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## DYPIU Wins Excellence Award at Dubai Education Summit



Senior officials from D.Y. Patil International University (DYPIU), Pune, participated in the African Student Recruitment Conference (ASRC) in Dubai, where they were recognized for excellence in international education and strengthened the institution's global partnerships.

PROF. Manish Bhalla, Vice Chancellor of DYPIU, and Dr. Anupama Patil, Director of the School of Engineering, Management and Research, represented the university at the high-profile conference, which brings together educators, recruitment agents, and government officials focused on expanding educational opportunities for African students.

During the event, Prof. Bhalla was honored with an excellence award at an awards ceremony held as part of the conference proceedings. The recognition underscores DYPIU's growing reputation in international education circles

and its commitment to fostering cross-border academic collaboration.

### About the Conference

The African Student Recruitment Conference, organized by Worldview Events and supported by the Association of Indian Universities (AIU), took place in Dubai recently, marking its 10th anniversary.

The conference serves as a critical platform connecting international education providers with African students, agents, and institutional partners under the theme "Reimagining African Student Recruitment: Adapting to

Global Shifts in International Education."

### Leadership Profile

Prof. Manish Bhalla, Vice Chancellor of DYPIU, is a Fellow of the Royal Society of Chemistry (FRSC), UK, with over three decades of experience in higher education leadership.

Dr. Anupama Patil, Director of the School of Engineering, Management and Research at DYPIU, holds a Ph.D. in Electronics and brings 27 years of experience in teaching and administration.

### Strategic Importance

The participation of DYPIU leadership at ASRC aligns with the university's strategic vision to expand its international footprint and attract diverse student populations from Africa and other regions. DYPIU has been actively pursuing internationalization initiatives, including collaborations with global institutions and the introduction of foreign language certificate programs.

Through such international engagements, DYPIU aims to position itself as a preferred destination for students seeking quality higher education in India. The conference participation is expected to open new pathways for student recruitment, faculty exchanges, and collaborative research projects between DYPIU and educational institutions across the African continent.

## DYPIU bags Times Education Icons 2025 Award

DYPIU has been felicitated as a Times Education Icons 2025 in the category of Creative Excellence in Film Studies & Media Research by The Times of India.



THE recognition acknowledges DYPIU's dedication to fostering innovation, creativity, and academic excellence in the fields of Film Studies and Media Research. The award underscores the university's growing reputation as a leading institution in media education.

### Commitment to Innovation

The award highlights DYPIU's approach to empowering students to think beyond traditional boundaries, explore diverse perspectives, and create meaningful work that resonates across society and industry.

University officials attributed the achievement to the collective efforts of visionary leadership, committed faculty, hardworking students, and supportive institutional partners who have contributed to building DYPIU's reputation in media education and

research.

### About the Award

Times Education Icons is a platform by Optimal Media Solutions, a division of Times Internet Limited, to recognize and reward educational institutions across India that have demonstrated outstanding achievements in various categories of education.

DYPIU's School of Media and Journalism offers comprehensive programs integrating journalism, advertising, public relations, digital media, and film studies, with state-of-the-art facilities and strong industry linkages.

This latest recognition reinforces DYPIU's position as an emerging leader in creative education and media research, committed to producing skilled professionals for the media and entertainment industry.

## Money Talks, DYPIU Listens:

# The Book That Makes Teens Rich

The seminar hall next to Shantaai Auditorium at DYPIU's College of Pharmacy came alive on October 15, 2025, for the launch of Start Early, Finish Rich, a book specially crafted by Dr. Anil Lamba for teenagers and young adults. This focus makes it a must-read for DYPIU students eager to master the art of financial freedom before their first salary slips hit the bank.



THE event was inaugurated by Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Manish Bhalla, in the good company of Registrar Dr. Beeran Moiddin, author and RTI activist Vinita

Deshmukh—Editor of Corporate Citizen and Guest of Hon'our—and Prof. Aziz Poonawala.

The launch ceremony was a well-orchestrated affair with a panel discussion featuring Dr. Lamba and Prof. Poonawala, sparking lively student and faculty interaction during the Q&A session.

