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UK Visit: DYPIU Strengthens Global Academic Partnerships Through Strategic Alliance

Office of International Affairs, D Y Patil International University has taken a significant step towards expanding its global academic footprint through a series of high-level engagements with leading universities and academic organizations. Prof (Dr) Manish Bhalla, Vice Chancellor, undertook an extensive academic visit to the United Kingdom, fostering international collaborations in education, research, innovation, and student mobility leading universities.



Coursera at the University of Oxford.

The visit commenced with participation in the prestigious Future of Higher Education Summit (FOHE 2026) hosted by Coursera at the University of Oxford. The invitation-only summit brought together global leaders from academia and industry to explore the future of learning, skills development, and workforce readiness. Prof (Dr) Bhalla was invited as a panelist in the session on 'Coursera Product Innovation and Impact', where he shared insights on the transformative role of digital learning platforms in higher education.

As part of the academic engagement programme, Prof. (Dr.) Manish B. Bhalla, Vice Chancellor of D Y Patil International University, visited several renowned UK institutions, including the University of Birmingham, Loughborough University, University of Nottingham, University of Edinburgh, and Glasgow Caledonian University. Discussions across these institutions focused on student and faculty mobility, collaborative research, international academic pathways, innovation-driven partnerships, and opportunities for joint educational initiatives.

Meeting with Secretary-General of the Association of Commonwealth Universities

During the visit, Prof (Dr) Bhalla also met with Professor Colin Riordan, Secretary-General of the Association of Commonwealth Universities (ACU), to explore collaboration opportunities and exchange perspectives on the future of teaching, learning, and research in the age of Artificial Intelligence.

University of Birmingham,

"Demonstrating D Y Patil International University's ongoing commitment to global engagement and academic excellence, Prof (Dr) Manish Bhalla, Vice



Chancellor, visited the University of Birmingham, a globally recognized public institution renowned for its pioneering research, sports excellence, iconic campus, and academic leadership in the United Kingdom." During the visit, he met with Prof Mark Lee, Deputy Pro-Vice-Chancellor (India), and explored opportunities for strengthening academic and institutional ties were explored. Conversations focused on higher education, research cooperation, and international engagement, laying the groundwork for future collaborative initiatives between the two universities.

Loughborough University

Further advancing the University's internationalization Strategy, Prof (Dr) Bhalla visited Loughborough University, a globally renowned institution recognized for its world-class research,

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Creating a Short Film as a College Student

Vidhi Shukla



"I'm sorry you have end terms. I have a short film due".

THIS was me during my end terms. While everyone around me was pacing for notes. Having daily visits to the photocopy place. I was worried about my shoot locations, actors and costumes. At first, my approach towards the assignment was 'areey thikhe kar lenge, sabko hi toh karna hai'

I never expected that I would become so invested in my film. I kept improving the script, adding details and constantly thinking about it.

Making a short film as a college student is a lot of fun, but also chaotic. Moving around with no budget made everything harder. Handling every role at once was challenging. Still, somewhere between all the chaos, filmmaking became one of the

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DYPIU sponsors Asian Senior Fencing Championship



DYPIU is the proud sponsor of 2026 Asian Senior Fencing Championship. It was for the first time that India had hosted the elite continental event at Bharat Mandapam in New Delhi, welcoming athletes from 36 nations. Powering this historic vision, D Y Patil International University (DYPIU) had proudly stepped forward as the Main Sponsor.

This premier sponsorship is a shining example of Hon'ble Satej Patil Sir's deep vision, immense

dedication, and unwavering commitment to promoting sports and empowering young athletes on the global stage.

Aligning with the Khelo Bharat Policy 2025, this tournament is a giant leap towards providing our athletes with an international platform.

Earlier, Hon'ble Union Minister, Smt Raksha Khadse and Fencing Association of India (FAI) President Hon'ble Satej Patil reviewed the world-class preparations for this mega event.

DYPIU Launches 'Dnyanavishkar' Digital Knowledge Platform



Vice Chancellor Prof (Dr) Manish Bhalla officially launched the Dnyanavishkar digital knowledge platform at DYPIU. The launch ceremony was attended by university leaders, faculty members, and staff. Dnyanavishkar will serve as a hub for academic initiatives, research, innovation, and thought leadership. The platform reinforces DYPIU's commitment to advancing knowledge through digital transformation.

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UK Visit

innovation and excellence in Engineering & Technology.

