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IN LOVING MEMORY OF PADMA SHRI DR. D. Y. PATIL JI

FOUNDER, D Y PATIL GROUP



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It is with profound grief and a deep sense of personal loss that I pay heartfelt tribute to our beloved Founder, Padma Shri Dr. D. Y. Patil Ji, Dada Saheb, whose passing leaves an irreplaceable void in the entire Dr. D. Y. Patil family.

Dr. D. Y. Patil was much more than a visionary institution-builder. He was an eminent educationist, philanthropist, healthcare pioneer and statesman whose life was dedicated to the service of society and the nation. His unwavering belief in the transformative power of education and healthcare led to the creation of institutions that have touched countless lives and continue to stand as pillars of knowledge, service and excellence.

What made Dada Saheb truly remarkable was the scale of his vision and his determination to turn that vision into reality. He believed that education must not merely create successful individuals, but should empower people to contribute meaningfully to society. The institutions he founded are a reflection of that belief and of his lifelong commitment to creating opportunities for generations to come.

For all of us at D Y Patil International University, Pune, his passing is an especially profound loss. We have lost not only our Founder, but a guiding presence whose vision gave purpose and direction to the institution we are privileged to serve.

As I shared during the prayer meeting, our greatest responsibility now is to ensure that Dada Saheb's vision does not remain only a legacy we remember, but becomes a responsibility we live by. We will make every sincere effort to carry forward his ideals and build D Y Patil International University into an institution of excellence—one that reflects his aspirations and continues to create a meaningful impact on society.

His life will remain an enduring source of inspiration for all of us. The institutions he created, the lives he touched and the values he championed will continue his work long after his passing.

On behalf of the entire D Y Patil International University community, I extend my deepest condolences to the bereaved family. May the Almighty grant eternal peace to his noble soul and give strength to his family and to all of us who mourn this immeasurable loss.

With deepest respect and gratitude,

Prof. (Dr.) Manish Bhalla

Vice-Chancellor
D Y Patil International University, Pune

“ Dada Saheb may have left us, but his vision will continue to guide us,
and his legacy will live on through the generations he inspired. ”

DYPIU Joins a Global Circle of Ethical Universities

D Y Patil International University (DYPIU), Pune, has been officially recognised as a participating institution of Ethos Universitas, an international initiative that brings together universities committed to academic integrity, ethical leadership, and social responsibility.

FURTHER strengthening this recognition, Prof (Dr) Manish Bhalla, Vice Chancellor, DYPIU, has been conferred the distinction of Honorary Companion by Ethos Universitas. The honour recognises his commitment to advancing academic integrity, ethical leadership, and social responsibility in higher education.

Supported by Panathlon International, an international organisation recognised by the Interna-

tional Olympic Committee (IOC), Ethos Universitas promotes ethics, integrity, responsible leadership, and international cooperation among higher education institutions worldwide.

The recognition places DYPIU within an international network of institutions working around shared principles of integrity, ethical leadership, social responsibility, and cooperation in higher education. ■

DYPIU Leads Maharashtra in National Green University Ranking 2026



1 in Maharashtra, and awarded the NGUR 2026 Gold Rating in the National Green University Ranking (NGUR) 2026 by Green Mentors.

This milestone reflects the unwavering commitment of the Centre for Climate Resilience, Water Innovation & Green Solutions, in collaboration with IQAC, towards fostering a culture of sustainability and successfully representing DYPIU in the National Green University Ranking (NGUR) 2026.

Together, we remain committed to building a sustainable, resilient, and environmentally responsible campus while advancing excellence in higher education. ■

DYPIU gets recognition for Green commitment

D Y Patil International University, Akurdi, Pune, has been ranked No 4 in India and No



The Classroom Without Walls

Sunny Sharma

For many students, a rural internship begins as another requirement listed in the academic calendar. It is often seen as a task to complete, a report to submit, and another step toward earning a degree.

HOWEVER, once students step into a village, a government school, an NGO, a healthcare centre, or a community welfare project, they often discover that the experience offers far more than academic credits. It becomes an opportunity to understand people, communities, and the realities that exist beyond the boundaries of a university campus.

One of the greatest strengths of a rural internship is that no two experiences are exactly alike. Some students work with non-governmental organisations addressing issues such as education, women's empowerment, or environmental conservation. Others contribute to public welfare initiatives, healthcare awareness campaigns, or local governance projects.

While the nature of the work differs, the outcome remains remarkably similar. Every student is exposed to situations that

demand patience, adaptability, communication, and the ability to work with people from diverse backgrounds.

Unlike classroom learning, where solutions are often theoretical, rural internships present real-world challenges that require practical thinking. Students learn to communicate with people whose experiences and perspectives may be very different from their own. They discover that meaningful change begins with listening, understanding local needs, and building trust. These interactions cultivate empathy, teamwork, leadership, and problem-solving skills, qualities that are valuable regardless of one's chosen profession.

The significance of these internships extends far beyond professional development. They encourage students to look beyond their own surroundings and appreciate the diversity of society. A rural internship reminds us that education is not solely about acquiring knowledge but also about understanding the communities we will eventually serve. Whether a student pursues journalism, engineering, management, healthcare, law, or any other field, every profession ultimately impacts people, making social awareness an essential part

“Education doesn't end at the classroom door. Sometimes, that's exactly where it begins”

of higher education.

Perhaps this is why rural internships continue to be an integral part of university education. Their purpose is not simply to complete a curriculum requirement but to help students become responsible, compassionate, and socially aware individuals. Long after the internship report is submitted and the certificate is received, the lessons remain. Students return with greater confidence, improved interpersonal skills, a broader perspective, and a deeper appreciation of the world beyond the classroom.

In the end, the greatest achievement of a rural internship is not the completion of a mandatory academic exercise. It is the transformation of a student into a more aware citizen, someone who understands that true education is measured not only by what we learn in classrooms, but also by what we learn from the communities around us. ■

International Recognition for Faculty

Art Work of Mr Sham Pagare & Mr Sanket Bhalare has been shortlisted for an International watercolour competition online Exhibition 2026, Both are faculties of school of applied Arts & Crafts they participated in the Art of flow Event organised by Bindass Artist Group

MR Sham Dilip Pagare & Mr Sanket Sunil Bhalare from D Y Patil International Akurdi, Pune, Maharashtra, India, have been shortlisted for the 13–14 Online Exhibition of 'The Art of Flow: An International Watercolour Art Competition & Online Exhibition 2026.' The event will be organised by Bindass Artist Group, Mirzapur, Uttar Pradesh, India.

