waste, putting immense pressure on the environment. Embracing slow fashion—through mindful buying, upcycling, thrifting, and supporting sustainable or ethical brands can significantly reduce your environmental impact.



PCU'S INSIGHTS

Empowering Minds Through Connectivity



Pimpri Chinchwad University successfully hosted a hands-on Workshop on Networking Fundamentals and Practical Applications, offering students and tech enthusiasts a dynamic platform to enhance their understanding of essential networking concepts.

The session was expertly led by Mr. Amol Shende, a seasoned professional from Seven Mentor, who brought with him deep industry insights and an engaging teaching style. Held on campus, the workshop was designed to bridge the gap between theoretical knowledge and real-world implementation of networking systems.

From foundational concepts such as IP addressing, subnetting, and routing to practical demonstrations and interactive Q&A rounds, participants were exposed to critical components of modern network infrastructure.

Mr. Shende's interactive methodology not only kept the attendees engaged but also encouraged them to apply these skills to real-time challenges faced in the IT industry. The workshop was met with enthusiastic participation and appreciation, reflecting the growing interest among students in industry-relevant technical training.

PCU Student Shines at National Coding Contest



In a moment of great pride for PCET's Pimpri Chinchwad University (PCU), Soham Kotalwar, a Second-Year B.Tech student, clinched the Third Place in the highly prestigious HackWithIndia

Coding Contest, held at Microsoft's Mumbai campus on 12th April 2025.

The national-level competition brought together some of the brightest and most promising young coders from across India. Soham's outstanding performance showcased not only his technical brilliance, but also his ability to think innovatively under pressure making him stand out among hundreds of competitive participants.

HackWithIndia, known for being a platform for problem-solving, algorithmic thinking, and real-world coding challenges, provided an intense and enriching environment. Soham's achievement was supported by the dedicated mentorship of Prof. Ashwini Biradar, Prof. Eshwari Kulkarni, and Dr. Sagar Pande, whose academic and motivational guidance played a crucial role throughout the journey.

Building Bridges Beyond Borders: PCU Participates in Korea Edu Tour Roadshow

Pimpri Chinchwad Education Trust's Pimpri Chinchwad University (PCU) proudly participated in the Korea Edu Tour Roadshow – Pune, an event dedicated to fostering international academic collaborations and building strong educational bridges between India and South Korea.



Held in Pune, the roadshow served as a vibrant platform for dialogues on global education, cross-cultural partnerships, and the future of student exchange programs.

The day was marked by insightful sessions, shared visions, and strategic discussions on creating meaningful academic pathways across borders.

The event was graced

by a distinguished panel of dignitaries and education leaders, including, Dr. Shailendra Deolankar, Director, Directorate of Higher Education, Government of Maharashtra, Dr. Girish Desai, Execu-

tive Director, Pimpri Chinchwad Education Trust, Mr. Myong Kil Yun, Regional Director SAARC & KTO India, Ms. Neha Chaudhary, Assistant Manager – MICE, KTO India, Dr. Dinesh Amalnekhar, Advisor – Research & International Academics, PCCOE & PCU, Ms. Alka Chakraborty, HOD – Chemistry, MIT School, Pune were present at the event.

Speaking at the event, Dr. Girish Desai emphasized the importance of global partnerships in higher education and

highlighted PCU's commitment to expanding its international footprint through active academic collaborations and exchange programs. He underlined the shared educational values between India and South Korea, particularly in the areas of research, innovation, and student mobility.

Throughout the day, participants engaged in stimulating conversations around Korea's higher education offerings, scholarship opportunities, and institutional collaborations.

Top Placements of the Month

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“We don’t have to engage in grand, heroic actions to participate in change. Small acts, when multiplied by millions of people, can transform the world.” - Howard Zinn

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“Do not wait for extraordinary circumstances to do good action; try to use ordinary situations.” - Jean-Paul Richter

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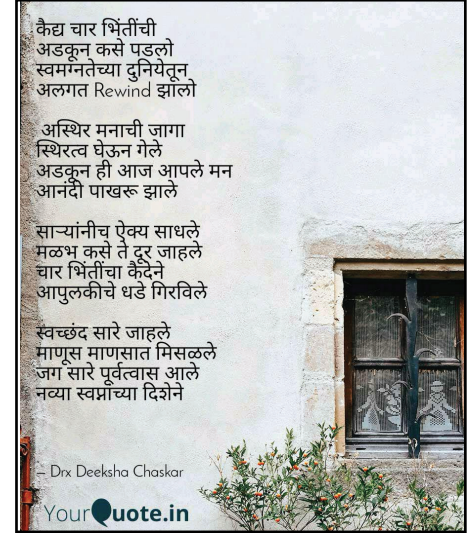
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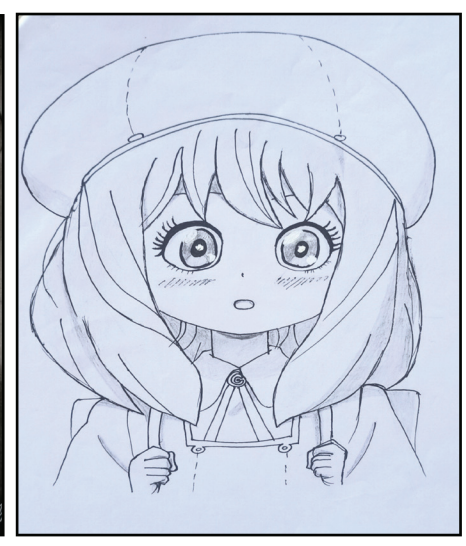
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From mush to Mushroom: Exploring Bio fortification and Sustainability through Fungal Studies



In a remarkable stride towards experiential learning and sustainability-driven research, Dr. Amruta Desai, faculty at the School of Sciences, Pimpri Chinchwad University (PCU), recently led a short-term research project on mushroom culturing that has been hailed as a milestone in the university's academic innovation journey.

The project, conducted as part of the Food Microbiology curriculum for Semester V students from the Nutrition and Dietetics program, offered students an immersive research experience.

Focusing on oyster mushrooms, known for their rapid growth and adaptability, the project explored the effects of environmental variables such as moisture levels, light exposure, and different growing substrates—including straw, sawdust, and used coffee grounds.

Designed with real-world application in mind, the project not only provided practical exposure to biological research methods but also introduced students to key concepts in sustainability and food security.

“The goal was to give students a real-world research experience,” said Dr. Amruta Desai, who supervised and

mentored the project. “It’s about cultivating scientific thinking while also connecting students to the ecological and social dimensions of food production.”

Student response was overwhelmingly positive. “I was surprised at how sensitive mushrooms are to their environment,” remarked Uphale Paneri, one of the participants.

“Even small changes made a big difference in how they grew,” she added.

As students harvested their mushroom clusters, they walked away not only with a yield of edible fungi but with valuable insights into environmental science, waste recycling, and the role of fungi in ecosystem health.

Dr. Sudeep D. Thepade, Pro Vice Chancellor of PCU, lauded the initiative, stating, “This kind of research not only teaches science but fosters curiosity, critical thinking, and responsibility. Projects like these are where science becomes real and relevant.”

The project’s success has opened avenues for expanding future research, possibly involving advanced species of mushrooms, composting, and even urban agriculture models. It has also been appreciated across departments for promoting sustainability, innovation, and applied learning—hallmarks of PCU’s commitment to holistic and future-ready education.

As PCU continues to pioneer interdisciplinary and impact-oriented education, this initiative stands as a proud testament to what thoughtful mentorship and engaged learning can achieve.

Dr. Babasaheb Ambedkar’s Vision for Education: A Pathway to Social Change

- By **Dr. Prasannata Ramtirthe Assistant Professor, PCU**

As an academician and educator, I have always been deeply inspired by the vision and ideals of Dr. Babasaheb Ambedkar. Beyond his role as the principal architect of the Indian Constitution, Dr. Ambedkar was a profound thinker, economist, and a revolutionary educationist. His belief in the transformative power of education continues to resonate with me and with many others who see learning as a force for social change.

Coming from a marginalized community himself, Dr. Ambedkar had firsthand experience of systemic discrimination. He saw education not just as a means to acquire knowledge but as a critical tool to break the chains of caste oppression and economic dependency.

His famous call, “Educate, Agitate, Organize” remains a powerful reminder of the role education plays in awakening social consciousness and promoting justice.

In my study of Dr. Ambedkar’s thoughts, I have identified five core aims he had for education, **1. Social Empowerment and Equality:** Dr. Ambedkar believed that education should serve as an equalizer. He wanted the oppressed and marginalized to access the same opportunities as the privileged. His emphasis was not on education for the elite, but education that empowers the socially disadvantaged to rise and transform society. **2. Moral and Character Building:** For Dr. Ambedkar, education was not only about academic achievement. It was also about cultivating values—honesty, justice, and a sense of responsibility. As an educator, I firmly believe that character-building remains as crucial as skill-building in our institutions today. **3. Economic Development and Self-Reliance:**

Dr. Ambedkar’s commitment to vocational and technical education shows his foresight. He wanted education to lead to economic independence, preparing individuals for both employment and entrepreneurship. This aligns perfectly with my own belief that education should make learners self-reliant contributors to national development.

4. Scientific Temper and Rational Thinking: He opposed superstition and blind faith, emphasizing that education must develop scientific reasoning. In a society still grappling with dogma and misinformation, his vision of rational thought as a foundation for progress continues to be of immense relevance.

5. Democratic Citizenship and Participation Ambedkar saw educated citizens as the backbone of a successful democracy. He wanted education to make people aware of their rights and responsibilities. As a faculty member in liberal arts, I find this particularly important in shaping informed, active citizens.

Reflections in Today’s Education Policies What strikes me most is how Dr. Ambedkar’s educational ideals are reflected in modern policies: The Right to Education Act (2009) upholds his dream of universal access to education. Reservation policies for SCs, STs, and OBCs stem directly from his vision of social justice.

The National Education Policy (2020) focuses on ethical values, skill development, and holistic learning—ideas he advocated decades ago. Initiatives like Skill India and scholarship schemes for marginalized communities mirror his goal of economic self-sufficiency through practical education.



“The activist is not the man who says the river is dirty. The activist is the man who cleans up the river.” - Ross Perot

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“Plans to protect air and water, wilderness and wildlife are in fact plans to protect man.” - Stewart Udall

Youth Leadership Takes Flight at PCU with YIN Club

Pimpri Chinchwad University (PCU) took a dynamic step toward youth empowerment and leadership development with the inauguration of the PCU Sakal YIN Club, held in the University.

The ceremony was graced by esteemed guests from the Sakal Media Group's Youth Initiative (YIN), including: Mr. Shamsundar Madevar, Head, YIN Maharashtra, Mr. Chetan Limhan, YIN Officer and PCMC Senior Executive.

Their presence brought valuable insights into the power of youth engagement and the vision behind the YIN platform which connects young minds to real-world challenges and leadership opportunities.

Providing strong institutional backing were Dr. Manimala Puri, Vice Chancellor (I/c), and Dr. Sudeep D. Thepade, Pro Vice Chancellor, who both emphasized

the importance of nurturing student leadership, social responsibility, and collaborative thinking within and beyond the university campus.

The event was successfully organized by Dr. Saylee Karande, Assistant Professor at the School of Management and Coordinator of the PCU Sakal YIN Club.

Her efforts laid the groundwork for a vibrant platform that will empower students to lead community-driven initiatives, voice youth perspectives, and engage in socio-political discourse.

The launch of the Sakal YIN Club at PCU marks not just an addition to the student activities calendar, but the beginning of a transformative youth movement on campus—one that aspires to build thoughtful, proactive, and responsible leaders of tomorrow.



Creativity in Every Fold: Tie-Dye Workshop with Aditi Sharma

In a colorful celebration of artistic expression and fashion-forward thinking, Pune Design School at Pimpri Chinchwad University (PCU) hosted an inspiring Tie-and-Dye Workshop led by the celebrated Fashion Designer, Educator, and Artist – Ms. Aditi Sharma.

The session, designed to blend traditional techniques with contemporary creativity, brought a burst of color and energy to the campus.

From vibrant spirals to delicate pastel blends, students explored the transformative potential of fabric through the timeless art of tie-



and-dye.

Under Ms. Sharma's expert guidance, the workshop offered hands-on experience, allowing budding designers to immerse themselves in fabric manipulation, color theory, and the storytelling aspect of design.

“It's always a joy to witness young talent exploring traditional art forms with such passion and freshness,” shared Ms. Aditi Sharma, who brought both depth and vibrancy to the session with her insights and artistic philosophy.

The workshop was more than just a learning experience—it was a celebration of self-expression, innovation, and cultural craft.

Students walked away with not just dyed fabrics, but also a deeper appreciation for textile art and its role in sustainable, expressive fashion.

PCU and MIGA Fashion set to Launch Fashion Designing Courses

PCU sets remarkable step towards empowering the next generation of fashion innovators. Pimpri Chinchwad University (PCU) officially signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with MIGA Fashion Institute to launch a Fashion Designing Degree Course.

This strategic collaboration aims to offer high-quality, industry-relevant education for aspiring fashion designers and creative entrepreneurs across India.

The ceremonial signing, held at PCU, was a momentous occasion attended by dignitaries from both institutions.

Representing PCU were,



Dr. Girish Desai, Executive Director, PCET, Dr. Manimala Puri, Vice Chancellor (I/c), PCU, Dr. Sudeep D. Thepade, Pro Vice Chancellor, PCU, Mr. Rohan Muley, Admissions Head, PCU and Mr. Yash Thorat, Regional Head Outreach, PCU. The delegation from MIGA Fashion Institute included, Mr. Balasaheb Gawade, Chairman,

Mrs. Minal Gawade, Director, Mr. Suprit Gawade, Director, Mrs. Prajakta Gawade, Head Pune Region and Mr. Umesh Mahadik, Head Mumbai Region. This collaboration signifies a new chapter in

fashion education by combining PCU's academic excellence with MIGA's industry experience and creative edge.

The upcoming course is designed to equip students with a robust foundation in design principles, practical skills, and business acumen, all rooted in real-world applications.

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 - Mahatma Gandhi

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Shri Harshvardhan Patil Emphasizes Future-Ready Education at TV9 Education Expo 2025



Pimpri Chinchwad University marked a significant presence at the TV9 Marathi Education Expo 2025, held in Pune, with its Chancellor, Hon. Shri Harshvardhan Patil, inaugurating the event as the Chief Guest.

Organized by the leading Marathi news channel TV9, the expo brought together a distinguished gathering of leaders from the educational and social sectors to deliberate on the evolving landscape of education in India.

In his keynote address, Shri Patil emphasized the urgent need for an education system that aligns with the changing global dynamics and equips students with skills relevant

to the future job market.

He highlighted that education today must be more than just degree-oriented, it must be employment-driven, inclusive, and innovative.

“We must now focus on how education can become a tool that ensures employability for our students,” he said, underlining the importance of adapting teaching methodologies to match the demands of growing competition and a rapidly transforming job market.

Reflecting on Pune's leadership in the field of education, he noted with pride that the city has long been a hub for learners, not only from across India but from several

developed nations as well.

“The fact that students from rural Maharashtra and even from overseas are choosing to study in our institutions is a testament to the quality and global appeal of our educational ecosystem,” he added.

Shri Patil also stressed the importance of ensuring that students from rural areas are brought into the mainstream through sustained efforts and inclusive policies.

He expressed optimism that platforms like the Education Expo would help generate valuable ideas and initiatives that serve the interests of both students and institutions in the long run.

Also representing PCU at the expo was Mr. Jamir Mulla, Head of Marketing, who engaged with students, parents, and stakeholders, showcasing the university's academic excellence and global vision.

His interactions further reinforced PCU's commitment to transformative education, industry alignment, and student-centered learning.

The Education Expo served as a vibrant convergence of thought leadership, public engagement, and institutional innovation, positioning PCU as a forward-looking university rooted in regional pride and global ambition.

PCU Represented at NAFSA 2025 Annual Conference in the USA

In a proud moment for the Pimpri Chinchwad Education Trust (PCET) and Pimpri Chinchwad University (PCU), Dr. Girish Desai, Executive Director of PCET, has represented the institution at the prestigious NAFSA 2025 Annual Conference & Expo, held in San Diego, USA.

This global academic event brought together thousands of education leaders, policymakers, and international partners from across the world to discuss innovations, policies, and partnerships in higher education.

Dr. Desai's presence at NAFSA marked a significant milestone in PCU's journey toward becoming a globally recognized, research-driven university.

Through high-level dialogues and academic networking, PCU is expanding its global footprint and forging strategic alliances that will shape the future of education for its students.

His participation reinforced the institution's vision of fostering global citizenship, future-ready learning, and international academic excellence.

At the conference, PCU show-

cased its commitment to research, innovation, and academic collaboration by engaging in discussions on cross-border partnerships, student exchange initiatives, and integrated learning models.

The goal is to open new avenues for collaborative research, dual-degree programs, international internships, and knowledge exchange that will benefit both students and faculty.

As PCU builds bridges with leading universities and institutions across the globe, it is actively working toward creating a globally connected ecosystem of higher education one that equips students not only with strong academic foundations but also with international exposure and diverse career opportunities.

This strategic participation at NAFSA 2025 reinforces PCU's dedication to transforming education into a truly borderless experience.

With this global engagement, PCET and PCU continue to inspire and empower learners, educators, and researchers to lead with innovation and collaborate with purpose on the international stage.



GEC-2025: Shri Thanedar Inspires with His Journey from India to the U.S.

As part of the GEC-2025 series, Pimpri Chinchwad University hosted a powerful and thought-provoking session titled “Success Stories Unplugged”, featuring a special address by Shri Thanedar, a distinguished U.S. Congressman of Indian origin.

The event turned into an unforgettable evening as Shri Thanedar shared his extraordinary life journey, rising from a modest upbringing in India to becoming an elected member of the United States House of Representatives.

With sincerity and humility, Shri Thanedar spoke about the critical role of perseverance, education, and entrepreneurship in overcoming challenges and creating meaningful change.

His story resonated deeply with the audience, especially students and aspiring entrepreneurs, as he emphasized dreaming big and striving beyond con-



ventional boundaries. He encouraged the youth to remain grounded in their cultural identity while fearlessly embracing global opportunities.

“Be fearless in your ambitions, visionary in your thinking, and ethical in your pursuits,” he said, leaving a profound impact on every aspiring changemaker present.

The event was further elevated by the presence of several esteemed dignitaries who joined Shri Thanedar on stage and contributed to the rich and dynamic dialogue.

Among them were Mr. Sachin Itkar, Vice Pres-

ident of the Maharashtra Economic Development Council (MEDC), Mr. Narendra Landge and Mr. Ajinkya Kalbhor, Management Representatives of PCET, Mr.

Ganesh Nibhe, Chairman and Managing Director of Nibhe Ltd., Mr. Milind Joshi, President of the Maharashtra Sahitya Parishad, Mr. Sagar Babar, CEO of Comsense Technologies, and Mr. Madhav Dabke, an Innovation Strategist, BFSI Leader, and Mentor of Change.

Together, these thought leaders and visionaries brought diverse perspectives on leadership, innovation, and global engagement, making the session a well-rounded and inspiring experience for the attendees.

GEC Dubai 2025 Announced at Frankfurt: Global Platform for Innovation, Leadership, Entrepreneurship

Pimpri Chinchwad University and the Maharashtra Economic Development Council (MEDC), the official dates for the much-awaited Global Entrepreneurs Conclave (GEC) Dubai 2025 were announced in Frankfurt, Germany.

The event will take place on 16-17 August 2025 at the prestigious Hotel Conrad, Dubai, promising two days of impactful dialogue, networking, and global collaboration.

The announcement was made by Mr. Sachin Itkar, Convener of the GEC Dubai Conclave, Vice President of MEDC, and Governing Body Member of Pimpri Chinchwad University, in the presence of distinguished dignitaries from India and Europe.

The occasion was further elevated by the esteemed presence of Hon. Shri Uday Samant, Minister of Industries and Marathi Language, Government of Maharashtra, who led the Maharashtra Government Industry Department Delegation to Frankfurt.

Other eminent attendees included Shri P. Velarasu, CEO, MIDC; Mr. D.B. Mubarak, Consul General of India, Frankfurt; Dr. Ajit Ranade, President, Maharashtra Europe Business Forum; Shri Srikant Pulkundwar, Joint CEO, MIDC; and Shri Atul Shirodkar, President, MEDC.

GEC Dubai 2025 promises to be a landmark event uniting visionary leaders, global investors, entrepreneurs, and changemakers from across the world. With a dynamic lineup of speaker reveals, investor panels, and powerhouse networking opportunities, the stage is set for a meaningful exchange of ideas and actionable outcomes that drive global impact.

As the countdown begins, the excitement builds for this vibrant celebration of ideas, leadership, and opportunity in one of the world's most dynamic cities. Stay tuned for more updates and announcements as the world converges in Dubai this August to shape the future of innovation.



Book Recommendation:
The Ministry for the Future
 -Kim Stanley Robinson

A masterpiece of the imagination, using fictional eyewitness accounts to tell the story of how climate change will affect us all. Its setting is not a desolate, postapocalyptic world, but a future that is almost upon us. With its emphasis on scientific accuracy and non-fiction descriptions of history and social science, the novel is classified as hard science fiction. It is also a part of the growing body of climate fiction.

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Movie Recommendation:
Movie Name: "Before the Flood" (2016)

This documentary follows Leonardo DiCaprio as he travels the world to witness climate change firsthand. It dives deep into deforestation, fossil fuel use, melting ice caps, and rising sea levels — while offering hope through innovative solutions and global climate action.

PCU Shines at Lokmat Education Fair 2025 – Pune



Pimpri Chinchwad University (PCU) made a significant impact at the Lokmat Education Fair 2025, held at the Auto Cluster Exhibition Centre, Chinchwad, with an engaging two-day presence that inspired students, parents, and academic stakeholders alike.

The event served as a dynamic platform for PCU to showcase its globally relevant academic offerings, future-focused career opportunities, and strong industry linkages.

Day 1 of the fair saw a vibrant turnout, with hundreds of students and education enthusiasts interacting with the PCU team to learn more about its undergraduate and postgraduate programs in Engineering, Management, Design, and other cutting-edge disciplines.

Visitors explored the university's diverse academic ecosystem, including details about international collaborations, placement support, global certifications, and smart campus infrastructure.

The university's record of achieving a highest package of ₹61 LPA and association with

1000+ recruiters drew particular interest.

A major highlight of the day was the Special Keynote Address by Dr. Shitalkumar Rawandale, Dean – Centralised Placement Cell, PCET, who spoke on "Career Opportunities in Engineering & Management."

His session was packed with valuable insights into emerging industry trends, employability skills, and career preparedness.

The address resonated strongly with aspiring professionals looking to align their academic paths with future job market demands.

Adding to the event's academic depth, Dr. Sudeep Thepade, Pro Vice Chancellor of PCU, graced the occasion with his presence. His visionary interaction with attendees underscored PCU's dedication to fostering academic excellence, innovation, and globally relevant learning experiences.

The success of Day 1 carried into the second day, where more expert-led sessions, personalised career guidance, and university engagement activities deepened the understanding of PCU's transformative approach to higher education.

PCU's participation in the Lokmat Education Fair 2025 reaffirmed its role as a forward-thinking institution dedicated to shaping career-ready, globally competent professionals.

HR Excellence Awards 2025 A Grand Celebration of Visionary Leadership



The HR Excellence Awards 2025, hosted by PCET's Pimpri Chinchwad University and PCET's Pune Business School, concluded on a high note, marking a remarkable celebration of leadership, innovation, and outstanding contributions in the field of Human Resources.

The prestigious event was graced by eminent dignitaries from across industries and academia.

The highlight of the evening was the presence of Padma Shri Hon. Dr. (Smt.) Lila Poonawalla, Chairperson of the Lila Poonawalla Foundation, who honored the occasion as the Chief Guest.

Her inspiring presence and insights added immense value to the event.

Joining as Guests of

Honour were Hon. Shri Firoz Poonawalla, Founder Trustee of the Lila Poonawalla Foundation; Hon. Edgar Lee (Lee Ik Hyeon), Chairman of the Korean Association, Pune – India; and Hon. Shri Harshvardhan Patil, Chancellor of PCET's Pimpri Chinchwad University, all of whom emphasized the importance of leadership with empathy and innovation in the HR domain.

The evening also witnessed the esteemed presence of Shri Narendra Landge and Shri Ajinkya Kalbhor, representing the PCET Trust, along with Dr. Girish Desai, Executive Director – PCET, and Dr. Sachin Itkar, Governing Body Member – PCU, who have played pivotal roles in steering the insti-

tution's progressive vision. Dr. Ganesh Rao, Director – Pune Business School, and Dr. Minakshi Tyagi, Dean of Corporate Relations and Master of Ceremony for the event, led the evening with warmth and elegance.

The HR Excellence Awards 2025 stood as a powerful platform to acknowledge HR leaders who are shaping the future of work through innovation, inclusivity, and strategic vision. The success of the event reflects PCU and PBS's commitment to recognizing excellence and building strong industry-academia linkages.

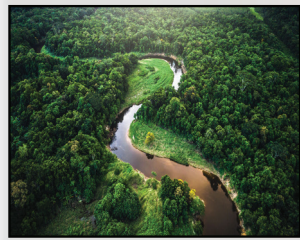
A heartfelt thank you to all dignitaries, awardees, partners, and attendees who contributed to making this event a grand success.

ARE YOU AWARE?

The Amazon Rainforest, often referred to as the "lungs of the Earth," is responsible for producing approximately 20% of the world's oxygen through the process of photosynthesis. It plays a vital role in absorbing carbon dioxide and regulating global climate. However, this crucial ecosystem is being destroyed at an alarming rate — every second, an area equivalent to a football field is lost due to deforestation, illegal logging, mining, and agricultural expansion. This destruction not only threatens biodiversity but also accelerates climate change and disrupts rainfall patterns across continents.