Prof (Dr) Bhalla met Prof S Grogan, Pro Vice-Chancellor (Education and Student Experience), Prof Rajkumar Roy, Dean of Wolfson School, Prof Sheryl Williams, Director of International Relations and Partnership, Prof Sonya Calnan, Dr Paul Sherratt, Dr Aakash Bansal, Prof Peter Kinnell, Prof J Flint, Dr R Shankar-Priya, Dr Raman Maiti & Tour of Wolfson School. Prof (Dr) Bhalla gained first-hand exposure to world-class research infrastructure, including the Centre for Renewable Energy Systems Technology (CREST), the Sports Technology Institute, the Mechatronics Laboratory, and cutting-edge 3D Printing facilities.

University of Nottingham

Reinforcing the University's vision of fostering global academic partnerships, Prof (Dr) Bhalla visited the University of Nottingham. During the visit, he held discussion with Dr Christian Wagner (School of Computer Science), Ms Rachel Jessop (Senior Strategic Projects & International Manager), Dr. Shival Dubey (Technical Specialist - Autonomous Robotics Systems), Dr Nikhil Deshpande, (Associate Professor in Robotics and AI). The interactions focused on exploring opportunities for collaboration in Computer Science, Artificial Intelligence, Robotics, and Cyber Security through joint academic initiatives, research partnerships, and knowledge exchange. The discussions also highlighted the University of Nottingham's strengths in multidisciplinary education and research excellence while identifying several areas of mutual interest for future cooperation.

The engagement laid the groundwork for potential collaborative initiatives and further strengthened DYPIU's commitment to creating globally connected opportunities for its students, faculty, and researchers through meaningful international partnerships.

University of Edinburgh

"At the University of Edinburgh, Prof Bhalla met with Prof Guangzhao Mao, Head of the School of Engineering, along with Prof Ian Underwood, Dr Anthony Callanan, Prof Prashant Valluri, Dr Rohit Pillai and Dr Hrishikesh Pingulkar. "The interactions focused on exploring opportunities for collaboration in Informatics and Artificial Intelligence (AI), Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences, as well as in research excellence, innovation, joint publications, and industry-academia partnerships.

The engagement provided a valuable platform for exchanging ideas on academic development and emerging global research trends. The visit offered valuable insights into the University of Edinburgh's distinguished academic and research ecosystem while identifying areas of mutual interest for future collaboration. The discussions were highly productive and facilitated a meaningful exchange of ideas between the representatives of both institutions.

Glasgow Caledonian University

Continuing its pursuit of global academic engagement, DY Patil International University was represented by Prof (Dr) Manish Bhalla, Vice Chancellor, during a visit to Glasgow Caledonian University. During the visit, he met with Dr Charles Russell, Associate Dean International; Dr Geraint Bevan, Head of Engineering; Dr Anand Philip, Head of Computer Science; Prof Craig Thomson, Associate Dean Research; Dr Mahmood Anwar, Deputy Head of Engineering; Mr Hamid Homatash, Deputy Head of Computing; and Prof Tuleen Boutaleb, Vice Dean, School of Science and Engineering, to explore opportunities for academic and research collaboration.

The discussions focused on collaborative research, student mobility, and academic partnerships in key areas such as cybersecurity, engineering, computing, and emerging technologies. The engagement also provided valuable insights into innovative approaches to applied learning, industry engagement, and technology-driven education.

A comprehensive tour of the university's state-of-the-art facilities, including the Cybersecurity, Games Development, UXID, and Engineering laboratories, offered a deeper understanding of its advanced teaching, learning, and research ecosystem. The visit laid the foundation for future collaborative initiatives and strengthened prospects for meaningful international cooperation between the two institutions.

Reflecting on the visit, Prof. Manish Bhalla stated, "These engagements have strengthened DYPIU's international academic network and opened new avenues for collaboration with some of the world's leading institutions. The discussions align with our vision of providing global learning opportunities and fostering innovation-driven education for our students and faculty."

The successful UK visit reinforces DYPIU's commitment to internationalization and its strategic vision of creating meaningful global partnerships that enhance academic excellence, research impact, and student success.

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Short Film

most personal experiences for me. Because creating something from scratch teaches you more than any classroom ever can.

Brainstorming the Ideas and Planning the Shots

Although you are in charge of all the departments. You need a helpful crew. A crew that understands your vision. Does not come with the attitude 'okay, you are the director', but rather understands. Finding the crew was not the most difficult part for me.

Starting a story from a blank page was the hardest part. We all have heard stories, made some, and even experienced a few. Still, starting from a blank document was challenging. The briefing was simple, fictional but realistic, and easy to shoot, and no horror movie. Something simple enough to execute. At least we thought that.

We started by deciding on a genre. Whether to take comedy, drama, or romance. Selecting a genre was important as it defines direction. I wanted my story to revolve around a location from my daily life. because I wanted it to feel personal. My story was very simple; it revolved around a brief meeting between two people. And how people are willing to change their entire routine because of a meeting. How simply people adapt to each other's routines.