Dr. Lamba took center stage explaining the magical powers of compounding. His big pitch? If a PPF account gets opened on the

day a baby is born, thirty-something years later, that kid will likely be sitting on a multi-crore pile of wealth—a retirement golden goose. To keep it relatable, he used the classic "folded paper" analogy: just like folding a paper doubles its thickness exponentially, your investments grow geometrically (and no, you don't literally fold your passbook!).

Adding a feather to the event's cap, Ronit, a gifted UX student

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from the School of Design, produced an engaging video narrating Dr. Lamba's inspiring journey and the pressing need for financial education, which drew applause from the audience.

In a reveal with a hint of humor, Dr. Lamba referenced the National Education Policy (NEP) 2020, noting that it officially recommends financial literacy as part of school and college curricula, and this is already rolling out. Yes, schools these days want your kids to learn saving and investing—maybe even before they learn to save their pocket money from those sneaky impulses to buy candy.

Prof. Bhalla echoed this sentiment, stressing that financial knowledge isn't just for accountants and stockbrokers but a skill every individual needs—because

as someone joked lightly in the crowd, "Your wallet isn't going to take a coffee break!"

The literary soirée was anchored flawlessly by Drashti and Numa, with the vote of thanks deftly delivered by Ms. Monika Sharma, who also managed the overall compering duties. The Registrar and other dignitaries contributed brief yet impactful words about the importance of cultivating financial wisdom.

Start Early, Finish Rich isn't just a book; it's a rallying call for youth to tame their money before their money runs away. With its accessible approach, the book complements DYPIU's commitment to equipping students with not just academic knowledge but with practical life skills that could turn them into financial superheroes.

As Dr. Lamba concluded, "The



best time to plant a money tree was 20 years ago. The second-best time is today." With this new guide in hand, DYPIU's students have no excuse but to become financially savvy—because, after all, laughter and learning about money shouldn't be mutually exclusive.

## First In-House Publication of DYPIU

Anushka Jha

**The book, 'The Now and the Next', contains five selected research articles written by the pass-out students of B.A. JMC. Prof. Sandeep Dongare, Assistant Professor of SOMJ, who has edited the book along with another Assistant Professor of the department, Dr Pallavi Jha, says about the book, "As Editors, we had a good experience while working on the book."**

**T**HE main purpose of the book was to encourage the research mindsets of the students, to bring their work in the form of a book, and to provide them a platform for their writing.

With a view to ensure that quality research papers receive a wider recognition, we have compiled and edited the book, he said.

The book is useful and important for both, the students and readers as a whole. This process had been going on for past three months. In fact, selecting the articles itself was a the most difficult

task as all the students had written nice articles.

While working on the book, we didn't make any major change in the original work, he added.

The content and the format of the book were kept as they were to maintain their originality

Editors plan to continue such innovative experiments in future as well. "We are determined to do, with the clear belief that students' active participation is very important in this process," Prof Dongare said.

## ROTARACT CLUB OF DYPIU Logo Making Contest

**R**OTARACT Club of DYPIU conducted Logo Making Contest on the occasion of National Engineer's Day on 15 September 2025 under club's professional development avenue. Participants showed their innovation, imagination, and design skills through creation of logs on



the theme 'Engineering for Sustainable Future'. It provided the platform for budding engineers to gain recognition.

## Engineers Day 2025 Reinforced - Material exhibition



**T**HE Civil Engineering Department at D Y Patil International University, proudly hosted the Reinforced - Material Exhibition, celebrating Engineers Day with a powerful blend of innovation, sustain ability, and student creativity.

The exhibition featured various materials such as types of bricks, Paints, Reinforcing material, water proofing material, Admixtures, Flooring material, Various types of Cements and fibers. Students enthusiastically participated and showcased the information about the same in effective way.

Congratulations to all participants and organizers for making this event a memorable celebration of talent and purpose!

Chief Guest of the event was Dr Sudhanshu Pathak, construction in-charge, DYPEC, Akurdi.