Recycling one ton of paper can have a remarkably positive environmental impact. It saves about 17 mature trees, which are essential for maintaining air quality and soil health. It also conserves 26,000 liters of water, a resource becoming increasingly scarce in many parts of the world. Additionally, it prevents the emission of 4,000 kilowatt-hours of energy — enough to power an average household for up to six months. Beyond just saving resources, recycling paper helps reduce landfill waste and greenhouse gas emissions, making it a small but powerful step toward sustainability.



Every single minute, the equivalent of one garbage truck full of plastic waste is dumped into our oceans, causing irreversible harm to marine ecosystems. If this trend continues unchecked, it is projected that by 2050, plastic could outweigh fish in our oceans by mass. This plastic pollution not only kills marine life through ingestion and entanglement but also enters the human food chain via microplastics. From coral reefs to coastal communities, the effects are devastating. Urgent global action — from reducing plastic production to improving waste management — is essential to reverse this crisis.



PCU'S INSIGHTS

PCU's School of Pharmacy Organizes Industrial Visit to Saived Pharma Pvt. Ltd., Jejuri



In a significant stride towards experiential and practice-based learning, the School of Pharmacy at Pimpri Chinchwad University (PCU), Sate Maval, Pune, under the aegis of Pimpri Chinchwad Education Trust (PCET), organized an industrial visit to Saived Pharma Pvt. Ltd., Jejuri. This enriching initiative was aimed at bridging classroom knowledge with real-world application, offering students vital exposure to the operational and regulatory dynamics of the pharmaceutical industry.

The visit was thoughtfully de-

signed to provide students a first-hand look into the manufacturing processes followed in the pharmaceutical sector. It offered deep insights into Good Manufacturing Practices (GMP)—a cornerstone of quality and compliance in pharmaceutical production. Students witnessed the step-by-step workflow of production units, gaining clarity on how theory translates into action in a live industrial setting.

From understanding the integration of modern technologies in production lines to observing the stringent hygiene and safety pro-

cedures in place, the visit enabled students to absorb the core principles that govern pharmaceutical manufacturing. It not only helped demystify complex industrial processes but also inspired students to envision their future roles as professionals in a highly regulated and impactful sector.

This meaningful engagement was made possible by the visionary guidance and continued encouragement of Dr. Girish Desai, Executive Director – PCET, Dr. Sudeep Thepade, Pro Vice Chancellor – PCU, and Dr. Rajesh Patil, Head of the School of Pharmacy. Their commitment to providing holistic, industry-aligned education continues to shape the future of pharmacy students at PCU.

Special recognition is due to Ms. Ankita Jatale and Dr. Sagar Kore, along with the dedicated faculty members of the School of Pharmacy, whose efforts ensured the visit was both educational and inspiring.

Inspiring young leaders at Sakal Youth Summit

The Sakal Youth Summit 2025, powered by PCET's Pimpri Chinchwad University (PCU), concluded on a high note at Balgandharva Rangmandir, Pune, with an energetic and insightful gathering of changemakers, thought leaders, and dynamic youth from across Maharashtra.

The summit brought together an inspiring confluence of ideas, experiences, and ambitions, focused on youth leadership, innovation, and purposeful progress. Hon'ble Dr. Sudeep Thepade, Pro Vice

Chancellor of Pimpri Chinchwad University, was invited as the Guest of Honour and delivered a thought-provoking address to a packed auditorium of students, educators, and youth leaders.

In his speech, Dr. Thepade spoke passionately about the role of education in empowering future-ready professionals. He emphasized innovation, critical thinking, and ethical leadership as pillars for success in a rapidly changing world. His presence not only added academic gravitas

to the summit but also reinforced PCU's commitment to nurturing young minds and fostering transformational leadership.

The summit commenced with a grand lamp-lighting ceremony, setting a tone of inspiration and unity. Esteemed dignitaries who inaugurated and led the early sessions included Shri Dattatray Bhanu, Minister for Sports & Youth Welfare, Minorities Development & Aukaf, Government of Maharashtra; Dr. Shitalkumar Rawandale, Dean of Placements,



PCET; and others

These leaders offered diverse perspectives on the importance of youth engagement in driving societal and economic transformation.

The summit's closing ceremony was equally powerful, with an inspiring address by Hon. Murlidhar Mohol, Min-

ister of State for Civil Aviation. Joining him on stage were prominent figures including Dr. Thepade, social activist Mr. Shekhar Muddada, former MLA Mr. Ravindra Dhangekar, and Pune Police Commissioner Mr. Amitesh Kumar and others.

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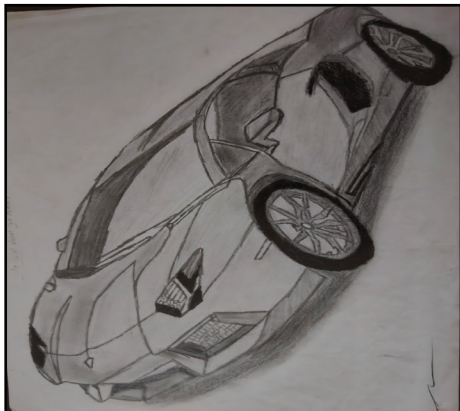
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“The environment is where we all meet; where we all have a mutual interest; it is the one thing all of us share.” -Lady Bird Johnson,

“Do not wait for extraordinary
“One of the first conditions of happiness
is that the link between man and nature
shall not be broken.”
-Leo Tolstoy

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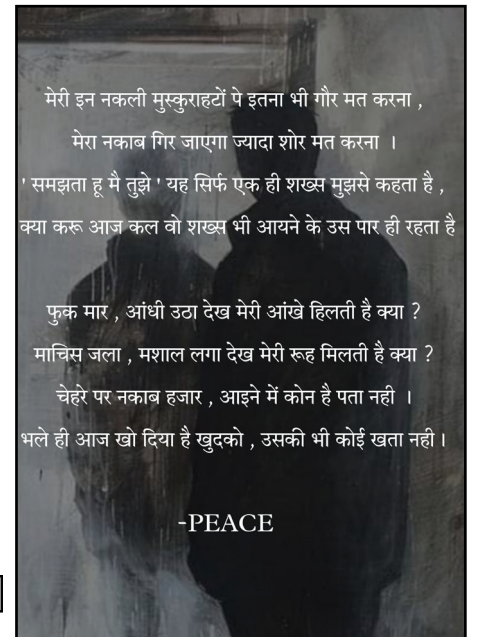
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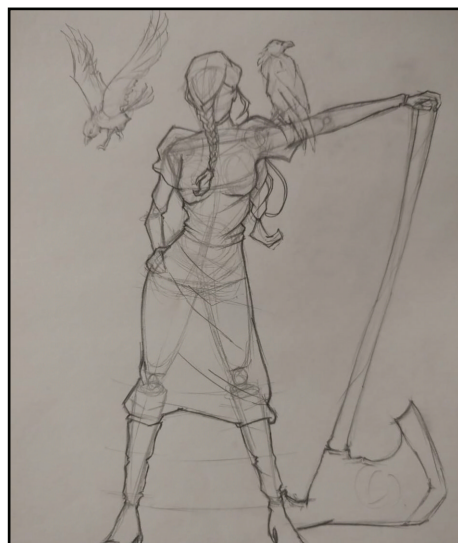
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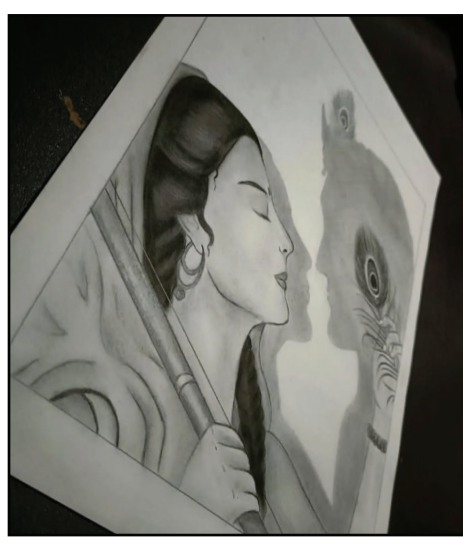
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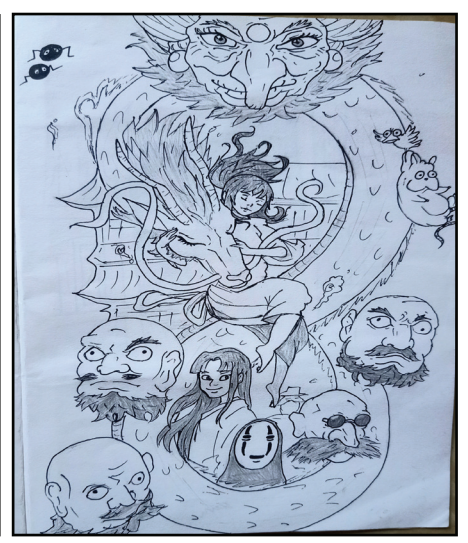
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Caring for Nature Is More than Saying No to Plastic



- Prof Pooja
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In recent years, the conversation around environmental care has become increasingly focused on the issue of plastic.

While the dangers of plastic pollution are real and urgent—choking rivers, harming marine life, and entering our food chain—reducing the narrative of ecological care to just “saying no to plastic” is both limiting and misleading.

Caring for nature is far more layered. It begins with

awareness—an understanding that the natural world is not separate from us.

Forests, rivers, soil, air, and the countless species we share this planet with form an interconnected system that sustains life. When we speak of environmental responsibility, it should mean protecting this delicate balance in every possible way.

Plastic is a symptom of a deeper issue: overconsumption and disconnection. Our lifestyles today often promote speed, convenience, and disposability. Whether it's plastic, fast fashion, or over-reliance on fossil fuels, the real problem lies in our consumption habits and a growing alienation from the natural rhythms of the Earth.



Real ecological sensitivity requires us to slow down and observe. It means preserving biodiversity, protecting green cover, conserving water, and reducing waste in all forms—not just plastic. It means engaging with local ecosystems and understanding how urbanization, industrialization, and careless development disturb them.

Caring for nature also means acknowledging traditional wisdom. Indigenous communities and rural societies often have a more integrated relationship with

the land. Their sustainable practices, rooted in centuries of observation and respect, offer valuable lessons. Yet, these voices are often excluded from mainstream environmental discourse.

Moreover, emotional connection plays a crucial role. Children need to be exposed to the outdoors not just through textbooks but through direct experience. Adults need to reclaim a sense of wonder and responsibility toward the environment—not out of guilt, but out of belonging.

Ultimately, the shift we need is not just technological but philosophical. Nature is not an “issue” to be solved—it is a living presence to be respected. We must move beyond token gestures and adopt a deeper ethic of care: one that guides our choices, challenges our conveniences, and reminds us that to harm the Earth is to harm ourselves.

India Takes the Lead: Plastic Elimination Efforts Intensify Preparatory to World

- Dr. Amruta Desai

As the world celebrates World Environment Day 2025, a central focus is on plastic pollution, clearly one of the most significant environmental issues we face today. The phrase, “Eradicate Plastic: Innovate, Educate, Activate” reflects India's recent milestone toward a new plastic-free world, and in the past two years, India has positioned itself as a regional leader in eradicating plastic pollution. India's approach highlights an integrated framework to tackle the full scope of plastic pollution through policy change, citizen engagement, new innovations, and industrial partnerships.

India was the first major country to prohibit single-use plastics like cutlery, straws, and packaging films, which made headlines in July 2022. Nonetheless, what was significant is the force created in the years 2023–2025. In 2023, the Ministry of Environment launched the “Meri Plastic Mukht Zindagi” (My Plastic-Free Life) campaign. More than 10 million citizens participated in various activities, including clean-up drives, segregation camps, and school awareness activities.

In 2024, a new Plastic Credit Trading Scheme was launched. It allows firms to offset their plastic by supporting verified collection and recycling initiatives, serving as a quasi-extended producer responsibility for India. In 2025, the government launched the National Plastic Waste Management Innovation Fund. It promotes regional entrepreneurs to establish biodegradable alternatives, place reverse vending machines, and make plastic-free packages.

Innovate, Adapt, Impact State-Level Innovations: Innovation and local policies have produced innovation leaders: Kerala, Sikkim, and Maharashtra. Kerala has removed plastic carry bags from the public distribution system; the use of cloth and jute is required. Sikkim, located in the Himalayas, promotes plastic-free tourism in an appreciative culture of eco-consciousness. And evidence reflects it. A report authored by the Central Pollution Control Board in 2025 documented a 28% reduction in visible littering of plastics in urban India. The report also found organized recycling capacity of plastics across India increased by

46%. Momentum for plastic reduction is increasing – India is on track to become a global leader ahead of World Environment Day 2025.

Where India Can Improve Although there appears to be some progress made, problems remain. The informal waste workers still control most of the collection and recovery of plastics and lack safety and recognition. Microplastics (of <5 mm) are seeping throughout our water bodies, enforcement is challenging, animals are suffering, and awareness is limited in rural communities. Experts regularly cite the issues of a lack of data transparency, eco-labeling standards, and international access to data and coordination related to the international trade in plastics.

A Model for the Global South Today India's approach of combining bottom-up initiatives with top-down regulation is being examined by nations in Asia and Africa. “India demonstrated that eliminating plastic is not purely about banning plastic, it is more about systems change and mind-set change,” says environmental economist Dr. Ananya Iyer. “It demonstrates that developing countries may leapfrog innovation, rather than imitation.”

The Future: As the country celebrates World Environment Day, the optimism is rising. With the people, companies, and society taking a collaborative approach, India is doing more than fighting plastic: it is imagining a world without it. **Fast Fact:** By UNEP estimates, India has diverted an estimated 360,000 tonnes plus of single-use plastic consumption per year by 2025. Even with this progress, challenges remain. Most collection of plastic is still done informally by waste workers, without any safety equipment or recognition. Microplastic is still contaminating waterways in India, and there are still complications with enforcement in rural areas. Experts have called for the need for better transparency in the data; eco-labeling policies, and international cooperation to track the flow of plastic.



“The activist is not the man who says the river is dirty. The activist is the man who cleans up the river.” - Ross Perot

PCU'S Bhashyam

“The greatest threat to our planet is the belief that someone else will save it.”
-Robert Swan

PCU Marks World Environment Day 2025 with Inspiring Session on Environmental Action

Pimpri Chinchwad University's Institution's Innovation Council (IIC) commemorated World Environment Day 2025 with a thought-provoking session held on 5th June 2025. The event brought together students and faculty for an engaging dialogue on ecological responsibility and sustainability.

The session featured two dynamic speakers from the university community who offered distinct yet complementary perspectives on environmental conservation.

Dr. Amruta Desai, Molecular Biologist from the School of Sciences, shared scientific insights into the urgent need for preserving biodiversity and mitigating environmental damage through informed actions and sustainable practices.

She emphasized the need to stop the use of single-use plastics and the long-term impact they leave on the environment. Dr. Desai also shared success stories of various ventures from across the world that have been working for the cause.

She stressed that it is not just one sector that can eradicate plastic pollution; rather,

every industry and every individual plays a vital role in eliminating plastic waste from the planet.

Adding an experiential lens to the conversation, Prof. Pooja Dolas, a snake rescuer and faculty member from the School of Media & Communication, captivated the audience with real-life stories of snake rescue. She highlighted the importance of coexistence and sensitizing society toward lesser-known yet crucial components of our ecosystem.

Prof. Dolas shared information about various snake species commonly found around us and demonstrated appropriate actions to take when encountering a snake.

She also debunked several myths and superstitions that persist in society regarding snakes, advocating for awareness and informed response over fear.

The event successfully ignited awareness and encouraged attendees to become active participants in environmental protection. It served as a reminder that impactful change begins with informed minds and compassionate action.

Through such initiatives, PCU continues to champion sustainability and environmental responsibility at the heart of education.



PCU Hosts TCS Region Head: A Promising Step Towards Industry-Academia Synergy



In a major step toward fortifying industry-academia collaboration, Pimpri Chinchwad University (PCU) had the privilege of hosting Mr. Hrishikesh Dande, Region Head – Tata Consultancy Services (TCS), on campus. This visit marked a pivotal moment, laying the foundation for meaningful partnerships with one of India's most respected IT organizations.

The interaction focused on building long-term collaborative frameworks aimed at developing future-ready talent, aligning academic curricula with evolving industry demands, and jointly exploring opportunities for internships, skill development, and innova-

tion-driven initiatives.

Mr. Dande shared valuable insights on the shifting technological landscape and highlighted the vital role educational institutions play in bridging the gap between academic learning and real-world application.

Discussions centered around enhancing employability through joint training programs, research projects, and campus engagement models that could prepare students for dynamic industry environments.

Mr. Dande emphasized that universities must now serve as catalysts for innovation and adaptability, and appreciated PCU's commitment to shaping such an ecosystem.

The visit was facilitated under the strategic leadership of Dr. Sudeep Thepade, Pro Vice Chancellor; Dr. Shitalkumar Rawandale, Dean – Industry Institute Interaction & Central Placement Cell, PCET; Pandit Balachandra Vidyasagar, Former Vice Chancellor, SRTM University, Nanded; and Dr. Girish Desai, Executive Director – PCET. Their consistent support and vision have been instrumental in fostering PCU's strong industry orientation.

The event was hosted by Ms. Sangeeta Ingle from the PCU Training and Placement Cell, who ensured the seamless coordination of this impactful engagement.

This interaction signifies more than just a visit; it marks the beginning of a strategic alliance between PCU and TCS.

With a shared focus on employability, innovation, and academic excellence, PCU continues to bridge the gap between campus and corporate, creating new opportunities for students to thrive in a competitive and ever-evolving professional world.

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"The woods are lovely,
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 But I have promises to
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 And miles to go before
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 — Robert Frost,

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Chancellor Visits Pimpri Chinchwad University



In a moment of inspiration and direction, the Chancellor of Pimpri Chinchwad University recently paid a significant visit to the campus, engaging in a thoughtful and forward-looking interaction with the university's faculty and staff.

The visit served as an opportunity to reaffirm the university's commitment to excellence

in education, innovation, and holistic development.

Addressing the gathering, the Chancellor articulated the broader vision and mission of Pimpri

Chinchwad University, emphasizing the institution's role in shaping future-ready professionals and socially conscious citizens.

He shed light on the university's short-term objectives, including curriculum advancement, interdisciplinary research, and enhanced student engagement, as well as its long-term

goals of establishing global academic collaborations and becoming a hub of innovation and entrepreneurship.

During the session, the Chancellor also outlined the university's key performance targets for the coming academic year, encouraging faculty members to align their efforts with the strategic growth roadmap.

He expressed deep appreciation for the dedication and hard work demonstrated by the teaching and non-teaching staff, particularly in the areas of academic innovation, student mentorship, and campus development.

The interaction concluded on a high note, with the Chancellor motivating the team to continue striving for excellence and contribute proactively to the university's rising reputation in the higher education landscape.



Dr. Girish Desai Honoured with 'Visionary Academic Leadership Award'



Pimpri Chinchwad Education Trust (PCET) and Pimpri Chinchwad University (PCU), Pune, are proud to share a moment of great pride and inspiration.

Dr. Girish Desai, Executive Director of PCET and PCU, has been conferred with the esteemed "Visionary Academic Leadership Award" at the Maharashtra Education Icon 2025 event. The award was presented by Hon. Shri Chandrakant Patil, Minister of Higher and Technical Education, Government of Maharashtra, in recognition of Dr. Desai's exemplary contributions to the field of education.

This prestigious honour stands as a testament to Dr. Desai's unwavering commitment to fostering student-centric, value-driven, and innovation-led education.

His leadership has been instrumental in positioning PCU as one of Maharashtra's most forward-thinking institutions, dedicated to not just academic excellence but also holistic student development.

Under his guidance, PCU has emerged as a dynamic educational ecosystem where students are empowered to become skilled profes-

sionals, responsible citizens, and future leaders.

The award recognizes more than just administrative success, it celebrates a vision.

Dr. Desai has championed an educational philosophy where values, global perspectives, industry readiness, and inclusive learning converge.

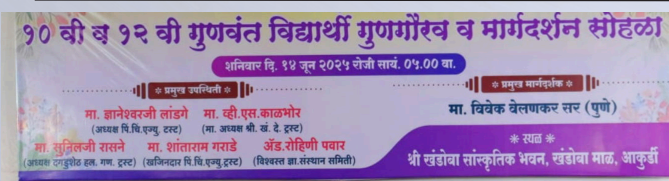
From strengthening faculty development and research culture to expanding industry-academia collaborations and promoting entrepreneurial thinking among students, his leadership continues to shape a transformative learning environment.

Adding to this honour, Dr. Desai has also been nominated as a member of the Maharashtra State Think Tank, a prestigious panel that will actively contribute to shaping educational policy at the state level.

His inclusion reflects the government's trust in his vision and experience and reinforces PCU's role in influencing progressive reforms in higher education across Maharashtra. The Think Tank aims to ensure that students' needs, aspirations, and future challenges remain central to policymaking.

This dual recognition is not just a personal milestone, it is a celebration of PCU's collective journey toward excellence. It echoes the institution's founding mission: to nurture minds, ignite curiosity, and prepare students to thrive in a competitive and ever-evolving world.

Honouring Academic Brilliance: PCET and PCU Felicitate Meritorious Students



In a heartfelt celebration of dedication and academic excellence, Pimpri Chinchwad Education Trust (PCET) and Pimpri Chinchwad University, in collaboration with Khandoba Mandir Trust, Akurdi, proudly felicitated students of Classes 10th and 12th who achieved over 85%, with special recognition to top scorers who surpassed 99% in their board examinations.

The felicitation ceremony was graced by a host of distinguished dignitaries, including

Shri Dnyaneshwar P. Landge, Chairman, PCET; Shri Vithal S. Kalbhor, Secretary, PCET; Shri Shantaram D. Garade, Treasurer, PCET; and Shri Sunil Rasne, Chairman, Shrimant Dagdusheth Halwai Ganpati Trust, Pune.

Also present were Smt. Adv. Dr. Rohini Pawar, Shri Vithal R. Kalbhor, Member of Khandoba Mandir Trust, and Dr. Sudeep Thepade, Pro Vice Chancellor, PCET's Pimpri Chinchwad University.

Dr. Thepade encouraged

the young achievers to pursue higher education with purpose and passion, highlighting how strong academic foundations can lead to meaningful and impactful careers.

Renowned career coach Shri Vivek Vengurlekar also addressed the gathering, offering insightful advice on how students can make informed choices when selecting courses and universities after their board exams.

This event was more than a recognition ceremony—it was a celebration of perseverance, potential, and the promise of the future.

The collaboration between PCET, PCU, and the Khandoba Mandir Trust reflected their shared commitment to nurturing talent and guiding students toward success through the right academic and career pathways.

Renowned Actor Dr. Amit Behl Visits Pimpri Chinchwad University

Pimpri Chinchwad University had the privilege of hosting renowned film, theatre, and television actor Dr. Amit Behl as a special invitee to the Academic Council Meeting of the university.

The visit marked a significant moment in the university's journey to strengthen its academic ecosystem and foster deeper industry-academia collaboration.

With a career spanning over three decades, Dr. Amit Behl is not only celebrated for his versatile performances in Hindi, Marathi, and international projects but is also widely respected as an arts advocate, educator, and voice for the

acting community.

During his interaction at PCU, Dr. Behl shared valuable insights on bridging the gap between the entertainment industry and academic institutions. He also praised the university's commitment to interdisciplinary learning and innovation.

The Academic Council of Pimpri Chinchwad University expressed sincere gratitude for Dr. Behl's constructive suggestions and visionary outlook.

This collaborative exchange reinforced PCU's vision of cultivating an academic culture deeply rooted in practical relevance, creativity, and global engagement.



Book Recommendation:
The Sixth Extinction: An Unnatural History
 -Elizabeth Kolbert

Winner of the Pulitzer Prize, this compelling book explores how human activity is dramatically altering the planet and accelerating the loss of species. Kolbert blends science, storytelling, and journalism to highlight the urgency of environmental conservation and the impact of our choices.

PCU's Bhashyam

Movie Recommendation:

Movie Name: "Tomorrow" (2015)
 This uplifting French documentary takes viewers on a global journey to explore real-world solutions to the world's environmental, economic, and social challenges. From urban farming and renewable energy to alternative education and sustainable communities, Tomorrow showcases inspiring stories of people and initiatives creating a better future—very much in tune with the yogic values of harmony, mindfulness, and balance with nature.

Empowering Career Choices:

Lokmat Career Mantra Seminar Held in Nashik

The Lokmat Career Mantra seminar held in Nashik in collaboration with Pimpri Chinchwad Education Trust (PCET), proved to be a resounding success.

The event aimed to guide students and parents on emerging career opportunities



and provide expert perspectives on how to navigate life after Class 12.

The seminar featured insightful sessions by a distinguished panel of educators including Dr. Amit Patil from Pimpri Chinchwad University (PCU), Dr. Ketan Desale from Pimpri Chinchwad College of Engineering (PCCoE), Dr. Chandrakant Kokane and Prof. Ajay Sonawane from NMIET, and Mr. Sushant Salvi from PCU.

The event hall was filled to capacity, reflecting the overwhelming interest from students and parents. The expert talks focused on choosing the right academic path, aligning interests with industry demands, and preparing for a dynamic and tech-driven job market.

A key highlight of the session was the engaging question-and-answer segment, where participants raised relevant career-related queries. Dr. Ketan Desale and Dr. Amit Patil addressed the questions with detailed responses, offering clarity and motivation to aspiring students.

The event concluded on a high note with positive feedback from attendees. It was a valuable experience for all, reinforcing PCET's continued commitment to empowering the next generation through meaningful career guidance.

Career Mantra Akola Edition Empowers Students with Clarity on Life After Class 12

"What after 12th?"—a question that resonates in the minds of countless students and parents each year—took centre stage at the Career Mantra seminar in Akola.

The event, jointly organised by Lokmat, Pimpri Chinchwad University (PCU), and Pimpri Chinchwad Education Trust (PCET), provided much-needed guidance and direction to students preparing for one of the most critical transitions in their academic journey.