I wanted to depict how this effort has slowly faded away. And now it doesn't exist anymore.

The Chaos Behind Planning

After finishing the script, we still had shot types, camera angles, camera movements and many more details to plan. And that was only the technical side. We still had to decide on costumes, props and every small detail. Arranging costumes and colour-coding them with each other was my favourite detail. I spent hours deciding on colours and contrast with each other. Every time someone came on screen, the colour they wore had significance. I tried to communicate with colours and let them tell a story.

Planning was even more difficult because everyone had to make an individual project. We all had to record. We all had to make an arrangement work. We did define roles for everyone, but the arguments didn't stop. Explaining visions and getting to work together was a work in itself.

Once pre-production was done, we moved on to fixing the shoot days. Coordinating with the actors, crew, and checking the equipment and location availability. Syncing everyone's schedules took days. We made our shoot cal-

endar and were ready to shoot.

How the Shooting Days Actually Went

According to our calendar, we had to report at 12:30 at college. But agar sab time se hi kiya, toh kya kiya. Our actors got late, and we finally began at 2:30. Our first sequence was the dance sequence, which took hours. After the first sequence, we were already late and empty-stomached. But we didn't have an option; we had to complete the schedule. So, we did complete it till 7- 7:30 and had our first meal. After barely resting, we got ready for the next part of the shoot. We slept around 1:30 to be up at 6 again. On the second day, everything finally went according to schedule. Now things started to look better. Everything was slowly coming on track.

The shoot days were filled with banters and small arguments. And I realised shoot days never look perfect. Things change; schedules go off. Sometimes people don't align with each other. And that is completely okay. But one thing I realised, when working with the right people, things work out. Arguments and banters only existed before the camera went on. We connected and were comfortable acting freely around each other. We did take cuts because someone laughed, someone forgot. But no one felt awkward or uncomfortable around each other.

After completing the shoot and later reviewing, we realised the microphone didn't record the dialogue. Only the ambience was recorded.

When Editing Became the Real Nightmare

With only ambient sound on the clips. Editing turned into a nightmare. Post-production became 10x harder. Now we had to record voice-overs, sync them, and the rest of the editing was still difficult.

Looking at my own movie 100 times was indeed a work in itself. Going through the same edit over and over again. Trying to fix this one small detail, which is only visible to me, was exhausting. Since it was a day shoot, the sharp sunlight cut through the screen on the first edit. Voiceovers didn't sync, transitions didn't exist, and sharp cuts were everywhere.

To add to my misery, I decided to use Adobe Premiere Pro with no prior knowledge. I opened the application. Closed it in seconds. A professional tool for an absolute amateur was not the smartest decision. I opened panels all across my screen. I couldn't find the right tab. I didn't know that different workspaces opened different panels by default. But by the end of my assignment, I could

do colour grading, sound control, rolling credits, everything on my own. I learned how to edit an entire film on my own. Editing remained difficult, but now I am driven towards it and not away.

What Making a Short Film Taught Me

Making a short film was an experience I am not sure books could ever teach. This project was not just an academic evaluation. It taught practical field experience. Sleepless nights, working off schedule, managing mistakes and working as a team.

If I had to talk academically. I learned a lot about editing. Working with non-professional actors made me realise I'll have to take cuts. Making sure they didn't move from their positions. It honestly felt like managing children during an annual function. Because as soon as I said cut. They ran laughing. Sometimes running towards the script, sometimes away from the sun. The shoot was held in summer, and the sun was brighter than we wanted. Because we didn't have professional markers, nor a big crew. All we had was a bunch of college students trying to make a movie.

I was only there for my grade, but I came back home from the shoot. Wanting to work more on these projects. I still don't know if filmmaking is my path or not. But I know media and communication studies definitely is. ■

Paper publication

A research paper by Dr Vaishali C Kulloli from Computer Engineering Department titled, 'Deep Learning Based Segmentation and Classification for Effective Iris Liveness Detection Using Various Quality Metrics, has been published in the Optical Memory and Neural Networks, Springer - Q3 Unpaid Journal.

Research paper

A research paper by DYPIU Faculty, Dr Siddheshwar Kadam titled as 'Dynamical Analysis of the Covariant f(Q) Gravity Models', has been accepted for publication in The European Physical Journal C, a renowned SCIE-indexed Q1 journal with an Impact Factor of 4.9.

This work presents a comprehensive dynamical analysis of covariant f(Q) gravity, demonstrating that the proposed models successfully describe the cosmic evolution—from the radiation- and matter-dominated eras to the present phase of accelerated expansion and provide a consistent framework for explaining the late-time acceleration of the Universe. ■

Remembering Ms Smruti Shelke A Life of Purpose, Courage, and Grace

Professor Dr Manish Bhalla, Vice Chancellor, DYPIU

It is with profound sadness that the D Y Patil International University family mourns the passing of Ms Smruti Shelke, Associate Director – Marketing & Branding, whose dedication, vision, and warmth left an enduring mark on our institution.

