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Industry Leader Dr Pramod Chaudhari Awarded Honorary Doctorate by DYPIU

D Y Patil International University (DYPIU), Pune, organized a Special Convocation Ceremony to confer the prestigious Honorary Doctorate (Honoris Causa) upon eminent industrialist and visionary leader Dr Pramod Chaudhari, Founder Chairman and Mentor of Praj Industries.

Dr Chaudhari's contributions to innovation, sustainable development, and global leadership in bioenergy and agri-processing technologies has been exemplary.

While delivering his acceptance speech, Dr Chaudhari emphasized the critical need to foster a strong culture of entrepreneurship in India. Reflecting on his own journey, he shared that in 1983, during the early days of establishing Praj, he personally approached bank managers to explain the concept of venture capital—an idea that was relatively unfamiliar at the time. His experience underscored the importance of resilience, vision, and belief in innovation.

He also highlighted the significance of implementing the National Education Policy 2020 in its true spirit, stressing that education must go beyond theoretical knowledge to nurture creativity, critical thinking, and entrepreneurial capabilities among students.

Further, Dr Chaudhari underscored the importance of collaboration with reputed institutions and experienced professionals, noting that their association with universities can significantly



broaden students' career perspectives and contribute to holistic academic development. The Vice Chancellor, Prof (Dr) Manish Bhalla, reiterated the university's commitment to academic excellence and industry engagement. The ceremony reflected DYPIU's vision of bridging academia and industry while celebrating leaders who have made transformative contributions to society.

The ceremony witnessed the gracious presence of senior academic leaders, Deans, Directors, faculty members, and distinguished guests. The event com-

menced with traditional rituals, including Ganapati Pujan, followed by felicitation and formal academic proceedings.

The conferment of the Honorary Doctorate upon Dr Chaudhari marks a proud and defining moment for DYPIU, reaffirming its commitment to bridging academia with industry and celebrating transformative leadership. The ceremony serves as a powerful inspiration for students to innovate, lead, and create meaningful impact in an evolving global landscape.

When Lifestyle and Environment Affect Health: A Growing Concern

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_ Sourabhi Yadav

"It is health that is real wealth and not pieces of gold and silver." – Mahatma Gandhi

In recent months, doctors across many cities have observed a noticeable rise in people visiting clinics with infections, fever, and breathing problems. Changing weather patterns, pollution, and lifestyle habits are quietly shaping public health. While children are among the most affected, these concerns are now visible across all age groups.

"Over the past month, we have seen a steady increase in viral infections, respiratory illnesses, and seasonal fevers," said Dr

Mahesh Pabalkar (MBBS).

According to him, sudden tem-



perature changes and poor air quality are making it easier for viruses and bacteria to spread.

Children often fall sick faster because their immunity is still developing. However, adults are not immune to these risks either. Long work hours, stress, poor diet, and lack of physical activity weaken the body's natural defense system. As a result, even minor infections can become more frequent.

Environmental conditions also play an important role. Pollution and rising temperatures can irritate the lungs and increase breathing-related problems.

People who already have asthma or allergies may experience stronger symptoms during these periods.

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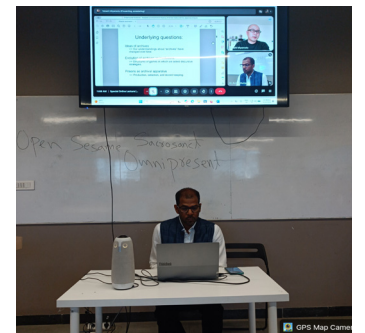
DYPIU celebrates Earth Day



IQAC with School of Applied Arts & Crafts and School of Design organized the Poster & Reel making Competition on an eve of Earth Day celebrated on 27th April under Centre for Climate Resilience, Water Innovation. Huge response of DYPIU's students participated made an eve amazing. The competition was coordinated by Ms Samata Bendre & Exhibition of selected entries is scheduled in School of Applied Arts & Crafts. The short function was inaugurated by Registrar Dr.(Prof.) Beeran Moidin. IQAC Team member Dr. Shailesh Ghodake, Dr. Priyanka Dhoot took efforts for the

Mimamsa Lecture by Prof Miyamoto Takashi

Sanjukta Kulkarni



Under the Mimamsa Lecture Series, Prof Miyamoto Takashi from Osaka University, Japan delivered a webinar titled 'Prisons and Archives: British India and Imperial Japan' for DYPIU students. The session was organised by the School of Media and Communication Studies.

It was an insightful lecture that explored the historical intersections between incarceration and archival practices in British India and Imperial Japan.

IGNCA signs an MoU with CoE-IKS of DYPIU

The Indira Gandhi National Centre for the Arts (IGNCA), New Delhi, and the Centre of Excellence – Indian Knowledge System (CoE- IKS) at D Y Patil International University (DYPIU), Pune, signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) in a formal ceremony held at IGNCA.



The MoU was formally signed by Dr Sachidanand Joshi, Hon'ble Member Secretary, IGNCA, and Prof. (Dr.) Manish Bhalla, Hon'ble Vice Chancellor, DYP- IUI, in the presence of Prof. Ramesh C. Gaur, Dean, IGNCA, and Prof. Madhavi Deshpande, Dean, FoN-E, DYPIU, while Dr. Abnish Singh Chauhan, Director, Centre of Excellence – Indian

Knowledge System (CoE- IKS), DYPIU, joined the ceremony virtually.

The ceremony was attended in person by senior officials of IGNCA, while representatives and senior officials from DYPIU joined the proceedings in virtual mode.

The MoU seeks to promote

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collaborative research, academic exchange, and the preservation, promotion, and dissemination of Indian Knowledge Systems. It envisages joint initiatives in interdisciplinary studies, documentation, and capacity building in the domains of Indian art, culture, and traditional knowledge.

This collaboration marks a significant step towards strengthening academic partnerships and advancing interdisciplinary engagement in Indian Knowledge Systems, reinforcing a shared commitment to preserving and promoting India's rich cultural and intellectual heritage

DYPIU Faculty Co-authors book chapter with VC

Dr. Parth Sarthi Sen Gupta and the Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Manish Bhalla have co-authored a book chapter, "Translational Perspectives in Drug Discovery," to be published in Elsevier's Book, *Unlocking Sirtuins: Cellular Biology to Translational Research*. This collaborative work reflects their shared vision of bridging fundamental cellular biology with translational strategies for advancing drug discovery and real-world therapeutic applications.