The seminar witnessed enthusiastic participation from hundreds of students and parents eager to explore diverse career pathways, understand the rapidly changing landscape of higher education, and get expert insights into admission procedures, future-ready programs, and evolving professional opportunities.

The afternoon unfolded



with a dynamic lineup of sessions by experienced academic leaders and motivational speakers who helped demystify the post-HSC phase.

Prof. Vijay Navale, a renowned career counsellor from Pune, provided practical and thought-provoking insights into career options beyond conventional streams, encouraging students to think beyond the expected.

Dr. Sandeep Patil, Associate Dean of PCET's PC-CoE, spoke on the importance of aligning personal aptitude with futuristic academic programs to remain relevant in the fast-evolving job market.

Dr. Mayur Jakate, representing PCET's PCU, made complex profes-

sional choices in engineering and higher education easier to understand, especially in the context of emerging technologies and innovation-driven industries.

Prof. Deepika Paranjape, Assistant Professor at PCET's NMIET, inspired students to pursue their passions with purpose, reinforcing the idea that a fulfilling career begins with choosing what truly excites you.

Adding a powerful dose of motivation, Prof. Sachin Burghate, an internationally acclaimed motivational speaker, energized the audience with real-life stories of transformation and resilience, urging students to believe in their potential.

Together, the panelists created a rich and empowering learning experience that helped young attendees build a clear and confident roadmap for their academic and professional futures.

Are you Aware?

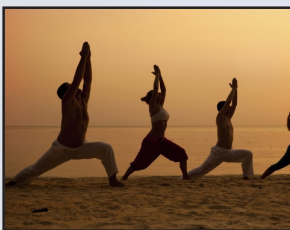
Originating in ancient India, yoga is one of the oldest and most comprehensive systems of physical, mental, and spiritual development known to humanity. It traces its roots to the Indus Valley Civilization, with references found in ancient scriptures like the Rigveda, Upanishads, and later, the Yoga Sutras of Patanjali. Far beyond being just a form of exercise, yoga was traditionally a holistic lifestyle encompassing ethical living, breath control, meditation, and self-discipline aimed at achieving harmony between the mind, body, and soul. For thousands of years, it has helped individuals seek balance, inner peace, and union with the universe.



Trees play a vital role in maintaining ecological balance and improving the quality of life on Earth. A single mature tree can absorb up to 22 kilograms of carbon dioxide each year, helping to reduce greenhouse gases and combat climate change. At the same time, it releases enough oxygen annually to support two human beings, making trees essential for the survival of all living beings. In addition to carbon capture, trees act as natural filters absorbing harmful pollutants such as nitrogen oxides, ammonia, sulfur dioxide, and ground-level ozone, thereby purifying the air we breathe.

Beyond air purification, trees provide crucial ecosystem services. Forests and urban tree cover help regulate temperature by offering shade and releasing moisture into the atmosphere.

The International Day of Yoga is celebrated on June 21, aligning with the Summer Solstice, the longest day of the year in the Northern Hemisphere. This day holds deep symbolic meaning in yogic tradition it represents awakening, clarity, and illumination, both in nature and within the self. In yogic culture, the Summer Solstice marks the beginning of the spiritual journey toward inner transformation, making it a fitting day to honour yoga's universal message of unity and well-being. This global celebration, recognized by the United Nations in 2014, aims to promote the ancient Indian science of yoga as a path to physical health, emotional stability, and global harmony.



PCU's Insights

PCU Participates in Samruddh Maharashtra: Visionary Conclave

Pimpri Chinchwad University had the honour of participating in the prestigious "Samruddh Maharashtra" summit organized by News18 Lokmat.

The event was held at ITC Grand Central, Mumbai, and brought together some of the most prominent political leaders, policymakers, entrepreneurs, and cultural icons from across Maharashtra.

It served as a dynamic platform to discuss the state's roadmap for inclusive and sustainable growth.

Representing PCU, Dr. Girish Desai, Executive Director of PCET and PCU, was specially invited to attend the gathering.

His presence at the summit highlighted PCU's active role in contributing to the state's education ecosystem. As an Associate Partner of the event, PCU proudly aligned itself with the larger vision of a pro-



gressive and prosperous Maharashtra.

The summit witnessed the presence of key state leaders including Chief Minister Shri Eknath Shinde, Deputy Chief Minister Shri Devendra Fadnis, and several other cabinet ministers and dignitaries such as Shri Uday Samant, Shri Girish Mahajan, Smt. Meghna Bordikar, and Shri Shrikant Shinde.

The event also saw participation from renowned political figures, industrial leaders, and celebrated personalities from

the fields of cinema, business, and civil society including Aditya Thackeray, Mahesh Manjrekar, Kedar Shinde, Om Raut, Shaina NC, and many others, creating an atmosphere rich with ideas, collaboration, and vision.

Dr. Desai took the opportunity to connect with several of these influential personalities, sharing insights into PCU's rapid growth as one of India's top emerging universities.

He emphasized PCU's commitment to research, innovation, and industry-aligned education that is helping to shape future-ready graduates.

The university's focus on experiential learning, entrepreneurial thinking, and global engagement was well received by attendees, reinforcing PCU's relevance in today's fast-evolving knowledge economy.

Guiding Futures: Career Seminar in Dhule Inspires Students to Make Informed Choices

In its continued commitment to guiding young minds across Maharashtra, Pimpri Chinchwad University (PCU), Pune, in collaboration with Lokmat Career Mantra, hosted a highly engaging Career Guidance Seminar in Dhule.

The seminar drew a remarkable turnout of students and parents, all eager to explore opportunities and direction after Class 12th.

The event featured a panel of esteemed academic leaders who shared crucial insights on choosing the right career path and staying fu-



ture-ready in an evolving job market.

Dr. Shitalkumar Rawandale, Dean of the Centralised Placement Cell at PCET, spoke on aligning academic decisions with long-term career objectives.

His practical strategies

and deep understanding of industry trends helped students understand how to plan their education for meaningful employment outcomes.

Dr. Pranav Charkha, Professor at PCU Pune, highlighted how the university's forward-think-

ing curriculum and emphasis on research and innovation help produce future-ready graduates.

He emphasized the importance of skill development alongside academic excellence.

Dr. Shahuraj Sable, Associate Professor at NMIET Pune, addressed the audience on the rapidly changing tech landscape, focusing on the value of adaptability and continuous learning.

He encouraged students to embrace technology and remain open to multidisciplinary skill-building.

Mr. Abhishek Chaud-

hary, Head of the School of Media and Communication at PCU, captivated students with exciting insights into careers in media, journalism, and digital storytelling.

He discussed how creativity, communication, and digital fluency are becoming powerful tools in the modern job market.

The session was filled with inspiration, interactive discussions, and valuable takeaways, leaving the audience better informed and more confident about navigating their career choices.

Top Placements of the Month

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| Ms. Palak Bhuwal (MBA) | Janjire | Choudhary |
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| Ms. Varsha Mali | Mr. Mayur Bandpatte | Mr. Yash Yengade |
| Mr. Aniket Alai | Mr. Shreyas Shejar | Mr. Anuradh Nair |
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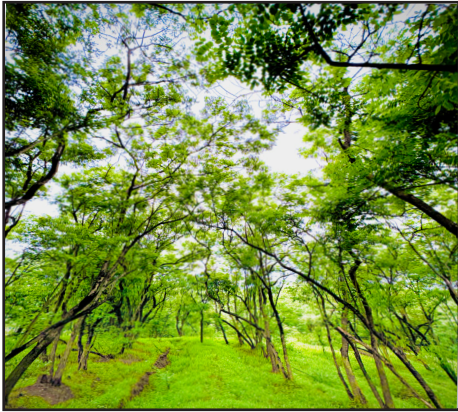
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“In every walk with nature one receives far more than he seeks.”
- John Muir

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“What is this life if, full of care,
We have no time to stand and stare.”
- W.H. Davies, Leisure

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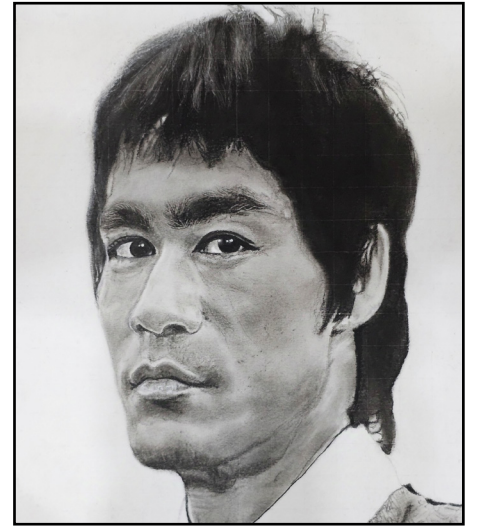
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PCU Celebrates International Day of Yoga with a Message of Wellness and Sustainability



Pimpri Chinchwad University (PCU), Pune, joyfully marked the International Day of Yoga 2025 with a powerful celebration centered around this year's global theme “Yoga for One Earth, One Health” as declared by the Ministry of AYUSH, Government of India.

The celebration, held on the university campus, reflected PCU's deep commitment to the holistic development of its students, faculty, and the environment.

The morning began with an invigorating yoga session led by Dr. Manisha Sonawane, a seasoned yoga practitioner and wellness guide.

The session brought together students, faculty members, and university staff in a collective expression of mindfulness and physical well-being.

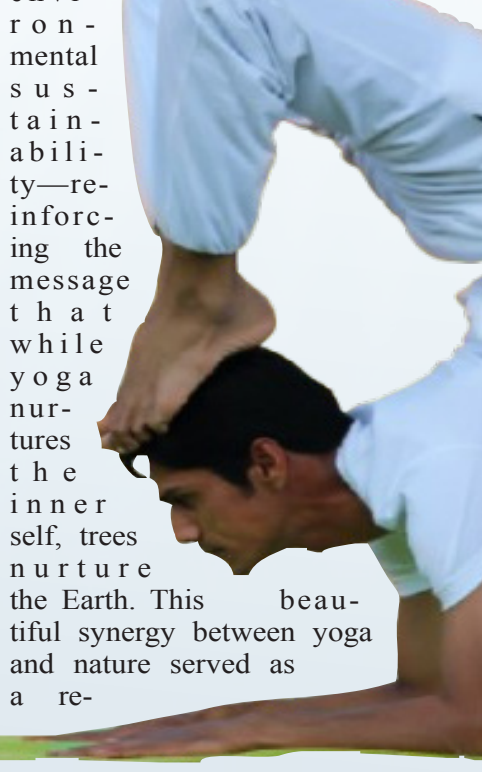
Participants practiced a series of asanas, breathing techniques (pranayama), and guided meditation aimed at nurturing inner calm and improving mental clarity. The entire campus was filled with a serene, positive energy as the PCU family embraced the ancient wisdom of yoga in unison.

Adding a meaningful



layer to the celebration, the session concluded with a Tree Plantation Program, where participants planted saplings across the campus.

The act symbolized growth, gratitude, and a commitment to environmental sustainability—reinforcing the message that while yoga nurtures the inner self, trees nurture the Earth. This beautiful synergy between yoga and nature served as a re-



minder that our health and the planet's health are deeply interconnected.

The 2025 theme, “Yoga for One Earth, One Health,” underscores a growing global awareness of the unity between human well-being and environmental balance.

As climate change, lifestyle diseases, and mental health challenges continue to rise, yoga has emerged as a universal tool to foster resilience—physically, emotionally, and spiritually.

Celebrating this day is not merely about stretching muscles; it is about expanding awareness and reinforcing responsibility toward ourselves, society, and the environment.

For students especially, yoga offers a powerful means to manage stress, enhance focus, and build emotional intelligence in a high-pressure academic world.

In his address, university leadership encouraged students to



adopt yoga not just as a physical routine but as a lifelong practice that enhances personal growth, empathy, and ethical living.

They highlighted that PCU's vision of education goes beyond textbooks and classrooms it includes nurturing compassionate, conscious, and well-rounded individuals who are prepared to lead in a complex and interconnected world.

By combining ancient wellness practices with environmental stewardship, PCU's celebration of International Day of Yoga 2025 served as a model for how educational institutions can lead the way in promoting sustainable, healthy, and mindful living.

It was a day of collective transformation—where every breath, every pose, and every sapling planted symbolized hope, balance, and a brighter future.

As the university continues its journey toward excellence and responsibility, the message remains clear: Let us carry forward the wisdom of yoga and the commitment to sustainability—not just on Yoga Day, but every day.

“Be like a tree and let the dead leaves drop.”
— Rumi

PCU'S Bhashyam

“One impulse from a vernal wood
May teach you more of man,
Of moral evil and of good,
Than all the sages can.”
-William Wordsworth,

Empowering Young Minds Career Guidance Seminar Held in Latur

Continuing the mission to guide students across Maharashtra, Pimpri Chinchwad University (PCU), in collaboration with Lokmat Career Mantra, hosted yet another impactful Career Guidance Seminar—this time in Latur.

The event witnessed an overwhelming response from students and parents who filled the venue with energy, enthusiasm, and a thirst for knowledge.

Prof. Vijay Navale, renowned career counsellor and motivational speaker, delivered an uplifting session encouraging students to make confident and well-informed career choices. He inspired the audience to follow their passion with clarity and purpose.

Prof. Dr. Ramdas Biradar, Professor

at PCU Pune, provided key insights into industry-relevant programs and emphasized how institutions like PCU are shaping future-ready professionals through innovative academic practices.

Prof. Sagar Deshpande, Associate Professor at NMIET, spoke on the importance of adaptability and lifelong learning in a fast-changing, tech-driven world.

He stressed the need for students to embrace evolving technologies and stay ahead of industry trends.

The seminar sparked engaging discussions and meaningful questions from the audience, creating a truly electrifying atmosphere of learning and motivation.



Empowering Students with Future-Ready Insights at Nandurbar



With its aim to guide young minds across Maharashtra, Pimpri Chinchwad Education Trust (PCET), in collaboration with Lokmat, hosted a highly engaging Career Guidance Seminar in Nandurbar.

The event attracted a large audience of students and parents eager to understand the academic and professional possibilities that lie ahead after Class 12.

The seminar served as a comprehensive platform to address common questions about career planning, course selection, and industry trends—bringing

much-needed clarity and direction to hundreds of participants.

Dr. Shitalkumar Rawandale, Dean & Director (Training & Placement), PCET, provided valuable guidance on how to choose the right institute and academic stream to ensure long-term career success. His advice encouraged students to make informed decisions based on aptitude and future opportunities.

Dr. Pranav Charkha, Professor, School of Engineering & Technology, Pimpri Chinchwad University (PCU), spoke about the ris-

ing demand for careers in Computer Engineering, Artificial Intelligence & Machine Learning (AI & ML), and AI & Data Science (AI & DS).

He emphasized the need for students to develop relevant technical skills and stay aligned with future industry trends.

Dr. Amol Badhe, Professor at PCET's NMIET, addressed the audience on the importance of adapting to a technology-driven world and preparing for a dynamic, innovation-led job market.

One of the highlights of the event was the personalized counselling session for students who scored 75% and above in their Class 12 exams.

These students received expert advice tailored to their strengths, helping them take confident steps toward their chosen careers.

The seminar concluded with a highly positive response from both students and parents, who appreciated the expert insights and practical takeaways.

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PCU Hosts Global Entrepreneurship Conclave (GEC) 2025 in Dubai



as a powerful platform for idea exchange, meaningful dialogue, networking, and collaborations aimed at shaping the future of business and innovation.

The Conclave was inaugurated with Keynote Remarks by Shri Harshwardhan Patil, Chancellor of Pimpri Chinchwad University and Former Minister, Government of Maharashtra. In his address, Shri Patil emphasized the role of entrepreneurship, innovation, and global collaboration in building a sustainable and prosperous future. His words set the tone for the Conclave, inspiring participants to work collectively toward impactful solutions for global challenges.

One of the highlights of the Conclave was a Dialogue Session on “The Future of Science and Technology for the Advancement of Human Civilization”, led by Dr. Sundeep Waslekar, President of the Strategic Foresight Group and author of A World Without War. Dr. Waslekar shared thought-provoking insights on how science and technology can drive sustainable progress,



strengthen global cooperation, and

accelerate human advancement. His session resonated deeply with the Conclave’s vision of uniting change-makers for a better tomorrow.

The Conclave also featured an inspiring session by Mr. Prataprao Pawar, renowned industrialist and Chairman of Sakal Media Group, Pune. Speaking on “AI in Agriculture and the Project ‘Farm of the Future’,” Mr. Pawar outlined how Artificial Intelligence can transform agriculture by enhancing efficiency, im-



Pimpri Chinchwad University (PCU) successfully hosted the Global Entrepreneurship Conclave (GEC) 2025 at Hotel Conrad, Dubai, bringing together visionary leaders, entrepreneurs, policy-makers, academicians, and innovators from across the world. The three-day event served



PCU Celebrates Independence Day



Pimpri Chinchwad University celebrated India’s 79th Independence Day with great zeal, unity, and patriotic fervour.

The campus was adorned in the spirit of freedom as students, faculty, and staff came together to honour the nation’s legacy.

The celebration was led by Hon’ble Chancellor Shri Harshvardhan Patil, who unfurled the national flag and delivered an inspiring address. He reminded the gathering that independence is both a gift and a responsibility, urging everyone to uphold unity, re-

spect, and inclusiveness while contributing to the progress of the nation.

Students from all schools took a pledge to act responsibly and sensitively towards society, reaffirming their commitment to dignity and harmony. A disciplined flag marching parade reflected respect for the nation, while vibrant cultural performances of patriotic songs, dances, and skits showcased creativity and pride in India’s cultural diversity.

The event also highlighted PCU’s social responsibility initiatives. Anti-Ragging Week was observed

with students pledging to stand against ragging, reinforcing the university’s commitment to a safe and inclusive environment.

A Poster Design Exhibition further expressed themes of freedom and social responsibility, earning appreciation from Shri Patil.

With enthusiastic participation from leadership, faculty, and students, the celebration became a proud homage to India and a showcase of PCU’s creativity, talent, and unity.



Book Recommendation:
Anandamath
-Bankim Chandra Chattopadhyay

First published in 1882, Anandamath is a landmark novel in Indian literature and nationalism. Set against the Bengal famine and the Sannyasi Rebellion, it narrates the struggle of ascetic warriors fighting against colonial rule. The novel introduced the patriotic song Vande Mataram, which went on to inspire generations during India's freedom movement.



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Movie Recommendation:

Movie Name: Movie – Haqeeqat (1964)
Directed by Chetan Anand, Haqeeqat is a poignant war drama based on the Sino-Indian War of 1962. Known for its realistic portrayal of soldiers' sacrifices and its soul-stirring music, the film beautifully captures themes of patriotism, love, and loss, making it one of Indian cinema's most iconic war films.

PCU Observes Anti-Ragging Week 2025 with Awareness, Engagement, and Commitment



Pimpri Chinchwad University (PCU) successfully observed Anti-Ragging Week 2025, reaffirming its strong commitment to creating a safe, inclusive, and respectful campus environment in line with the directives of the University Grants Commission (UGC).

The week-long campaign, coordinated by the Registrar's Office and the Department of Student Development & Welfare under the leadership of Dr. Anju Bala, featured a blend of awareness drives, cultural activities, competitions, and interactive sessions that engaged students across the campus.

The campaign commenced on 12th August 2025 with an inaugural ceremony graced by Mr. Kumar Ramchandra Kadam, Inspector, Vadgaon, Pune, as the Chief Guest. De-

living a thought-provoking address, he outlined the legal framework and consequences of ragging, emphasizing that it is punishable under the Indian Penal Code (IPC) and UGC Regulations with penalties including imprisonment, expulsion, and cancellation of admission.

He further highlighted the role of the Anti-Ragging Committee and Squad, the availability of a 24x7 helpline, and the significance of counseling and pledge ceremonies in building awareness.

The ceremony was attended by PCU dignitaries including Dr. Girish Desai, Executive Director, PCET; Dr. Govind Kulkarni, Vice Chancellor; and Dr. Sudeep D. Thepade, Pro Vice Chancellor, whose presence

reinforced the university's zero-tolerance policy towards ragging.

Special acknowledgments were extended to Dr. R.G. Bidarad, Director – Outreach Admissions & HoD, and event coordinators Mr. Mahesh Jagtap and Mr. Vinod Yadav for their efforts in ensuring the success of the ceremony.

Throughout the week, social

media campaigns featuring informative graphics, videos, and student testimonials were launched to extend the reach of anti-ragging awareness beyond campus, connecting with students, parents, and the larger community. On-campus, creative and interactive events highlighted the importance of fostering mutual respect and empathy.

A Nukkad Natak (street play) performed in the campus courtyard vividly portrayed the emotional, psychological, and academic consequences of ragging. Using placards, slogans, and dramatic expressions, the performers delivered a strong message: "Ragging is not fun—it's a crime. Stop it, Report it, Prevent it."

The week also featured a Debate Competition at the Moot Court, where students engaged in structured arguments and counter-arguments, offering constructive solutions to address ragging.

A Poster Making Competition further showcased students' creativity, as impactful posters with messages like "Say No to Ragging" reflected the collective voice of the youth against intimidation

and harassment.

On 15th August 2025, coinciding with India's 79th Independence Day celebrations, the university organized a collective Anti-Ragging Pledge Ceremony immediately after the flag-hoisting. Students, faculty, and staff took a solemn pledge to uphold the values of dignity, equality, and respect, reaffirming PCU's mission to nurture a ragging-free academic ecosystem.

The Valedictory Function marked the conclusion of Anti-Ragging Week, formally acknowledging the contributions of students and faculty while reinforcing the university's ongoing commitment to creating a secure, supportive, and inclusive campus environment.



PCU'S INSIGHTS

PCU Faculty Gain Hands-On Training in Advanced HPTLC Techniques



A Faculty Training Program on High Performance Thin Layer Chromatography (HPTLC) was successfully conducted at Anchrom Enterprises, Mulund East, Mumbai, offering PCET's Pimpri Chinchwad University (PCU) faculty a valuable opportunity to explore advanced analytical techniques and their real-world applications.

The full-day program saw the active participation of eight dedicated faculty members from the School of Pharmacy, PCU, who engaged in an intensive, hands-on

learning experience. Designed to bridge the gap between academia and industry, the training focused on the latest trends in HPTLC analysis with applications across drugs, dyes, phytoconstituents, cosmetics, and food.

The workshop provided in-depth exposure to instrumentation, advanced techniques, and emerging trends in HPTLC, equipping faculty members with practical knowledge to enhance teaching, research, and innovation in the pharmaceutical sciences.

The program was coordinated by Asst. Prof. Ms. Deeksha Chaskar with the constant support and guidance of Prof. Rajesh Patil, Dean & HoD, School of Pharmacy.

With this training, the School of Pharmacy at PCU continues to strengthen its academic and research excellence, ensuring its faculty and students stay aligned with global industry practices and innovations.

Pune School of Sciences Conducts Study Camp on Wellness for MBA Students



The Pune School of Sciences, in collaboration with Rahat Diet and Wellness Clinic, organized a dynamic Study Camp at IFEEL, Lonavala for First-Year MBA students.

The event focused on promoting holistic well-being by addressing both mental and physical health, combining scientific assessments with engaging wellness activities.

The camp began with mental wellness assessments using DASS-21 (Depression, Anxiety, and Stress Scale) and the Big Five Personality Tests, enabling students to gain insights into their psychological strengths and areas for improvement.

This was followed by a series of health check-ups, including Body Composition Analysis (BCA), glucose testing, and blood pressure monitoring, all aimed at increasing awareness of personal health indicators. Students also benefited from personalized diet consultations, helping them understand the importance of nutrition in managing lifestyle and enhancing overall productivity. The day concluded on a high-energy note with a lively Zumba session, where students came together to experience the joy of movement, relaxation, and fitness. The activity not only boosted enthusiasm but also reinforced the importance of incorporating regular physical activity into daily routines.

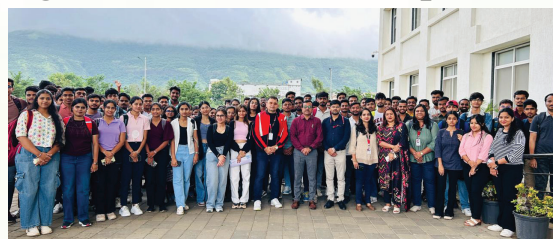
Speaking about the initiative, faculty members highlighted that the camp was designed to empower students with knowledge, self-awareness, and practical tools for maintaining mental and physical well-being, which are essential for future leaders navigating demanding academic and professional environments.

Exploring Management in Nature's Lap – A Grand Success!

The School of Management at Pimpri Chinchwad University, Pune, successfully organized an Outdoor Management Activity at the scenic Sneh Resort.

The event provided students with a unique opportunity to step out of the classroom and immerse themselves in experiential learning amidst nature.

Throughout the day, students engaged in a series of thoughtfully designed activities that combined management concepts with



hands-on challenges. Team-building sessions encouraged collaboration and trust, while leadership exercises inspired participants to take charge with confidence.

Strategic problem-solving challenges tested their ability to think critically under

pressure, while fun-filled adventure games ensured that learning was balanced with joy and enthusiasm.

The serene setting of Sneh Resort added immense value to the experience, allowing participants to reflect, connect, and grow in a refreshing environ-

ment. Students not only gained practical managerial insights but also built stronger bonds with their peers, creating memories that will last beyond the classroom.

The activity proved to be a meaningful step in shaping future managers with skills rooted in teamwork, strategy, and leadership.

The School expressed gratitude to the supportive team at Sneh Resort for their contributions in making the event a success.

SOET Hosts FDP on "Unlock the Power of AI in Education and Research"

The School of Engineering & Technology (SOET), First Year Engineering Department, Pimpri Chinchwad University (PCU) successfully organized a two-week Online Faculty Development Programme (FDP) on the theme "Unlock the Power of AI in Education and Research."

The event received an overwhelming response with around 1,200 registered participants from across India, representing diverse academic and research backgrounds.