Smruti was a person who embraced life with remarkable enthusiasm. Vibrant, energetic, and full of optimism, she brought a rare combination of creativity and purpose to everything she undertook. Her ability to transform ideas into meaningful initiatives, coupled with her unwavering commitment to excellence, played a significant role in shaping and strengthening the identity and image of DYPIU.

As Associate Director – Marketing & Branding, Smruti was instrumental in communicating the University's aspirations and achievements with authenticity and passion. Her innovative thinking, meticulous planning, and tireless efforts contributed immensely to the growth of the DYPIU brand. More than her professional accomplishments, however, she will be remembered for the positivity she brought to every interaction, the encouragement she extended to colleagues, and

the genuine care she showed for the University community.

Even while confronting serious illness, Smruti displayed extraordinary courage and resilience. She faced every challenge with quiet determination, grace, and an unwavering spirit that inspired all who had the privilege of knowing her. Her strength in adversity was a testament to her character and remains an enduring lesson in dignity and perseverance.

Her passing is an immeasurable loss to the entire DYPIU family. We will deeply miss her infectious smile, her boundless energy, her thoughtful leadership, and her constant willingness to go beyond the call of duty. While she is no longer with us, her contributions, her values, and the memories she created will continue to inspire our community for years to come.

We extend our heartfelt condolences to her family, friends, and loved ones during this difficult time. May they find comfort in the knowledge that Smruti's life touched countless hearts and that her legacy will forever remain a cherished part of D Y Patil International University.

May her soul rest in eternal peace.

Smruti Shelke: A Smile That Will Always Belong to DYPIU

Mr Maan Bardhan Kanth

“बाबू मोशाय... जिंदगी बड़ी होनी चाहिए, लंबी नहीं।”

I have heard this dialogue from the film Anand countless times. But today, it carries a different meaning. It reminds me of Smruti Shelke. When the news of her passing came, I simply could not believe it. She was so young. So full of life. It felt unreal.

Smruti and I joined DYPIU almost at the same time. Over the last four years, we worked together on many occasions. We spoke about students, events, and the countless things that keep a university alive. One thing about Smruti never changed. She always had a smile.

It did not matter how busy the day was. It did not matter how many challenges were waiting. She greeted everyone with warmth. She had an energy that was difficult to ignore. Wherever she was, there was movement. There was laughter. There was life.

After I took over the responsibility of Associate Director – Student Welfare from her, I realised something even more meaningful. Students loved her. Not because it was her responsibility to look after them. They loved her because she genuinely cared. She encouraged

them when they felt low. She made them feel that someone on campus truly understood them. That kind of connection cannot be created through a designation. It comes only from the heart.

For Smruti, DYPIU was never just a workplace. It was her second home. Every event became special because she poured herself into it. Every celebration carried her enthusiasm. She had an amazing ability to make ordinary moments memorable. Today, the campus feels quieter. There is an emptiness that all of us can feel.

Her passing has also left me with an important thought. We spend so much of our lives running from one responsibility to another. We rarely pause to take care of ourselves. Life gives us no guarantees. Perhaps the greatest lesson we can learn is to value our health as much as we value our work.

Smruti may not walk through these corridors anymore. But I know her presence will continue to be felt.

Thank you for every smile you shared, every student you inspired, and every moment of joy you brought to our university. You left much too soon, but your smile and your vibrant spirit will always remain a part of DYPIU. ■



And she will always be there.

Dr Shashi Singh

When asked to write something in memory of Smruti, I was stuck for a while.

Where do I even begin? And then, *Where do I begin To tell the story of how great a friend can be?*

The sweet moments, the selfless love she brought to me Whenever I sought her help, she was always there. No matter where I turned, she was always there.

That is who Smruti is. It is so incredibly difficult to come to terms with the word "was," so I choose to say everything in the present tense. Smruti is, not was.

She joined us in October 2022. I was away on vacation, so we weren't introduced right away. We both wanted to meet, but it took a little while for us to finally start talking. Once we did, there was no looking back.

I found someone brilliant, logical, someone profoundly good at everything she touched. What is it that she couldn't do? She excelled at marketing, stayed deeply connected

with the real world, and She is our human Google Map, our shopping guide, and our life guide. She was the Center where we would all swarm—always charming us with her smile and her distinct style. She has solutions for everyone.

But something failed somewhere. We failed her, even though we knew we couldn't prevent what was coming. Yet, her determination was always to achieve something—not for herself, but for her loved ones. And she did that. She swallowed unimaginable pain with a smile, telling us, "I am better," because she had a purpose. Once that purpose was fulfilled, she just slipped away.