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Another major concern today is the effect of the digital lifestyle. Excessive screen time has slowly become part of the daily routine for both children and adults. Long hours on phones and laptops affect sleep patterns, eye health, and physical activity levels.

"Technology is useful, but uncontrolled use can harm both physical and mental health," said Dr. Pabalkar. Reduced outdoor play, poor posture, and late-night screen exposure can lead to fatigue, anxiety, and reduced concentration among young people.

Simple precautions can make a big difference. Balanced meals, regular exercise, proper sleep, and limited screen time help strengthen immunity. Clean

Aakruti 2025–26: A Grand Celebration of Art and Creativity in DYPIU

Aisha & Purva

The School of Applied Arts & Crafts of D Y Patil International University transformed its campus into a vibrant canvas. The Annual Academic Art Exhibition, 'Aakruti 2025–26', stood as a testament to the university's commitment in nurturing raw talent and bridging the gap between academic learning and professional artistic excellence.

A highlight that elevated the event's prestige was the presence of industry icons. The university hosted Mr. Mahesh Gharat as Chief Guest, the Director of Hungry Films and Mr Parag Borse as Guest of Honor, an eminent artist of portraiture. In a momentous highlight of the ceremony, veteran sculptor Mr Pramod Kamble was honored with the Dr D Y Patil Lifetime Achievement



Under the theme, 'Where Creativity Meets Expression a Celebration of Art & Imagination', the event showcased thousands of selected classwork assignments of more than 225 dedicated Applied Art students, serving as a high-profile platform for them to showcase their evolution as visual storytellers.

The festivities commenced from 10:00 am at the Ganesh Plaza Art Gallery with the arrival of distinguished Guests and Art Enthusiasts. Following the traditional lighting of the ceremonial lamp, the exhibition doors were opened to a stunning array of student's art-work, it turned vast and varied, featuring: Fine Arts: Soulful paintings and intricate illustrations. Commercial Art: Bold Advertising Concepts and Branding Designs. Contemporary Crafts: Innovative 3D Models and creative 3D Displays. The event saw significant community engagement, as many local schools visited the gallery with more than 200 students, accompanied by their Drawing HODs and faculty members, adding a youthful energy to the atmosphere. Guests enjoyed exclusive walkthrough, where student-artists discussed their creative processes, medium choices and thematic inspirations. Luminaries and Lifetime Hon-

Award. In his acceptance speech, Mr. Kamble advised students to maintain consistency in practice, emphasizing that while technology advances, human skill remains irreplaceable in the creative process. Voices of Wisdom and Recognition The stage segment featured inspirational addresses from the university's leadership. Vice Chancellor Prof (Dr) Manish Bhalla appreciated the faculties and students for creating such an energetic atmosphere within the university. The morning reached its peak with the best art-work and Prize distribution ceremony. While excellence was recognized across all levels, the prestigious Best Student Award was presented to final-year BFA student Yash Shevale. The success of the event was made possible through the dedicated efforts of Director of



Mitali Kapure's art work got selected among 75 Winners in 'PM Vision to Art Competition'

School of Applied Arts & Crafts third year student Ms. Mitali Kapure art work got selected as one of the 75 winners from 3000 entries at prestigious 'PM Vision to Art Competition', organized by the Government of Maharashtra in aligns with Advertising Agencies Association of India (AAAI) & the Maharashtra Film, Stage & Cultural Development Corporation. The competition was organized on an eve of 75th birthday of our Hon'ble Prime Minister Narendra Modi, centered around the theme "Viksit Bharat," celebrating the vision of a developed India. The entries were evaluated by an eminent jury panel Padma Shri awardee Achyut Palav, renowned artist Mr Vasudeo Kamath along with other distinguished experts from the creative field. The award ceremony was held at Pu La Deshpande Kala Academy, Mumbai and inaugurated by Minister of Cultural Affairs Mr Ashish Shelar. On this occasion, Ms Mitali Ka-



pure was presented with a trophy, certificate and a coffee table book by renowned calligrapher Padma Shri Mr Achyut Palav.

School Mr Jaiprakash Kalwale, and the exhibition coordinators Dr Nitin Taware, Sharad Wadkar and Rajesh Poojari alongside distinguished faculty members such as Registrar Dr Beeren Moideen, Dean to Faculties of Non-Engineering Dr Madhavi Deshpande, Dean to Faculties of Engineering Dr Anupama Patil, Dean of Students Welfare Dr Madhura Jagtap and CFO Mr Bipin Sharma. Our Chairman Hon'ble Mr

Satej D Patil Sir also visited the 'Aakruti' the Students Annual Exhibition from his busy schedule. Mastery in Motion: The Live Demonstration The afternoon session provided an educational treat of Mr Parag Borse's Pastel Demonstration. Students and faculty attended in hushed awe as he translated human emotion onto paper with surgical precision and artistic fluidity, proving as beacon of figurative art. Closing Thoughts 'Aakruti 2025–26' was more than just an Exhibition; it proved to be a bridge between the classroom and the studio. As the curtains went up on the inaugural day, it proved that Applied Art students are not just learners to draw, they learn to lead the next generation towards creative economy. The 'Aakruti' Exhibition remained open for public and art lovers at the Ganesh Plaza, which reflect as Art Gallery.

Mastering the Art of Business Journalism: Insightful Workshop by Geeta Nair

Anushka Jha



A workshop on Business Journalism was conducted at D Y Patil International University for the students of the School of Media and Communication Studies. The session was led by Geeta Nair, an expert in the field of business journalism, who pro-

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vided valuable insights into the role and scope of business reporting in today's media landscape.

The workshop, themed as 'Voice from the Industry', focused on the fundamentals of business journalism, including understanding financial news, interpreting market trends, and reporting economic developments in a clear and accurate manner. Students were introduced to key concepts such as stock markets, corporate reporting, and the importance of data-driven journalism.

The speaker emphasized the need for accuracy, credibility, and ethical responsibility while covering business-related news. Nair, who is currently working

as Chief of Bureau for The Financial Express in Pune, also highlighted the growing importance of digital media and how journalists must adapt to new technologies and platforms. Interactive discussions and practical examples made the session engaging, allowing students to better understand real-world applications of business journalism.

Overall, the session was highly informative and helped students gain a deeper understanding of business journalism as a career option. It encouraged them to develop analytical thinking and stay updated with current economic trends.