The FDP featured expert-led sessions offering valuable insights into the transformative role of Artificial Intelligence (AI) in both teaching and research. Participants were introduced to the Outcome-Based Education (OBE) framework, with discussions on how AI can support each stage of the OBE process,

ensuring a future-ready and learner-centric approach to higher education.

In the education segment, the sessions highlighted how AI is revolutionizing pedagogy, institutional practices, and learner engagement. Faculty explored ethical AI integration while promoting critical thinking, fairness, and accountability.

Demonstrations of cutting-edge tools such as ChatGPT, Edu-Aid, Canva, Mentimeter, and Google Copilot showcased practical ways of personalizing learning, streamlining assessments, and engaging Gen Z learners.

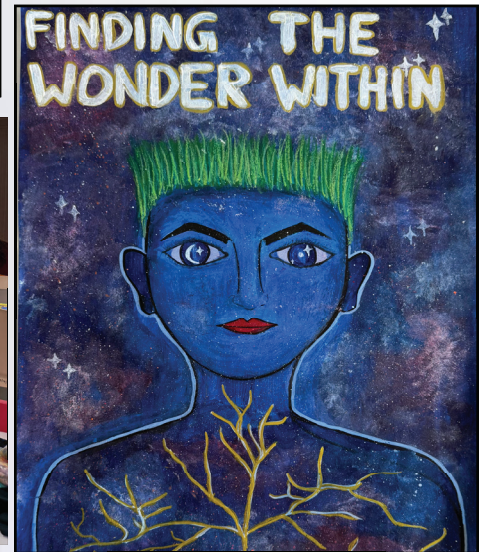
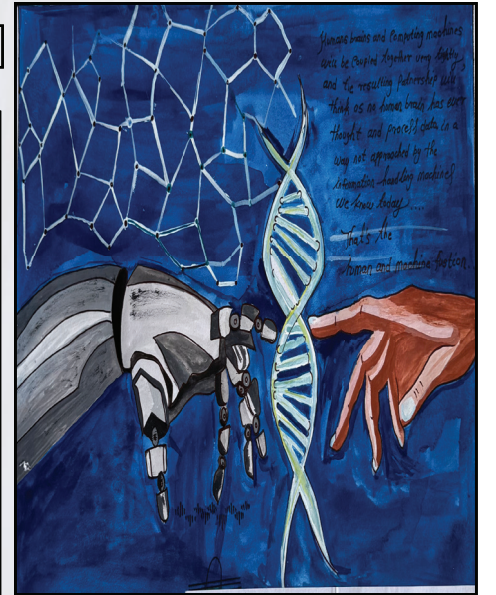
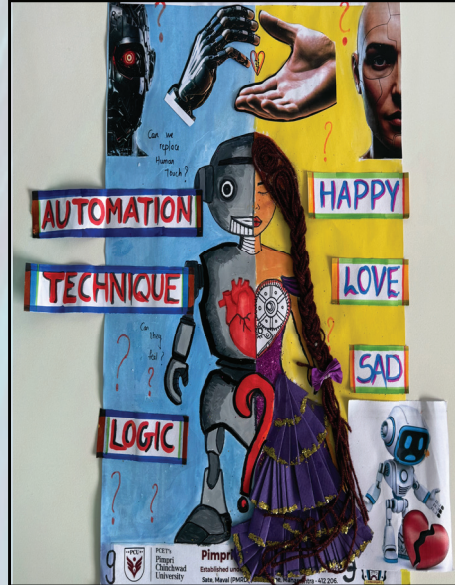
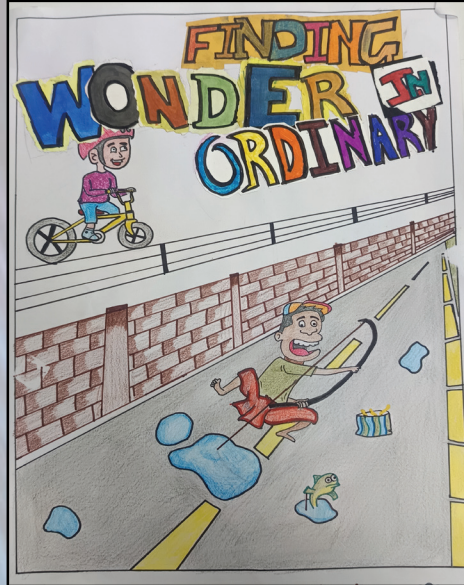
Key themes included NEP 2020 alignment, T-shaped professionals, interactive pedagogy, and prompt engineering.

“Patriotism cannot be our final spiritual shelter; my refuge is humanity. I will not buy glass for the price of diamonds, and I will never allow patriotism to triumph over humanity as long as I live.” - Rabindranath Tagore

PCU'S bhashyam

“Society grows great when old men plant trees whose shade they know they shall never sit in.”
- Greek Proverb

Expressions Beyond Words



Institution's Innovation Cell Hosts Poster Design Competition 2025

The Institution's Innovation Cell (IIC) of Pimpri Chinchwad University successfully organized the Poster Design Competition 2025, which witnessed enthusiastic participation and remarkable creativity from students.

A total of 37 teams representing the Schools of Engineering, Management, Pharmacy, Design, and Media Sciences showcased their talent in this vibrant event.

The competition revolved around two stimulating themes; “Human-Machine Fusion” and “Finding Wonder in the Ordinary.” Participants interpreted these concepts with imagination, sensitivity, and innovation, resulting in thought-provoking and visually striking posters.

The event was inaugurated by Dr. Vijay Patil, President of IIC, in the presence of Dr. Neeru Malik (Vice President IIC and Associate director, centre for innovation and entrepreneurship), Dr. Archana Rathore (Director, Faculty Development and Welfare), Mr. Abhishek Choudhary (Dean, Applied Arts). Ms. Pooja Dolas (Co-Coordinator, IIC), Mr. Matlub Ali Khan (Deputy Librarian), Ms. Sannidhya Misal (Mem-

ber, IIC), Ms. Nidhi Wairagade (Member, IIC).

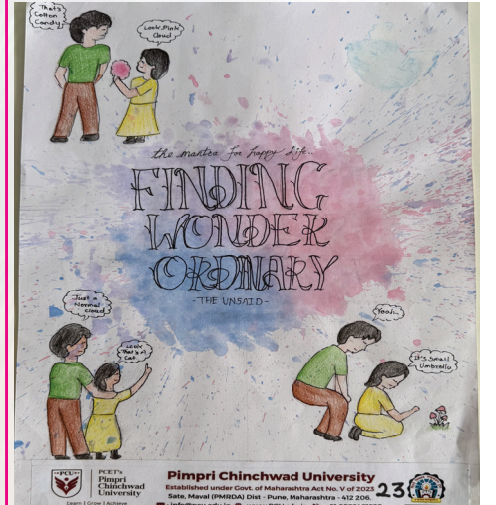
The Central Library served as the creative hub where students brought their innovative ideas to life.

The competition highlighted the diversity of talent across disciplines. First Prize was awarded to Trupti Salve, Komal Tambe, and Purva Kalkute from the School of Engineering.

The Second Prize went to Tejaswini Suman, also from Engineering, while Shashank Kumar from the School of Management secured the Third Prize. Consolation prizes were presented to Anushka Singh, Aditi Shinde, and Sayli Shinde from the School of Pharmacy, along with Pranali More from the School of Engineering.

The winners were felicitated on Independence Day by Chancellor Mr. Harshavardhan Patil, and their artworks were proudly displayed at the Poster Design Exhibition on the same day.

The event not only celebrated innovation and design thinking but also reflected the creativity and vibrant spirit of PCU students.



“We are not merely individuals, but threads in the fabric of society; when one is torn, the whole is frayed.”

PCU'S Bhashyam

“The love of one’s country is a splendid thing. But why should love stop at the border?”

-Pablo Casals

PCU Signs Landmark MoU with UGC–MMTC for Faculty Development and Academic Excellence



Pimpri Chinchwad University (PCU) has taken a significant leap in its journey of academic innovation and excellence by signing a landmark Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with UGC–Malaviya Mission Teacher Training Centre (MMTC), Human Resource Development Centre (HRDC).

The collaboration marks a milestone in strengthening faculty development, promoting multidisciplinary learning, and fostering a future-ready academic ecosystem.

The MoU was formalized in the presence of Prof. (Dr.) Rajesh Kumar Dubey, Director, UGC-HRDC, who commended PCU’s remarkable progress. He remarked, “What takes two decades, PCU has achieved in two years. This reflects PCU’s clarity of purpose and visionary leadership.”

Through this partnership, PCU will be empowered to organize UGC-sponsored National Faculty Development Programs (FDPs), creating vital opportunities for educators across disciplines to engage in academic exchange,

curricular innovation, and interdisciplinary dialogue. The initiative strongly aligns with the vision of the National Education Policy (NEP) 2020, which emphasizes faculty empowerment and holistic

learning.

Speaking on the occasion, Dr. Girish Desai, Executive Director, PCET, highlighted that this collaboration resonates with PCU’s ethos of collaboration, inclusivity, and academic rigor, strengthening its commitment to building a vibrant academic community.

Vice Chancellor Dr. Govind Kulkarni emphasized the role of such alliances in connecting academic aspirations with national development missions like Viksit Bharat and Make in India, while Pro Vice Chancellor Dr. Sudeep Thepade reiterated PCU’s dedication to industry-oriented programs, global collaborations, and holistic education for both students and educators.

This MoU stands as a proud milestone for Pimpri Chinchwad University, reinforcing its mission of driving academic excellence, empowering faculty, and contributing to the nation’s educational and developmental goals.

Students Gain Global Exposure through International Study Tour to Dubai

The School of Management at Pimpri Chinchwad University (PCU) recently organized an International Study Tour to Dubai, giving students a unique opportunity to broaden their academic and cultural horizons.

The tour combined industry exposure with cross-cultural experiences, ensuring that students not only learned beyond the classroom but also developed skills essential for becoming future-ready global leaders.

During the visit, students engaged in interac-

tive learning sessions and gained valuable insights into international business practices. They explored how global enterprises function in dynamic markets, observed innovation-driven industries, and understood the nuances of leadership in a multicultural environment.

These experiences helped them appreciate the importance of adaptability, teamwork, and strategic thinking in a globalized economy.

Alongside academic learning, the study tour offered students a chance

to immerse themselves in Dubai’s rich cultural diversity.

Interactions with peers, industry experts, and mentors enabled them to build confidence and enhance their networking abilities, while also fostering collaborative growth.

The tour proved to be a transformative journey, equipping students with new perspectives, practical knowledge, and lifelong memories. PCU extended its gratitude to the mentors, coordinators, and industry partners who made this initiative possible,



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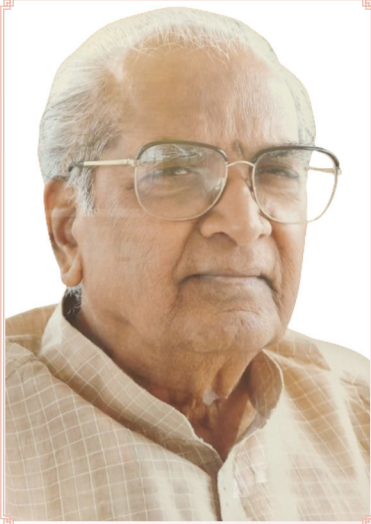


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PCET Pays Tribute to Founder Chairman Late Shri Shankarraoji Patil on His 19th Punyatithi



Late. Shri. Shankarrao B. Patil
 (15 February 1924 – 13 September 2006)

Founder Chairman, PCET.
Member of Legislative Assembly
 1952-57
Minister of State between 1962-74
Cabinet Minister in Government of Maharashtra during 1974-78.
Member of Parliament between 1980-1984 and 1989-1991

Pimpri Chinchwad Education Trust (PCET) observed the 19th Punyatithi of Late Shri Shankarrao (Bhau) Bajirao Patil, Founder Chairman of PCET, with a solemn commemorative programme held at the Akurdi Campus.

Shankarrao Bhau, remembered as a visionary leader, states-

man, and social reformer, dedicated his life to education and social welfare.

As the Founder President of PCET, his mission was to empower youth with access to quality education while ensuring inclusivity for students from diverse backgrounds.

The programme was graced by veteran journalist Shri Madhukar Bhawe Ji, who eloquently reflected on Bhau's remarkable journey, his values, struggles, and immense contributions to society.

His leadership in public life as a Minister, Parliamentarian, and Social Reformer played a pivotal role in shaping Maharashtra's progress.

Born into an agricultural family, Shankarrao Bhau rose to prominence as a

respected leader, holding key portfolios in the Maharashtra State Government such as Labour, Rural Development, Co-operation, Dairy Development, and Finance, while also serving as a Member of Parliament twice.

In 1990, driven by his vision to make technical and professional education accessible to all, he founded PCET, which today stands as a testament to his ideals.

On this occasion, the stage was graced by Padmatai Bhosale, Vice-Chairperson of Pimpri Chinchwad Education Trust (PCET); Vitthal Kalbhor, Secretary (PCET); Dr. Girish Desai, Executive Director (PCET); and Sachin Itkar, Member of the Governing Board of Pimpri

Chinchwad University.

The programme witnessed the presence of a large gathering, including directors, principals, faculty members, non-teaching staff, and well-wishers from all schools and colleges under PCET.

The event was organized under the guidance of Shri Dnyaneshwar Landge, Chairman of PCET; Smt. Padmatai Bhosale, Vice-Chairperson; Shri Vitthal Kalbhor, Secretary; Shri Shantaram Garade, Treasur-

er; and Chancellor PCU Shri Harshvardhan Patil, Trustees Shri Narendra Landge, and Shri Ajinkya Kalbhor.

The PCET community fondly remembered Bhau's unwavering commitment to education, social justice, and nation-building.

His legacy continues to inspire generations, and the institutions he built remain dedicated to carrying forward his mission of service to society.



Deeksharambh 2025-26 PCU Welcomes Its New Batch with Enthusiasm and Inspiration



Ex. Deputy Mayor, Pune, as Chief Guest and Dr. Paras Daithankar, Founder – Matrix as Guest of Honour.

Inspirational sessions encouraged freshers to embrace scientific thinking, curiosity, and innovation.

The School also conducted fun activities and ice-breaking sessions for the students.

The School of Management organized a power-packed induction with Shri. Mankoskar Surendrakumar, Principal Commissioner, Central Taxes, Vadodara, as Chief Guest, and Dr. Amarendra Sahoo, Former Regional Director, RBI and Mr. Vijayrao Patil, Ex. AVP, Smartchem Technology as Guests of Honour. Students benefitted from multiple expert-led sessions on finance, communication, product management, e-commerce, and global cultures.

Engaging management games, outdoor team-building activities, and a lively Freshers' Party ensured that learning was balanced with fun and bonding.

The School of Media and Communication celebrated its induction with industry icons. Gargee Kulkarni, Producer of blockbusters Sairat and Jhund, along with Priyanka Dubey, noted costume designer, addressed students on creativity and the media industry.

The week-long program included team-building exercises, theater workshops by Mayur Bharad, ice-breaking sessions, ad-making, and face painting activities, offering freshers a dynamic start to their creative journey.

Pimpri Chinchwad University, successfully conducted Deeksharambh 2025-26, the annual Induction Program designed to welcome and orient its new batch of students across all schools.

The multi-day event combined academic inspiration, cultural vibrancy, interactive sessions, and bonding activities, setting the foundation for a transformative journey ahead.

The School of Engineering & Technology hosted its induction with grandeur, graced by eminent dignitaries including Shri. Harshvardhan S. Patil, Hon. Chancellor, PCU, and Mrs. Kanchan Bhonde, Senior Director, Sogeti-Capgemini, Pune as the Chief Guest. Trustees, management representatives, and senior leadership of PCU also marked their presence.

A special highlight was the felicitation of top meritorious students, celebrating their academic achievements.

The ceremony emphasized innovation, growth, and lifelong learning as guiding principles for the new batch of budding engineers.

The School of Pharmacy welcomed its first-year B.Pharm and D.Pharm students with an engaging campus orientation, introducing them to state-of-the-art laboratories, a modern library, and academic facilities.

The induction highlighted the importance of curiosity, research, and practical exposure in shaping their professional journey.

Creativity took center stage at the School of Design with the Induction Exhibition 2025, a spectacular showcase of imagination, innovation, and

design excellence.

Students presented their creative works, reflecting PCU's vision of nurturing design thinking and innovation from the very start of their academic journey.

The School of Law conducted its induction with distinguished guests, Hon'ble Shri Mahendra K. Mahajan, Principal District Judge, Pune, Hon'ble Shri Krishnakant Pandey, DIG IIM CRPF, and Hon'ble Shri Ashish Ranjan, Deputy Commandant, CRPF.

Meritorious students were felicitated, while eminent speakers inspired the freshers to uphold values of justice, discipline, and service.

The School of Computer Applications inducted the students with thought-provoking addresses by Dr. Deepak Shikarpur, Director, Kinetic Communications & Belsire Group of Industries and Mr. Amol Dhanpalwar, VP, Haptiq Labs.

The School of Sciences hosted its ceremony with Dr. Siddarth Dhende,



Book Recommendation:
Tuesdays with Morrie
-Mitch Albom

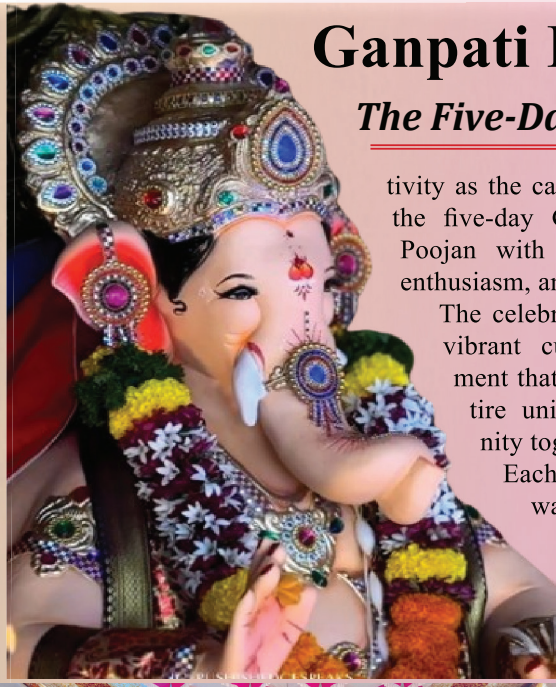
A timeless classic, beautifully captures the bond between a teacher and a student. This heartwarming book reminds us that teachers are not just academic guides, but lifelong mentors who shape our values and perspectives. It is an inspiring read for both students and educators, celebrating the deep impact of teaching and learning beyond the classroom.

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Movie Recommendation:
Movie Name: The Disciple (2020)
Directed by Chaitanya Tamhane, is a must-watch. The film beautifully explores the world of Indian classical music through the journey of Sharad Nerulkar, a devoted disciple striving for excellence while grappling with self-doubt and societal change. Slow-paced yet deeply moving, the movie reflects on passion, discipline, and the sacrifices behind pursuing art.

Ganpati Bappa Morya!!!: PCU Celebrates Ganesh Festival

The Five-Day Ganesh Festival brought along Enthusiasm, Devotion, Cultural Harmony



tivity as the campus celebrated the five-day Ganapati Bappa Poojan with deep devotion, enthusiasm, and unity.

The celebrations created a vibrant cultural environment that brought the entire university community together.

Each of the five days was devoted to Ganapati Bappa, with students, faculty members, deans, directors, heads of departments, the Pro Vice-Chancellor, and the Vice-Chancellor gathering daily to perform the Aarti with great zeal and

the fragrance of flowers, and the glow of lamps, creating an atmosphere of spirituality and positivity across the campus.

The celebrations were not only about rituals but also about fostering a sense of cultural togetherness and shared identity.

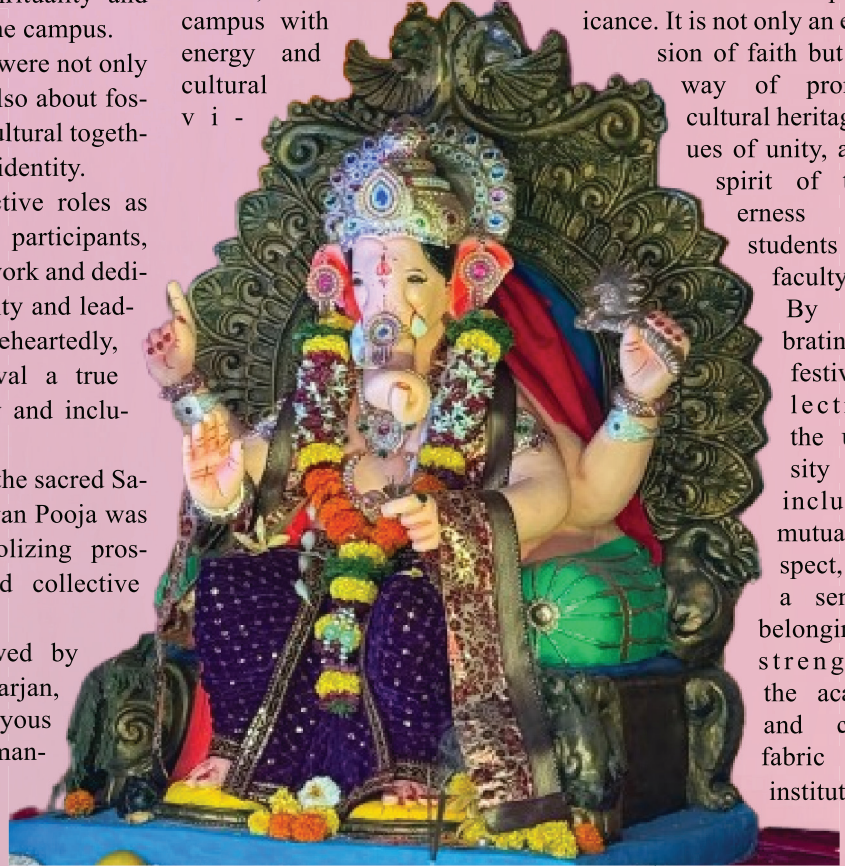
Students took active roles as coordinators and participants, showcasing teamwork and dedication, while faculty and leadership joined wholeheartedly, making the festival a true reflection of unity and inclusivity.

On the final day, the sacred Sanyanarayan Bhagwan Pooja was performed, symbolizing prosperity, peace, and collective well-being.

This was followed by the Ganapati Visarjan, carried out in a joyous yet disciplined manner.

The farewell procession, accompanied by the rhythmic

beats of the traditional Dhol Pathak, filled the campus with energy and cultural vibrance.



brance.

The celebration of Ganesh Utsav at PCU holds deep significance. It is not only an expression of faith but also a way of promoting cultural heritage, values of unity, and the spirit of togetherness among students and faculty.

By celebrating this festival collectively, the university fosters inclusivity, mutual respect, and a sense of belonging that strengthens the academic and cultural fabric of the institution.

Pimpri Chinchwad University, came alive with colors of faith and festi-

reverence.

The air was filled with the sound of devotional chants,

Glimpses of Induction: 2025-26



PCU'S INSIGHTS

Producer of Sairat, Jhund- Gargee Kulkarni Inspires, Inducts Batch of 2025

The Pune School of Media and Communication recently witnessed a vibrant and inspiring interaction as it hosted "A Dialogue with Industry Expert" featuring the dynamic filmmaker, writer, actor, producer, and proud owner of Aatpat Production House, Ms. Gargee Kulkarni.

Adding further depth to the event, celebrated costume designer Ms. Priyanka Dubey, known for her outstanding work in films such as Sairat, Jhund, and Fandry, also graced the occasion.

The session was a perfect blend of storytelling and mentorship. With her signature charm and candor, Ms. Kulkarni unfolded her incredible journey in cinema, highlighting her experiences while juggling roles as producer, director, writer, and performer.



She shared anecdotes from her blockbuster films and candidly reflected on the challenges, learning curves, and the magic of creative collaboration.

Encouraging the new batch of 2025, she urged students to pursue their passions fearlessly and reminded them that "the road less travelled" often leads to the most fulfilling journeys. Her words

ignited confidence among the students, reassuring them that dedication and courage can carve extraordinary paths in the media and entertainment industry.

The event turned into a lively two-way dialogue, with students enthusiastically engaging in thought-provoking discussions. From storytelling techniques to production nuances and sustaining creativity in a competitive field, Ms. Kulkarni and Ms. Dubey provided invaluable insights



that bridged the gap between academia and the real world of cinema.

By hosting such interactive and insightful sessions, the Pune School of Media and Communication reaffirms its commitment to providing students not just academic knowledge but also real-world perspectives—empowering them to dream bigger, think bolder, and shine brighter in the ever-evolving media universe.

Exploring India's Supercomputing Prowess



Pimpri Chinchwad University recently organized an enriching industrial visit to the National PARAM Supercomputing Facility (NPSF) at the Centre for Development of Advanced Computing (C-DAC), Pune.

The visit aimed to provide students with firsthand exposure to India's remarkable advancements in high-performance computing (HPC).

As part of PCU's initiative to bridge academic learning with real-world technological progress, the visit offered students valuable insights into the evolution and significance of supercomputers in India.

They explored the architecture, operations, and diverse

applications of leading supercomputers in areas such as artificial intelligence, climate modeling, bio-informatics, and cybersecurity.

The NPSF, a flagship initiative by C-DAC under the Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology (MeitY), Government of India, plays a crucial role in supporting cutting-edge research and industrial innovation. By showcasing indigenous capabilities, it reflects India's vision of technological self-reliance and global competitiveness in the supercomputing domain.

Students had a transformative experience that not only broadened their technical knowledge but also deepened their appreciation of how HPC infrastructure contributes to national progress and future innovations.

“One child, one teacher, one book, one pen can change the world.” - Malala Yousafzai

PCU'S bhāshyam

“Teaching is the profession that teaches all the other professions.”

Expressions Beyond Words

FOR HER TO FLY, SHE HAD TO WALK

She stood in the midst of the crowd
Present, but never truly there.
She felt heard, yet not understood,
Her dreams dancing somewhere
in the air.