But Smruti will always be here.

Can friendship be measured by the hours in a day?

I have no answers now, but this much I can say

I know I'll need her till the stars burn away,

And she will always be there.

Smruti will always be here!

(I am using this song for her)

Scholarly Contribution to Translational Drug Discovery

A book chapter, by a DYPIU Faculty, Dr Parth Sarthi Sen Gupta, 'Translational Perspectives in Drug Discovery,' has been published in the book 'Unlocking Sirtuins: Cellular Biology to Translational Research' by Elsevier/Academic Press.

The co-author of the chapter is the DYPIU's Vice Chancellor, along with Dr Sen Gupta's PhD scholar, Ms Arpita Kamle and students Ms Varshini Kore and Ms Abhishek Lakhera.

This work highlights the translational potential of sirtuins in drug discovery and reflects the growing research strength and academic excellence of DYPIU.

Moreover, another research article by him, titled as 'Deciphering the Anticancer Potential of Bifidobacterium longum MB BBLM15 Derived Postbiotic Metabolites in Cervical Cancer: In Vitro, In Silico, and Synergy Studies' has been accepted for publication in Probiotics and Antimicrobial Proteins (Impact Factor: 5.3, Q1, SCIE).

"This work, co-authored by PhD Scholar Arpita Kamle, reflects our continued efforts in exploring novel therapeutic strategies through integrated computational and experimental approaches," Dr Sen Gupta said.

ICMR's funding to DYPIU

The Indian Council of Medical Research, GOI, has transferred the first instalment of funds, 20% of the project's total budget of 35L, to DYPIU. This project was sanctioned to Dr Ramendra P Pandey, Deputy Dean (Research) to work on cancer treatment (head and neck malignancy).

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उसका मन घबराए

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पानी तो है सबका जीवन
जल की मीन-नगीना

पंख सभी के छुएँ शिखर को
प्रभु दे, वह परवाज़

— अवनीश सिंह चौहान

Honor for DYPIU Faculty

Dr Ramendra Pandey, Deputy Dean (Research) at DYPIU has been recognized among the top 5% of scientists worldwide in the 2025 Global Scientist Index by SciRank Global. This recognition is based on a comprehensive analysis of scientific productivity and research impact across millions of researchers worldwide.

Also, one of his research articles has been accepted in Communication Biology, a journal published by Nature Portfolio. This study underscores the importance of host p38-MAPK for *L. donovani* and *P. falciparum* pro-

gression and highlights.

Besides, a manuscript by Dr Pandey has been published in Nano Trends Journal. The present study emphasizes the advantages of green synthesis of nanoparticles through plants, including cost-effectiveness, sustainability, and scalability.

Moreover, he has been appointed as a 'Global Ambassador of Applied Microbiology International, London, UK'. It is a global nonprofit serving thousands of researchers and professionals worldwide, working to promote microbiology in the envi-

ronment, human and animal health, agriculture, and industry across the globe.

To add, his article 'Occurrence, Characterization, and Potential Ecological Risks of Microplastics in the Himalayan Riverine Systems' has been published online in the Bulletin of Environmental Contamination and Toxicology, a peer-reviewed academic journal published by Springer Nature. This study delves deep to understand the sources, geospatial mapping, and temporal distribution of microplastic (MP) in the riverine ecosystem.

Shaping Future Scientists: An Inspiring Day of Research, Mentorship, and Innovation at DYPIU



A truly inspiring day at DYPIU, as it had the privilege of hosting the Dy Dean of Research, Prof Ramendra Pati Pandey for the research presentation review of its internship students, hailing from the School of Biosciences and Bioengineering.

tion, creativity, and hard work of the students. The Dy Dean of Research appreciated the ongoing research efforts and personally interacted with each student, encouraging them to pursue science with passion, discipline, and curiosity.

One of the most memorable highlights of the visit was his inspiring discussion on the journeys of Nobel Laureates. He

emphasized the importance of reading biographies of great personalities to understand their struggles, vision, and perseverance.

He also highlighted the visionary approach of DYPIU's VC, for strengthening the research ecosystem by integrating academics and research from both undergraduate and postgraduate levels. This initiative is truly shaping young minds and nurturing future researchers from the very beginning of their academic journey.

“It was equally encouraging to learn about the university’s continued support through research project funding for UG and PG students,” says Dr Parth Sarthi Sen Gupta, an Associate Professor of the department.

Several students from the lab have already benefited from this valuable initiative. ■

User Awareness Session on iThenticate

An online user awareness session on iThenticate was organised by Learning Resource Plaza and IQAC to create awareness and promote ethical research practices among Faculty Members and Research Scholars.