The Art of Flow is a global initiative celebrating the expressive richness, transparency, spontaneity, and fluid dynamics of watercolour as a powerful medium of artistic communication. The competition provides an inclusive international platform for emerging and established artists to present their creative vision and explore the limitless possibilities of watercolour.

The event encourages artists to experiment with diverse styles, techniques, subjects, and visual narratives while maintaining the unique character and beauty of the watercolour medium. Through this international exhibition, artists from different regions

and cultural backgrounds come together to share ideas, experiences, emotions, and artistic perspectives.

The selection of Mr Pagare & Mr Bhalare for the 13–14 Online Exhibition represents recognition of his artistic contribution and creative engagement with the medium. Their participation contributes to the diversity of artistic voices brought together through this international platform.

As a fully virtual exhibition, 'The Art of Flow' transcends geographical boundaries and provides artists with opportunities for international exposure, recognition, networking, and professional growth. The online format enables audiences and art enthusiasts from around the world to experience and appreciate contemporary watercolour practices.

Artist Recognition

Artist: 1 Mr Sham Dilip Pagare
2. Mr Sanket Sunil Bhalare

Location: D Y Patil International Akurdi, Pune, Maharashtra
Recognition: Shortlisted Artist
Exhibition: 13–14 Online Exhi-

The Art of Flow Selected for Online Exhibition



Sanket Sunil Bhalare
Akurdi, Pune

The Art of Flow Selected for Online Exhibition



Sham Dilip Pagare
Akurdi, Pune, India

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Event: The Art of Flow – An International Watercolour Art Competition & Online Exhibition 2026. ■

Noted Film Art Director, Narendra Rahurikar, Visits SoAAC



The renowned movie art director Mr Narendra Rahurikar from the Bollywood film industry visited School of Applied Arts & Crafts. Vice Chancellor Prof (Dr) Manish Bhalla greeted him on behalf of University, Registrar Dr Beeran Moidin B M, Dean of Non-Engineering Dr Madhavi Deshpande, Director Mr Jaiprakash Kalwale, Academic Coordinator Dr Rahul Weldode and Dr Nitin Taware were present on the occasion.

IN the short discussion, he assured Vice Chancellor to bridge the gap between classroom learning and creative industry same way committed support in facilitating suitable internship opportunities for deserving students.

During the interaction session with faculties Mr Rahurikar shared valuable insights into the latest developments in visual communication, film art direction, design aesthetics, digital technologies and the growing role of creativity in the entertainment and media industries. He highlighted that the rapidly changing creative industries need updated trained artist with knowledge of emerging technologies, new visual languages and innovative approaches towards design. He expressed his willingness to contribute his professional experience and expertise towards strengthening the curriculum, particularly by introducing updated knowledge, contemporary approaches and practical exposure that can benefit students pursuing careers in Applied Arts and related creative fields. Dean of



Students Welfare Dr Madhura Jagtap felicitated Mr Narendra Rahurikar with appreciation.

An open Interaction Session for faculties was attended by Mr Maan Bardhan Kanth, Dr Kumud Das, Dr Sandhya Ingale, Mr Shankar Aderao, Dr Nitin Taware, Ms Pallavi Pandhare, Mr Sharad Wadkar, Mr Sham Pagare, Ms Samata Bendre, Ms Vijaylaxmi Pinjan and Mr Sanket Bhalare.

The initiative is expected to open new avenues for curriculum enrichment, professional mentorship, internships and industry-oriented learning. This will ultimately empower Applied students with updated knowledge and skills to meet the demands of the contemporary creative industry said Academic Coordinator Dr Rahul Weldode on visit of Mr Narendra Rahurikar.

Expert Session on Bioengineering Opportunities

The School of Biosciences & Bioengineering, DY Patil International University, Akurdi, Pune, successfully organized an Expert Session on 'Bioengineering Opportunities: Emerging Trends, Careers and the Future' for our Final Year B.Tech Bioengineering and M.Sc. Medical Biotechnology students.

The guest Mr Mahesh Bhadane, Production Head at Advy Biosciences, brought 24 years of rich industry experience

in Bioprocess & Bioengineering. The session offered our students invaluable insights into emerging industry trends, real-world career pathways, and the future scope of the biosciences industry, followed by an engaging and interactive Q&A.



Onam Celebrations and Pookalam Competition 2026

The School of Commerce and Management, D Y Patil International University (DYPIU) successfully organised Onam Celebrations 2026, providing students with an opportunity to celebrate the rich cultural traditions associated with Onam while fostering creativity, teamwork, inclusivity and community spirit.

Onam, one of Kerala's most celebrated festivals, symbolises prosperity, harmony, togetherness and cultural heritage. As part of the celebrations, the School organised a Pookalam Competition, which became the highlight of the event. Pookalam, the traditional floral arrangement created during Onam, provided students with a creative platform to express themselves through colours, patterns, floral arrangements and artistic designs.

The event witnessed enthusiastic participation from students across the University, reflecting the inclusive nature of the celebration. A total of 25 students actively participated in creating and designing Pookalams. Students worked collaboratively to conceptualise their designs, select flowers and colours, and execute intricate floral patterns within the stipulated time. Their participation demonstrated considerable creativity, teamwork, coordination and commitment.

The competition was evaluated on key parameters including creativity and originality, use of colours and flowers, intricacy of design, adherence to the theme and cultural relevance, neatness and finish, and overall visual impact. The judging process provided participants with an opportunity to showcase not only their artistic abilities but also their ability to work effectively as a team and translate an idea into a visually appealing final product.