National-level hackathon 'OffGrid 1.0'

As a national-level hackathon, Off-Grid 1.0, promoting open innovation across both hardware and software domains, brought together creative minds to develop impactful, real-world solutions and marked the beginning of a strong culture of innovation.



MOU Signing Ceremony with PRCI

The School of Media and Communication Studies organised an MOU signing ceremony between D Y Patil International University and the Public Relations Council of India. The collaboration aims to provide students with cutting-edge insights into the public relations industry and create opportunities for meaningful engagement and collaboration. This initiative will help bridge the gap between academia and industry by providing practical learning and professional exposure for media students.



Social Outreach Activity -Traffic Mitra

SoCSEA organized and conducted one of the Social Outreach Activity 'Traffic Mitra' at Sant Tukaram Maharaj Bridge Signal, Ravet. The objectives and Outcomes of the activity were:

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PRCI-YCC Students' Chapter launched at DYPIU

Om Singh

The Public Relations Council of India marked a significant milestone in the advancement of professional communication and industry-academia collaboration with the launch of PRCI-YCC Students' Chapter at D Y Patil International University. The event, held on campus, brought together leading voices from the public relations fraternity, academia, and aspiring communication professionals, underscoring the growing relevance of structured PR education and practice in India.

The establishment of the Pune Chapter is expected to strengthen the region's public relations ecosystem by fostering closer engagement between students, educators, and industry experts. It aims to create a vibrant platform for knowledge exchange, skill development, and professional networking, especially for students looking to build careers in public relations and strategic communication.

A key figure behind this collaboration was Ms Doyel Dutta, Assistant Professor at School of Media and Communication Studies, whose efforts were instrumental in catalyzing the Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) between the two organizations. Her initiative reflects the institution's commitment to bridging academic learning with industry exposure, ensuring students gain practical insights alongside theoretical knowledge.

The programme was attended by several distinguished dignitaries from PRCI, including Dr Rizwan Pinjari, Vice Chairman; and Rahul Makarand, Executive Committee Member. Their presence

highlighted the importance of Pune as a growing hub for communication and media education. Adding national-level significance to the occasion, Avinash Gawai, National Senior Vice President of PRCI, also attended the programme. In his address, he emphasized the critical role academic institutions play in shaping the future of the PR industry and appreciated DYPIU's proactive efforts in fostering industry collaboration.

and interconnected world. They emphasized the need for adaptive communication strategies and continuous learning to stay relevant in the profession. The newly established PRCI Pune Chapter is expected to host a range of activities, including workshops, seminars, and industry interactions, providing students with meaningful exposure to real-world practices.

The launch ceremony also served as an inspiration for students, offering them opportunities to engage directly with industry leaders and gain mentorship. The collaboration between PRCI and DYPIU reflects a broader shift in higher education towards experiential learning and professional readiness.



The successful execution of the event was also made possible through the coordinated efforts and support of all faculties of the School of Media and Communication Studies at DYPIU. Their collective involvement ensured the seamless organization of the programme, reflecting a strong culture of academic teamwork and institutional commitment. Furthermore, the initiative received valuable encouragement and support from Prof (Dr) Manish Bhalla, Vice Chancellor of DYPIU, whose vision for integrating industry partnerships into the academic framework played a crucial role in bringing the collaboration to fruition. Speakers at the event highlighted the evolving role of public relations in an increasingly digital

As Pune continues to grow as an educational and innovation hub, such initiatives are poised to play a transformative role in shaping the next generation of communication professionals. The launch of the PRCI Pune Chapter at DYPIU stands as a testament to the power of collaboration in building a future-ready public relations landscape in India.

The event was also attended by distinguished guests including Dr Beeren Moidin BM (Registrar), Dr Madhavi Deshpande (Dean-Faculty Non-Engineering), Dr Anupama Patil (Dean-Faculty Engineering), Dr Madhura Jagtap (Dean-Student Welfare) and Dr Arvind Kumar (Director, SoMCS) among others.

Semiconductor Technology Leadership

The Department of Semiconductor Engineering at D Y Patil International University successfully organized the Semiconductor Technology Leadership Summit 2026 at Shantai Auditorium, Pune. The event was graced by eminent dignitaries and industry experts, with Mr Paul Ilanghovan, Head of Operations – Production, Kaynes Semicon Pvt Ltd, as the Chief Guest.

The summit was further enriched by an esteemed panel comprising Dr Basant Saini (Senior Engineer, R&D, Kaynes Semicon Pvt Ltd), Mr Saif Alam (Program Manager, Kaynes Semicon Pvt Ltd), Dr Ashwini Aggarwal (Chair, Semiconductor Skill Committee, Electronics Sector Skill Council of India), Dr Arvind Shaligram (CEO, SPPU Research Park Foundation, Pune), Mr Ranjit Yewale (Director, Silicon Techhills Research Foundation), Dr Vivek Kumar (Assistant Professor, NIT Uttarakhand, VLSI & Microelectronics), Mr Kedar Patankar (Semiconductor Executive, VP & Head of VLSI Division, SI-GPT), and Mr Bhairav Shah (Founder, Parshwanath Robotics, Pune), whose collective expertise added significant value to the discussions. Their collective expertise spanning industry, academia, and research provided valuable

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insights into emerging semiconductor technologies and future industry trends. The program commenced with a welcome and Silicon Forge lab visit. The Silicon Forge Laboratory is a purpose-built, advanced academic facility established to deliver hands-on experiential learning in semiconductor fabrication technologies. The laboratory is designed to simulate real-world semiconductor manufacturing environments, enabling students to translate classroom concepts into practical understanding. The summit featured an in-

tion, knowledge exchange, and strengthening partnerships for innovation in the semiconductor domain.

The event was further graced by the esteemed presence of Prof (Dr) Manish Bhalla, Vice Chancellor, Prof A V Patil, Dean – Faculty of Engineering & Director SEMR, Prof. Madhavi Deshpande, Dean of Faculty of Non-Engineering, and Prof Beeran Moidin BM, Registrar of D Y Patil International University, whose encouragement and leadership added great value to the occasion.



sightful panel discussion on “The Role of Semiconductors in Next-Gen”, where experts shared perspectives on emerging technologies and future industry directions. It also served as a valuable platform for fostering industry-academia interaction, encouraging collabora-

The summit provided a dynamic platform for knowledge exchange, networking, and exploring the future of semiconductor technology, making it a grand success.