She looked up and whispered to God,
“Please... give me wings so I can fly.”
But silence answered her trembling
plea,
And shadows gathered in the sky.

It was a long, dark night
A solitary path in a jungle deep.
No hand to hold, no voice to guide,
Only memories and thoughts that
wouldn't sleep.

She stumbled, again and again,
Her bruises told stories of pain.
She cried out in desperation,
But her voice dissolved in the rain.

With rage and sorrow tangled in her
soul,
She screamed at the heavens above:
“Why this suffering? Why this ache?”

Haven't I given enough?”

But the silence taught her something
A quiet truth from deep within:
The only light she'd ever need
Was the one that glowed beneath her
skin.

Her heart became her compass,
Its rhythm steady, wild, and true.
It showed her paths through the
thorns,
Even when doubt blocked her view.

She walked oh, she walked
Even when her legs trembled and
gave in.
She fell, she bled, she broke in places,
Yet always rose again.

With every fall, fear lost its grip.
Her feet grew stronger, calloused,
wise.

And slowly, with every step she took,
The night surrendered to the rise.
Then came the dawn
Soft light kissed her tear-stained
face.

The jungle thinned, the sky turned
clear,
And she emerged with quiet grace.

Around her now, feathers danced
Wings, not given, but grown.
Forged from faith, built on scars,
Crafted by the strength she'd always
known.

Wings made of
Her belief in herself,
Her will shaped by adversity,
Her courage to keep moving forward,
Her refusal to surrender to defeat.

She looked up again and smiled
through tears.
She thanked God not for sparing her
the storm,
But for teaching her to walk through
it.
Because now she knew,
For her to fly, she had to walk.

Expressed by
Vedant Kaware
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WHO IS THE REAL SUPERHERO???

The one who soars across the sky,
With power shining in their eye,
Is not a hero, fantasy-born,
He walks beside us, quite forlorn.
He walks beside us, quite forlorn.
No cape or mask, yet strong and true,
In crowds, he blends from every view.

For those who fly or wield great might,
Aren't always battling for the right.
For villains, too, may rise and glide,
But real strength comes from deep
inside.

Let's shine a light on traits that gleam,
Revealing what makes a heart re-
deem.

One who gifts a smile with gentle
grace,
And lifts lost hope in every place.
Never gives up or lets you fall,

Listens, respects, embracing all.
Someone quietly waiting near,
Within our hearts, always here.

But fear's a villain we all know-
“What will people think?”-it strikes
us low.
So tell me now, before you're through:
Are heroes out there, or here in you?

“Remember, the greatest power lies
not in flying or superhuman strength,
but in the courage to be kind, to stand
for what is right, and to believe in our-
selves.”

Expressed by **Tanaya Jagat-**
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“Education is the kindling of a flame, not the filling of a vessel.”
- Socrates

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“Educating the mind without educating the heart is no education at all.” – Aristotle

PCU Celebrates Teachers' Day with Gratitude & Joy



Pimpri Chinchwad University (PCU) celebrated Teachers' Day with immense enthusiasm, gratitude, and joy, honoring the mentors who inspire, guide, and shape the future of students.

The occasion provided a wonderful platform for students and faculty to come together in the spirit of respect, appreciation, and celebration.

The event featured heartfelt performances, speeches, and creative expressions by students, all of which reflected their admiration and gratitude for their teachers.

The vibrant atmosphere on campus was filled with warmth and positivity as students highlighted the pivotal role teachers play in nurturing not only aca-

ademic excellence but also personal growth, values, and character.

Teachers' Day holds special significance as it commemorates the birth anniversary of Dr. Sarvepalli Radhakrishnan, a great philosopher, teacher, and former President of India.

His vision of education as a means to build responsible citizens continues to inspire generations.

At PCU, this day served as a reminder of the timeless value of mentorship and the life-changing influence of teachers in shaping young minds.

The celebration also underscored the university's belief that teachers are the true pillars of nation-building. Their relentless efforts in guiding students with knowledge, wisdom, and compassion create the foundation for a brighter future.

Students expressed that the day was not only about celebration but also about reinforcing their commitment to carrying forward the lessons and values instilled by their teachers.

On this special occasion, PCU extended its deepest appreciation to all teachers for their selfless dedication, patience, and contribution to society.

Their guidance continues to illuminate the path of learning and growth for generations to come.

School of Law Unveils Replica of the Constitution of India

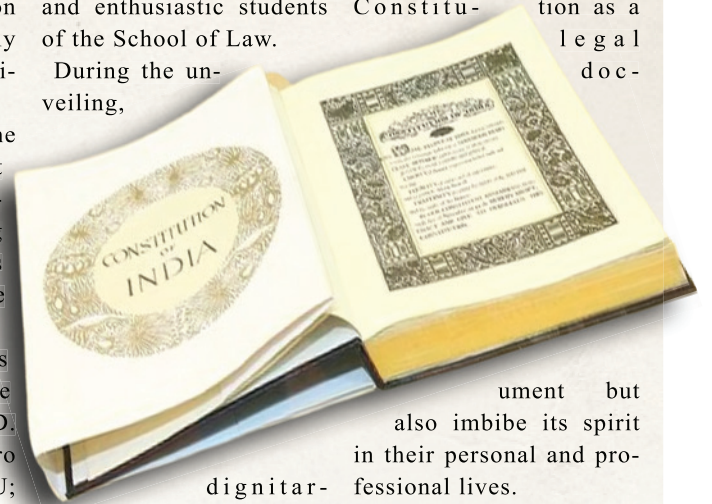
The School of Law, Pimpri Chinchwad University (PCU), in collaboration with the PCU Library, proudly hosted the unveiling ceremony of the replica of the Constitution of India, now permanently displayed at the University Law Library.

The initiative reflects the university's commitment to instilling constitutional values and promoting awareness about India's rich democratic heritage among its students.

The ceremony was graced by the presence of Prof. (Dr.) Sudeep D. Thepade, Hon'ble Pro Vice Chancellor, PCU; Dr. Pandit Vidyasagar, Governing Body Member, PCU; Dr. Archana Rathor,

Director – Library; Mr. Pradeep Kumar Yadav, Dean, School of Law; and Mr. Priyank Rana, HOD, School of Law, along with esteemed faculty members and enthusiastic students of the School of Law.

During the unveiling,



The significance of the Constitution as the backbone

of Indian democracy, emphasizing its role in safeguarding justice, liberty, equality, and fraternity.

They encouraged students to not only study the Constitution as a legal doc-

ument but also imbibe its spirit in their personal and professional lives.

The event created an inspiring atmosphere, serving as a reminder of the sacrifices and vision of the framers of the Constitution.

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India-Korea Ties Strengthen at PCU PCU x KOSME: A New Era of International Collaboration

Pimpri Chinchwad University marked a significant milestone by hosting the PCU-KOSME MoU Signing Ceremony, along with the inauguration of the Korea Facilitation Centre and the official launch of the KOSME Training Program. The ceremony, held at the PCU campus, witnessed the gracious presence of several esteemed dignitaries.

The Chief Guest for the event was His Excellency Yoo Dongwan, Consul General of the Republic of Korea. He was joined by the Guest of Honour, Mr. Jae Kyung Lee, Chairman of KOSME, GBC Center.

This landmark event signifies a powerful collaboration between PCU and the Korea SMEs and Startups Agency (KOSME), aimed at fos-

tering global opportunities for students and strengthening academic-industry partnerships.

The event was presided over by Shri Harshwardhan Patil, Chancellor, PCU.

Other notable attendees included Shri Sanjay (Bala) Bhegade, Former State Minister of Maharashtra; Dr. Girish Desai, Executive Director, PCET, Shri Sachin Itkar, G.B Member, Dr. Kirti S. Dharwadkar, Director & Principal, SBIPM (PCET), Dr. H. U. Tiwari, Principal, PCCOER (PCET); Dr. Ganesh Rao, Director, Pune Business School (PCET).

Their presence added immense value and emphasized the importance of fostering global cooperation in higher education.

The event also saw the participation of Dr.

Govind Kulkarni, Vice Chancellor; Dr. Sudeep Thepade, Pro Vice Chancellor; along with Deans, Directors, Heads of Departments, and faculty members of PCU, reflecting the strong institutional support behind this collaboration.

"The partnership between PCU and KOSME promises to unlock transformative opportunities for both students and faculty. Under this agreement, students will gain access to international training and certification programs, internships, and career opportunities in leading Korean multinational companies, stated Shri Harshwardhan Patil.

They will also have the chance to work on high-impact

research and innovation projects in emerging domains such as electric vehicles, semiconductors, artificial intelligence, and information technology.

The newly inaugurated Korea Facilitation Centre will serve as a dedicated hub for coordinating these initiatives and supporting students in building globally relevant careers. Additionally, the KOSME Training Program will introduce participants to Korean business culture and language, fostering inter-

cultural understanding and preparing them for global professional environments.

Speaking at the event, dignitaries highlighted that such international collaborations are pivotal in supporting Maharashtra's vision of becoming a \$1 trillion economy. They noted that partner-

ships like these not only enhance academic excellence but also contribute to economic development by nurturing a globally competent, innovation-driven workforce.



PCU's INSPIRA' Empowers Students with Insights on Corporate Readiness and Global Opportunities



Pimpri Chinchwad University successfully organized an inspiring session under its flagship Industry Leader Lecture Series, "PCU's INSPIRA", focused on the theme "General Awareness on Corporate Requirement from Freshers."

The keynote address was delivered by Dr. Prasad Pradhaan, a veteran from the global financial sector and former advisor to the Prime Minister's Office (PMO).

The session served as a platform for students to gain valuable exposure to corporate expectations, global opportunities, and skill-based learning pathways essential for thriving in today's competitive professional environment.

The guest was felicitated by Dr. Girish Desai, Executive Director,

PCET, in recognition of his outstanding contributions to industry and academia.

Dr. Pradhaan's lecture offered deep insights into the democratization of marketing, highlighting how digital transformation has made marketing more inclusive, data-driven, and opportunity-rich. He introduced students to the 3R Framework, Responsible, Relevant, and Resilient, urging them to adopt these principles in their professional growth.

Addressing the importance of early career decisions, he advised students to choose their first job profiles strategically, aligning them with long-term aspirations and emerging industry trends. Encouraging an entrepreneurial mindset, Dr. Pradhaan emphasized the significance of aligning with the vision of Atmanirbhar Bharat (Self-Reliant India) and the vast possibilities emerging through India's GCC Policy and the FinTech revolution.

The interactive session saw enthusiastic participation from students, who engaged in discussions about global policies, visa trends, and cross-sectoral career opportunities in fields such as finance, fintech, and pharmaceuticals.

Adding to the day's insights, Dr. Girish Desai, Executive Director of PCET, delivered a motivational and forward-looking address that deeply resonated with the students.

He contextualized the discussion within the current global geopolitical landscape, underscoring India's growing prominence in the international arena. Dr. Desai encouraged students to stay informed about globalization trends, international trade, and evolving global partnerships, which are crucial for shaping successful, future-ready careers.

Speaking on global employment transitions and H1B visa reforms, Dr. Desai motivated students to remain undeterred by challenges and instead focus on skill enhancement, adaptability, and cross-cultural competence.

He reminded them that India's robust economic growth continues to create a wealth of global career opportunities.

Dr. Desai also shared practical advice on placement readiness, including the development of effective communication skills, professional etiquette, and personal branding.

Highlighting PCET's commitment to global learning, he spoke about the PCU Korea Facilitation Centre and KOSME Training Program, initiatives that enable students to gain international exposure and collaboration opportunities with Korean enterprises.

The session concluded on an inspiring and enthusiastic note, leaving students motivated to embrace the values of responsibility, resilience, and readiness, truly embodying the spirit of "PCU's INSPIRA."

PCU Bags 'Academic Excellence' Award



Pimpri Chinchwad University (PCU) has been recognized with the prestigious "Academic Excellence in University Program" award at the Times Education Icons, hosted by The Times of India.

This honour reflects PCU's unwavering commitment to quality education, innovation, and student-centric growth.

The award was received on behalf of the university by Dr. Sudeep Thepade, Pro Vice Chancellor, and Dr. Anil Maheshwari, Registrar of PCU.

Their presence at the ceremony symbolized the dedication and

vision that the university's leadership brings to building an academic environment rooted in excellence and future-readiness.

This remarkable achievement is the result of the collective efforts of the entire PCU community from the relentless hard work of students to the visionary guidance of the management, the commitment of faculty, and the steady support from administrative staff.

Every contribution has played a key role in earning the recognition.

PCU extend heartfelt gratitude to everyone who has been part of this journey.

At PCU, the mission goes beyond traditional education. PCU strive to empower students with the knowledge, skills, and mindset they need to shape their futures and contribute meaningfully to the world.

The award not only validated the efforts but also inspired to keep raising the bar in academic excellence.

Here's to many more milestones and continued success- together, we learn, grow, and lead!

Book Recommendation:

The Last Lecture

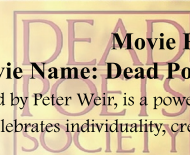
-Randy Pausch

The Last Lecture by Randy Pausch is an inspiring, heartfelt, and deeply moving reflection on life, dreams, and legacy. Written by a computer science professor at Carnegie Mellon University after being diagnosed with terminal cancer, the book expands on his famous "last lecture" — a talk titled "Really Achieving Your Childhood Dreams."



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Movie Recommendation:
Movie Name: Dead Poets Society (1989)

Directed by Peter Weir, is a powerful and emotional film that celebrates individuality, creativity, and the courage to think freely. Robin Williams shines as an inspiring teacher who awakens his students' passion for poetry and life.

Sanedo Dandiya Eve!!!

A Celebration of Culture, Colors & Togetherness!

Pimpri Chinchwad University turned into a vibrant canvas of colors, music, and celebration as it hosted the much-awaited 'Sanedo Dandiya Eve', marking the grand onset of the Navratri festival season. The campus radiated festive energy as students, faculty,

and staff came together to celebrate one of India's most cherished cultural festivals with unbridled enthusiasm and joy. The evening unfolded into a spectacular celebration of rhythm and tradition. The beats of dhol and the melodies of Garba filled the air as students twirled and danced in synchronized circles, creating a mesmerizing

spectacle of color and movement. The fusion of traditional Gujarati "Sanedo" tunes and contemporary music kept the crowd grooving late into the evening, making every moment feel alive and festive. The campus was beautifully adorned with colorful lights, rangolis, and festive decorations that brought the spirit of Navratri to life. Dressed in traditional attire the dazzling ghagras, chaniya cholis, and kediyus, participants lit up the venue with their radiant smiles and vibrant outfits. It was not just a dance evening but a celebration of cultural pride, diversity, and community spirit.

The joyous laughter, rhythmic claps, and swirling ghagras transformed the evening into an unforgettable cultural spectacle. The event witnessed enthusiastic participation from across departments, symbolizing unity in diversity a reflection of PCU's inclusive campus culture. Students from various states joined hands, dancing together to the rhythm

of Garba, embodying the true essence of Navratri, devotion, energy, and collective joy. Beyond the music and dance, the event also celebrated the deeper cultural significance of Navratri, the triumph of good over evil, light over darkness, and positivity over negativity. Faculty members and organizers lauded the students for their enthusiastic participation and the event committee for orchestrating such a grand celebration with seamless execution.

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PCU'S INSIGHTS

Veteran Actor Dr. Amit Behl Inspires Students at PCU



brings his vast experience and industry expertise into the classroom, mentoring students to bridge the gap between academic learning and real-world media practices. The day-long interactive session, filled with insight, laughter, and learning, left students deeply inspired and motivated to explore the world of media and performance with renewed passion. With a career spanning over three decades, Dr. Behl has made remarkable contribu-

tions to theatre, television, cinema, and web media. From his iconic debut in 'Shanti' India's first daily soap to performing in more than 100 television shows and 30 films, he has been a constant presence in India's evolving entertainment landscape. Apart from his work as an actor, Dr. Behl has served as the General Secretary of the Cine & TV Artists Association (CINTAA) from 2015 to 2024 and is currently a

governing council member of MESC, where he actively contributes to policy-making, training, and skill development for India's creative workforce. During his visit, he shared valuable insights on the evolution of Indian cinema, changing audience dynamics, and the importance of storytelling in today's digital age. His anecdotes from sets, reflections on the acting profession, and advice on career building in the media industry resonated deeply with both junior and senior students. The session concluded with an engaging Q&A, where Dr. Behl encouraged students to pursue creativity with discipline, empathy, and integrity the true hallmarks of a successful media professional.

Learning Beyond Classrooms



In a remarkable initiative to bridge academic learning with real-world experience, the MBA International and BAAI students of the School of Management, PCU, successfully completed an Industrial Visit to Paul John Distillery. The visit aimed to provide students with a holistic understanding of industrial operations, production techniques, and the business strategies that drive global beverage brands. During the visit, students explored the distillery's state-of-the-art manufacturing units, learning about the intricate processes involved in fermen-

tation, distillation, blending, and quality assurance. Experts at the distillery also explained the brand's adherence to global standards and sustainability practices that have positioned Paul John as one of India's leading names in premium beverages worldwide. The interactive session gave students valuable exposure to the international business ecosystem, supply chain management, and marketing approaches within the beverage sector. It also offered an in-depth perspective on how traditional craftsmanship aligns with modern technology and innovation to create products that appeal to global consumers.

“The beautiful thing about learning is that nobody can take it away from you.” - B.B. King

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“Tell me and I forget. Teach me and I remember. Involve me and I learn.” Benjamin Franklin

Expressions Beyond Words



Expressed by Prathmesh Swami (F.Y B.Tech)

BEAUTY OF OCTOBER

Congratulations!!! PCU is Proud of You.....

Dr. Girish Desai Felicitated at Lokshahi Pashchim Maharashtra Samvad

It was a moment of pride and honor for Pimpri Chinchwad Education Trust (PCET) and Pimpri Chinchwad University (PCU) as Dr. Girish Desai, Executive Director, PCET Pune, was felicitated at the prestigious Lokshahi Pashchim Maharashtra Samvad 2025, held at The Orchid Hotel, Balewadi, Pune.

The felicitation was presented by Mr. Vishal Patil, Managing Editor of Lokshahi Marathi News, in recognition of Dr. Desai's remarkable contribution to the field of education and his commitment to fostering intellectual and social dialogue across Maharashtra.

Reflecting on the occasion, Dr. Desai emphasized the importance of academic institutions in nurturing critical thinking and public discourse. He reiterated PCU's dedication to supporting initiatives that encourage constructive dialogue and contribute to the state's educational and social development.



Dr. Amruta Desai Honored with Global Inspirational Award 2025



Adding another feather to the cap of Pimpri Chinchwad University (PCU), Dr. Amruta Desai, Assistant Professor, School of Sciences has been conferred with the Global Inspirational Award 2025 under the category of Women Leaders in Education and Research.

This prestigious recognition celebrates her outstanding research contributions in the field of Plant Molecular Biology and Pathology, where her work has significantly advanced understanding of plant defense mechanisms and sustainable agricultural practices. Dr. Desai's dedication to academic excellence, innovative research, and her role as a mentor to young scholars have established her as a leading figure in the scientific and academic community. The university community extends heartfelt congratulations to Dr. Amruta Desai for this remarkable achievement and her continuous pursuit of excellence in science and education.

Prof Ruchu Kuthiala & Dr. Rupali Rokade honoured with Career Educationist Award

A proud moment for PCU as two of its distinguished faculty members, Prof. Ruchu Kuthiala, Dean, School of Sciences, and Dr. Rupali Rokade, Assistant Professor, School of Sciences were conferred with the prestigious Career Educationist Award 2025 at Principal and Teacher Meet. The award was conferred recognizing their successful participation and contribution to the workshop on Mentoring and Career Counselling Techniques. The award celebrates educators who have demonstrated exceptional commitment to guiding and mentoring students, empowering them to make informed academic and professional choices.

PCU extends heartfelt congratulations to both awardees for bringing pride and honor to the institution through their remarkable contributions to education and mentorship.



“Think Health, Think Pharmacist” PCU Celebrates World Pharmacist’s Day

The School of Pharmacy, Pimpri Chinchwad University, celebrated World Pharmacist's Day 2025 with immense enthusiasm, aligning with

the global theme- “Think Health, Think Pharmacist.” The celebration highlighted the indispensable role of pharmacists as

healthcare professionals dedicated to promoting safe, effective, and rational use of medicines, while fostering awareness about public health and wellness.

The event began with a grand awareness rally, where students and faculty marched with banners, posters, and

slogans that emphasized the contribution of pharmacists to the healthcare ecosystem.

The rally spread an important message to the local community pharmacists are not just medicine providers, but essential healthcare advisors ensuring medication safety and responsible drug use.

One of the main attractions of the celebration was a captivating drama performed by students, which portrayed real-life healthcare situations showcasing the critical role of pharmacists as a bridge between doctors and patients.

Continuing the spirit of awareness, the School of Pharmacy also observed National Pharmacy Week 2025 through impactful outreach programs.

Students and faculty conducted street plays and awareness rallies in Lonavala, Vadgaon, and Talegaon, sensiti-

ziting citizens about the safe use of medicines, healthcare practices, and the essential role pharmacists play in community well-being.

The event was graced by several dignitaries, including Mr. Rajesh Ramaghare (Senior Police Inspector, Lonavala City Police Station), Mr. Nikhil Kavishwar (Nagar Adhyaksha, Lonavala), Mr. Kanhaiya Thorat (Senior Police Inspector, Talegaon Police Station), and Mr. Kumar Kadam (Senior Police Inspector, Vadgaon Maval). The guests commended the university for empowering students with a sense of social responsibility and applauded their community outreach efforts.

The celebration was guided by three core objectives enhancing public awareness about the role of pharmacists in healthcare, promoting the pharmacy profession as a vital pillar of the medical system, and encouraging student engagement in health-focused outreach initiatives.

- by Sarthak Rake



“Once you stop learning, you start dying.”
-Albert Einstein

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“Education is not the filling of a pail, but the lighting of a fire”
- William Butler Yeats

Smart India Internal Hackathon 2025 Concludes on a High Note at PCU



The Smart India Internal Hackathon 2025 at Pimpri Chinchwad University concluded on an inspiring and successful note, celebrating innovation, teamwork, and technological creativity.

The event brought together some of the brightest young minds from across disciplines, all driven by a shared mission to solve real-world problems through digital innovation and smart solutions.

Around 101 teams registered for the event and, 67 teams presented their groundbreaking project ideas before the expert panel, showcasing exceptional creativity, problem-solving ability, and technical expertise.

Following a rigorous evaluation process,

45 teams were shortlisted for the next stage, while 5 teams were placed on a waiting list, reflecting the high standard of innovation and competition throughout the event.

The success of this mega event was made possible through the continuous encouragement and visionary leadership of Executive Director Dr. Girish Desai, Vice Chancellor Dr. Govind Kulkarni, Pro Vice Chancellor Dr. Sudeep Thepade, and Dr. Pandit Vidyasagar. Their guidance and motivation inspired students to think beyond conventional boundaries and embrace innovation as a way of learning.

The university also acknowledged the valuable guidance of Director, III Dr. Pranav Charkha and Dean, School of Engineering and Technology (SOET) Dr. Vijay N. Patil, whose academic mentorship and strategic insights shaped the event's success.

A special mention was made of the distinguished jury members Dr. Aniket Kulkarni, Dr. Sagar Shinde, Dr. Uma Patil, Dr. Sanjeevkumar Angadi, and Mr. Amey Tambe from Techno Sam, Pune whose expertise and constructive feedback played a pivotal role in assessing and enriching the participants' innovations.

PCU Signs MoU with Sogang University, South Korea

Pimpri Chinchwad University, under the aegis of PCET, achieved another milestone in its journey toward global academic excellence by signing a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with Sogang University, South Korea.

The MoU signing ceremony, held at PCU's campus, marked the beginning of a promising partnership between two globally respected institutions.

The event was graced by distinguished delegates from Sogang University Prof. Lee KyooTai, Vice President of Research Affairs, and Prof. Kim Dong Taek, Professor, Department of Global Korean Studies.

Also present was Ms. Yujin Han, Strategic Ad-

visor at iHUB DivyaSampark, IIT Roorkee, and CEO of STARAJIN, South Korea, who shared her valuable perspectives on fostering innovation-driven collaborations between India and South Korea.

The ceremony was attended by Dr. Govind Kulkarni, Vice Chancellor, PCU, and Dr. Sudeep Thepade, Pro Vice Chancellor, PCU, along with Dean Directors, Heads of Departments and senior faculty members reflecting the university's strong leadership commitment towards internationalisation and global engagement.

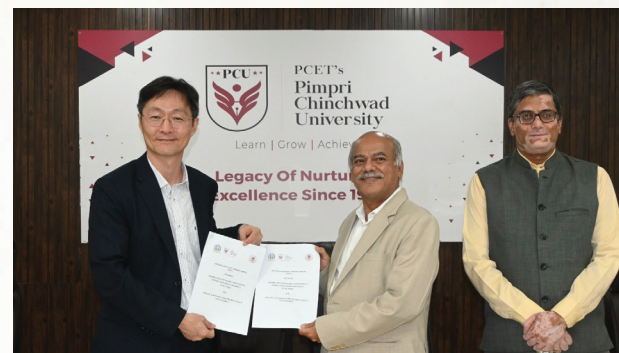
Speaking at the event, PCU officials emphasized that this collabo-

ration aims to enhance research partnerships, faculty and student exchange programs, and joint academic initiatives.

The partnership is envisioned to provide PCU students with global exposure and opportunities to engage in diverse, cross-cultural learning environments.

Prof. Lee KyooTai, who also serves as Vice Director of Research and Business Development (R&BD) at Sogang University, underscored the significance of building robust academic bridges between India and South Korea. He stated that collaborative research and knowledge exchange are essential to addressing the shared challenges of the modern world.

Echoing this sentiment, Prof. Kim Dong Taek, former Dean of Admission at Sogang University, expressed optimism that this partnership would pave the way for new avenues of academic excellence and cultural understanding between both nations.