The event was graced by the presence of distinguished members of the University. Dr Madhavi Deshpande, Director-SoCM & Dean – Faculty of Non-Engineering, and Dr Madhura Jagtap, Dean – Student Welfare, were present and encouraged the students through their participation and support. Dr Anania Arjuna, Deputy Registrar, and Ms Nutan Kanth, Sr Psychologist and Counsellor, served as judges for the Pookalam Competition.

The event was organised by Dr Anuradha Patil and Dr Shipra Arora, who facilitated the planning and execution of the celebrations and ensured active student participation. Dr Atul Pise, Associate Director, and Dr Priyanka Dhoot, HoD, were also present and extended their support towards the successful organisation of the event.

The participation of students from different schools and programmes across DYPIU added diversity and vibrancy to the celebration. The event served as a platform for students to interact beyond their academic programmes, develop a sense of community and appreciate cul-

tural traditions.

Beyond the celebration itself, the Pookalam Competition promoted several important aspects of holistic student development, including creativity, collaboration, leadership, planning, time management and cultural awareness. It demonstrated how extra-curricular activities can complement classroom learning by providing students with opportunities to develop interpersonal and organisational competencies in an informal and engaging environment.

Overall, the Onam Celebrations and Pookalam Competition 2026 was a successful and vibrant initiative of the School of Commerce and Management. The enthusiastic participation of 25 students in the Pookalam Competition, along with participation from students across the University, reflected the success of the initiative. The presence and encouragement of University leadership, faculty members and judges further contributed to the significance of the event.

The celebration successfully brought together students and faculty in the spirit of unity, diversity, creativity and cultural appreciation, making the Onam celebrations a memorable addition to campus life at DYPIU.



SoBB organises industrial visit

The School of Biosciences and Bioengineering, D Y Patil International University, Akurdi, organized an industrial visit for final-year B.Tech Bioengineering and M.Sc. Medical Biotechnology students, providing valuable exposure to real-world industrial practices and applications.

At Havmor Ice Creams / Lotte India Private Limited, students gained insights into ice cream manufacturing, hygienic and aseptic processing, and quality-control practices. At Uhlmann Private Limited, they explored pharmaceutical packaging technologies, including advanced tablet and capsule packaging systems.

The visit enabled students to bridge theoretical knowledge with industrial applications, enhancing

their understanding of manufacturing processes, quality standards, regulatory practices, and technologies across the food and pharmaceutical sectors.

SoHSS organises Orientation

SCHOOL of Humanities and Social Sciences (SoHSS), DYPIU today conducted an orientation session for students of BSc (Hons) Economics and BA (Hons) Liberal Arts.

The session commenced with a welcome address by the Director, Prof Dr Abnish Singh Chauhan, followed by an inspiring talk by Dr R C Pathak, who highlighted the significance of experiential learning and skill development.

This was followed by a session on Academic Planning and

Student Mentoring, conducted by Dr Anu Dandona, and an informative session on Coursera Awareness by Mr Paridhi Jalan.

The session concluded with a campus tour led by Ms Ananya Chakraborty, providing students with an opportunity to familiarise themselves with the university campus and its facilities.

MoU Signing with Atlas Copco India Pvt Ltd

The Mechanical Engineering Department signed an MoU with Atlas Copco India Pvt Ltd to strengthen industry-academia collaboration. The partnership aims to enhance student learning through industrial exposure, technical training, knowledge sharing, and collaborative activities.

Orientation programme of SoMCS

The Orientation programme 'Shubharambh' for the BAJMC 3rd- and 5th-Semester students of School of Media and Communication Studies (SoMCS) was successfully conducted with enthusiastic participation from students and faculty members on 03rd August, 2026.



THE event marked an important beginning to the new academic session and formally introduced the newly appointed Director, Head of Department, and the new faculty members, providing students with an opportunity to familiarise themselves with the academic team and ensuring a smooth transition into the new semester.

Dr Ramesh Chandra Pathak, Head of Department, SoMCS, in his address, asked the students to be sincere when it comes to attendance and class assignments. He said that all the faculties of the department are well-equipped with their knowledge of their respective fields and now it was upto the students how to grab it the

most.

Addressing the students, Dr Abnish Singh Chauhan, Director of SoMCS, said that students have to be motivated towards achieving their goals and learn well how to communicate to the masses.

This was followed by an insightful address by Dr Shashi Singh, a Senior Professor at DYPIU, on 'Communication and Scientific Research', which offered students valuable perspectives on the significance of effective communication and research in the academic and professional spheres. She said that Science should be communicated in a very simple way.

Dr Arvind Kumar, a Professor at the SoMCS asked students to

start podcasting on science communication and get help from science faculties of the University.

Mr Amit Kumar Om (Assistant Professor), in his presentation, discussed about the University Programme Details, Coursera and Juno. Mr Sandeep Dongare (Assistant Professor and the Programme Coordinator of BAJMC) elaborated upon Time-Table and Discipline.

The event was also graced by all the other faculties of the department, including Mr Maan Bardhan Kanth (Associate Professor), Dr Pallavi Jha (Sr Assistant Professor) and Dr Doyel Dutta (Assistant Professor and the Programme Coordinator of MAJMC).

The event was coordinated by Dr Kumud Das, Associate Professor along with Dr Garima Sharma, Assistant Professor. In the end, a film screening session was conducted by Mr Sandeep Dongare.

The ceremony concluded on a positive note, fostering a sense of enthusiasm, belonging, and readiness among the students and faculty members for the academic journey ahead.

DYPIU Graduate Gauri Features in Marathi Song 'Aaik Na'



Gauri, a BTech CSE graduate from the 2026 batch of D Y Patil International University, Akurdi, has featured in the Marathi music video 'Aaik Na' by Swagger Boy. The song was released on 17 August 2026 and is presented as a Marathi pop track. Swagger Boy is credited with the song's singing, music and lyrics. The official music video, featuring Gaauriiee, was released through Tips Marathi.

Mastering the Craft of Copy Editing



SCHOOL of Media and Communication Studies (SoMCS) organised a workshop on Copy Editing, featuring Mr Nikhil Bapat, Deputy News Editor at ETV Bharat, Hyderabad, as the guest lecturer. He clearly explained how a copy editing is done and what are the nuances involved in the job.