The session was organised via Zoom Meetings. Dr Manik welcomed all faculty members and Research scholars. Dr Utkarshi Maheshwari set the tone of session. He briefed the need and importance of iThenticate 2.0. He introduced Trainer Mr Gautam Raval. Mr Raval discussed about Plagiarism, types, consequences, techniques to avoid plagiarism, Understanding iThenticate 2.0 features and enhancements, Why Turnitin Similarity report. Submission workflows and similarity analysis, AI detection report, User Management, Similarity Report download etc.

The session was an interactive one. The trainer was able to solve the queries asked by participants. Total 80 Faculty Members and Research Scholars attended the session.

Patent registered

A Design Patent by a DYPIU faculty, Ms Reshma Kohad, "BIO SENSOR DEVICE TO DETECT BREAST CANCER", has been successfully registered by the Patent Office, Government of India.

Research article publication

A research article by a DYPIU Faculty, Dr Jyoti Shakya, titled 'Bagasse-derived activated carbon/MoS₂ electrodes for solid-state supercapacitors' has been

published in the Journal of Energy Storage.

The work demonstrates the transformation of agricultural waste into a cost-effective, high-performance electrode material, providing a sustainable and potentially scalable solution for next-generation solid-state supercapacitors.

DYPIU Faculty's paper

Dr Pathik Sahoo's, a DYPIU faculty, manuscript has been accepted for publication in the Journal, Crystal Growth & Design. The title of the paper is, 'Extending Crystal Engineering Principles to Multicomponent Drug Systems for Improving Multidrug Therapy'.

IBM team visits DYPIU



The IBM team recently visited DYPIU to collaborate with School of Computer Science and Engineering's admissions team. During the interactive session, they resolved outstanding queries and mapped out strategic processes and activities for the future.

NSS submits Annual Activity Report

The NSS Unit of DYPIU, has submitted NSS Annual Activity Report (2025 - 26) to Dr Milind D Kale (State Liaison Officer / OSD, NSS, Govt of Maharashtra)

Sarah Patel bags 1st place at 2026 King Sejong Institute Korean Speech Contest



A final year student of BAJMC, Sarah Patel has been awarded first place at the 2026 King Sejong Institute Korean Speech Contest, held at the Indo Korean Center, Pune.

Opportunities like these inspire students to dream bigger and strengthen the bond between India and Korea.

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A 150-seat reading hall including dedicated multimedia PCs for differently abled users.

DYPIU Bags Platinum Sustainable Campus Partner Award



D Y Patil International University (DYPIU) has been conferred the prestigious 'Platinum Sustainable Campus Partner' recognition for its outstanding commitment to sustainability through a series of impactful initiatives conducted during Earth Week.

THE recognition was awarded under the Bharat Environment Program – A Bharat Sustainability Mission 2026, a nationwide initiative organized in collaboration with the Environment Protection Training & Research Institute (EPTRI), the State Climate Action Nodal Agency.

The program promotes sustainability awareness, institu-

tional best practices, green campus initiatives, student engagement, environmental leadership, and campus transformation aligned with the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).

The activities at DYPIU were spearheaded by the Centre for Climate Resilience, Water Innovation and Green Solution (CRWIGS). During Earth Week, a wide range of

sustainability-focused events were organized with active participation from faculty members and students representing ROTRACT, the National Service Scheme (NSS), and various schools of the University.

The university-level coordination of the program was carried out by Dr Priyanka Dhoot and Dr Shailesh Ghodke, Centre In-Charges of CRWIGS. In recognition of these efforts, DYPIU received the Platinum Sustainable Campus Partner Award, presented by the Research Heights Foundation (RHF) at Hyderabad on 1 June 2026.

The award was received by Dr Shailesh Ghodke, Centre incharge and Prof Sunil Dambare, Director-IQAC during award ceremony.

Congratulating the team on this remarkable achievement, Chancellor Dr Sanjay D Patil and Vice Chancellor Prof Manish Bhalla appreciated the dedicated efforts of the Centre for Climate Resilience, Water Innovation and Green Solution in fostering a culture of environmental responsibility and advancing the University's commitment to sustainable development. ■

Career Guidance Session on Quantum Computing

The School of Computer Science Engineering and Applications at D Y Patil International University (DYPIU), Akurdi, Pune, successfully organized a Career Guidance Expert Online Session to create awareness about emerging opportunities in the field of Quantum Computing.

The session was delivered by Dr Tarun Kumar, Project Engineer and an esteemed expert from C-DAC Mohali, who provided valuable insights into the rapidly evolving domain of quantum technologies. He highlighted the vast career prospects, research opportunities, and industry demand in this revolutionary field, motivating students to explore quantum computing as a future career path.