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PCU Strengthens Global Academic Presence Through Sakal Aicon & Educon London 2025 Delegation

Pimpri Chinchwad University, Pune marked a significant stride in their global academic vision by participating in the prestigious Sakal Aicon London 2025 and Sakal Educon London 2025 delegations.

These initiatives brought together leaders from Maharashtra's prominent universities on an academic visit to some of the most reputed higher education institutions across the United Kingdom.

The visit was organised with the objective of strengthening India-UK educational ties through collaborative discussions on research, teaching excellence, cultural exchange,

and faculty-student mobility programs.

During this international engagement, the delegation had the privilege of interacting with several eminent education leaders, including Shri Sanjay Patil, President of the D.Y. Patil Education Group, and Prof. Bhalerao, along with other distinguished academics and administrators.

These interactions facilitated rich dialogues on global academic innovation, emerging trends in higher education, and the evolving needs of future-ready institutions.

The discussions reaffirmed the collective commitment

of Indian universities to align with global benchmarks and to contribute actively to the international academic community.

A major highlight of the visit was the delegation's interaction at the University of Bath- School of Management, recognised as one of the United Kingdom's premier business schools.

The team met Professor Dan Davies and engaged in meaningful conversations on collaborative opportunities such as joint research initiatives, international academic programs, and faculty and student exchange possibilities.

The visit opened new avenues

for institutional partnership and laid the groundwork for future engagements that can benefit students, researchers, and faculty members from both nations.

Representing PCET and PCU in this distinguished delegation were Dr. Girish Desai, Executive Director of PCET; management representatives Shri Ajinkya Kalbhor and Shri Narendra Landge, Dr. Sudeep Thepade, Pro Vice Chancellor of PCU; Shri R. G. Biradar, Director of Admissions and Outreach; Prof. Dr. Anuradha Thakare, Professor and Head of CSE (AI & ML) at PCCOE Pune.

Their participation un-

derscored the institution's dedication to expanding its global network and creating meaningful academic partnerships that promote innovation and excellence.

This international engagement aligns closely with the vision of Pimpri Chinchwad University, which aspires to become a world-class centre of learning known for academic excellence, in ter-disciplinary innovation, and global collaboration. PCU is firmly committed to nurturing students into responsible, skilled, and globally aware individuals through quality education, research-driven learning, and international exposure.

By embracing global partnerships and fostering a culture of innovation, the university aims to contribute significantly to shaping the future of higher education in India.

The participation of PCET-PCU in the Sakal Aicon and Educon London 2025 delegation marks a promising step toward expanding the university's global footprint. It reinforces the institution's long-term commitment to building bridges of knowledge, strengthening international academic cooperation, and creating transformative learning experiences for its students and faculty.



PCU Hosts UK Education Fair-Achievers Edition, Strengthening Global Academic Opportunities

Pimpri Chinchwad University (PCU) successfully hosted the UK Education Fair Achievers Edition, creating a dynamic and inspiring platform for students aspiring to pursue international education.

Organised in collaboration with the National Indian Students and Alumni Union (NISAU) and the University of East London, and supported by the British Council, the event brought together prominent UK universities, global education experts, and young learners from across the region.

The fair witnessed enthusiastic participation from students keen to explore overseas academic pathways, world-ranked institutions, and specialised programs in diverse fields.

Representatives from leading UK universities interacted directly with students, offering insights on admissions, aca-

ademic structures, scholarship opportunities, and career prospects in the global job market. The fair served as a valuable forum for one-on-one guidance, enabling students total education requirements and align their aspirations with the right institutions.

The event highlighted PCU's growing emphasis on providing global exposure and future-ready opportunities to its students. By hosting international education fairs and fostering partnerships with reputed global institutions, the university continues to strengthen its commitment to internationalisation, industry-aligned learning, and transformative educational experiences.

The Achievers Edition of the UK Education Fair stood as a testament to PCU's dedication to empowering students with the knowledge, networks, and confidence needed to succeed on the world stage.



PCU Welcomes New Vice Chancellor, Dr. Santosh Sonavane



Pimpri Chinchwad University, proudly announces the appointment of Dr. Santosh S. Sonavane as its new Vice Chancellor.

A seasoned academic leader with an impressive legacy of institutional transformation, Dr. Sonavane brings with him over 26 years of rich administrative and teaching experience, including 16 years in senior leadership roles across some of India's most prestigious educational organisations. Dr. Sonavane has previously served as Chief Operations Officer, Founding Vice Chancellor, Pro-Vice Chancellor, Dean, Campus Director, and Principal at institutions such as Amity University (Noida), Vijaybhoomi University (Mumbai), Symbiosis Skills & Professional University, Ajeenkya DY Patil University, Modern Education Society, Dr. DY Patil Technical Campus, and MIT Pune.

His expertise spans both greenfield university setups and the transformation of brownfield institutions, making him a highly accomplished and visionary leader in the higher education landscape. An alumnus of the University of Pune, Dr. Sonavane completed his B.E. in Electronics in 1998, followed by a Ph.D. in Electronics Engineering from IIT Dhanbad in 2009. PCU warmly welcomes Dr. Santosh S. Sonavane and looks forward to his inspiring leadership in steering the university toward new heights of academic and institutional excellence.

PCU Hosts University of Worcester Delegation, Strengthening International Academic Partnerships

PCU, Pune, had the honour of hosting an esteemed delegation from the University of Worcester, United Kingdom, marking a significant advancement in PCU's ongoing efforts to build strong global academic linkages and collaborative opportunities.

The visit reinforced the university's commitment to fostering meaningful international partnerships that enhance learning, research, and cross-cultural exchange.

The distinguished delegation comprised Mr. Harkirat Sahni, Regional Advisor (South Asia); Dr. Paulo Mora-Avila, Senior Lecturer in Public Relations, Sustainability, Brand Management and Corporate Reputation, and International Partnership Manager; Ms. Lauren Jack, Regional Manager (South Asia); and Dr. Nick Slade, Deputy Pro Vice Chancellor International & External Affairs at the Uni-

versity of Worcester.

Their visit aimed at deepening institutional cooperation and exploring avenues for joint initiatives that could benefit students and faculty from both universities.

During the interaction sessions, discussions centred around academic collaboration, exchange programs, joint research prospects, and co-designed academic modules aligned with global industry needs.

The event was graced by the presence of PCU's respected Vice Chancellor, Dr. Santosh S. Sonavane. The visit from the University of Worcester delegation marks yet another milestone in PCU's mission to broaden its international collaborations, enrich academic experiences, and create global opportunities for its students and faculty.



Book Recommendation:

The Kite Runner

-Khaled Hosseini

The story follows Amir and Hassan, two boys from different social backgrounds whose lives are shaped by friendship, betrayal, and redemption. Though centred on a deeply emotional narrative, the novel beautifully captures the festive rhythms of Afghan culture, especially during Eid, Nowruz, and traditional kite-fighting festivals.

PCU's Bhashyam

Movie Recommendation:

Movie Name: Coco (2017)

Set against the vibrant backdrop of Mexico's iconic festival Día de los Muertos (Day of the Dead), Coco is a heartfelt and visually stunning film that celebrates family bonds, traditions, and the spiritual beauty of remembering loved ones. It beautifully blends music, folklore, and festive visuals, making it one of the most emotionally rich films inspired by cultural festivities.

PCU Hosts Pitch Fest 2025:

Showcasing Innovation and Entrepreneurial Talent from Across India

Pimpri Chinchwad University, Pune, through its Institution's Innovation Council (IIC), successfully organised the PCU Pitch Fest 2025, a landmark event designed to empower young innovators, strategic thinkers, and aspiring entrepreneurs.

The initiative aimed to transform creative ideas into impactful ventures, providing a national platform for students to showcase their potential in contributing to India's rapidly expanding innovation ecosystem.

More than a competition, the Pitch Fest served as a nurturing launchpad encouraging imagination, addressing real-world challenges, and fostering meaningful entrepreneurial spirit.

The event drew an over-

whelming 100+ registrations from 22 states, representing the diverse and vibrant creative energy of the country. After a rigorous screening process, 35 exceptional participants were selected to present their ideas to an elite jury panel.

Each pitch was evaluated not just on innovation, but also on feasibility, sustainability, and its ability to address societal needs. The quality of presentations, combined with the passion displayed by the participants, made the Pitch Fest a compelling showcase of India's next generation of problem-solvers.

The distinguished jury comprised prominent industry leaders and experts: Mr. Satyajit Kulkarni, Associate Director and Head

of CSR & Consultancy; Mr. Yogiraj Deokar, retired member of MCED; Ms. Archana Pachankar, CEO, CIL, PCCOE; and Ms. Kalyani Raje, Founder, Decipher Market Research.

Their guidance, professional insights, and constructive feedback added immense value to the event, helping participants sharpen their ideas and better understand the expectations of the entrepreneurial landscape. The jury's presence elevated the Pitch Fest, setting a high standard of evaluation and mentorship.

The event was further graced by the presence of Honourable Vice Chancellor Dr. Santosh S. Sonawane, Registrar Prof. (Dr.) Anil Maheshwari, alongside es-

teemed Directors, Deans, faculty members, and a highly enthusiastic student audience. Their participation and encouragement underscored PCU's commitment to advancing an educational culture where learning extends far beyond traditional classroom boundaries.

Aligned with the university's vision of fostering innovation-driven, experiential learning, the Pitch Fest offered participating teams not only recognition and prizes but also access to mentorship, incubation opportunities, and potential funding avenues. These opportunities empower students to convert their concepts into viable ventures, nurturing their confidence and entrepreneurial capabilities.

The event concluded with a series of remarkable pitches that received acclaim for their originality and impact. Many participants expressed their eagerness to refine their ideas further with the guidance of mentors and industry leaders who showed interest in supporting their innovative journeys.

The PCU Pitch Fest 2025 stands as a proud testament to Pimpri Chinchwad University's mission of cultivating visionary thinkers, fostering a culture of innovation, and contributing meaningfully to India's dynamic startup landscape. Through such initiatives, PCU continues to empower students to become architects of change, shaping a future driven by creativity, technology, and purpose.



School of Media and Communication Visit the Film Set of Nagraj Manjule's Upcoming Film "Khashaba"

Students from the Pune School of Media and Communication at Pimpri Chinchwad University had an exceptional experiential learning opportunity as they visited the shooting floor of acclaimed filmmaker Nagraj Manjule during the production of his much-awaited Marathi film Khashaba.

The visit offered students a unique, behind-the-scenes perspective into the world of professional filmmaking, allowing them to witness firsthand how creative vision is meticulously translated into cinematic reality.

During the visit, students observed the functioning of a live film set and gained exposure to the technical and artistic processes involved in filmmaking.

An interactive session with Director Nagraj Manjule, along with the Heads of key departments, enriched the learning experience. They shared insights on direction, cinematography, production design, costumes, sound, and the complex synchronisation required to

bring each frame to life. Students also had the opportunity to ask questions, enabling them to connect theoretical concepts with real industry practices.

The discussion highlighted the importance of teamwork, creative problem-solving, and discipline on a film set, offering students a practical understanding of concepts they study in the

classroom. Witnessing the collaborative dynamics between the director, crew members, and performers allowed students to appreciate the depth, intricacy, and coordination that define the cinematic craft. For media and communication students aspiring to build careers in film, television, advertising, and digital content production, the visit served as a powerful real-world learning engagement. It not only deepened their understanding of filmmaking techniques but also inspired them by demonstrating the dedication, precision, and

artistry that go into creating impactful cinema.

This visit also encouraged students to think critically about storytelling approaches, visual narratives, and the evolving language of contemporary Indian cinema. Engaging with one of the industry's most celebrated filmmakers broadened their creative perspectives and motivated them to explore bold and original storytelling ideas of their own. The experiential initiative reflects PCU's commitment to industry-driven learning, hands-on exposure, and preparing students for creative and professional excellence in the media world. By facilitating such immersive academic experiences, Pimpri Chinchwad University continues to bridge the gap between education and industry, empowering students to confidently step into the competitive and ever-evolving field of media and entertainment.



“If you can fill the unforbearing minute
With sixty seconds’ worth of distance
run, Yours is the Earth and everything
in it”- Rudyard Kipling

PCU'S bhashyam

“Tell me and I forget. Teach me and I
remember. Involve me and I learn.”
Benjamin Franklin

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Expressed by Sarthak Rake (F.Y B.Tech)



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PCU Samarpan Club Spreads Festive Cheer with “Joy of Giving Initiative” at Kalashram Orphanage



In the true spirit of Diwali, the PCU Samarpan Club, along with the School of Pharmacy at Pimpri Chinchwad University, organised a heartwarming Joy of Giving initiative by visiting the Kalashram Orphanage in Talegaon Dabhade. The visit aimed to share festive happiness, offer essential support, and inspire students through acts of compassion and community service.

Faculty members and students from the School of Pharmacy generously donated Diwali faral, daily essentials, and other necessities, ensuring

that the children at the orphanage could celebrate the festival of lights with equal joy and warmth. The interaction with the children offered students a meaningful opportunity to understand empathy, social responsibility, and the true value of giving back to society.

The visit was filled with smiles, conversations, and heartfelt moments, creating an atmosphere of togetherness and festive joy. It also reinforced the university's ongoing commitment to nurturing socially responsible citizens who contribute positively to the community.

PCU extended deepest gratitude to everyone who contributed to making the initiative impactful and memorable, the wonderful children of Kalashram for their warmth, the supportive orphanage staff for their hospitality, the dedicated volunteers and faculty members for their compassion, and the donors whose generosity made this celebration possible. The collective efforts of PCU's staff and students brought hope, happiness, and festive cheer, truly embodying the essence of Diwali.



TCS HackQuest Awareness Session Conducted at PCU

Pimpri Chinchwad University's Industry Institute Interaction Cell successfully organised the TCS HackQuest Awareness Session, an initiative aimed at familiarising students with emerging trends in cybersecurity, industry expectations, and the competitive landscape of technology-based problem-solving.

The session provided a comprehensive overview of the TCS HackQuest platform, a prestigious national-level cybersecurity competition that attracts some of the brightest technical minds from across the country. Students participated with great enthusiasm, engaging deeply with the concepts presented during the session.

They gained valuable exposure to real-world cybersecurity challenges, practical

problem-solving approaches, and key skills required to excel in this fast-evolving domain.

The session also shed light on the recruitment pathways and career opportunities within Tata Consultancy Services (TCS), helping students better understand how participation in HackQuest can enhance their professional prospects.

The initiative reflects PCU's commitment to creating productive industry-academia interactions that prepare students for future-ready careers. By hosting such sessions, the university continues to strengthen its focus on equipping learners with cutting-edge knowledge, hands-on experiences, and opportunities to explore high-demand global career avenues.



Red Hat Day @ PCU Celebrates Innovation, Technical Excellence Through RHA Challenge 2025

(PCU) proudly hosted the Red Hat Academy (RHA) Challenge 2025, marking a vibrant celebration of technology, innovation, and emerging talent on campus.

The event brought together aspiring tech enthusiasts who showcased their expertise in Red Hat technologies, open-source tools, and problem-solving skills in a dynamic and competitive environment.

Red Hat Day at PCU served as an exciting platform for students to demonstrate their technical

capabilities in real-time scenarios while also gaining valuable exposure to industry-recognised enterprise technologies. Participants engaged in hands-on challenges that tested their proficiency, cre-

ativity, and ability to apply open-source solutions to practical problems reflecting the growing relevance of Linux, cloud technologies, and automation in the modern tech world.

The enthusiasm and determi-

nation displayed by the students made the event a remarkable success. Their strong performances highlighted the depth of technical talent at PCU and reaffirmed the university's efforts to nurture industry-ready professionals through experiential learning and global technology collaborations. PCU congrat-

ulated all participants for their outstanding contribution, passion for technology, and commitment to excellence. The success of the RHA Challenge 2025 further strengthens the university's mission to encourage innovation, support emerging tech leaders, and build a robust ecosystem for future-ready learning.



“No matter how hard the past is, you can always begin again.”

PCU'S Bhashyam

“A journey of a thousand miles must begin with a single step.”

- Lao Tzu

NextGen Innovators Club Inaugurated at PCU with Inspiring Insights from Industry Leader



Pimpri Chinchwad University marked a significant step toward fostering innovation and technological excellence with the inauguration of the NextGen Innovators Club, held in the presence of esteemed industry expert Mr. Manoj Suresh, Director at AWS Neura Flash Private Limited, who graced the occasion as the Chief Guest.

Addressing the gathering of students, faculty, and budding innovators, Mr. Suresh delivered an inspiring keynote on the power of innovation, emerging technologies, and the importance of continuous learning in an ever-evolving digital world.

His insightful perspectives encouraged students to think beyond conventional

boundaries and approach creativity with purpose and impact. His interaction with the audience proved to be both motivational and enlightening, setting the tone for the club's mission to nurture future-ready innovators.

The event witnessed the dedicated efforts of Dr. Manisha Khadse, Club Coordinator, whose meticulous planning, guidance, and leadership played a key role in bringing the vision of the NextGen Innovators Club to life. Her commitment to fostering a culture of creativity and collaboration at PCU has established a strong foundation for the club's future activities.

The inauguration was further supported by Dr. V. N. Patil and the faculty members of the CSE AI & DS Department, whose encouragement and involvement ensured the event's success. Their continued support reflects PCU's focus on building platforms that empower students with experiential learning and industry engagement.

With the launch of the NextGen Innovators Club, PCU takes another stride toward creating a vibrant ecosystem where ideas evolve into impactful projects and innovations. The university looks forward to cultivating a community that thrives on curiosity, creativity, and transformational thinking.

Purpose-Driven Learning Session at PCU Inspires Students to Thrive in an AI-Powered Future

PCU, in collaboration with Coursera, successfully hosted a transformative learning session titled “Purpose-Driven Learning: The Human Foundation for Flourishing in an AI-Powered Economy.” The event served as a thought-provoking exploration of how purpose, values, and human-centered thinking can shape meaningful careers in a rapidly evolving digital world.

The session was led by Dr. Victor Strecher, a pioneering professor at the University of Michigan's School of Public Health and a globally recognised thought leader in the field of purpose

and wellbeing. Dr. Strecher captivated both students and faculty with his engaging perspectives on the need to cultivate personal purpose in an era dominated by artificial intelligence, automation, and technological disruption.

Through interactive discussions, real-world examples, and compelling research insights, Dr. Strecher highlighted how aligning personal values with academic and professional aspirations can significantly enhance creativity, resilience, and long-term fulfilment.

He emphasised that while AI will continue to reshape work as we know

it, human qualities such as meaning, empathy, connection, and purpose will remain irreplaceable in driving innovation and well-being.

The session strongly resonated with the PCU community, encouraging students to think beyond traditional career pathways and approach their futures with a sense of intention and clarity.

The experience also underscored PCU's commitment to providing global learning opportunities and integrating holistic, future-focused education into its academic environment.

In partnership with leading international platforms like Coursera, PCU continues to prioritise purpose-centric learning, global exposure, and industry-relevant insights ensuring that students are not only career-ready but also equipped to lead meaningful, purpose-driven lives in an AI-powered economy.



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Dr. Girish Desai Honoured with India CSR Impact Leader Award 2025 at National Leadership Summit

Pimpri Chinchwad Education Trust and Pimpri Chinchwad University marked a proud and momentous occasion as Dr. Girish Desai, Executive Director - PCET & PCU, was invited as a Special Guest of Honour at the 16th India CSR Leadership Summit & Awards 2025, held at the prestigious PHD House, New Delhi.

At this nationally acclaimed platform, Dr. Desai was conferred with the India CSR Impact Leader Award 2025, a distinguished recognition presented by Dr. Bhaskar Chatterjee, widely regarded as the Father of Indian CSR.

The award acknowledges Dr. Desai's over three decades of exemplary leadership, his unwavering commitment to inclusive and value-driven education, and his transformative contributions towards sustainable community development and social empowerment.

The India CSR Leadership Summit is one of the country's most respected forums dedicated to advancing Corporate Social Responsibility, bringing together eminent CSR policymakers, academicians, corporate leaders, development practitioners, and social



change-makers.

The summit aims to strengthen a future-ready CSR ecosystem aligned with national priorities and global sustainability goals.

During the summit, Dr. Girish Desai was accorded the distinguished honour of felicitating eminent speakers, industry leaders, and special invitees, further underscoring his stature as a thought leader in the domain of education-led social transformation.

He also represented PCET-PCU's legacy of over 34 years, showcasing

the institution's sustained excellence in socially responsible education, community engagement, and nation-building initiatives.

Under Dr. Desai's leadership, PCET and PCU have consistently emphasized education as a powerful tool for social change, with focused initiatives in education access, employability enhancement, skill development, and community empowerment.

The recognition at the India CSR Leadership Summit reinforces the institution's vision of integrating academic excellence with social responsibility.

This achievement stands as a testament to PCET-PCU's continued efforts in contributing meaningfully to India's developmental journey through impactful, purpose-driven, and CSR-led initiatives, and further strengthens its position as an institution committed to inclusive growth and sustainable progress.

PCU Signs MoU with International Business University, Canada

Pimpri Chinchwad University, achieved a significant milestone in its internationalisation journey with the successful signing of a Memorandum of Understanding with International Business University (IBU), Canada. The MoU marks the beginning of a high-impact global academic partnership aimed at fostering international cooperation in education, research, and innovation.

This strategic collaboration is envisioned to create global learning opportunities for students and faculty, promote joint research initiatives, and encourage the development of innovation-driven academic programs aligned with emerging global trends and industry requirements.

The partnership reflects a shared commitment by both institutions to nurturing globally competent graduates and strengthening cross-border academic ecosystems.

The MoU signing ceremony was held in New Delhi and was graced by the presence of Dr. Shankar Deosarkar, Director - International Relations, PCU and Dr. Feridun Hamdullahpur, Chancellor, International Business University, Canada. Their presence underscored the mutual intent of both institutions to build sustainable and meaningful international academic collaborations.



Hon. Chancellor Shri Harshwardhan Patil Engages in Leadership Dialogue with HODs at PCU

Pimpri Chinchwad University had the honour of welcoming Hon. Chancellor Shri Harshwardhan Patil to the university campus for a comprehensive review of ongoing academic activities and key institutional initiatives.

The visit underscored the university leadership's continued commitment to academic excellence, institutional growth, and student-centric development.

This interaction held special significance as it marked the first official leadership dialogue following the appointment of the new Vice Chancellor, Dr. Santosh Sonavane.

The meeting provided an important platform for constructive engagement between the university leadership and Heads of Departments (HODs), fostering open dialogue and collaborative planning.

During the interaction, discussions focused on enhancing academic quality, strengthening departmental performance, and ensuring effective imple-

mentation of academic and administrative initiatives across schools and departments.

Emphasis was placed on aligning departmental goals with the strategic vision of the university, with a clear focus on student development, academic innovation, and outcome-based education.

Hon. Chancellor Shri Harshwardhan Patil shared valuable insights and guidance on leadership, governance, and institutional responsibility, encouraging departments to adopt forward-looking approaches and best practices in teaching, research, and academic administration. The dialogue also reinforced the importance of teamwork, accountability, and continuous improvement in achieving long-term institutional objectives.

The visit and interaction served as a significant step in strengthening leadership engagement at PCU, setting a clear direction for collaborative efforts aimed at nurturing academic excellence and creating a robust, student-focused learning ecosystem.



PCET and Pimpri Chinchwad University Host University of Cambridge Delegation to Explore Global Academic Collaborations

Pimpri Chinchwad Education Trust and Pimpri Chinchwad University were delighted to host a distinguished delegation from the University of Cambridge

at the PCET campus, marking an important step towards strengthening international academic engagement and global learning opportunities for students and faculty.

The delegation comprised Ms. Sarah Hales, Senior Regional Manager South East Asia; Ms. Asha Patel, Deputy Regional Manager; and Dr. Nirupama Kocherlakota, Internationalization Consultant. The visit facilitated an enriching and forward-looking interaction focused on expanding academic pathways, research collaboration, and student mobility between the institutions.

The esteemed guests were formally felicitated by the PCET leadership, including Shri Dnyaneshwar Landge, Chairman; Smt. Padma Tai Bhosle, Vice-Chairperson; Shri Vitthal S. Kalbhor, Secretary; Shri Shantaram Garade, Treasurer; and Mr. Ajinkya Kalbhor, Management Representative, reflecting the institution's commitment to fostering meaningful global partnerships.

Key discussions during the visit centred on academic advancement opportunities for PCET and PCU students, with the Cambridge team providing detailed insights into scholarships and funding options available for meritorious students aspiring to pursue Master's and PhD programmes at the University of Cambridge. These opportunities were highlighted as significant avenues for support-



ing academically bright learners in accessing world-class education.

The interaction also explored student collaboration initiatives, including summer schools and semester-abroad programmes, which

would enable undergraduate students to study as full members of the University of Cambridge.

These programmes are graded, accompanied by certificates of completion, and may also be credit-bearing, subject to consultation with the home university, thereby enhancing students' global academic exposure.

Further areas of discussion included joint faculty research initiatives, student participation in international management conferences, and the proposal of an International Hackathon to be organised by the Engineering Department at PCCOE, Pune, in 2026, aimed at promoting innovation, problem-solving, and global collaboration among students.

The engagement was coordinated and supported by Dr. Roshani Raut, Head International Relations; Dr. Aishwarya Gopalakrishnan, Head, European Studies; Dr. Sonali D. Patil; Dr. Anuradha Thakare, along with PCET staff members, who were present during the interaction.

The visit of the University of Cambridge delegation reaffirmed PCET and PCU's vision of internationalisation, reinforcing their commitment to providing globally relevant academic opportunities, fostering research excellence, and preparing students to thrive in an increasingly interconnected world.

Book Recommendation:

A Christmas Carol by Charles Dickens

A timeless literary classic that explores goodwill, compassion, redemption, and the transformative power of self-reflection. The book's message of empathy and renewal makes it especially relevant for both the Christmas spirit and the idea of new beginnings as the year turns.