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Objectives

- To educate students and the public on traffic rules, helmet usage, and pedestrian safety.

- To support local traffic police in managing congestion at major junctions near the university campus during peak hours.

- To instil a sense of civic duty and leadership among DYPIU students.

Outcomes

- Enhanced public awareness of road safety in the university vicinity.

- Development of practical leadership and problem-solving skills in participating students.

SDG Addressed:

SDG 11 – Sustainable Cities



& Communities Many thanks to Dr. Rahul Sharma Sir (Director-SoC-SEA), Dr. Anupama Patil madam (Dean-Faculty of Engineering) and Hon'ble Dr. Manish Bhalla Sir (Vice Chancellor) for continuous support and motivation for organizing such activities.

Many thanks to all participating students for their enthusiastic participation.

A day of history, reflection & learning at 'Aga Khan Palace'



Students of the School of Media and Communication Studies, DYPIU explored one of India's most significant heritage sites, gaining deeper insights into freedom, culture, and storytelling beyond the classroom during their day-long Educational Trip to Aga Khan Palace in Pune.

The SoBB holds 2-day national conference

The School of Biosciences and Bioengineering (SoBB) has successfully organized a DBT-sponsored National Conference on 'AI & Model-Driven Strategies for Smart Biomanufacturing and Sustainable Food Production' held at Shantai Auditorium, D Y Patil International University.

The participants had fruitful discussions and exciting talks from industry and academic experts, experienced industry professionals, students, and participants from Pune and all over Maharashtra during the event to explore the growing role of artificial intelligence (AI) in transforming biomanufacturing and sustainable food production.

Dr Prashant K Dhakephalkar, Director of Agharkar Research Institute (ARI), Pune, highlighted the concept of “waste to wealth,” emphasizing the importance of converting industrial by-products into valuable resources through smart

biomanufacturing. This was followed by Dr Sandeep Shiromani, Associate Director Center of Excellence in Fermentation Biocon, Bangalore, India, who elaborated on the application of AI in pharmaceuticals, particularly in improving efficiency and reducing production timelines. The discussions continued with Dr Krishnakumar S Assistant General Manager at Gennova



Biopharmaceuticals, Pune, who spoke about AI-enabled decision-making in biologics manufacturing, and Dr Aditi Joglekar, Managing Director, AVCHIT

Biosolutions, Pune, who emphasized the role of intelligent automation in accelerating development and production processes. The day also featured paper and poster presentations, providing a platform for young researchers to present their work.

On the next day, the session was inaugurated by NIV, Pune director Dr Naveen Kumar, followed by Mr Ravin Kumar, Co-Founder of Bettrlabs, Chen-

tion faster and more cost-effective. This was followed by Dr Anuradha Chitnis, Head R & D Procon, Pune who addressed the growing demand for plant-based proteins and the need for sustainable food processing systems that balance quality, cost, and environmental impact. The conference concluded with a session by Dr Ram Kulkarni, Deputy Director and Professor Symbiosis School of Biological Sciences, Symbiosis International University, Lavale, Pune who explored genomic strategies in lactic acid bacteria and their applications in food sustainability. The event also included technical and non-technical activities like a quiz competition and a Pictionary contest, encouraging active student participation.

The conference concluded with a valedictory session; a prize distribution followed by vote of Thanks. Dr Ramendra Pandey, Director of the School of Biosciences and Bioengineering, along with the Conference Convenor, Dr Babuskin

Srinivasan, and Co-Convenors Dr Sonal Mahajan and Mr Siddhardh Singh, expressed their sincere gratitude to the esteemed Management and the Honorable Vice Chancellor, Prof (Dr) Manish Bhalla, as well as the Registrar of the University, for their continuous encouragement and support. They also extended their heartfelt appreciation to all the teaching and non-teaching staff for their dedicated efforts and cooperation, which played a crucial role in making the conference a grand success. Finally marking the successful culmination of this insightful event. It posed as a valuable opportunity for the students and participants to gain insights into the integration of AI in technologies and their real-world applications. Furthermore, it emphasized the importance of addressing future challenges in biomanufacturing and food production, such as sustainability, efficiency, and the need for innovative solutions to meet growing global demands.

DYPIU bags 'Maha Vijeta' award in YIN KALA MAHOTSAV

It was a truly remarkable moment when the announcement was made—D Y Patil International University, Akurdi, Pune was declared the 'Maha Vijeta' of the overall competitions in 'YIN KALA MAHOTSAV -2026'.



3rd Pooja
1st Ranjeet

3rd Prize- Anshul A. Meshram (SoAAC)

Caricature
1st Swarn Patil

Mehndi
2nd Prize- Tanishka Bhosale (SoAAC)

Mehndi
2nd Tanishka

Rangoli
3rd Prize- Prarthana Wala & Hrishikesh pingle (SoAAC)
2nd Prize- Madhuvarshini Vezhavendan & Riya (SOD)
1st Prize- Vinayak chavan & Prathamesh Chintamani Narvekar(SoAAC)

Rangoli
Madhu -2nd
Vinayak -1st

MonoAct-2nd
Fashion Female - 2nd
Fashion Male - 1st

Photography -2nd

Mono Act 2nd Prize- Shrungeri Dinesh Deshpande (SoBB)

Collage
3rd & 1st

Fashion Female - 2nd Prize- Ananya Amit Shah (SoAAC)

Clay work
3rd Prize- Pooja Goldar (SoAAC)
1st Prize- Ranjit Shekhar Potale (SoAAC)

Fashion Male - 1st Prize- Shreeharsh Narwade (SoAAC)
Photography -2nd Prize- Akash Sunil Jadhav (SoAAC)
Collage

Caricature
1st Prize- Swarn Mohan Patil (SoAAC)

3rd Prize- Tanuja Suresh Nanekar (SoAAC)
1st Prize- Anuja Suhas tupe (SoAAC)

Drawing

DYPIU Dominates In The West Zone

DYPIU Esports Team emerged as the Undisputed Champions at the University Esports Championship (UEC) Season 3 - West Zone Qualifiers. After a gruelling battle at MIT-WPU, our team displayed phenomenal skill, coordination, and strategy to clinch 1st Place, bringing home a cash prize of INR 50,000 and securing a direct slot in the UEC National Finals 2026. This victory is a testament to the incredible support system at D Y Patil International University, fostering talent, discipline, and competitive excellence. The team's relentless dedication, late-night practice sessions, and unwavering focus played a crucial role in this remarkable achievement.