This initiative was undertaken in view of the recently launched MTech (CSE) in Quantum Computing program at DYPIU and the need to enhance awareness and admissions for the same. The session aimed to bridge the knowledge gap

and inspire both students and faculty members to understand the significance and scope of quantum computing in today's technological landscape.

The session was convened by Dr Anju Chaurasia, Faculty, DYPIU, who played a key role in organizing and coordinating the event. Such initiatives reflect the institution's commitment to academic excellence, innovation, and student career development.

Overall, the session served as an important step towards fostering awareness and interest in quantum computing, aligning with DYPIU's vision of promoting futuristic education and research. ■

Faculty Development Session on Teaching with Empathy



The School of Computer Science Engineering and Applica-

tions at D. Y. Patil International University (DYPIU), Akurdi,

Appreciation for BCA student

A 2nd Year BCA student, Samiksha Palav, has received an appreciation for being the youngest presenters at 'ICFMCF 2026' for the fractional work under the DYPIU Seed Grant.

Dr Siddharth Gavhale, CISR, DYPIU, serves as a 'Session Chair' for the second consecutive year in the 8th International Conference on Financial Markets & Corporate Finance 2026, which is being hosted by IIT Madras. ■

Pune, organized a Faculty Development Session titled "Teaching with Empathy: Understanding Student Behaviour, Emotions, and Learning" on 17 July 2026.

The session was conducted by Ms. Nutan Kanth, Senior Psychologist and Counsellor at D. Y. Patil International University, Pune. Designed for faculty members, the programme focused on understanding student behaviour, recognizing and supporting student emotions, learning styles and their impact, building empathy in the classroom, strategies for inclusive and supportive teaching, effective communication with students, and practical tools for everyday teaching.

The session was held at Classroom 432 and was organized by the School of Computer Science Engineering and Applications, D. Y. Patil International University, Akurdi, Pune. ■

DYPIU Celebrates International Yoga Day 2026

D Y Patil International University, Akurdi, Pune, celebrated International Yoga Day 2026 with great enthusiasm, reaffirming its commitment to promoting health, wellness, and holistic living.



The event was organized by the Department of Sports in collaboration with the Mindscape Club, Women's Development Cell, and the National Service Scheme (NSS). More than 100 teaching and non-teaching staff members actively participated in the celebration, making the event highly successful.

THE program was conducted under the guidance of Dr Madhura Jagtap, Dean of the Student Welfare Department, and was coordinated by Sangram Bhakare, Sports Officer, Department of Sports. The event began with an energetic Zumba warm-up session led by Sangram Bhakare, creating excitement and preparing participants for the yoga practice. A special highlight of the event was the yoga demonstration by university students Gauri and Sharvari, who represented the university at the All India Inter University Yoga Competition. Their outstanding performance inspired all participants and showcased the university's dedication to excellence in yoga and sports.

The dignitaries were warmly welcomed by the department, followed by motivational addresses from the Vice Chancellor and Registrar, who emphasized the impor-



tance of yoga in maintaining physical fitness, mental peace, and emotional well-being.

The session, held from 10:00 AM to 11:00 AM, spread the meaningful message that yoga is not just an exercise but a way of life that strengthens the body, calms the mind, and uplifts the soul. The event concluded with a heartfelt vote of thanks by Dr Madhura Jagtap, expressing gratitude to all participants and contributors for making the celebration memorable and meaningful.

The celebration reflected the university's ongoing efforts to encourage a healthy and balanced lifestyle among its community, reinforcing the timeless value of yoga in today's world. ■

Research Publication in a Nature Portfolio Journal

A commentary by DYPIU Faculty Dr Parth Sarthi Sen Gupta, 'Endothelial Activation and Thromboinflammation in Long COVID: Revisiting the Vascular Axis in Paediatric Populations', has been accepted for publication in Paediatric Research, a Nature Portfolio journal and the official journal of the American Paediatric Society (APS), the European Society for Paediatric Research (ESPR), and the Society for Paediatric Research (SPR).

The research work has been done in collaboration with his co-authors, Vice Chancellor, Prof (Dr) Manish Bhalla, and Prof Shashi Singh, whose scientific discussions, intellectual contributions, and valuable insights greatly

strengthened this manuscript.

The achievement reflects the authors' collective commitment to advancing translational research in Long COVID and improving future patient care.