## Dr. D.Y. Patil Celebrates 90 Years

### A Legacy of Excellence Reshaping India

**As Dr. D.Y. Patil marks his 90th birthday, India celebrates a pioneering educationist whose transformative vision has touched millions.**



**T**HE D.Y. Patil Group, encompassing numerous institutions across engineering, medicine, agriculture, management, and hospitality, stands as a monument to his relentless pursuit of educational excellence.

#### From Education to Governance

The Government of India honored Dr. Patil with the prestigious Padma Shri in 1991 for his outstanding contributions to education and social service. His influence extended to the highest levels of governance, serving as Governor of West Bengal, Tripura, and Bihar. Prestigious universities including Nottingham Trent University, Arizona University, and KIIT have conferred honorary doctorates upon him, recognizing his global leadership.

Dr. Patil played an instrumental role in advancing technical

education across Maharashtra, democratizing access to world-class engineering and technology programs and fueling India's emergence as a global technology hub.

#### Impact Beyond the Classroom

His philanthropic legacy encompasses healthcare, rural development, and cultural preservation initiatives that have uplifted entire communities across Maharashtra.

At 90, Dr. Patil remains a living inspiration—a testament to what determined vision and selfless service can accomplish for a nation.

## DYPIU excels in sports arena

Ambika Singh

**Sports Festival and Kabbadi Tournament Achievement at D.Y. Patil International University, Akurdi, Pune.**

The sports committee of D.Y. Patil International University, Akurdi, organised a series of sports activities this semester to promote fitness, teamwork, and a healthy sporting culture among students.

The fest featured various indoor and outdoor games, including football, basketball, volleyball, badminton, kabbadi and rifle shooting.

"This year's event is special because students from different colleges are also joining, making the competition more vibrant and diverse", said Mr. Sangram Bhakare, event coordinator.

The university's kabbadi team



represented DYPIU at the inter-University kabbadi tournament held at Medcaps University, Indore.

Under the leadership of Mr. Sangram Bhakare, Team A (pull) secured a 3-4 victory, achieving third place in the tournament and bringing pride to the university.

## Team Genesis 16 Motorsports Club

Team Genesis 16 Motorsports club held a pooja at DYPIU campus to mark the official start of their eBaja season. This is more than a new beginning; it's a moment of dedication and a sign of the hard work to come.





# DYPIU Clubs: Building Skills, Confidence, and Community

Sunny Sharma

**At DY Patil International University (DYPIU), learning goes far beyond lectures and exams. Student clubs and groups at DYPIU provide an active platform where students can explore their interests, develop skills, and grow as individuals.**

ON the DYPIU campus, students participate in a range of activities, from organizing events and rehearsing performances to collaborating on creative projects. These clubs encourage initiative, teamwork, and self-expression. Responsibilities like planning events or managing projects help students develop leadership, time management, and organizational abilities.

The impact of club participation extends beyond social interaction. Students at DYPIU enhance problem-solving skills, critical thinking, communication, and adaptability, qualities that cannot be fully learned in a classroom. By leading projects, performing, and managing events, students gain practical experience that prepares them for challenges in both personal and professional life.

College clubs at DYPIU also

foster a strong sense of community, connecting students across disciplines. Working together promotes collaboration, mentorship, and networking, while helping students understand different perspectives and build empathy.

DYPIU emphasizes that education is not limited to classrooms. Clubs offer students exposure to new ideas, opportunities to explore diverse interests, and a chance to develop skills that complement their academic growth. These experiences strengthen creativity, confidence, and social abilities, equipping students with traits that remain valuable long after graduation.

In essence, joining a club at DYPIU is more than an extracurricular activity, it is a journey of growth and self-discovery. College clubs transform education into a practical, engaging, and dynamic experience, showing that

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## CAMPUS BRIEFS

### B.A. JMC student's short film wins laurels



A Short Film, made by the B.A. JMC student, Gaurav More, titled as 'DRUSHYANT' under the mentorship of Prof Sandeep Dongare from SOMJ, has been selected for the prestigious 'Dainik Jagran Film Festival 2025'. This film was produced as part of the B.A. JMC Final Year Short Film Production Course and will be screened in Prayagraj.