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Movie Recommendation:

Movie Name: It's a Wonderful Life (1946)

Directed by Frank Capra, this iconic film is a profound reflection on purpose, gratitude, and the unseen impact of one individual's life on others. Set during Christmas, it carries a universal message that extends seamlessly into the New Year.

PCU Signs MoU with Partex.AI to Advance AI and Technology Innovation

Pimpri Chinchwad University achieved another significant milestone with the successful signing of a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with Partex.AI.

This strategic collaboration marks an important step towards strengthening academic-industry partnerships and advancing education, research, and innovation in the rapidly evolving fields of Artificial Intelligence and technology.

The MoU signing ceremony was conducted in the esteemed presence of Mr. Rajesh Patil, Head Corporate Affairs, Forbes Marshall and Governing Body Member, PCU; Mr. Gaurav Tripathi, Co-founder and Chief Technology Officer, Partex.AI; and Prof. Juergen Scheele, MD, PhD, Chief Medical Officer and Senior Vice President, Partex.AI.

Their presence highlighted the shared vision of both institutions to integrate academic excellence with

cutting-edge industry practices.

This collaboration is designed to create meaningful learning and research opportunities for students and faculty, including exposure to real-world AI applications, collaborative research projects, and innovation-driven initiatives aligned with industry needs.

The partnership is expected to enhance skill development, foster interdisciplinary research, and support the development of future-ready talent in emerging technology domains.

By partnering with Partex.AI, PCET and PCU reaffirm their commitment to innovation-led education, industry engagement, and the promotion of advanced technological research.

The university looks forward to a productive and impactful association with Partex.AI, aimed at nurturing talent, driving innovation, and contributing to the broader technological ecosystem.

Strengthening Indo-Korean Collaboration

Dr. Girish Desai Represents PCU at Korea SMEs & Startups Day 2025

Pimpri Chinchwad University, marked a significant step forward in advancing global partnerships for SME and startup growth as Dr. Girish Desai, Executive Director PCET, was invited as a Special Dignitary to the Proclamation Ceremony of Korea SMEs & Startups Day (K-SS Day) 2025.

The prestigious event was jointly organised by the Korea SMEs and Startups Agency (KOSME), the Korean SMEs Association in India (KOSMA), and the Federation of Indian Micro and Small & Medium Enterprises (FISME) at the KOSME Global Business Center, Gurugram.

The ceremony witnessed the presence of eminent Korean leaders and key ecosystem stakeholders, including Mr. Seok-jin Kang, President, KOSME; Mr. Dong-Sung Pak, Vice Chairman, KOSMA; Mr. Jae Kyeong Lee, Director, KOSME; and Ms. Yujin Han, CEO, StaraJin.

The gathering served as an important platform to strengthen bilateral cooperation between India and Ko-

rea in the areas of entrepreneurship, innovation, and SME development.

During the event, Dr. Girish Desai was felicitated for his significant contributions to advancing Indo-Korean academic industry collaboration, fostering innovation-driven initiatives, and supporting the growth of SMEs and startups through education and institutional partnerships.

In a gesture symbolising mutual respect and collaboration, Dr. Desai also felicitated Mr. Seok-jin Kang in recognition of his leadership role in enhancing Korea-India SME cooperation.

As part of the ongoing MoU between KOSME Global Business Center, New Delhi, and PCET's Pimpri Chinchwad University, meaningful discussions and exchanges were held on key focus areas, including academic-industry partnerships for innovation, startup and SME development, technology and knowledge collaboration, and global entrepreneurship opportunities.



PCU Observes Constitution Week with Panel Discussion on "Women Empowerment in the Indian Constitution"

Pimpri Chinchwad University observed Constitution Week with an insightful and thought-provoking panel discussion on "Women Empowerment in the Indian Constitution", aimed at creating deeper awareness about women's rights and the constitutional provisions that uphold gender equality.

The event witnessed enthusiastic participation from students and faculty of the School of Law.

The programme commenced with a traditional lamp-lighting ceremony, symbolising the values of knowledge and justice enshrined in the Constitution.

The session was anchored by Amruta Yadav and Radha Rani.

As part of the opening segment, students viewed an inspiring video highlighting the contributions

of the 15 women members of the Constituent Assembly, followed by a soulful Constitution-themed song presented by Archana Awsarmol.

A special tribute to noted feminist writer and social activist Kamla Bhasin was presented by Ms. Shreya, Assistant Professor, School of Law, along with Bhumiika Singh.

Excerpts from Understanding Gender were shared, setting a reflective and intellectually engaging tone for the discussion.

The panel discussion was subsequently moderated by Ms. Shreya, who guided the conversation with clarity and purpose.

PCU was honoured to host a distinguished panel of speakers comprising Mrs. Maya Vijay Yewale, Director, Atharva Yewale Social Foundation; Mr. Mahadev Waghmare, Journalist and Professor, Bafna College; Mr. Sandeep Bhegade, Reporter, Sakal; and Ms. Reshma Bhandari, Senior Advocate, Pune and Vadgaon Maval District Court.

The panelists offered insightful perspectives on Articles 14, 15, and 16 of the Indian Constitution, underlining their significance in ensuring equality and non-discrimination for women.

They also addressed contemporary challenges such as workplace bias, unequal pay, domestic violence, cyber harassment, and the critical need for greater representation of women in leadership and decision-making roles.

The interactive session saw active student participation, with thought-provoking questions on women's safety, workplace rights, legal awareness, and equal opportunities, making the discussion both engaging and impactful.



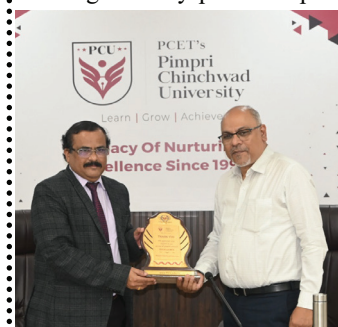
PCU Welcomes Senior Industry Leaders from Mahindra Vehicle Manufacturing Ltd.

Pimpri Chinchwad University had the privilege of welcoming senior industry leaders from Mahindra Vehicle Manufacturing Ltd., marking an important step towards strengthening industry-academia collaboration and experiential learning opportunities for students.

The university hosted Mr. Sameer Rawte, Vice President, Product Quality (Personal Vehicle, Auto Sector), Mahindra Plant, and Mr. Ashutosh Gondhalaykaar, Head Product Quality, Mahindra Auto, Chakan (ICE Engines). Their visit brought valuable industry insights and reinforced the importance of aligning academic learning with real-world industrial practices.

The distinguished guests were warmly felicitated by the Hon. Vice Chancellor, Dr. Santosh Sonavane, in recognition of their professional contributions and their engagement with the university community. The interaction provided a platform for meaningful dialogue on quality standards, manufacturing excellence, and evolving industry expectations.

The visit underscored PCU's commitment to fostering strong industry partnerships that enhance student exposure to practical applications, support innovation-driven learning, and prepare graduates to meet contemporary industry requirements. Such engagements play a vital role in bridging the gap between academia and industry, contributing to the development of skilled, industry-ready professionals.



“The good will is not good because of what it effects or accomplishes, but because of its volition—that is, it is good in itself.” - Immanuel Kant

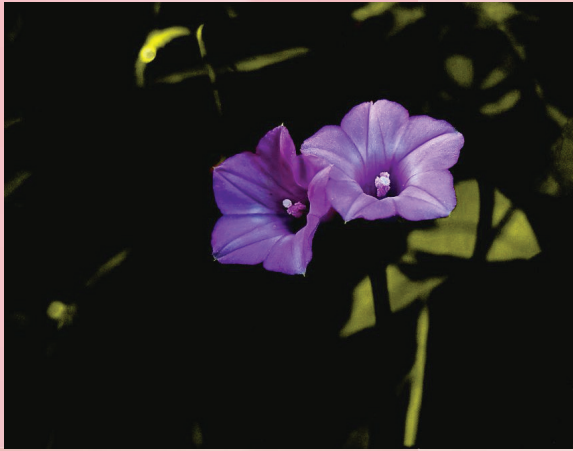


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“It is never too late to be what you might have been.” - George Eliot

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PCU Marks Strong Presence at DIDAC India 2025 with Leadership Engagement and Global Showcasing



Pimpri Chinchwad University, Pune, proudly marked its presence at DIDAC India 2025, Asia's largest exhibition and conference dedicated to the education and skills sector, held at Yashobhoomi (India International Convention and Expo Centre – IICC), New Delhi.

The event was further highlighted by the visit of Dr. Girish Desai, Executive Director, PCET, who actively engaged with global educators, academic innovators, and industry leaders participating in the exhibition.

His interactions focused on exploring emerging trends in ed-

ucation, skill development, and technology-enabled learning, reinforcing PCU's commitment to academic excellence, innovation, and international collaboration.

Adding to PCU's impactful participation, the university showcased its Korean Facilitation Centre and Cosme Learning Centre through dedicated stalls at the event. Established by PCU, these centres reflect the university's strong global partnerships and its focus on providing future-ready, industry-aligned learning opportunities for students.

The stalls attracted considerable interest from delegates, highlight-

ing PCU's initiatives in international education, skill enhancement, and cross-cultural academic engagement.

PCU's presence at DIDAC India 2025 reaffirmed its strategic vision of staying aligned with global educational advancements while actively contributing to the national and international discourse on education and skills development.

The participation also strengthened the university's positioning as a forward-looking institution committed to building globally competent graduates through innovation-driven and collaborative academic practices.



PCU Observes National Pollution Control Day with Tree Plantation Drive

Pimpri Chinchwad University marked National Pollution Control Day with the organisation of a meaningful and impactful Tree Plantation Drive on its campus, reaffirming its commitment to environmental sustainability and responsible campus practices.

The initiative was graced by the presence of Dr. Santosh S. Sonavane, Vice Chancellor, PCU, who actively participated in the drive along with members of the PCU team.

Their involvement added significance to the event and highlighted the university leadership's dedication to promoting ecological awareness and sustainable development among students, faculty, and staff.

The tree plantation drive aimed at encouraging collective responsibility towards

environmental conservation, emphasizing the role of educational institutions in addressing issues such as pollution control, climate change, and ecological balance.

By planting saplings across the campus, the university took a tangible step towards enhancing green cover and fostering a healthier learning environment.

Through such initiatives, PCU continues to sensitise its academic community to the importance of small yet consistent actions that contribute to long-term environmental impact. The observance of National Pollution Control Day through this drive reflects the university's vision of nurturing socially responsible citizens and contributing to a greener, cleaner, and healthier future for generations to come.



PCU's "Silence... Pune is Reading" Initiative Celebrates Reading Culture

Pimpri Chinchwad University (PCU), Pune, successfully organised the landmark reading initiative "Silence... Pune is Read-

ing" at the Swami Vivekananda Library, witnessing enthusiastic participation from students, faculty members, and avid readers.

Record for Collective Reading, while reinforcing the university's commitment to nurturing



a strong reading culture on campus. The initiative was organised by the Swami Vivekananda Library, PCU, in collaboration with the Pune Book Festival 2025, transforming the library space into a vibrant hub of silent reading and intellectual engagement.

The event marked a significant step towards achieving a World Record for Collective Reading, while reinforcing the university's commitment to nurturing a strong reading culture on campus.

The overwhelming response and active participation from the PCU academic community played a crucial role in the success of the event. Students and faculty alike contributed to creating a focused and serene reading environment, symbolising the collective pursuit of knowledge and lifelong learning.

The initiative not only encouraged habitual reading but also highlighted the importance of libraries as dynamic centres of ac-

ademic and cultural enrichment.

"Silence... Pune is Reading" stood as a celebration of the joy of reading and the transformative power of books, aligning with PCU's broader vision of holistic education. By associating with the Pune Book Festival 2025, the university further strengthened its engagement with the city's literary ecosystem and promoted reading as a shared social and intellectual experience.

The success of the event has brought PCU a step closer to creating history through a World Record for Collective Reading, while reaffirming its role as an institution that values knowledge, culture, and community participation.

“Nothing is predestined: the obstacles of your past can become the gateways that lead to new beginnings.”

PCU'S Bhashyam

“Life is a series of natural and spontaneous changes. Do not resist them; that only creates sorrow.”- Lao Tzu

PCU Strengthens Industry Engagement at Global TPO & HR Summit 2025, Hyderabad

Pimpri Chinchwad University Pune, proudly participated in the Global TPO & HR Summit 2025, held in Hyderabad, reaffirming its commitment to strengthening industry connect and enhancing student employability.

PCU was represented at the summit by Dr. Shitalkumar Rawandale, Dean Centralised Training and Placement Cell, Pimpri Chinchwad Education Trust and Pimpri Chinchwad University; Shri Pan-kaj Sonar, Training and Placement Officer; and Shri Rahul Udata Udatha, Assistant Training and Placement Officer.

Their participation highlighted the university's proactive approach towards aligning academic outcomes with industry expectations.

The summit was organised by the Telangana TPO Association (TTPOA) under the visionary leadership of Dr. Shitalkumar Rawandale, and brought together Training and Placement Officers and HR leaders from across the country.

The event served as a dynamic plat-



form for deliberations on future employability skills, evolving recruitment trends, and strengthening HR-academia collaboration in

a rapidly changing job market.

During the summit, the PCU delegation actively engaged in knowledge-sharing sessions, panel discussions, and networking interactions with industry professionals and academic peers.

These interactions enabled the team to gain valuable insights into best practices in placements, talent acquisition strategies, and industry expectations, while also exploring new avenues for industry partnerships, internships, and placement opportunities for PCU students.

PCU's participation in the Global TPO & HR Summit 2025 reflects the university's continued efforts to build strong industry linkages and ensure that students are equipped with relevant skills, industry exposure, and career-ready competencies, in line with national and global employment trends.

School of Pharmacy, PCU Organises Industrial Visit to NuLife Pharmaceutical Pvt. Ltd.

The School of Pharmacy, Pimpri Chinchwad University, Pune, successfully organised an industrial visit to NuLife Pharmaceutical Pvt. Ltd., Pimpri, Pune, for students of the D.Pharmacy programme, providing them with valuable industry exposure and practical insights into pharmaceutical operations.

The visit proved to be highly informative, offering students firsthand understanding of real-time pharmaceutical processes, quality control practices, and industrial workflows followed in a professional manu-

facturing environment. Through this experiential learning opportunity, students were able to bridge the gap between classroom learning and industry application.

The D.Pharmacy students displayed keen enthusiasm and active participation throughout the visit, engaging with industry professionals and gaining clarity on various aspects of pharmaceutical production and operations.

Such interactions helped enhance their understanding of industry expectations

and professional practices within the pharmaceutical sector.

The industrial visit was coordinated by Ms. Ankita P. Jatale under the guidance of Dr. Rajesh R. Patil, whose support and supervision ensured the smooth and effective conduct of the activity.

The School of Pharmacy continues to emphasise industry-oriented learning and practical exposure as an integral part of its academic approach, enabling students to develop the skills and knowledge required to succeed in the pharmaceutical industry.



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PCU's First Convocation Ceremony Marks a Grand Academic Milestone

Pimpri Chinchwad University (PCU), Pune, achieved a historic academic milestone with the successful conduct of its First Convocation Ceremony, marking the formal conferment of degrees and celebrating the academic accomplishments of its graduating students.

The prestigious ceremony was graced by Padma Bhushan Dr. Vijay P. Bhatkar, eminent scientist, philosopher, and institution builder, as the Chief Guest. Widely acclaimed as the architect of India's PARAM supercomputers and currently serving as the Chancellor of Nalanda University, Dr. Bhatkar added exceptional stature to the occasion. In his concise yet impactful address, he urged graduates to view education as a lifelong pursuit and emphasised the role of knowledge, ethics, and innovation in nation-building.

Dr. Nitin Raghunath Karmalkar, former Vice-Chancellor of Savitribai Phule Pune University, Pune, and presently serving as an Ombudsperson, attended the ceremony as the Guest of Honour. In his address, Dr. Karmalkar highlighted the importance of academic integrity, fairness, and social responsibility, encouraging students to uphold transparency and values in their professional and civic lives.

During the convocation, degrees were conferred upon more than 155 students from the School of Management and the School of Computer Applications, across programmes including MBA (General), MBA (International), MBA (Agri Business Management), MCA, and LL.M. In recognition of outstanding academic performance, four Gold Medals were awarded to meritorious students.



The ceremony was conducted in accordance with established academic traditions, commencing with the Academic Procession and the rendition of the Maharashtra Geet. This was followed by the formal opening of the Convocation by the Hon'ble Chancellor, Saraswati Pooja, lighting of the ceremonial lamp, and the felicitation of dignitaries.

In his Convocation Address, the Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor outlined the University's academic vision, institutional growth, and commitment to value-based, learner-centric education. He emphasised PCU's focus on fostering intellectual growth, research, innovation, social responsibility, and enduring human values.

The Hon'ble Chancellor, Shri Harshwardhan Patil, in his brief address, congratulated the graduating students and reaffirmed the University's mission to nurture responsible, industry-ready, and socially conscious professionals aligned with global standards.

On the solemn occasion, the University also

sought the blessings of Late Shri Shankarraoji Patil, Founder Chairman of Pimpri Chinchwad Education Trust (PCET), and Late Smt. Lilatai Shankarrao Patil, former President of PCET, whose vision and values continue to guide the institution. The leadership and guidance of Hon'ble Shri Harshwardhan Patil were acknowledged for shaping the University's academic and institutional progress.

The ceremony was attended by distinguished trustees, governing body members, and academic leaders, including Hon'ble Shri Dnyaneshwarji Landge, Chairman, PCET; Hon'ble Shri-mati Padmatai Bhosale, Vice Chairman, PCET; Hon'ble Shri Vitthalji Kalbhor, Secretary, PCET; Hon'ble Shri Shantaramji Garade, Treasurer, PCET; Hon'ble Shri Rajendrajji Jagdale, Director General and CEO, Science and Technology Park, Pune; Hon'ble Dr. Pandit Vidyasagar, former Vice-Chancellor, SRTMU Nanded; Hon'ble Dr. Girish Desai, Executive Director, PCU; along with members of the Governing Body, management,

faculty, and staff.

The convocation concluded with the Vote of Thanks by the Registrar, the Declaration of Conclusion by the Hon'ble Chancellor, the National Anthem, and formal photographs, followed by the dignified exit of the Academic Procession.

Convocation is not merely the conferment of degrees; it is a solemn academic tradition marking the culmination of years of learning and the beginning of a lifelong journey of responsibility and service. Pimpri Chinchwad University, with a legacy of over three decades as a proud constituent of Pimpri

Chinchwad Education Trust (PCET), has consistently nurtured talent and transformed learners into competent professionals and responsible global citizens.

From Engineering, Management, Sciences, and Pharmacy to Media Studies, Design, Law, and Liberal Arts, the University offers graduate, post-graduate, and Ph.D. programmes aligned with student aspirations and global demands.

The First Convocation Ceremony of Pimpri Chinchwad University thus marked the beginning of a new chapter for its graduates and reaffirmed the institution's commitment to academic excellence, innovation, and societal contribution.

Congratulations to all PCU graduates. From journey at Pimpri Chinchwad University as students to the successful attainment of degrees, this moment stands as a celebration of your perseverance, dedication, and achievement.

Pimpri Chinchwad University is immensely proud of each graduate.

PCU Strengthens India-Japan Academic Engagements

Pimpri Chinchwad University, Pune, has taken a significant step towards strengthening global academic collaborations through its active participation in the India-Japan Higher Education Mission.

Dr. Santosh Sonavane, Vice-Chancellor, Pimpri Chinchwad University, was recently being on an official international visit to Japan as part of an Association of Indian Universities (AIU)-ACUMEN led delegation.

The strategic visit, organised by the Association of Indian Universities (AIU) in collaboration with ACUMEN, was conducted recently across Tokyo, Osaka, and Kyoto.

The mission aimed to foster long-term academic partnerships and deepen institutional cooperation between higher education institutions in India and Japan.

During the visit, Dr. Sonavane engaged in meaningful academic and institutional deliberations with

leading Japanese universities and organisations, including the University of Tokyo, Sophia University, Kyoto University of Advanced Science, and the Japan External Trade Organization (JETRO).

These interactions focused on identifying mutually beneficial areas of collaboration.

Key discussions centred on student and faculty exchange programmes, short-term and summer schools, joint research initiatives, and industry-academia partnerships, with particular emphasis on emerging domains such as technology, innovation, sustainability, and global talent development.

The visit marks an important milestone in PCU's internationalisation and global outreach efforts, opening new avenues for cross-cultural learning, collaborative research, and enhanced global exposure for students and faculty members.



PCU Showcases Global Education and Industry Engagement at Sakal Global Impact Forum 2026, Zurich



Pimpri Chinchwad University (PCU) marked a strong global presence at the Sakal Global Impact Forum 2026, held in Zurich, Switzerland, alongside global dialogues during the World Economic Forum (WEF) week. Dr. Girish Desai, Executive Director, PCET and PCU represented PCU at the prestigious international forum.

The forum highlighted Maharashtra's growing leadership in technology, investments, infrastructure, and global partnerships, positioning the state as a key contributor to international economic and innovation ecosystems.

The event was inaugurated by Hon'ble Shri Devendra Fadnavis, Chief Minister of Maharashtra, who also felicitated Dr. Girish Desai, Shri Sachin Itkar (Governing Body Member, PCU and Vice President, MEDC), and several leading industrialists from Maharashtra, recognising their contributions to global engagement and development.

During the forum, Dr. Desai engaged with global policymakers, industry leaders, and academicians to strengthen India-Switzerland collaboration, with a particular focus on education-industry partnerships, innovation-driven learning, and globally aligned skill development. Key international interactions included discussions with Mr. Florin Müller, H. C. Shri Nik Gugger, and Mr. Govind Sovale, reflecting PCU's commitment to fostering mean-



ingful global partnerships.

A key highlight of the forum was a fireside chat on "Maharashtra: Technology, Investments & Infrastructure," featuring Shri Kaustubh Dhavse and Shri Deependra S. Kushwah, which offered insights into Maharashtra's policy direction, investment climate, and infrastructure growth.

The forum was also graced by Hon'ble Shri Uday Samant, Minister of Industries, Government of Maharashtra, who interacted with delegates and industry leaders. On this occasion, Dr. Girish Desai presented a detailed report on GEC-Dubai to the Hon'ble Minister, who was introduced as the Chief Patron for GEC Dubai 2025.

Shri Uday Samant appreciated PCET and PCU's global vision, international outreach, and growing impact in the field of education and innovation.

The Sakal Media Group was prominently represented at the forum by Ms. Janhvi Pawar, Mr. Nilesh Khare, Shri Samrat Phadnis, Shri Rupesh Mutalik, Mr. Rahul Jadhav, and Ms. Shital Pawar, reinforcing the forum's strong media and global outreach.

Through its active participation at the Sakal Global Impact Forum 2026, PCU continues to strengthen India's global education and innovation narrative, reaffirming its commitment to international collaboration, industry integration, and future-ready education.

Book Recommendation:

Atomic Habits by James Clear

An ideal New Year read, this book highlights how small, positive habits can lead to meaningful long-term change. It offers practical insights for students and professionals looking to build focus, discipline, and sustainable success in the year ahead.



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Movie Recommendation: Movie Name: "The Pursuit of Happiness" (2006)

A deeply inspiring story that reflects the spirit of the New Year—perseverance in the face of adversity and the belief that every setback carries the potential for a fresh start. The film encourages viewers to pursue their goals with determination, discipline, and optimism.

Dr. Girish Desai Represents PCU at MCCIA Pune Expo 2025

Dr. Girish Desai, Executive Director PCET, Pimpri Chinchwad University, participated in the MCCIA Pune Expo 2025, at the Autocluster, Chinchwad.

Organized by the Mahratta Chamber of Commerce, Industries and Agriculture (MCCIA), Pune, the Expo emerged as a significant platform for strengthening India's Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSME) ecosystem.

The Expo was inaugurated in the august presence of Ms. Sudha Keshari, ADC-DCMSME, Government of India, as the Chief Guest, along with Mr. P. Velrasu, CEO, MIDC, and Mr. Pansare, Managing Director, MSSIDC, as Guests of Honour.

The inaugural ceremony marked a strong and promising beginning to the three-day industry-focused event.

MCCIA Pune Expo 2025 brought together key stakeholders from across the MSME landscape, including industry leaders, entrepreneurs, policymakers, financial institutions, and academic representatives. The event focused on policy awareness,

technological innovation, skill development, and sustainable enterprise growth, with an emphasis on manufacturing, services, rural industries, and agriculture-based enterprises. It served as a knowledge-sharing and networking platform, promoting collaboration and highlighting emerging opportunities for MSMEs at regional and national levels.

A moment of pride for the Pimpri Chinchwad Education Trust (PCET) was the felicitation received from Shri Prashant Girbane, Director General, MCCIA, in recognition of PCET's contribution as a Silver Sponsor for Pune Expo 2025.

The honour underscores PCET's continued commitment to fostering innovation, entrepreneurship, and holistic MSME development.

The presence of Team PCET at the Expo further reflected the institution's proactive engagement with industry and its sustained efforts to support India's growing MSME sector through education, collaboration, and knowledge exchange.

PCET Conferred 'Medal of Honor' at National Divine Aviation-Education-Culture Summit



Pimpri Chinchwad Education Trust (PCET) has been conferred with the prestigious "Medal of Honor" by the Defence Force League -DIFT Foundation at the National Level Divine Aviation-Education-Culture Summit, themed "Know Your Army."

The occasion also marked the launch of the inspiring 'Wall of Heroes' World Record Attempt Campaign, dedicated to honouring India's defence personnel.

The recognition acknowledges PCET's unwavering commitment to education grounded in values of honesty, dedication, and patriotism, and its meaningful contribution towards the national vision of Viksit Bharat and India@2047.

The honour reinforces the Trust's belief that education extends beyond knowledge dissemination to active nation building.

Adding to the pride of the institution, Dr. Girish Desai, Executive Director, Pimpri Chinchwad University (PCU), was personally honoured with the "Divine Shikshan Ratna Award" for his distinguished contribution to education.

The recognition further strengthens the institution's resolve to serve society through purpose-driven and value-based education.