Research Paper

A research article by DYPIU Faculty, Dr Siddheshwar Kadam, titled 'Cosmological Dynamics of Hyperbolic Evolution Models in $f(Q, \mathcal{L}_m)$ Gravity' has been published in the International Journal of Geometric Methods in Modern Physics. The Journal is Q1, SCIE-indexed with Impact Factor of 2.5

His work explores cosmologically viable hyperbolic evolution models in $f(Q, \mathcal{L}_m)$ gravity, offering new insights into the evolution of the Universe and the viability of modified gravity theories. ■

DYPIU Explores Collaboration with the University of Edinburgh

The Department of Chemical Engineering, School of Engineering Management and Research (SoEMR), D Y Patil International University, was delighted to welcome Prof. Prashant Velluri from the The University of Edinburgh for a productive academic visit.



THE visit provided an excellent opportunity to discuss avenues for strengthening international collaboration in chemical engineering.

The interactions focused on developing joint research initiatives, promoting faculty and student exchange, enhancing curriculum development, undertaking collaborative research projects, and fostering industry-oriented innovation.

The discussions reflected a shared commitment to creating meaningful academic partnerships that encourage knowledge

exchange, research excellence, and global learning opportunities for students and faculty alike.

Various academic quality initiatives were discussed by Vice Chancellor Prof (Dr) Manish Bhalla, Dean-Faculty of Non-Engineering Dr Madhavi Deshpande, IQAC Director- Prof Sunil Dambhare and HoD Chemical Engg. Dr Shailesh Ghodke. Such collaborations play an important role in preparing future engineers to address emerging global challenges through innovation and interdisciplinary research. ■

CIIE, DYPIU team visits MIT-WPU TBI

A 9-member team from CIIE, DYPIU had the opportunity to visit the MIT-WPU Technology Business Incubator (TBI).



THE purpose of the visit was to study their incubation ecosystem, startup support framework and best practices and to explore potential collaboration opportunities to further strengthen CIIE at DYPIU. The visit was truly worthwhile and insightful.

A memento was presented to the CIIE Team by Prof Prakash Joshi, Joint Managing Trustee, MAEER's Group of Institutions.

Prof Joshi also gave a brief overview of MIT TBI's initiatives and shared wonderful suggestions on aligning and executing different steps for Pre-incubation and Incubation facilitation at the university level.

Mr Prasad Gore, CEO, MIT

TBI Incubation Center, along with his team, gave the visiting team great insights into funding opportunities & Government Schemes, Certifications and compliance requirements, Primary requirements for setting up Pre-incubation and Incubation entities and Building a smooth and robust Startup & Innovation Ecosystem within academia

CIIE, DYPIU Team, that were present on the occasion include Dr Sandhya Ingale, Dr Vandana Patil, Ms Pratima Varanasi, Dr Dipti Chandra, Dr Jayashree Badal, Dr Durgesh Kumar, Dr Suvaithenamudan, Mr Ajay Visave and Ms Deeksha. ■

Gulabo Sapera – The Dancing Wind of Change Sweeps Top Honours at Indo Japan International Film Festival

Gulabo Sapera – The Dancing Wind of Change emerged as one of the biggest winners at the Indo Japan International Film Festival 2026, receiving multiple prestigious awards in recognition of its excellence in filmmaking and storytelling.

THE film secured an impressive collection of honours, including Best Hindi Film, Best Short Film, and Best International Filmmaker, while also earning individual accolades across major creative and performance categories. Among the key contributors to this success was Mr. Ketan Deore, a faculty member at the School of Design, D. Y. Patil International University, who played a significant role in the film's production. His contribution as a core member of the production team reflects the growing involvement of the School of Design's faculty in meaningful creative and cinematic initiatives.

Awards Received

- Best Hindi Film
- Best Producer
- Best Child Artist
- Best Director
- Best Editor
- Best Screenplay
- Best Story
- Best Supporting Role – Male
- Best Supporting Role – Female
- Best Short Film
- Best International Filmmaker

The remarkable achievement reflects the dedication, passion, and collaborative efforts of the



entire production team. The recognition celebrates not only the film's artistic excellence but also its powerful storytelling and meaningful social message.

Expressing gratitude on the occasion, the team thanked the festival jury, the cast and crew, supporters, and everyone who contributed to bringing the project to life. They acknowledged that the

honours serve as an encouragement to continue creating cinema that entertains, inspires, and drives positive social change.

The success of Gulabo Sapera – The Dancing Wind of Change at the Indo Japan International Film Festival marks a significant milestone in the film's journey and reinforces its impact on audiences and critics alike. ■

DYPIU Dy Registrar attends a workshop at IISc

Mr Pramod Sharma, Deputy Registrar at DYPIU attended Study in India workshop in IISc Bangalore



First Prospectus of Office of International Affairs at DYPIU launched



The first Prospectus of the Office of International Affairs at D Y Patil International University was launched by the Vice Chancellor, Prof (Dr) Manish Bhalla. This prospectus marks a sig-

nificant milestone in strengthening our global engagement and expanding international opportunities for our students, faculty, and the entire DYPIU community. ■