The session focused on refining editing skills, grammar, clarity, and ethical media practices, fostering critical thinking and accurate content creation in line with SDG 4

(Quality Education), SDG 16 (Peace, Justice, and Strong Institutions), and Universal Human Values.

Organized under the direction of SoMCS Director Dr. Abnish Singh Chauhan, the event was executed with support from Prof R C Pathak, Head of Department, and faculty members - Dr Kumud Das, Mr Maan Bardhan Kanth, Mr Sandeep Dongare, Mr Amit K Om, Dr Arvind Kumar and Dr Garima Sharma.

Artwork by SoAAC's Faculties & a student gets Merit & outstanding Award at Brooklyn Int'l Contest

The 23rd Brooklyn International Online Juried Award Art & Photography Contest cum Exhibition: 2026, was organised by Art Avenue, an international platform for artists and photographers. The competition featured categories of Painting, Photography, Drawing, Graphics, Printmaking, Digital/AI Art and Sculpture.

The winners from School of Applied Arts & Crafts in the contest include Ms Samata Bendre in Painting, Mr Sanket Bhalare in Photography, and a student of BFA final year, Ms Mitali Kapure who received the Merit & Outstanding Award in the Painting category.

DYPIU Faculties' artworks shortlisted for Int'l Expo

Mr Sham Dilip Pagare and Sanket Bhalare of School of Applied Arts & Crafts have been shortlisted for the Online Exhibition of 'The Art of Flow – An International Watercolour Art Competition & Online Exhibition 2026'.

It is a great honour to have our artworks selected from over 250 entries, alongside artists from India, Singapore, Albania and other regions, with an eminent international jury representing India, Taiwan, Northern Ireland, Thailand and Vietnam.

ABF Grant

The ACM India Activities Benefit Fund (ABF) Committee has officially approved and funded SoCSEA's upcoming flagship event proposal, Paper 2 Prototype with ABF grant of ₹35,000 under SoCSEA (DYPIU) ACM Student Chapter

From Literature Search to Thesis Reference Management

The School of Continuing Education, D Y Patil International University, Akurdi, Pune successfully conducted an interactive M.Tech. Research Workshop on 'Mendeley: Referencing and Citations'.

The workshop was conducted by Prof. Dinesh Kumar, Assistant Professor and focused on helping M.Tech. students develop practical skills to search, organize, cite,

and manage research references efficiently using Mendeley.

MIC-Driven Activity conducted successfully

Centre for Innovation, Incubation & Entrepreneurship (CIIE) and Institution's Innovation Council (IIC), D Y Patil International University, Akurdi, Pune successfully conducted the MIC-Driven Activity organized by MIC, AICTE on Funding Opportunities for Biotech Innovations in HEIs: BIRAC Schemes.

The participants of the event include faculty members and students from School of Biosciences & Bioengineering.

The session by Ms Taranjeet Kaur, Senior Manager & Incharge- Entrepreneurship Development, BIRAC provided valuable insights into BIRAC funding schemes, startup support, and opportunities for biotech innovations in Higher Education Institutions.

It was encouraging to see active participation and engaging discussions around translating research into startups.

Session was coordinated by Dr Suvai, Member, CIIE.

News in Brief

Research article

DYPIU's Vice Chancellor, Prof (Dr) Manish Bhalla and Dr Shashi Singh's research article has been published in the online publication of Paediatric Research (Nature Portfolio). Dr Parth Sarthi Sen Gupta is co-author of this study. The theme of the research article is 'Endothelial activation and thrombo-inflammation in Long COVID: revisiting the vascular axis in pediatric populations'.

Book proposal accepted

The book proposal: Medicinal Chemistry and Drug Discovery: Emerging Concepts, Technologies, and Therapeutic Innovations has been accepted for publication by Cambridge Scholars Publishing.

The book is being edited by Prof (Dr) Manish Bhalla (Vice Chancellor), Prof Ramendra Pati Pandey (Director, School of Biosciences and Bioengineering), and Dr Parth Sarthi Sen Gupta (Associate Professor from D Y Patil International University).

This acceptance represents an important step towards bringing together interdisciplinary perspectives, emerging technologies, and innovative approaches shaping the future of drug discovery and therapeutic development.

Manuscript accepted for publication

A manuscript by DYPIU's Dy Dean (Research), Dr Ramendra Pati Pandey, has been accepted for publication in the ADMET & DMPK journal.

Moreover, a collaborative research study by him, entitled 'Highly Divergent Partiti-like and Narna-like Viral RNA Sequences Detected in *Pintomyia fischeri* from São Paulo, Brazil: An Exploratory Metatranscriptomic Report' has been published.

Besides, a research article by him, titled as 'Evaluation of nanosilica composites as feed and water additives for the control of *Eimeria tenella* in broiler chickens', has been accepted and published in the Journal of Parasitic Diseases (Springer Nature).

Apart from it, a collaborative research study by him has been published in Frontiers in Cellular and Infection Microbiology. The findings show the importance of host-associated processes in shaping viral diversity at the Neotropical forest-urban interface.

Apart from it, his article has been published in the August issue of Science Factors Magazine.

The article emphasizes the possibility of drug repurposing as an innovative and practical approach to addressing drug-resistant kala-azar, an important public health challenge.

Research paper publication

A research scholar of Dr Abnish Singh Chauhan, Ms Ananya Chakraborti has got published her research paper titled 'Student Motivation and Self-Regulation in GenAI-Assisted English Writing.'

Collab Research

A collaborative research article by Dr Parth Sarthi Sen Gupta, titled as 'A colorimetric aptasensor platform based on AuNP and AuNP-GO nanocolloid for the detection of diclofenac in spiked samples of serum', has been accepted for publication in BioNanoScience (Springer Nature), a journal with a Journal Impact Factor of 4.0 (2025). PhD scholar Abhishek Lakhera is a co-author in the project.

Publication in Scopus-indexed journal

There is a new research publication by Dr Garima Sharma, an Assistant Professor in School of Media and Communication Studies, with, "A Thematic Analysis of AI's Double-Edged Role in Students' Academic Journey," co-authored with Md Chand Ansari, has been published in Cineforum, Vol. 66, No. S2 (2026), a Scopus-indexed journal.