Research paper, based on DYPIU VC's post doc work, published in Q1 journal

A research article, originating from the postdoctoral work of Hon'ble Vice Chancellor, Prof (Dr) Manish Bhalla (KG Medical University, Lucknow, India), has been accepted for publication in the reputed journal Computers in Biology and Medicine. The journal is ranked in Q1 with an impact factor of 6.5 and follows a highly selective review process, with an acceptance rate of around 12%, reflecting its strong emphasis on quality and scientific rigor. The accepted manuscript, titled 'Integrated experimental and computational evaluation of novel benzopyran-2-one congeners as reactive oxygen species scavengers in inflammation', demonstrates a robust integration of experimental and computational approaches. This achievement highlights the strength of interdisciplinary research and the growing impact of high-quality scientific contributions from DYPIU.

Innovation Beyond Limits

Food Carnival & OFFGRID 1.0: A Blend of Innovation and Celebration

— Shravani Nilesh Baral

The technical club CodeDecode of D Y Patil International University (DYPIU) successfully organized a vibrant Food Carnival, combining technology, creativity, and entertainment through three major segments — OffGrid 1.0 Hackathon, Jamming Session, and Food Stalls. The event attracted large participation from students across the country. OffGrid

1.0, a national-level hackathon, witnessed over 1100 participants



NSS Unit holds discussion on life & contributions of Dr Ambedkar



NSS Unit successfully organized a meaningful discussion on the life and contributions of Dr BR Ambedkar on the occasion of his 135th Jayanti. On this occasion, an insightful discussion was also conducted on the Indian Constitution, its key characteristics, and its role in strengthening India's unity. Students from MBA, BA JMC, and BTech actively attended and participated in the session, making it engaging and enriching.

Mr Vitthal Dhurnal, Deputy Director – Admissions and DYPIU Faculty, Dr Amol Dhakane were present on the occasion.

This activity primarily contributed to SDG 10: Reduced Inequalities, along with SDG 4: Quality Education.

Healthy Campus Initiative



The Healthy Campus Initiative was grandly inaugurated in the gracious presence of Hon'ble Vice Chancellor, Prof (Dr) Manish Bhalla. This vibrant initiative by D Y Patil International University celebrates the spirit of fitness, energy, and positivity among faculty and staff.

Rotaract Club celebrates World Earth Day

The Rotaract Club of D Y Patil International University on occasion of World Earth Day conducted Pledge activity under the Bharat Environment Program 2026 in association with Centre of Climate Change, Water Innovation and Green Solutions and IQAC.

The Rotaract Club members, students and faculties took the pledge to protect our planet, reduce footprints, conserve resources, protect biodiversity, make sustainable choices and inspire others to join in creating a greener, healthier Earth.

The activity not only raised awareness, but also built accountability, turning Earth Day into a catalyst for lasting change. The activity was coordinated by club convener Tanish Shinde and co-convener Sanjan Pillay under the guidance of faculty mentor, Dr Sunita Patil.



in the online round. After rigorous evaluation, 40 teams were selected from 340+ teams for the offline finale, with around 160 participants, representing pan-India talent. Focused on the theme of Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), participants developed innovative solutions across Hardware and Software domains, including IoT systems, automation models, and AI-based applications. Alongside the hackathon, the Food Carnival stalls brought energy and excitement to the campus, featuring popular outlets such as Abhinandan, Frankies Kitchen, BiteBazaar, and King Shawarma, creating an engaging and festive atmosphere. The Jamming Session added a cultural touch, allowing students to showcase their musical talents and enhance the overall experi-

ence. The event was guided by mentors Dhanesh Dodia (Threat-watch360), Vrijesh Rathod (Threat-watch360), and Pratik Ghute (Acuron AI Solutions), along with college mentors Dr. Maheshwari Biradar

and Dr. Sanjay Badhe. The event was powered by CRM PRO and co-powered by Abhinandan Chaha, whose contributions played a key role in the success of the event. Teams competed for a ₹20,000 prize pool, with projects evaluated on innovation, feasibility, and real-world impact. The event successfully blended technology with creativity and celebration, highlighting CodeDecode's commitment to fostering innovation, talent, and student engagement at DYPIU.

Winners

Hardware Domain:
1st Place – Team NeuroEye
2nd Place – Creative Crew
3rd Place – Tech Pulse
Software Domain:
1st Place – Parivartan
2nd Place – InnoQueens
3rd Place – CivicSense

HR Symposium 2026: Inspiring the Next Generation of Industry-Ready Professionals

The future belongs to those who continuously learn, adapt, and evolve," a thought that resonated strongly throughout the HR Symposium 2026 which was held at D Y Patil International University, Akurdi. Centered around theme 'Future-Ready Engineers: Skills, Attitude, and Industry Expectations,' the symposium brought together distinguished industry leaders and academic visionaries to guide students as they prepare to step into the professional world. The event was



inaugurated with an inspiring address by Vice Chancellor, Prof (Dr) Manish Bhalla who emphasised the need for a global outlook, continuous skilling,

and the right mindset to succeed in an ever-evolving industry landscape. His message set the tone for a session focused not just on careers, but on building future-ready individuals. ■

Five-day FDP on 'Creating Engaging Digital Classrooms'

A five-day Faculty Development Programme was conducted by DYPIU on 'Creating Engaging Digital Classrooms: E-content Development and AI Applications'. The event was jointly organised by the Centre of Skill Development and the School of Commerce and Management, in



association with Learning Everest Private Limited, Pune.

The FDP was focused on empowering educators with future-ready teaching competencies.

From designing structured learning experiences to producing high-quality digital content, faculty members gained valuable hands-on exposure to transform traditional classrooms into engaging, technology-driven learning environments.

This initiative aligns with SDG 4: Quality Education, promoting inclusive, equitable, and innovative teaching practices through digital transformation.

Concordia successfully organises Karniverse 2026

The International Club of DYPIU, Concordia, successfully organised Karniverse 2026 at Ganapati Porch, J-Block. The event brought together students from across the campus for an engaging and vibrant celebration of culture, creativity, and collaboration.

The Karniverse featured a diverse range of activities including cosplay, theme-based walk event, dance performances, team games, and student-led stalls, creating a dynamic and inclusive atmosphere. One of the key highlights of the event was the opportunity provided to students to set up and manage their own stalls, encouraging entrepreneurship and hands-on learning.