### Copyright for SCSEA B.Tech (CSE) students' research work

THE Copyright Office has granted the Copyright for our SCSEA B.Tech (CSE) students' research work under mentorship.

It could be possible due to continuous encouragement and support in making this possible by Hon'ble Vice Chancellor Prof. Manish Bhalla, Dean R&D Prof. Shashi Singh, Director SCSEA Dr. Rahul Sharma, HoD Dr. Maheshwari Biradar, and IPR Cell Director Dr. Aruna Tripathi.

### NSS Unit of DYPIU visits Orphanage Centre



ON Gandhi Jayanti (October 2, 2025), the NSS Unit of DYPIU visited Immanuel Orphanage Centre, home to 35 orphan children, and donated essential supplies including 30 kg wheat, 30 kg rice, soaps, and other necessities.

The unit gratefully acknowledges the support of Hon'ble Vice Chancellor Prof. Manish Bhalla, Registrar, Dr. Madhavi, Dr. Anupama, and all contributors whose encouragement made this initiative successful. ■

## Enablement & curriculum Workshop by IBM x SoCSEA

The School of Computer Science, Engineering & Applications (SoCSEA), under its active collaboration with IBM, successfully conducted a IBM Enablement and curriculum Workshop on 07-10-2025 as part of the ongoing MoU between IBM and DYPIU.



THE workshop focused on specialized curriculum design and integration in key emerging domains -

Artificial Intelligence & Machine Learning, Cybersecurity & Forensics and Internet of Things (IoT) and Cloud Computing & DevOps. Through this collaboration, faculty members are being trained and empowered to align academic content with industry-relevant technologies, ensuring our curriculum stays future-ready and skill-driven.

This initiative strengthens DYPIU's commitment to provide students with Industry-aligned courses,

Hands-on learning opportunities, Access to IBM tools and certification modules and Exposure to real-world problem-solving.

DYPIU and IBM actively link the academic and industry worlds, fuelling innovation and excellence for faculty and students alike.



"Gulabo Sapera - The Dancing Wind of Change" won the first award in Jury Special Mention Film category in Pan India Short Film Festival 2025 - Kerala. Yhr film is produced and directed by Bdes Faculty Mr Ketan Deore and his team. ■

## From Doordarshan to Digital: Media's Evolution Discussed at DYPIU

Sunny Sharma

**The School of Media and Journalism at DYPIU recently hosted an engaging guest lecture on "Emerging Trends in Electronic Media" by Mr. Amrendra Pratap Singh, veteran journalist and former Managing Editor of India TV. Held on 19th August 2025, the session offered students an insightful journey through the evolution of India's media landscape.**

MR. Singh began by tracing the transformation from broadcast to broadband, highlighting the shift from Doordarshan's monopoly to the rise of private news channels after economic liberalisation. From a single official broadcaster with limited time slots, India today has over 900 public and private news channels in multiple languages, reaching both urban and rural audiences and giving stronger voices to regional areas.

The lecture emphasized the seismic shift brought by digital platforms and social media, which have transformed audience habits and content delivery. Between 2000 and 2007, the Indian news industry saw rapid expansion, as cable networks grew and production houses evolved into full-fledged 24/7 channels such as Aaj

Tak.

Moving forward, Mr. Singh spoke about the impact of the internet since the mid-1990s, followed by the rise of smartphones, YouTube, and social media dominance in the 2010s. He cited the example of the Chandrayaan-3 landing, where over 8 million viewers watched ISRO's YouTube live stream, preferring it over television channels because they trusted it as "first source information." He also noted how X (formerly Twitter) has become an important medium for ministers and policymakers to share updates and policies directly with citizens.

Concluding the lecture, Mr. Singh explained how Artificial Intelligence in the 2020s is revolutionizing journalism, scanning thousands of sources, improving efficiency, and detecting fake videos, propaganda, and misinformation.

The session ended with a lively Q&A round, where students cleared their doubts about the challenges of digital journalism, ethical practices, and the skills needed for emerging journalists. Mr. Singh's thoughtful answers motivated students to embrace innovation while upholding credibility and truth.