The study looks at how Artificial Intelligence is shaping students' academic experiences, focusing on both the opportunities and challenges that come with its increasing use in education. It also discusses concerns related to student dependence on AI, ethical issues, and the need to maintain a balance between technology and human learning.

Q1 paper

A Q1 paper by DYPIU Faculty, Dr Maheshwari Biradar has been published along with her Research Scholar, Ms Tarannum Rafiq Shaikh. The theme of the research is 'Attention-Guided Hybrid Deep Learning for Imbalance-Robust Breast Cancer Sub-type Classification' and the journal's name goes as 'Journal of

Intelligent Decision Making and Information Science'.

Research work

Dr Siddheshwar Kadam's (A DYPIU faculty) research article titled 'Dynamical Analysis of the Covariant $f(Q)$ Gravity Models' has been published in the European Physical Journal C, Springer Nature Journal.

The journal is Q1-ranked, indexed in SCIE, and has an Impact Factor of 4.9.

In this work, the authors investigate the cosmological evolution of the Universe within the framework of covariant $f(Q)$ gravity, considering a dynamically evolving coupling function proportional to the Hubble parameter. The study presents a comprehensive dynamical systems analysis and demonstrates the cosmological viability of the proposed model.

Research article on sports industry

A research article by DYPIU

Sports Officer, Mr Sangram Bhakare, titled as 'Human Resource Challenges in the Sports Industry: Recruitment, Retention, and Talent Development – A Narrative Review', has been successfully published in the International Journal of Contemporary Research in Multidisciplinary (IJCRM).

Research on the SARS-CoV-2 Spike

A Research by DYPIU Faculty, Dr Parth Sarthi Sen Gupta on the SARS-CoV-2 Spike-Fibrinogen Axis has gained Global Attention.

We are delighted to share that our recently published Viewpoint in ACS Pharmacology & Translational Science has now been featured by Phys.org, a reputed international science and technology news platform.

Our work, "Fibrinogen as a Molecular Bridge Linking SARS-CoV-2 Immune Evasion and Endothelial Access?", explores a potential role of fibrinogen beyond its classical function in

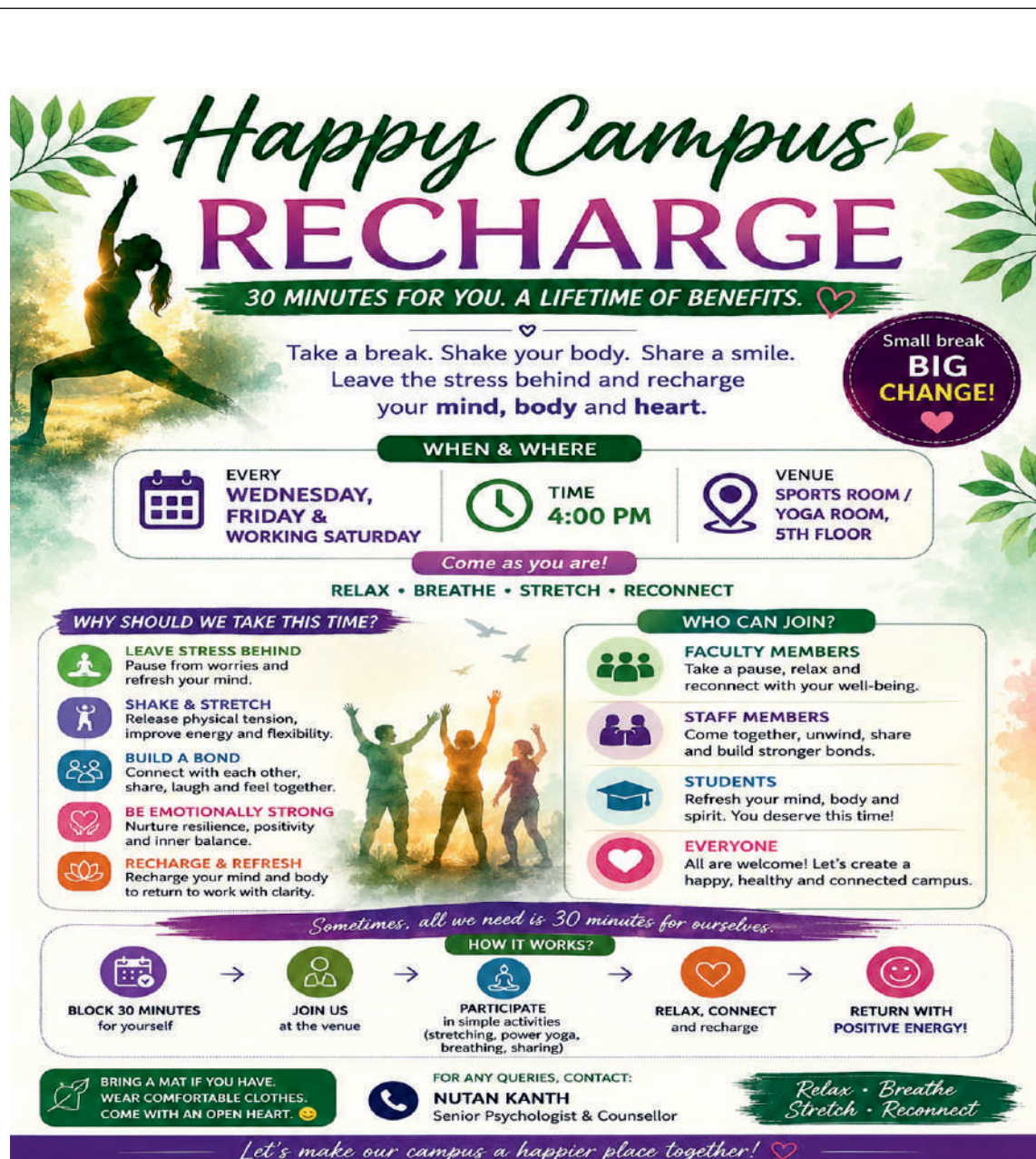
coagulation.

The study proposes that fibrinogen may act as a molecular bridge, helping SARS-CoV-2 interact with the vascular endothelium while potentially influencing immune recognition and vascular inflammation.