The event also emphasized multiculturalism, with participants showcasing various global themes and cultural expressions through performances and creative presentations. The Genesis-16 car showcase and an energetic flash-



mob further added excitement and engagement to the event.

With enthusiastic participation and a strong student presence, the Karniverse successfully created an international-level experience on campus, promoting creativity, teamwork, and cultural exchange. The event concluded with a prize distribution ceremony, recognizing the efforts and talents of the participants

Academic Collaboration with VFS Global

D Y Patil International University (DYPIU) signed an MOU with VFS Global Consultancy. The Office of International Affairs, DYPIU, has collaborated with VFS Global under the Austria STEM Initiative.

Through this collaboration, VFS Global has introduced leading Austrian universities, including TU Wien, TU Leoben, and TU Graz, renowned for their excellence in engineering and technology programs. These universities are globally recognised for their excellence in Master's programs across various engineering disciplines. TU Wien is ranked #197 in the QS World University Rankings 2026 and holds strong positions in subject-specific rankings. The university is well known for its specialisation in Quantum Information Science and Technology as well as Digital Civil Engineering Science. It is widely recognised as a leading institution for technology and research in Austria, with a strong focus on engineering and informatics. For more information, visit: <https://www.tuwien.at/en> TU

Leoben is a specialised Austrian technical university, ranked within the 601 800 band for Engineering by Times Higher Education 2026. It is particularly recognized for its strengths in Industrial Data Science and Mechanical Engineering, and is highly regarded for its expertise in mining, metallurgy, and materials science.

Workshop on Podcasting Power

Dr Meenu Khare, Renowned Radio Broadcaster & Former Program Head, All India Radio, held a day-long workshop on Podcasting Power. The event was organised by School of Skill Development in association with School of Media & Journalism.

During the workshop, Dr Khare imparted a hands-on training on podcast to all the three-year students of BAJMC. Moreover, she explained beautifully various types of podcasts and their theoretical aspects. On the conclusion of the workshop, the students prepared ready-to-publish content and posted them after getting themselves registered on podcast.

The introductory speech for the event was delivered by SMJ Director, Dr Arvind Kumar. He said podcast has reinvented the radio. With the coming of digital technologies podcast is always available on demand and is free from time constraint, he added.

The welcome speech was given by the Joint Director of Centre of Skill Development, Dr Sathish D Vote of thanks was given by the Assistant Professor of the department and Coordinator of the workshop, Prof Amit Kumar Om. ■



Significance of planting of sprouts

Akash Dubey
Life on Land (SDG: 15)

Sustainable Development Goal 15 focuses on protecting, restoring and promoting



the sustainable use of land and ecosystems. Plants and trees are essential for maintaining ecological balance and supporting life on Earth. As part of this activity, I planted multiple plant sprouts in a small pot at home in my balcony area. I prepared the soil carefully, placed the sprouts properly and watered them. The main objective of this activity was to contribute towards environmental protection and promote greenery. Planting seeds is a small but meaningful step towards restoring nature. Through this activity, I learned that even small individual efforts can help protect the environment. Taking care of plants teaches responsibility and respect for nature. Sustainable development begins with simple daily actions. By promoting greenery and environmental awareness, we can help build a healthier and more sustainable future. ■

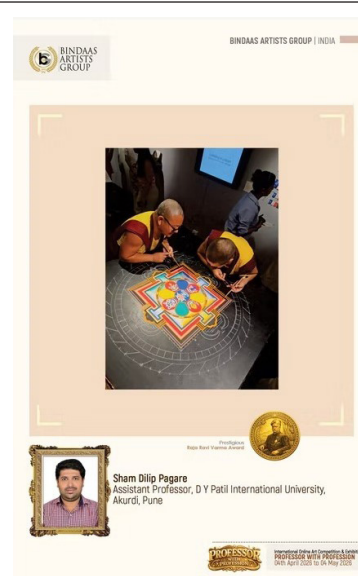
International Recognition at Bindaas Artist Group Competition 2026

The Bindaas Artist Group, Mirzapur, Uttar Pradesh, India successfully organized the International Art Competition and Online Exhibition 2026, themed 'Professor With Profession'. This global virtual platform brought together creative minds from across the world, offering artists a unique opportunity to showcase their talent, innovation, and artistic vision to an international level. Among the many talented participants, IDYP-

IU Faculty, Prof Shyam Pagare, was awarded the prestigious certificate for his contribution to the competition.

This recognition stands as a meaningful milestone, celebrating creativity, dedication, and artistic expression on an international stage.

Commenting on it, Prof Pagare said, "Deeply honored and grateful, this award inspires me to keep creating and growing as an artist." ■



PhD award for DYPIU Faculty

A DYPIU Faculty, Prof Kumud Das, who is also the Editor of the DYPIU Campus Newsletter 'Zenith', has been awarded PhD degree from Kalinga University, Raipur.



Dr Kumud Das, an Associate Professor in the School of Media and Communication Studies at DYPIU has earned his PhD for his doctoral thesis titled 'Reputational Risk to Companies Posed by Adverse Media: Assessing the Feasibility of Insurance Coverage in India'. His research provides valuable insights into the growing impact of media narratives on corporate reputation and explores innovative risk management solutions. ■

Beyond Academics: Why Mental Health Must Be in the Curriculum



Ms Nutan Kanth, Senior Psychologist and Counsellor, DY Patil International University,

In recent years, conversations around mental health in India have become louder. But they are still not deep enough. Stigma continues to exist. It silently shapes how young people think, feel, and respond to their struggles. As a psychologist working closely with students, I often see this gap. Students are willing to talk, but they do not always feel safe enough to open up. India is progressing rapidly in technology and innovation. Yet, mental well-being remains under-addressed. This is where our education system must step in. Universities, in particular, have a responsibility to lead this change. Mental health must be integrated into the curriculum—not as an option, but as a necessity.

Universities do more than award degrees. They shape identities. They influence values and perspectives. Every year, millions of students enter these institutions with dreams and ambitions. Along with these, they also carry pressure. Academic competition is intense. Career paths are uncertain. Digital exposure is constant. Social expectations are high. As a result, many students appear fine on the outside, but feel overwhelmed within. Anxiety, burnout, and loneliness are no longer rare. They are becoming common experiences. This is something I witness regularly in counselling sessions.