The interactive seminar left students not only informed but also inspired to step confidently into the ever-evolving world of media. ■

## PhD Scholar's Artwork Featured on ACS Chemical Neuroscience Cover

D Y Patil International University is proud to share that the latest research article, "Dual Inhibition of IDO1 and TDO: A Unified Therapeutic Strategy to Combat Alzheimer's Disease and Cancer" (ACS Chem. Neurosci. 2025, 16, 17, 3312–3322), from Dr. Parth Sarthi Sen Gupta's group has been featured on the front cover of ACS Chemical Neuroscience (Vol. 16, Issue 17, September 3, 2025).

The study presents a phytochemical-based approach that targets both metabolic and neuroinflammatory pathways, offering new possibilities for treating Alzheimer's disease and cancer.

Speaking on the achievement, Dr. Parth Sarthi Sen Gupta expressed his pride, stating:

What makes this achievement especially noteworthy is that the cover artwork was created by Ms. Arpita Khamle, PhD scholar and first author of the paper. She designed an illustration that powerfully conveys the theme of the research.

This recognition highlights not only the scientific contribution of the team but also the creativity and dedication of our young researchers.

Congratulations to Arpita and the entire group for this milestone achievement. ■



## DYPIU Internal Hackathon (SIH 2025) Concludes Successfully

D.Y. Patil International University (DYPIU), Akurdi successfully conducted its Internal Hackathon on 23–24 September 2025, serving as a preparatory platform for the prestigious Smart India Hackathon (SIH) 2025.



THE two-day event provided students with an opportunity to ideate, innovate, and develop prototypes addressing real-world SIH problem statements, fostering creativity, collaboration, and problem-solving skills.

On behalf of DYPIU, Dr. Sandhya Ingale, Overall SIH Coordinator, expressed gratitude to all who contributed to the event's success, including Hon'ble Vice Chancellor Dr. Manish Bhalla, Registrar Dr. (Prof.) Beeran Moidin B. M., Dean Academics Dr. Madhavi Deshpande, Directors, Faculty Members, the internal jury panel, external jury members, the Organizing Committee, Student Council, Volunteers, and Support Staff. Special recognition was given to the students, whose enthusiasm and innovation were the heart of the hackathon.

The external jury, comprising industry experts from John Deere India, Knowledge Horizon India, ISO-Matrix Systems, KPIT, and Cognizant, evaluated students on their experience and performance.

Top-performing teams were awarded “Golden Tickets” to advance to the national SIH 2025 round, evaluated on innovation, feasibility, societal impact, technical depth, and presentation.

The hackathon successfully identified DYPIU's strongest teams while providing students hands-on experience in rapid prototyping, teamwork under pressure, and pitching solutions, preparing them for the national stage.

## Rotaract Club of DYPIU celebrates Diwali with Elders

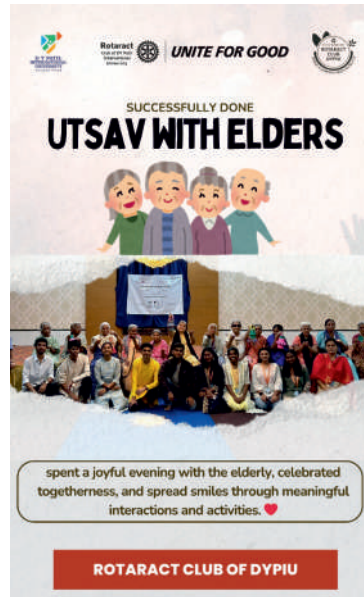
The Rotaract Club of DYPIU successfully conducted UTSAV WITH ELDERS - a heartfelt Diwali celebration at Moni Sahib Vridha Anand Ashram on 15 October 2025.

THE event was filled with warmth, joy, and meaningful moments as we spent quality time with the elderly by making lanterns, coloring diyas, shared festive treats, and spread smiles all around. It was a beautiful reminder that the spirit of Diwali shines brightest when shared with others.

Dr. Anu Dandona spoke and interacted about mental well being for elderly people to enhance quality of life.