What makes this feature particularly encouraging is that Phys.org has highlighted the broader significance of this hypothesis, connecting Spike-fibrinogen interactions, immune evasion, endothelial access, microclot formation and thromboinflammation. Lisa Lock has edited the feature, and Robert Egan, has reviewed it.

Accepted for publication

The viewpoint by DYPIU Faculty, Dr Parth Sarthi Sen Gupta and others has been accepted for publication in ACS Pharmacology & Translational Science, a journal published by the American Chemical Society (ACS).



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MoU Signing Ceremony between DYPIU and Techovedas



A signing of a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) took place between D Y Patil International University (DYPIU) and Techovedas. Techovedas is a semi-conductor-focused advisory and execution platform working towards enabling next-generation electronics and manufacturing ecosystems.

This strategic collaboration aims to strengthen industry-academia engagement and create opportunities for knowledge exchange, industry exposure, skill development, innovation, and professional growth in the rapidly evolving semiconductor and electronics sector.

MoU Signing Ceremony between DYPIU & i4C



A signing of a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) between D Y Patil International University (DYPIU) and Inter-Institutional Inclusive Innovations Centre (i4C), Pune, was done. This collaboration aims to create new opportunities for innovation, entrepreneurship, skill development, and industry-relevant learning for students and faculty. Together, DYPIU and i4C look forward to nurturing innovative ideas, empowering young innovators, and transforming promising concepts into impactful, scalable solutions.

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Forty student teams came forward with their innovative startup ideas, and 20 teams presented their pitches before the esteemed Internal and External Jury Members. "It was truly inspiring to see the confidence, creativity, and passion with which our students presented their ideas," said Dr Sandhya Ingale, Principal Coordinator for CIIE, DYPIU.

PhD Awards

Dr. Archana Satish Kadam



Dr Amol Dhakne's (Associate Professor, SoCSEA) second PhD candidate, Mrs Archana Satish Kadam has successfully defended her PhD thesis titled 'Deep Learning based Flood Occurrence Classification using Remote Sensing and Rainfall Data' for the award of Doctor of Philosophy in Computer Science and Engineering.

Dr. Pramod Sharma



Deputy Registrar of DYPIU, Mr Pramod has defended his doctoral thesis and become Dr Pramod Sharma.

Dr. Rajkumar G Chaudhari



Dr Rajkumar G Chaudhari has successfully completed his PhD. His dedication, perseverance, and hard work have culminated in this remarkable achievement.

Social outreach by NSS Unit DYPIU

On the occasion of India's 80th Independence Day, NSS Unit DYPIU, conducted a social outreach visit and donation drive at Majha Ghar Foundation, Hinjawadi, Pune.

Majha Ghar Foundation – Apna Ghar Ashram provides food, shelter, medical care, clothing and rehabilitation to homeless, abandoned, elderly, destitute and differently abled individuals. The Foundation currently supports 94 beneficiaries.



DYPIU student to represent India IN Sri Lanka

Ms Rukhsar Nisar Shaikh, a First-Year B.Tech (AIML – IBM) student of D Y Patil International University, has been selected to represent India at the International Roll Ball Triangular Series Championship 2026, to be held in Colombo, Sri Lanka.



Creating Space to Pause, Breathe and Reconnect

As part of DYPIU's Healthy Campus–Happy Campus initiative, a refreshing session on stretching, Power Yoga and mindful sharing was conducted.

HELD at the Sports and Yoga Room, the session offered students, faculty and staff a chance to step away from their busy routines. It encouraged them to relax, recharge and reconnect with themselves.

The session was built around a simple idea, '30 minutes for yourself'. Participants were encouraged to pause, breathe and stretch. They were also encouraged to simply be in the moment.

The focus was not on performance. It was on participation. Not on competition. But on connection. Not on doing more. But on taking a moment for oneself. Speaking about the importance of such initiatives, Ms Nutan Kanth

said, "When we consciously slow down, breathe and reconnect with ourselves, we create space to understand our emotions, restore our energy and respond to life with greater balance."

Through initiatives led by the INSPIRE Counselling Unit, DYPIU continues to promote a culture of well-being. Students, faculty and staff are encouraged to seek support when needed. They are also encouraged to take regular breaks and prioritise their mental and emotional well-being.

A healthy campus is one where people feel supported, connected and cared for.

The session was led by Ms Nutan Kanth, Senior Psychologist & Counsellor, DYPIU.

From West Zone Champions to the National Championship — The Journey Continues

THE D Y Patil International University (DYPIU) E-Sports Team has been selected for the University Sports National Championship 2026.

Earlier this year, in January 2026, our university team proudly secured 1st Place in the West Zone E-Sports Championship, making the entire DYPIU family proud.

Now, the champions are all set to represent DYPIU at the University Sports National Championship 2026, which will be held from 21st to 23rd September 2026 at Techno India University, Kolkata.



DYPIU Champions:

- Vishwajit Nandre – B.Tech CSE, 4th Year
- Yash Dhangar – B.Tech CSE, 4th Year

- Jignesh Patil – Semiconductor, 2nd Year
- Vismay Chanduruthi – BCA, 2nd Year
- Jatin Patil – Semiconductor, 2nd Year

DYPIU Promotes Sustainable Housekeeping Practices

As part of its commitment to sustainability and environmentally responsible campus practices, D Y Patil International University (DYPIU), under its Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with Swiss Newater India Pvt Ltd, conducted a hands-on training programme for its housekeeping staff on the production and use of green cleaning chemicals. The training focused on demonstrating how environmentally friendly cleaning solutions can be produced using the specialised machine provided by Swiss Newater India Pvt Ltd. The green chemicals produced through this

technology can be used for floor cleaning and other housekeeping applications across the DYPIU campus. The initiative aims to reduce dependence on conventional chemical cleaning products and promote the use of eco-friendly, sustainable alternatives. It also enhances the awareness and capacity of housekeeping staff to adopt greener cleaning practices in their day-to-day operations. This initiative reflects DYPIU's continued efforts to integrate sustainability into campus operations and create a cleaner, healthier, and more environmentally responsible campus.