Global research also reflects

this reality. A significant number of young students today experience mental health challenges. In India, the pressure is even higher due to exam-driven systems and performance-based identity. Success is often linked to self-worth. Failure feels personal. This creates emotional fatigue. From a psychological perspective, this has serious consequences. When the mind is under stress, learning suffers. The brain struggles to focus. Memory weakens. Decision-making becomes difficult. In simple terms, a stressed mind cannot learn effectively. This is why mental health and education cannot be separated.

Mental health must be treated as an academic priority. Not just a support service. When we integrate it into the curriculum, we change how students experience education. We equip them with life skills. Skills like emotional regulation, resilience, empathy, and self-awareness. These are not “extra” skills. They are essential for life. Bringing mental health into everyday learning also normalises conversations. It reduces fear. It reduces stigma. Students begin to understand themselves and others better. Teachers become more sensitive. Classrooms become safer spaces. And this impact does not remain within campuses. It reaches homes, workplaces, and society at large.

There are encouraging signs of change. Some initiatives in India are already working in this direction. Collaborative programmes between organisations and NGOs are reaching thousands of students. They focus on emotional awareness, communication, and resilience. Many of these programmes are delivered in regional languages. This makes them more inclusive and effective. They show us that structured mental health education can make a real difference.

However, these efforts are still limited. What we need is a systemic shift. Universities must adopt a holistic approach. Mental health should be part of the curriculum. Counselling services must be strengthened. Faculty should be trained in basic mental health awareness. Peer support systems should be encouraged. Teachers play a crucial role. Often, they are the first to notice when a student is struggling. With the right training, they can guide students towards help. At the same time, institutions must create environments where students feel a sense of belonging. This feeling is deeply connected to both well-being and academic success. Another important concern is that many students do not seek help. Even when services are available. Stigma, lack of awareness, and fear of judgement hold them back. By integrating mental health into the curriculum, we can address this gap. We can move from reactive support to proactive education. India's education system is at a turning point. Access to education has improved. But sustaining students emotionally within the system remains a challenge. If students graduate with degrees but struggle internally, we must question our approach.

Education cannot be limited to marks and outcomes. It must also focus on experience. How students feel while learning matters. How they cope matters. How they grow as individuals matters. Integrating mental health into the curriculum is not just about reducing stress. It is about building balanced and resilient individuals. Individuals who are prepared not just for jobs, but for life. The time to act is now. Our universities must not only produce graduates. They must nurture human beings.

Portrait Demonstration & Academic Interaction at KK Wagh College of Fine Arts

Ms Surabhi Gulwelkar, a faculty from School of Applied Arts & Crafts, DYPIU was invited as a resource person and expert to conduct a portrait painting demonstration at KK Wagh College of Fine Arts, Nasik.

The session was designed not only as a demonstration, but as an immersive learning experience for the students. Through a live portrait painting, she focused on connecting fundamental principles with practical application. She guided the students through key aspects such as colour theory, light arrangement, composition, and model setup etc areas that are essential yet often challenging in portrait practice.

A significant emphasis of Ms Gulwelkar's session was on developing visual sensitivity—helping students move beyond conventional approaches and engage more thoughtfully with observation, colour relationships, and structural understanding. The interaction was highly engaging, and she was encouraged by the students' active participation and keen interest in understanding the deeper aspects of painting. On this occasion, the



event was graced by the presence of Dean Bal Nagarkar, Principal Sachin Jadhav, and senior artist Mukat Baliga.

Following the demonstration, I had the privilege of being invited as the Chief Guest for the prize distribution ceremony. It was a rewarding experience to recognize and appreciate the students' efforts and achievements. During my address, I shared insights on the importance of strong fundamentals, disciplined practice, and the continuous pursuit of an individual artistic voice.

Overall, the experience was deeply fulfilling, as it allowed me to contribute meaningfully to the students' learning and creative growth. I sincerely appreciate the opportunity extended by the institution and look forward to engaging in more such enriching academic interactions in the future. ■

DYPIU Librarian Attends National Workshop

Dr Manik Rajopadhye, DYPIU Librarian, attended National Workshop on DSpace 9.0, Organised by Gokhale Institute of Politics and Economics (GIPE), Pune. DSpace stands as the premier Digital Library (DL) software globally. With the release of DSpace 9.0, a new suite of powerful tools and enhanced stability features has become available.

To ensure Indian repositories remain at the cutting edge of information management, GIPE hosted a specialized workshop focused on this latest version that is 9.0. The workshop focused on the hands-on experience. This will help in creation of Digital Repository.

Manuscript publication by DYPIU Faculty

A manuscript by Dr Ramendra Pandey, Deputy Dean (Research), DYPIU, has been accepted and published in the Journal of Microbiological Methods. We have summarized the advancements in phage immunoprecipitation sequencing (PhIP-Seq) for viral surveillance and immune profiling in this manuscript.

NOTIFICATION

With a view to reflect the contemporary nature of media studies and digital communication and better align with industry and academic trend, the Nomenclature of School of Media and Journalism has been changed to 'School of Media and Communication Studies'.

₹ 20 That Meant More Than Money

Zero Hunger (SDG 02)

Sonali, Vaishnavi, Soham & Aditya

It started with something very small Four friends. ₹20 each. Total – ₹100. No big NGO. No sponsorship. No camera crew. Just a simple thought — “What if we don't just talk about change... but do something?”

So we bought 5 vada pavs and stepped out into the streets of PCMC.

To most of us, a vada pav is just a snack. But that day, it became dignity. It became relief. It became a smile. When we handed over the first vada pav, the person didn't just say “thank you.” Their eyes said it. And that's when we realized —



Zero Hunger isn't only about big policies and global summits.

It's also about small actions.

About college students.

About ₹20.

About choosing compassion over convenience.

Hunger doesn't always look dramatic. Sometimes it's silent. Sometimes it's sitting on the roadside, unseen. We couldn't

end hunger that day. But for five people, for one moment,

we reduced it. And maybe that's how change begins. Not with crores. Not with power.

But with intention. Because when small pockets come together, they create big impact.