It could be possible by the valuable support, encouragement and contribution by Prof. Manish Bhalla (Hon'ble Vice Chancellor, DYPIU), Prof. Beeran Moidin BM (Registrar, DYPIU), Dr. Anupama Patil (Director, SEMR) and Mr. Maan Bardhan Kanth (Associate Director, Student Wel-

fare),” said Dr. Sunita Patil, Faculty Coordinator, Rotaract Club of D Y Patil International University.



## ENGINEERS' DAY CELEBRATIONS

### Showcasing Innovation at DYPIU

D Y Patil International University (DYPIU), Akurdi, Pune, hosted a vibrant celebration of Engineers' Day, honoring Sir M. Visvesvaraya while fostering innovation among its engineering students.



THE Department of Chemical Engineering organized a Poster Competition and Quiz Competition, drawing impressive participation from first and second-year students. Sixteen teams competed in the poster event organized by the IChE Students Chapter, while 42 individual participants took part in the quiz hosted by the Design and Simulation Club.

Dr. Atul Kolhe from the Civil Engineering Department judged the competitions, which concluded with a prize distribution ceremony recognizing student

creativity and knowledge. Complementing these events, the IEEE Student Branch conducted Innovolt—a Tech Hunt activity on the same day, attracting over 75 enthusiastic participants. The IEEE Board of Directors earned praise for their meticulous planning and execution, ensuring a well-organized and engaging event filled with energy and innovation.

The day successfully celebrated engineering excellence and inspired students to pursue their innovative endeavors.

## IET Student Chapter inaugurated at DYPIU

INSTITUTION of Engineering and Technology (IET) Student Chapter has been officially inaugurated on 18th September 2025 at D Y Patil International University, Akurdi, Pune.



THE IET Student Chapter will serve as a dynamic platform to promote technical knowledge, leadership skills, and professional networking among students from diverse disciplines including Bioengineering, Computer Engineering, Civil Engineering, Mechanical Engineering, Chemical Engineering, and Semiconductor Engineering.

The event was graced by distinguished guests and dignitaries, whose presence made this occasion truly special:

### IET India Representatives include

- Ms. Varsha Kothari, Senior Community Manager – South Asia
- Dr. Shilpa Metkar, Chairman, The IET Pune Local Network
- Dr. Yogita Vaidya, Secretary, The IET Pune Local Network
- Dr. Gaurav Narkhede, Treasurer, The IET Pune Local Net-

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- Dr. Deepak Kshirsagar, Executive Committee Member
- Dr. Gutte Vitthal, Executive Committee Member

### DYPIU Leadership:

- Prof. Dr. Manish Bhalla, Hon'ble Vice Chancellor, DYPIU
- Dr. Beeran Moidin, Registrar, DYPIU
- Dr. Madhavi Deshpande, Dean Academics, DYPIU
- Dr. Anupama Patil, Director, School of Engineering, Management and Research
- Dr. Shashi Singh, Director, School of Biosciences and Bioengineering & Dean—Research, School of Interdisciplinary Science
- Dr. Rahul Sharma, Director, School of Computer Science and Engineering & Applications

## IGBC Model Making Competition – A Resounding Success!

On 17th September 2025, the Civil Engineering Department at D Y Patil International University, proudly hosted the IGBC Model Making Competition, celebrating Engineers Day with a powerful blend of innovation, sustainability, and student creativity.



Under the theme “Best Out of Waste,” students transformed everyday household materials into stunning architectural models—proving that engineering brilliance and eco-conscious design go hand in hand.

From cardboard skyscrapers to bottle-based bridges, the event showcased: Ingenious use of recycled materials, Structural creativity and functionality and Passion for green building concepts.

With enthusiastic participation, insightful presentations, and inspiring models, the competition truly embodied the spirit of sustainable engineering.

Dr Shailesh Ghodke, HoD of Chemical Engineering Department, DYPIU, Akurdi was present on the occasion as the event judge.

## SoCSEA (DYPIU) in MoU with Ilmtec Solutions

SoCSEA (DYPIU) have officially partnered with Ilmtec Solutions Pvt Ltd.

THE purpose is to empower the students with world-class AWS cloud skills and enhanced employability.