Dikshaarambh 2026: DYPIU Welcomes Its Newest Batch with Vision and Inspiration

Anushka Jha



D Y Patil International University (DYPIU), Akurdi, welcomed its incoming Batch of 2026–27 through Dikshaarambh 2026, a two-day induction programme held on 21 and 22 August at the Shantai Auditorium. The event brought together newly admitted students, parents, faculty members, and distinguished guests for a meaningful introduction to university life, setting the tone for a journey of learning, innovation, and personal growth.

THE ceremony opened with the traditional lamp lighting, Saraswati Vandana, and the DYPIU Kul Geet, symbolising the beginning of a new academic chapter. Addressing the gathering, Prof. (Dr) Manish Bhalla, Vice Chancellor of DYPIU, presented the university's vision of nurturing globally competent and socially responsible graduates. He encouraged students to think beyond conventional education and embrace the institution's guiding philosophy—Think, Thrive, Transform.

Students were introduced to the university's academic ecosystem through insightful addresses by Dr Anupama Patil, Dean of the Faculty of Engineering, and Dr Madhavi Deshpande, Dean of the Faculty of Non-Engineering. Their sessions highlighted interdisciplinary learning, research opportunities, global exposure, and the importance of experiential education in preparing students for future careers.

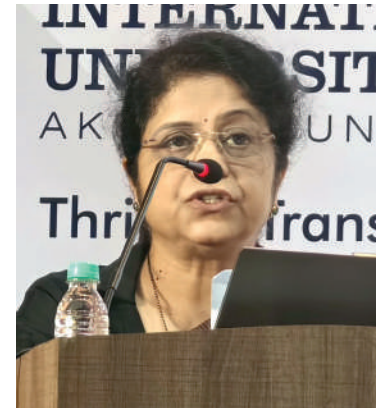
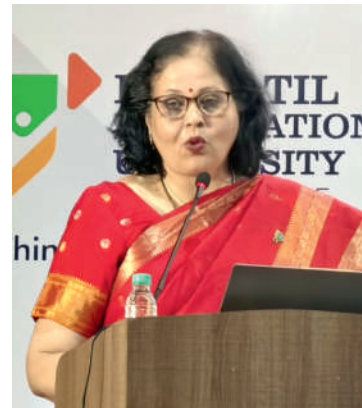
A key highlight of the induction was the session 'From Ideas to Impact' delivered by Prof Yogesh D Brahmkar, Adviser at the Centre for Innovation and Incubation (CIIE). The interactive address encouraged freshers to develop entrepreneurial thinking and introduced them to DYPIU's startup incubation initiatives, innovation labs, and mentorship opportunities available from the very beginning of their academic journey.

The programme was further enriched by inspiring addresses from eminent personalities across public administration, industry, and culture. On the first day, Dr Sudhir Mehta, Founder and Chairman of EKA Mobility, shared valuable lessons on innovation, leader-

ship, and sustainable development, while Padma Vibhushan Dr Sonal Mansingh motivated students to uphold India's cultural values alongside academic excellence. Shri Neeraj Kansal, Chief Commissioner of Central GST & Customs, Pune Zone, emphasized ethical leadership, civic responsibility, and integrity in professional life.

Beyond the formal sessions, Dikshaarambh created opportunities for students to connect with faculty members and peers through interactive introductions, a group photograph with dignitaries, the National Anthem, and a guided campus tour. The programme concluded with lunch, marking the beginning of new friendships and a strong sense of belonging within the DYPIU community.

More than an orientation, Dikshaarambh 2026 celebrated the promise of new beginnings, inspiring every fresher to embark on their university journey with confidence, curiosity, and a commitment to transforming ideas into impact.



Innovation Takes Centre Stage at DYPIU Induction Day

Ambika Singh

DYPIU's Induction Day featured an informative and interactive introduction to the Centre for Innovation, Incubation and Entrepreneurship (CIIE), giving students an insight into innovation, entrepreneurship, and the opportunities available to aspiring entrepreneurs.

THE interaction was led by Prof Yogesh D Brahmkar, Advisor, CIIE, who welcomed the students and spoke about the vision and role of CIIE at DYPIU. He encouraged students to actively participate, ask questions, and

develop a mindset focused on innovation and problem-solving. During the interaction, Prof Brahmkar discussed the importance of purpose, profit, problems, and passion — the four Ps of entrepreneurship. He explained how identifying real-world problems and developing meaningful solutions can form the foundation of a successful entrepreneurial journey.

Students were also introduced to the entrepreneurial approach and encouraged to reflect on why they would want to become entrepreneurs. The discussion highlighted the importance of being relevant, purposeful, and open to



new ideas while pursuing their goals.

The Induction provided students with a glimpse into the entrepreneurial ecosystem at DYPIU and encouraged them to explore their ideas, identify opportunities, and view challenges as possibilities for innovation and growth.



DYPIU INDUCTION PROGRAMME 2026:**A Promising Beginning to a New Academic Year***Saumya Bonde*

D Y Patil International University (DYPIU) officially welcomed its new batch of students with the Induction Programme 2026 on 21 August. The opening ceremony brought together students, faculty members and distinguished guests, setting an energetic and inspiring tone for the new academic year.

THE ceremony was graced by Padma Vibhushan Dr Sonal Mansingh, former Member of Parliament, Rajya Sabha (2018–2024), and Trustee of the Indira Gandhi National Centre for the Arts (IGNCA), New Delhi, as the Chief Guest. Dr. Sudhir Mehta, Founder and Chairman of EKA Mobility, Pune, attended as the Guest of Honour.

Dr Sonal Mansingh addressed the students with an inspiring message on the importance of education, culture and individuality. Her presence added a strong cultural dimension to the ceremony and encouraged students to carry forward

their roots while preparing themselves for a changing world.

Another key highlight was the address by Vice Chancellor Dr Manish Bhalla, who shared the university's vision for the coming academic year. He spoke about the university's future plans, the introduction of new-age courses and the growing opportunities being created for students. He also highlighted the importance of innovation, practical learning and skill development in preparing students for emerging career fields.

The interaction and addresses gave the new students a glimpse into what they can expect from their university journey. The programme created an atmosphere of excitement and anticipation as students began their new academic chapter.