The summit was inaugurated by Air Marshal Bhushan Gokhale (PVSM, AVSM, VM – Retd.) and graced by the Hon-

ourable Governors of Arunachal Pradesh and Mizoram. The event was also attended by Air Marshal Shashikumar Ramdas (Retd.), former Chairman and Director of Indian Airlines and Air India.

A key highlight of the summit was an insightful address by Dr. Anil Sahasrabudhe, Chairman, National Assessment and Accreditation Council (NAAC) and National Educational Technology Forum (NETF), who deliberated on NEP 2020, accreditation reforms, and the transformative role of digital technologies and artificial intelligence in enhancing institutional quality.

The summit witnessed the presence of eminent dignitaries, including Lt. Gen. Dr. Madhuri Kankar, Member, PM-STIAC and Vice-Chancellor, Maharashtra University of Health Sciences (MUHS), Nashik, along with Lt. Gen. Rajeev Kankar. Lt. Gen. Dr. Madhuri Kankar was specially honoured as a Paramvirangana. Several prestigious awards were also presented, including the Sword of Honor Award to MIT ADT University, Pune, received by Dr. Sunita Karad.

Other distinguished attendees included Mrs. Suvrita Saxena (DGCA), Air Cmde. Surendra Tyagi (Retd.), Padmashri Muralikant Petkar, Dr. Arvind Natu, and Brig. Jayprakash Sapatnekar (Retd.), among others.

The launch of the 'Wall of Heroes' campaign marked a historic initiative aimed at preserving and celebrating the legacy, sacrifices, and valour of India's defence forces for future generations.



Dr. Girish Desai Addresses 21st International Education Conference & Leadership Awards 2025 as Chief Guest



Dr. Girish Desai, Executive Director, PCET, Pimpri Chinchwad University, was invited as the Chief Guest at the 21st International Education Conference & Leadership Awards 2025, hosted by Ramachandran Institute of Management (RIIM), Pune, in association with Brain World and the Pune Management Association

(PMA). During the conference, Dr. Desai shared his insights on the theme "Transformed India's Education for Tomorrow: Resilience, Relevance & Reach."

His address emphasized the need for an education ecosystem that is adaptive to rapid change, aligned with evolving industry and societal needs, and capable of extending its impact at a



global level. The deliberations highlighted the critical role of leadership, innovation, and institutional agility in shaping the future of education in India.

The conference brought together eminent educators, academicians, policymakers, and institutional leaders, providing a meaningful platform for dialogue on educational transformation and excellence.

The event also celebrat-

ed institutional achievements and leadership contributions across the education sector.

Dr. Desai expressed his appreciation to Mr. Suraj Sharma, Chairman, RIIM; Dr. Ajit Sane, Campus Director, RIIM; Mr. Pradeep Tupe, Vice President, PMA; and Ms. Reshu Aggarwal, Managing Director, Brain World Group, for their leadership and for curating a thought-provoking and impactful conference.

Such international conferences, Dr. Desai noted, play a vital role in recognizing institutional excellence and nurturing visionary leadership that can drive sustainable and inclusive transformation in the education landscape.

PCU School of Law, Organises Educational Visit to Yerwada Central Jail

The School of Law, Pimpri Chinchwad University (PCU) successfully organised an educational visit to the historic Yerwada Central Jail for First-Year LL.B and B.A. LL.B students, as part of its experiential learning initiatives.

The visit was conducted under the guidance of faculty members and led by Mr. Priyank Rana, Head of the Department, School of Law. During the visit, students engaged in insightful interactions with jail authorities, gaining first-hand exposure to prison administration, correctional mechanisms, and the practical functioning of the criminal justice system.

The immersive experience provided students with a deeper understanding of legal procedures beyond the classroom, enabling them to connect theoretical concepts with real-world practices. The interaction also sensitised students to the rehabilitative aspects of the correctional system and the role of law in upholding justice and human rights.



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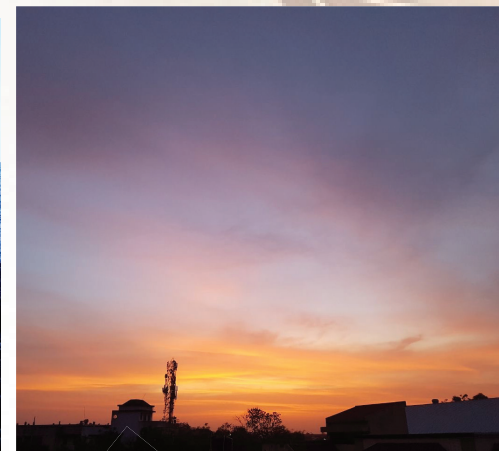
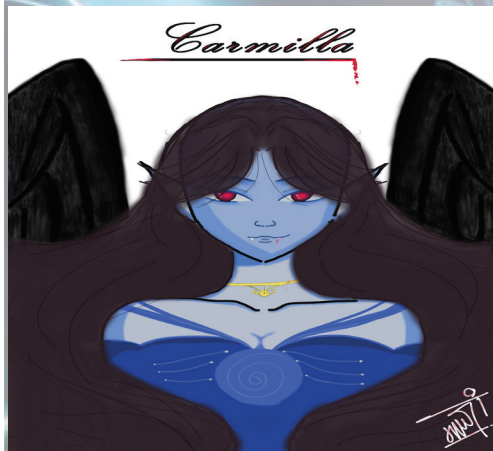


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“Time is not measured by the
passing of years but by what
one does, what one feels, and
what one achieves.”

PCU Hosts National Financial Awareness Workshop in Collaboration with SEBI

Pimpri Chinchwad University, through its School of Management, successfully organised a National Financial Awareness Workshop in collaboration with the Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI), aimed at enhancing financial literacy among management students.

The workshop was conducted by Mr. Kiran Patil, representative from the Bombay Stock Exchange (BSE), who shared practical and actionable insights on key aspects of the financial ecosystem.

The session covered topics such as understanding financial markets, fundamental principles of investing, and regulatory frameworks and investor protection mechanisms.

Students from the BBA and MBA programmes actively participated in the

workshop, gaining valuable clarity on financial planning, risk management, and ethical investing practices—skills that are increasingly essential in today's dynamic and complex economic environment.

The workshop provided students with real-world exposure to financial systems and regulatory practices, reinforcing the importance of informed decision-making and responsible investment behaviour. Such industry-academia collaborations reflect PCU's commitment to integrating academic learning with practical, industry-relevant knowledge.

Pimpri Chinchwad University expressed its gratitude to SEBI and Mr. Kiran Patil for their valuable contribution towards empowering students with financial awareness and investor education.



PCU Conducts Induction Programme for Tata Motors Employees Under Industry-Academia Partnership



Pimpri Chinchwad University, Pune, marked a significant milestone in its industry-academia engagement by successfully conducting the Induction Programme for employees of Tata Motors Passenger Vehicles Limited (TMPVL) under the PCU-TMPVL Diploma Programme in Mechatronics Engineering.

The induction programme welcomed participating employees to PCU's academic ecosystem and formally commenced their learning journey under the industry-aligned diploma programme.

The initiative reflects PCU's continued commitment to integrating academic excellence with real-world industrial requirements through structured, skill-oriented education.

The PCU-TMPVL Diploma Programme in Mechatronics Engineering has been designed to address the evolving needs of the automotive and manufacturing sectors by equipping learners with practical competencies in areas such as automation, mechanical systems, electronics, and industrial applications.

The programme aims to enhance technical pro-

iciency while enabling working professionals to upskill in alignment with contemporary industry standards.

Through this collaboration, PCU reinforces its vision of fostering strong academia-industry partnerships that promote applied learning, innovation, and workforce readiness.

Partnerships with leading organisations such as Tata Motors enable the University to create learning pathways that are directly relevant to industry expectations and future technological advancements.

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Strengthening International Research Collaborations



Pimpri Chinchwad University Pune, marked a significant milestone in its internationalisation journey by hosting Peter Groffman, distinguished Professor at City University of New York (CUNY) and Senior Research Scientist at the Cary Institute of Ecosystem Studies, USA.

The visit represented an important milestone in PCU's vision of emerging as a globally engaged, research-driven university.

During his visit, Dr. Groffman engaged in comprehensive discussions with PCU's Research & Development Cell, International Relations team, and the Directors and Heads of Schools.

The interaction focused on identifying high-impact research themes aligned with contemporary global scientific priorities, particularly in the areas of sustainability, ecosystem studies, environmental resilience, and interdisciplinary research collaboration.

The deliberations highlighted PCU's expanding research ecosystem, growing faculty participation in international academic networks, and the institution's increasing emphasis on collaborative, outcome-oriented research.

The discussions also explored avenues for joint research projects, co-authored international

publications, faculty and student exchange programmes, and collaborative academic initiatives, aimed at enhancing global exposure and research impact.

Dr. Groffman's interaction provided valuable insights into international research frameworks, funding landscapes, and cross-border academic partnerships.

It further reinforced PCU's strategic commitment to building research collaborations with leading global institutions, thereby fostering innovation, sustainability-focused inquiry, and knowledge exchange without geographical boundaries.

The visit stands as a testament to PCU's sustained efforts in strengthening its global academic footprint. By actively engaging with internationally renowned scholars and institutions, PCU continues to create meaningful opportunities for its faculty and students, positioning itself as a forward-looking university committed to excellence in research, innovation, and international collaboration.

PCU Welcomes Japanese Delegation for Fidel Softech Incubation Centre MoU



Pimpri Chinchwad University, Pune, marked a significant milestone in its global academic journey by hosting a distinguished Japanese delegation for the signing of a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) and the inauguration of the Fidel Softech Incubation Centre.

The University had the honour of welcoming Mr. Renya Kikuchi, Mr. Nagata Yoshiyasu, and Mr. Takashi Sato from IM Corporation Ltd., along with Mr. Sunil Kulkarni, Chairman & CEO of Fidel Softech Ltd.. Their visit marked the formal launch of a collaborative initiative aimed at strengthening innovation, research, and industry integration at PCU.

The delegation was warmly

received by Dr. Girish Desai, Executive Director at PCET & PCU, Hon. Vice Chancellor Dr. Santosh Sonavane, and senior university officials.

The event underscored the shared vision of fostering technological advancement and global academic-industry partnerships.

The newly inaugurated Fidel Softech Incubation Centre is envisioned as a dynamic innovation hub that will focus on emerging and high-impact domains such as: Artificial Intelligence (AI), Internet of Things (IoT), Robotics and Automation, Advanced Technology Solutions.

The centre aims to provide students with hands-on learning opportunities, industry

mentorship, incubation support, and exposure to global technological ecosystems.

By bridging academia and industry, the initiative seeks to nurture entrepreneurial thinking, research-driven innovation, and employability aligned with international standards.

University leaders emphasized that such collaborations are instrumental in equipping students with future-ready skills while expanding cross-border knowledge exchange.

The MoU represents not just an institutional partnership, but a strategic step towards positioning PCU as an industry-driven, innovation-focused university with a global outlook.

With this landmark initiative, PCU continues to strengthen its commitment to excellence in technology, research, and international collaboration—empowering students to transform ideas into impactful global solutions.

PCU Conducts Workshop on NAD, ABC & APAAR

Pimpri Chinchwad University, successfully organized a One-Day Workshop on National Academic Depository (NAD), Academic Bank of Credits (ABC), and APAAR, reinforcing its commitment to national digital academic reforms.

The workshop was specifically designed for the University's Examination and Administrative teams, focusing on operational clarity, compliance protocols, and streamlined coordination aligned with Government of India initiatives under the National Education Policy framework.

Participants received hands-on training on, Credit data uploading procedures, System workflows and integration processes, Regulatory compliance requirements, Best practices for digital academic

record management, Inter-departmental coordination mechanisms.

The session emphasized accuracy, transparency, and readiness in managing student academic records through national digital platforms.

By strengthening technical understanding and administrative preparedness, the workshop aimed to ensure seamless implementation of credit mobility, academic record digitization, and institutional compliance standards.

Through such initiatives, PCU continues to enhance institutional efficiency while aligning with evolving national educational reforms.

At PCU, we continue to evolve building clarity, capability, and confidence in the digital academic ecosystem.

Samsung Chooses PCU as Exclusive Partner Under Samsung Innovation Campus Initiative



Pimpri Chinchwad University, Pune, has achieved a significant milestone as Samsung selected the university as an exclusive partner under the prestigious Samsung Innovation Campus (SIC) programme. This recognition reinforces PCU's commitment to delivering industry-driven, future-ready education aligned with emerging technological domains.

As part of the ongoing implementation of the SIC initiative, PCU recently hosted Kulbhushan H. Gawas (Retd.), CEO – Telecom Sector Skill Council (TSSC), along with senior representatives from the Telecom Sector Skill Council (TSSC) and USDC Technologies. The visit was conducted to review the structured and impactful execution of the programme on campus.

The delegation evaluated PCU's systematic approach to skill-based learning in high-demand areas such as Artificial Intelligence and Coding & Programming, which have already benefited over 200 students.

The review highlighted the university's strong academic framework,

practical training modules, and student engagement strategies that align closely with industry standards.

Strategic discussions during the visit focused on strengthening long-term collaboration between PCU, Samsung, and TSSC. Key proposals included the establishment of a Centre of Excellence in emerging technologies, expansion of advanced industry-aligned training programmes, and scaling opportunities to enhance employability and technical competence among students.

The visiting dignitaries appreciated PCU's robust academic ecosystem, modern infrastructure, and proactive industry-academia engagement model. The partnership reflects a shared vision to bridge the skill gap and prepare students for the evolving demands of the global workforce.

This collaboration marks another step forward in PCU's mission to become a leading hub for innovation, skill development, and technology-enabled learning. Together with Samsung and TSSC, PCU continues to empower students with future-focused competencies and professional readiness aligned with national priorities and global industry expectations.



Book Recommendation:
Walden – by Henry David Thoreau

Walden is a reflective classic in which Thoreau chronicles his experience of living close to nature at Walden Pond. Through observations of changing seasons, especially the renewal of spring, the book explores themes of simplicity, self-discovery, and harmony with nature.

PCU'S Bhaskar

Movie Recommendation:

Movie Name: Little Women
Based on the beloved novel by Louisa May Alcott, this film portrays the journey of the March sisters as they grow, pursue dreams, and navigate life's transitions. The film's warm visual palette, themes of renewal, and celebration of creativity beautifully

'Nutrisoul 2026' Promotes Holistic Health and Interdisciplinary Wellness

The School of Sciences at Pimpri Chinchwad University, Pune, successfully organized Nutrisoul 2026, its flagship wellness initiative in collaboration with the PCU Raahatt Diet & Wellness Clinic.

Centered on the theme of holistic health, the two-day event brought together the disciplines of nutrition and psychology to promote preventive healthcare and overall mind-body well-being.

The program was inaugurated in the presence of eminent dignitaries including Dr. Girish Desai, Executive Director, PCET, who attended as the Chief Guest, and Dr. Santosh S. Sonawale, Vice Chancellor, PCU, who graced the occasion as the Guest of Honour, along with senior members of the university leadership.

Their presence highlighted the institution's strong commitment to health awareness, interdisciplinary learning, and community well-being.

A key highlight of Nutrisoul 2026 was the signing of a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) between the School of Sciences, PCU, and MIMER Hospital, specifically with its Psychiatry and Dietetics Departments.

The collaboration aims to strengthen clinical exposure, interdisciplinary training, and integrated wellness practices for students, creating opportunities for practical engagement in the fields of nutritional science, mental health, and preventive healthcare.

The event also witnessed active participation from several industry partners, including InBody, Dhande Pathology Laboratory, Neugenx, and Procter & Gamble (P&G).

Their involvement fostered meaningful aca-

demia-industry collaboration and provided students with valuable insights into advancements in nutrition, clinical diagnostics, wellness technologies, and healthcare practices.

Nutrisoul 2026 featured a vibrant range of activities, including interactive wellness booths, nutrition awareness initiatives, expressive platforms, competitions, and health-focused installations. These activities encouraged participants to explore various aspects of balanced living, healthy eating habits, mental wellness, and preventive healthcare practices.

The event witnessed an impressive footfall of nearly 3,000 visitors, including students, faculty members, healthcare professionals, and members of the wider community.

The enthusiastic participation reflected growing awareness about holistic health and the importance of integrating nutrition and mental well-being in everyday life.

With strong institutional support, meaningful clinical partnerships, and large-scale student engagement, Nutrisoul 2026 emerged as a dynamic platform for health education and community outreach.

The initiative reaffirmed PCU's commitment to promoting holistic, community-oriented health practices and fostering interdisciplinary collaboration in the fields of nutrition, psychology, and preventive healthcare.



PCU Media Club Launch Marked by Engaging Theatre Workshop

Pimpri Chinchwad University (PCU) marked an important step toward strengthening creative and experiential learning on campus with the successful launch of the PCU Media Club, accompanied by an engaging Theatre Workshop conducted for students from across the university.

The PCU Media Club has been envisioned as a student-centric platform that promotes creativity, interdisciplinary collaboration, and practical learning in various media domains including journalism, photography, filmmaking, public relations, digital and social media content creation, and audio-visual production.

As part of the launch event, a half-day Theatre Workshop was organised to in-

troduce students to the fundamentals of performance, storytelling, and expressive communication.

The workshop was conducted by renowned theatre practitioner Mr. Kshiprasadhan Bharad, an accomplished writer, director, actor, voice artist, and trainer with over 35 years of experience in theatre, television, and cinema.

The workshop aimed to enhance students' communication skills, body language, creativity, and collaborative expression through theatre-based activities and exercises.

Through interactive sessions and practical demonstrations, participants were introduced to techniques that help in de-

veloping confidence, stage presence, and effective storytelling-skills that are integral to media and communication practices.

The event received an enthusiastic response from students, with over 80 students participating in the workshop, representing various schools and disciplines of the university.

The PCU Media Club itself has been constituted with 40 student members drawn from across the university, reflecting the strong interest among students in creative media engagement.

During the launch event, the vision and mission of the PCU Media Club were introduced to the audience, highlighting the

club's objective of building a vibrant media ecosystem within the university.

The club aims to provide students with opportunities for hands-on learning, creative production, collaborative projects, and media coverage of university events, while also fostering responsible and ethical communication practices.

The event was conducted under the supervision of the Faculty Coordinator of the PCU Media Club, with active participation from students and faculty members. The leadership of Pimpri Chinchwad University extended their encouragement and support for the initiative, appreciating the effort to create a platform that nurtures creativity, communication skills, and in-



“Science is organized knowledge.
Wisdom is organized life.”
- Immanuel Kant



PCU'S

bhāshyam

“He who has a why to live can bear
almost any how.” Friedrich Nietzsche

Expressions Beyond Words



BEAUTY OF SPRING

PCU'S INSIGHTS

Poster Design Competition 3.0 Showcases Innovation and Entrepreneurial Spirit at PCU



PCET's Pimpri Chinchwad University (PCU) witnessed an inspiring display of creativity and innovation as the Institution's Innovation Council (IIC) in collaboration with BizNest successfully organized Poster Design Competition 3.0 on campus.

The competition revolved around two powerful and contemporary themes - "From Idea to Impact" and "Aatmanirbhar Bharat." Students from various schools and disciplines actively participated, presenting visually compelling posters that reflected entrepreneurial thinking, problem-solving

approaches, and a deep sense of social responsibility.

Through their designs, participants explored how innovative ideas can evolve into sustainable ventures, community-driven initiatives, and impactful solutions aligned with the vision of self-reliant India. Many posters highlighted startup culture, indigenous innovation, digital transformation, sustainability, and youth-led enterprise, effectively bridging creativity with national development goals.

The event provided students with a platform to:

Translate abstract concepts into impactful visual narratives, Demonstrate design thinking and entrepreneurial awareness, Connect innovation with societal and economic growth, Express their understanding of self-reliance in the Indian context

Faculty members and mentors appreciated the originality, clarity of thought, and strong conceptual grounding reflected in the submissions. The evaluation focused on creativity, thematic relevance, innovation quotient, and communication effectiveness. Poster Design Competition 3.0 not only celebrated artistic expression but also reinforced PCU's commitment to nurturing an innovation-driven ecosystem. The initiative reflected the University's focus on cultivating entrepreneurial mindset, critical thinking, and socially conscious leadership among students. With such dynamic platforms, PCU continues to position itself as a vibrant hub of ideas, innovation, and impactful action-empowering students to transform vision into value.

Dean, School of Sciences, Conferred with Prestigious Sadhana Award 2026

Pimpri Chinchwad University, Pune proudly announces that the Dean and Head of the School of Sciences has been conferred with the Sadhana Award 2026, a prestigious national recognition for significant contributions to the field of Nutrition.

The award was presented at the esteemed ICMR-National Institute of Nutrition (NIN), Hyderabad, by Dr. Bharati Kulkarni, Director, ICMR-NIN. The Sadhana Award acknowledges excellence, dedication, and impactful work in advancing nutrition science and public health in India.

With over 18 years of committed service in the field, the awardee has consistently contributed to: Evidence-based nutrition research, Metabolic health and diabetes management, Translating scientific knowledge

into community-focused interventions, Academic mentorship and capacity building. The recognition reflects a sustained journey marked by resilience, research excellence, and a deep commitment to improving public health outcomes.

Through extensive academic engagement, research initiatives, and community health efforts, the Dean has significantly strengthened the integration of scientific inquiry with real-world nutritional challenges.

The award ceremony brought together distinguished professionals and researchers from across the country, celebrating contributions that have advanced the domain of nutrition and health sciences.

PCU extends its heartfelt congratulations on this remarkable achievement.



PCU Celebrates Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj Jayanti with Inspiring Book Fair

On the auspicious occasion of Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj Jayanti, Pimpri Chinchwad University (PCU) organized a vi-

brant and thoughtfully curated Book Fair dedicated to the life, leadership, and enduring legacy of the great Maratha warrior and

inspired by Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj, including historical biographies, research-based works, leadership studies, military strategy analyses, and inspirational writings.

The initiative aimed to encourage students and faculty members to revisit the ideals of courage, governance, foresight, and resilience that defined his remarkable journey.

The event was formally inaugurated

by Honorable Vice Chancellor Dr. Santosh Sonavane, in the esteemed presence of Registrar Dr. Anil Maheshwari, Director- International Relations, Incubation & Innovation Dr. Shankar Deosarkar, Director- R&D Dr. Bharat Kale, Dean (EST) Dr. Vijay N. Patil, and Director - Library & Learning Resource Development Dr. Archana Rathore.

The dignitaries emphasized the importance of historical consciousness and value-based education in shaping responsible and visionary citizens.

Addressing the gathering, university leaders highlighted how Shivaji Maharaj's principles of strategic governance, inclusivity, military intelligence, and unwavering determination remain profoundly relevant in contemporary

leadership and nation-building discourse.

The Book Fair created an engaging academic environment where students explored not only the historical narratives but also the philosophical and administrative dimensions of Shivaji Maharaj's reign.

Through knowledge, reflection, and dialogue, the university community collectively reaffirmed the significance of cultural heritage in academic spaces.

With initiatives like these, PCU continues to integrate tradition with intellectual engagement-encouraging students to rediscover and reinterpret timeless ideals of courage, vision, and resilience for the modern world.



“New opinions are always suspected, and usually opposed, without any other reason but because they are not already common.” John Locke

PCU'S Bhashyam

“What wisdom can you find that is greater than kindness?”
- Jean-Jacques Rousseau

School of Management Concludes KOSME Training Program for International MBA Students

The School of Management at Pimpri Chinchwad University, Pune, successfully concluded the KOSME Training Program for International MBA students, marking the culmination of six weeks of intensive and immersive learning.

The programme, conducted in collaboration with the Korea SMEs and Start-ups Agency (KOSME), was designed to equip students with cross-cultural competencies and a deeper understanding of global business ecosystems.

The training was led by eminent Korean experts Mr. Seung Jung Kang and Mr. Kim Hanteut, who brought valuable industry experience and international perspectives to the classroom.

Over the six-week engagement, students gained comprehensive insights into Korean culture, business etiquette, corporate practices, and professional communication frameworks.

The curriculum emphasised practical orientation, preparing participants to navigate multicultural work environ-



ments and understand the evolving landscape of Korean organisations operating across global markets.

The programme enabled International MBA students to develop enhanced intercultural awareness, strategic thinking, and communication skills-critical attributes for leadership roles in international business settings. Interactive sessions, case discussions, and experiential learning components enriched the academic experience, bridging theoretical knowledge with real-world global practices.

The successful completion of the KOSME Training Program reflects PCU's sustained commitment to fostering international exposure, industry relevance, and cross-border academic collaboration.

At PCET's PCU, education transcends geographical boundaries, empowering students to confidently lead and contribute in an increasingly interconnected global economy.

PCU Strengthens Global Academic Engagement with Delegation Visit from Dubai, UAE

Pimpri Chinchwad University, under the aegis of Pimpri Chinchwad Education Trust (PCET), marked another significant step in its internationalisation journey by welcoming a distinguished delegation from Dubai, UAE.

The visit reflected PCU's growing global outlook and its commitment to fostering meaningful cross-border academic collaborations.

The interaction commenced with an address by Dr. Santosh Sonawne, Hon. Vice Chancellor, PCU, who articulated the university's forward-looking vision of

strengthening academia through deeper industry integration, appointment of Professors of Practice, and expansion of global partnerships.

He emphasised PCU's strategic focus on creating globally competent graduates through innovation-driven and industry-aligned education.

Dr. Bharat Kale, Director Research & Development, shared insights into upcoming research initiatives and future-focused projects designed to enhance PCU's research footprint at both national and international levels.

The proceedings were

seamlessly coordinated by Dr. Shankar Deosarkar, Director – Centre for International Relations (IR), who facilitated structured discussions and ensured meaningful dialogue between both sides.

During the interaction, the Dubai delegation introduced their respective institutions, outlining academic programmes, credit transfer mechanisms, and student mobility frameworks.

They invited PCU students to explore higher education opportunities in Dubai and discussed potential collaborative pathways, including joint programmes, ex-



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