Five-Day FDP on E-Waste Management Highlights

The Centre for Skill Development, in collaboration with the Department of Chemical Engineering at D. Y. Patil International University, Pune, successfully conducted a five-day online Faculty Development Programme on E-Waste Management. The last three sessions saw active participation from academicians across institutions. Key topics included sustainable e-waste practices, AI-driven management systems, and digital twin technologies. Experts shared insights on innovative strategies for efficient handling, monitoring, and recycling of electronic waste. The sessions emphasized environmental sustainability and technological advancement. Renowned experts Dr. Sandip Chatterjee, Dr. Balakrishnan S, and Dr. Sudaroli Dhananjeyan contributed significantly to the programme.

Expert Session on Global Careers in Accounting & Finance

An insightful academic session on “Global Career in Accounts and Finances (Global Certification)” is scheduled to be held on Monday, 23rd March 2026 for students of BBA and MBA programmes, from first year to final year. The session aims to provide students with valuable guidance on career opportunities in the global finance and accounting domain. The programme will feature Prof. Prabodh B. Nayak as the guest speaker, an eminent expert with distinguished qualifications including CA, MBA, US CMA, CPA, PGDTFM, and CFA. With his vast professional and academic expertise, the session is expected to offer deep insights into international certifications, career pathways, and the skills required to excel in the global financial sector. Students will gain awareness about globally recognized qualifications, evolving

Placement Achievement Spotlight - DYPIU Pride



Dr. D. Y. Patil International University (DYPIU) proudly celebrates the placement success of Namrata Deepak Vaswani, a dedicated student from the Bachelor of Business Administration (BBA) program. She has successfully secured a position with Vcheck Global, Baner, Pune, marking a significant milestone in her academic and professional journey. Namrata's achievement reflects her hard work, determination, and the strong academic

foundation provided at DYPIU. This accomplishment highlights the university's commitment to nurturing talent and preparing students for industry excellence. We congratulate Namrata and wish her continued success in all her future endeavors.

DYPIU proudly celebrates the remarkable achievement of MBA FinTech student Samruddhi Sunil Jadhav, who has secured not one but two prestigious placements. She has been selected as an Associate Analyst at XL Dynamics and as a Functional Trainee at VE Commercial. This accomplishment reflects her dedication, skills, and the strong academic foundation provided at DYPIU. Her success stands as an inspiration for fellow students aiming to excel in the competitive corporate world. DYPIU continues to nurture talent and empower students to achieve their professional goals. We congratulate Samruddhi and wish her continued success in her career journey ahead. ■

Thought-Provoking Session on Red

TA thought-provoking guest lecture was recently held at DY Patil International University, Akurdi, Pune, where an invited speaker Mr Ashutosh Garje and Mr. Gaurav Buckul addressed MBA students on the topic of Red Ocean vs Blue Ocean Strategy. The session focused on whether businesses are genuinely creating new markets or merely competing harder in existing ones. The discussion quickly turned engaging and intense, with students sharing diverse perspectives and challenging conventional ideas. The speaker described the experience as both surreal and enriching, emphasizing that the interaction was a mutual learning opportunity. Special gratitude was expressed to Dr. Sheetal Bansude Bura for her constant support and encouragement in making the session possible.

DYPIU Hosts Hands-On Workshop on Prototyping and Model Making Techniques

The Centre for Skill Development at DYPIU, in collaboration with the School of Design, organized a workshop titled “From Concept to Creation: Hands-on Prototyping and Model Making.” The session was led by renowned sculptor Mr. Sunil K. Deore, recipient of the Indira Gandhi Sadbhavana Award. The workshop featured a live demonstration, where the expert sculpted a student's face, offering practical insights into model making. Students actively participated by creating their own models, enhancing creativity and design thinking. The initiative aligned with SDG 4 and SDG 9, promoting experiential learning and innovation-driven skill development, fostering creative confidence among students.



DYPIU and ITESKUL Launch 140-Hour Japanese Language N5 Certification Course

The Centre for Skill Development, DYPIU, in collaboration with ITESKUL, Pune, has commenced a 140-hour Japanese Language Coaching Certificate Course (N5 Level) at DY Patil International University, Akurdi, Pune. The programme aims to equip students with foundational Japanese language skills and strengthen global learning opportunities. Senior dignitaries, including Dr. Manish B Bhalla, Dr. Beeran Moidin BM, and Dr. Sathish D, marked the inauguration. The book distribution ceremony was graced by Dr. Abnish Singh Chauhan, Director, School of Humanities and Social Sciences. This initiative reflects DYPIU's commitment to skill enhancement and international career readiness.

DYPIU Conducts Five-Day FDP on CFD, DEM and Advanced Simulation Tools

The Centre for Skill Development, DYPIU, in collaboration with the School of Continuing Education, successfully organized a five-day Faculty Development Programme in hybrid mode on CFD, DEM, and Advanced Simulation Tools at DY Patil International University, Akurdi, Pune. The programme aimed to equip faculty members with hands-on knowledge and industry-relevant simulation skills. Key topics included Ansys Fluent, Rocky, FreeFlow, Structural Analysis, and Motor-CAD, offering comprehensive exposure to multiphysics simulation techniques. The initiative bridged academic concepts with real-world engineering applications and aligned with SDG 4, SDG 8, and SDG 9, promoting quality education, innovation, and industry readiness.

DYPIU and ITESKUL Successfully Complete 90-Hour German Language A1 Course

The National Service Scheme (NSS) Unit of D Y Patil International University (DYPIU), Akurdi, successfully conducted a mega Blood Donation Drive on February 17, 2026. Organized in collaboration with the YCMH Blood Centre, the event took place at the university's Multipurpose Hall.

Guided by the noble motto “Not Me, But You,” students, faculty, and staff turned out in significant numbers to contribute to this life-saving cause. The drive emphasized the critical importance of blood donation in supporting local healthcare services. The event concluded with a formal recognition ceremony, where the organizing team and medical partners were honored for their dedication to community welfare. ■

NSS Unit Honors Women Support

Staff on International Women's Day



The NSS Unit of DYPIU celebrated International Women's Day by honoring its dedicated women support staff, fondly known as the Mausis, for their invaluable service to the university. The event expressed gratitude for their tireless efforts in keeping the campus running smoothly. Registrar Dr. Beeran Moidin attended as the Chief Guest, along with NSS Program Officer Dr. Ajit Dalvi and faculty members Dr. Priyanka Dhoot, Dr. Shailesh Godake, NSS President Yuvraj and Mr. Rajaram. A total of 35 Mausis were felicitated with special gifts as tokens of appreciation, making the occasion a heartfelt celebration of respect, gratitude, and joy.