The Induction Programme 2026 concluded on a positive note, marking not just the beginning of a new academic year, but also the beginning of new opportunities, experiences and aspirations for the students of DYPIU. ■

Be Curious and Challenge Conventional Wisdom, Neeraj Kansal Tells Students*Siya Soral*

D Y Patil International University (DYPIU), Pune, concluded Diksharambh – Induction Programme 2026–27 on its second day, welcoming the new batch of students and familiarising them with the university's academic culture, institutional values and vision for the future.



ADDRESSING the students as the chief guest, Shri Neeraj Kansal, Chief Commissioner, Central GST & Customs, Pune Zone, said, "A new journey is beginning. You don't have to have your life figured out today." Drawing on his experience in engineering, management and 33 years of public service, Kansal urged students not to rush into making decisions about their future.

Reflecting on the university's motto, he said the world is witnessing an extraordinary period of technological advancement, with artificial intelligence, robotics and quantum computing transforming the relationship between citizens and governance.

He encouraged students to remain curious and challenge conventional wisdom. "Ask better

questions. Don't be a passive consumer of information," he said, adding that India is becoming more digital, entrepreneurial and globally connected, while growing increasingly confident about its place in the world.

Referring to the vision of a developed India by 2047, Shri Kansal said, "The idea of 2047 is for you." Speaking about artificial intelligence, he said AI may replace some jobs but would also create new opportunities and employment in the future.

Welcoming the students and guests, DYPIU Vice Chancellor Prof. Dr Manish Bhalla said the university places strong emphasis on innovation and incubation. Highlighting the legacy of the D Y Patil Group, he said the group has been a pioneer in technical and medical education.

Balance and harmony are keywords in life: Sonal Mansingh*Anushka Jha*

D Y Patil International University (DYPIU), Pune, welcomed its new batch of students with Diksharambh – Induction Programme 2026–27, aimed at introducing students to the university's academic environment, values and vision for higher education.



The programme featured an inspiring address by Padma Vibhushan awardee, renowned classical dancer and former Member of Parliament (Rajya Sabha), Sonal Mansingh. Addressing the students, she observed that it is rare for families to readily support their children in pursuing a career as an artist. Emphasising the importance of balance and harmony in life, she said that all-round development is possible only when there is "perfect harmony and unison."

Sharing experiences from her own life, Mansingh said that her journey had not been easy, but she never considered an alternative path. Encouraging students to pursue their passions with dedication, she said that whatever one

does should have rasa. She also urged students to remain lifelong learners.

Mansingh further emphasised the importance of humanities in higher education, observing that universities should offer courses in the humanities alongside STEM programmes.

Dr Sudhir Mehta, Founder and Chairman, EKA Mobility, Pune, encouraged students to reflect on the kind of person they aspire to become. He asked them whether they wanted to be people with "fire in the belly" and a strong determination to achieve their goals. Highlighting the opportunities available to young people, he said that there had never been a better time to be young in India. He also

emphasised the rich legacy of the D Y Patil Group in the field of education.

Welcoming the students and guests, Vice Chancellor Prof. Dr Manish Bhalla said that DYPIU places strong emphasis on innovation and incubation. He said the university seeks to prepare students not only to become job seekers but also job creators. Highlighting the pioneering contribution of the D Y Patil Group to higher education in India, he outlined some of the university's recent achievements.

He informed the gathering that the university is starting the School of Legal Studies, Governance and Public Policy from the current academic year. He also announced plans to introduce Hotel Management and Catering Technology from the next academic year.

Shri Tejas Patil, Trustee, DYP Pratishthan, said that DYPIU provides students with a globally connected learning environment. He emphasised that the university's approach goes beyond traditional teaching and focuses on innovative teaching and learning practices.

The programme was also attended by the Deans of the Faculties of Non-Engineering and Engineering, along with Prof. Yogesh D. Brahmankar, Adviser, CIIE, DYPIU, among other university officials, faculty members and guests. ■

Prof. Bhalla said DYPIU is the first private university to offer a BTech programme in Semiconductor Engineering. He also informed the gathering that the university is launching the School of Legal Studies, Governance and Public Policy from the current academic year. The university also plans to introduce the School of Hotel Management and Catering Technology from the next academic year.

Shri Tejas Patil, Trustee, DYP Pratishthan, said that induction marks the beginning of your journey at DYPIU. He said DYPIU has been established with an international and future oriented outlook. Our objective is to develop a university that combines technology, innovation, research and industry engagement with a globally connected learning environment.

The programme was attended by Deans of the Faculties of Engineering and Non-Engineering; Prof. Yogesh D. Brahmankar, Adviser, CIIE, DYPIU; along with university officials, faculty members and guests. ■

DYPIU Induction Programme Welcomes New Students

D.Y. Patil International University (DYPIU) organised an induction programme to welcome its new students and their parents and introduce them to the university's academic environment and opportunities.

Dr. Anupama Patil – Dean, Faculty of Engineering

Dr. Anupama Patil welcomed the students and parents and congratulated them on joining DYPIU. She spoke about the growing importance of technology and fields such as Artificial Intelligence, Cyber Security, Quantum Computing and Computer Science. She explained how technology is transforming industries such as healthcare, automobiles and agriculture. She encouraged students to make the most of their four years at DYPIU and use their knowledge to create an impact beyond the classroom.

Dr. Madhavi Deshpande – Dean, Faculty of Non-Engineering

Dr. Madhavi Deshpande spoke about the importance of research, knowledge and independent thinking. She encouraged students to look

beyond technology and information and make full use of the opportunities provided by the university. Referring to the message of the Bhagavad Gita, "Karmanye Vadhikaraste, Ma Phaleshu Kadachana," she emphasised focusing on one's work and learning rather than only worrying about the result. She also encouraged students to let education change their way of thinking.

Shri Tejas S. Patil – Trustee

Shri Tejas S. Patil addressed the students and highlighted the importance of their overall development. He spoke about the university's social, health and student-oriented initiatives and encouraged students to actively participate in such activities alongside their academics.

The induction programme gave the new students an insight into the vision of DYPIU and encouraged them to make the most of their university journey.

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