The 12-Week AWS Cloud Application Developer Program is Free and funded industry-aligned, and certification-ready.

Also, it aims at providing Structured Placement Opportunities – From learning to career launch.

Moreover, it also looks at strengthening Industry-Academia Bond – Quality, hands-on cloud training on campus.

Dr. Swapnil D. Waghmare – AWS Certified Solution Architect & Program Mentor, attended the event as Trainer Leading the Charge.

As an impact, the students will be skilled, certified, and fully job-ready in the booming cloud domain.



## A Beautiful Rangoli of Talent: Open Mic By Mindscape Club

Maira Hussain & Vidhi Shukla

**Chatter, music, and poetry filled the seminar hall as students gathered for an evening of open mic- "Beyond Boundaries, Beyond Books" event for creativity and connection.**



THE event opened with guest speaker Akanksha, a Mindscape member, whose witty line, "Mind khush ho toh salad bhi samosa lagta hai," struck a chord with the audience, reminding everyone that mental health is not a destination but a journey. "The idea was to ensure students move beyond the rigidity of classrooms and syllabi, uncovering their hidden strengths," explained one of the organizers.

"This event is more than entertainment. It's an ice breaker for our freshers. We want them to feel comfortable expressing them-

selves," said the Mentor of Mindscape Club, Ms Nutan Kanth, who is also the Senior Psychologist/ Counsellor of the University.

What followed was a vibrant showcase of talent — a true "rangoli of creativity."

Followed by several acts of expression came Saurabh who kept the energy alive with a lively singing act — and when his mic cut off, the audience joined in, turning the moment into a collective performance. Diya's Marathi act stood out as one of the boldest and most unique performances of

the evening, with many audience members recording her act. Shivam impressed us on the keyboard with a jazzy flair.

Madhuvarshini, who only began singing three months ago, amazed everyone with a Carnatic-Bollywood mashup, drawing loud applause and audience participation. A beatboxing performance by Sumedh Raut thrilled the audience with rhythm, energy, and creativity, adding a unique modern twist to the lineup.

As the performances unfolded, students lit up the hall with flashlights from their phones, creating a sea of stars and a vibrant concert-like atmosphere that added to the energy and excitement of the evening.

From Soulful music and heart-felt poetry to electrifying dance and beatboxing, the event was a true celebration of talent and expression.

Participants described the event as transformative. Aakash, a BBA student, called it "empowering to lead and learn simultaneously," while Payal from Computer Science discovered "a creative side I didn't know I had." For others like Eeshwari, the platform offered confidence to perform in public, and Vedika emphasized the power of teamwork. ■

## Changing the Narratives on Suicide

Om Singh

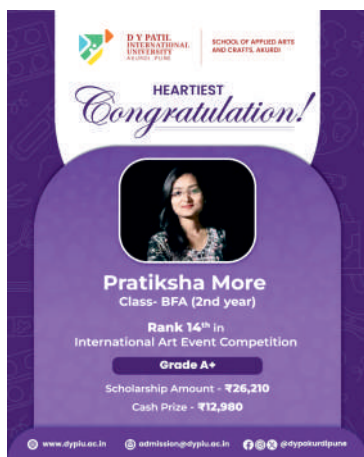
**The Centre for Interdisciplinary Studies and Research at D Y Patil International University organized an awareness initiative titled "Changing the Narratives on Suicide" on 12th September 2025 at J Block, 3rd Floor, Swagat Plaza.**

THE program was held in continuation of the observance of World Suicide Prevention Day (10th September) and was envisioned to create a supportive environment that fosters hope, resilience, and collective well-being among students and faculty.

Suicide is a critical global public health challenge. World Suicide Prevention Day serves as a reminder of the need to break the silence, raise awareness, and build resilience. This initiative was aimed to challenge the stigma and negative narratives surrounding suicide, encourage positive and empathetic conversations about mental health, offer students an engaging platform to experience and share messages of hope and reinforce the importance of collective responsibility in building a caring community.

Two major interactive activities formed the core of the initiative.

Threads of Hope – A specially curated box filled with chits carrying positive, affirming, and encouraging notes was placed at the venue. Each participant was invited to pick a chit, read the posi-



tive message, and then pass it on to someone else. This created a cycle of sharing hope and kindness, symbolizing how encouragement multiplies when passed forward. The activity beautifully reflected how even a simple gesture can brighten someone's day and strengthen bonds within the community.

Wall of Hope – A dedicated wall was created where Hon'ble VC Sir, Directors, faculty, staff and students wrote down affirmations, uplifting thoughts, and words of encouragement. The wall soon filled with colorful, heartfelt notes that represented solidarity and collective resilience. It stood as a visual reminder

that no one is alone in their struggles and that the community stands together in support.

The initiative was coordinated by Dr. Anu Dandona, Ms. Gokula Priya L and Ms. Ananya Chakraborty. Their efforts in planning, execution, and student engagement ensured the event's success and meaningful impact.

The program received enthusiastic participation from students across disciplines. Many expressed that Threads of Hope was a refreshing and uplifting activity, allowing them to experience encouragement firsthand and then share it with others. Similarly, the Wall of Hope gave participants a safe and expressive platform to voice positivity and support.

The initiative highlighted the importance of shifting the conversation around suicide from despair to resilience and hope. By encouraging participants to actively engage in acts of kindness and solidarity, the activities fostered empathy, strengthened connections, and helped normalize conversations about mental health. ■

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stories published!**

## DYPIU Students Shine at Pune-Mumbai Life Science Cluster Meet 2025

**Winning Best Poster Awards and Cash Prizes of Rs. 10,000 Each**

**In yet another proud moment for D Y Patil International University (DYPIU), Akurdi, Pune, two of our talented students have brought laurels to the institution by winning the Best Poster Awards at the Pune-Mumbai Life Science Cluster Meet 2025.**



THE event was organized by the Federation of Asian Biotech Associations (FABA) in collaboration with DYPIU and witnessed participation from leading academic and research institutions across the country.

The students, currently pursuing their undergraduate and postgraduate studies, are working as interns at the Therapeutic Design & Discovery Lab under the mentorship of Dr. Parth Sarthi Sen Gupta, Associate Professor, School of Biosciences and Bioengineering. Their research work was highly appreciated by the expert panel for its innovation, scientific rigor, and real-world relevance.

Speaking on the achievement, Dr. Parth Sarthi Sen Gupta expressed his pride, stating, "It is incredibly fulfilling to see our

students excelling at such prestigious platforms. Their success is a testament to the vibrant research culture at DYPIU and the immense talent our students possess."

This recognition not only highlights the caliber of DYPIU students but also reflects the university's unwavering commitment to fostering a research-driven learning ecosystem. The continuous encouragement and support from our Hon'ble Vice Chancellor, Prof. Manish Bhalla Sir, have been instrumental in nurturing innovation and empowering students to excel from the early stages of their academic journey.

With achievements like these, DYPIU continues to pave the way for young innovators and researchers, shaping the future of life sciences and biotechnology in India. ■

## Chemical Engineering, SEMR students shine at SCHEMCONS

**Four students from Chemical Engineering, SEMR participated in International Conference SCHEMCON 2025 and presented posters at VIT, Vellore, Tamil Nadu on 03rd and 04th Oct 2025. The conference was organized by IChE VIT Student Chapter.**

THE students got an opportunity to showcase their work, interact, learn and gain exposure in expanding areas of Chemical Engineering. The theme of SCHEMCON-2025 was "Sustainable Development in Energy and Environment". More than 300 participants have attended the conference.

Students also got an opportunity to interact and attend the session of Padma Shri Dr Mylswamy Annadurai (Former Director ISRO), fondly known as the "Moon Man of India". He delivered an insightful plenary session on "Opportunities and Challenges in Chemical Engineering: Agriculture to Aerospace."

The students also got an opportunity to meet an interact Student participant from Japan.

Dr Utkarsh Maheshwari, Associate Professor - Chemical Engg and Dr Shailesh Ghodke, Associate Professor & Head - Chemical Engg have guided the students for the competition. ■