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DYPIU Signs MoU with Dassault Systèmes to Establish Experience Centre

D Y Patil International University (DYPIU) signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with Dassault Systèmes to establish an advanced Digital Engineering and Digital Manufacturing Experience Centre on its campus. The initiative aims to strengthen industry-academia collaboration and enhance student employability by aligning academic learning with evolving industry requirements. The event was organised by School of Engineering, Management and Research (SEMR), Department of Mechanical Engineering of DYPIU.



POWERED by Dassault Systèmes, the Experience Centre will integrate advanced digital technologies into DYPIU's Smart Manufacturing curriculum, enabling students to gain both theoretical knowledge and hands-on experience in next-generation engineering and manufacturing. The programme is among the first of its kind in Maharashtra and is designed to create industry-ready talent while fostering research and innovation in advanced manufacturing.

The centre will feature dedicated facilities, including a NextGen Product Innovation Lab, an Intelligent Production System Lab, and a Virtual Twin and Simulation Lab with virtual reality capabilities. Students will gain exposure to technologies such as virtual twins, generative design, multi-physics simulations, and digital manufacturing systems.

As part of the collaboration,

students will benefit from live projects, certification programmes, internships, and industry interactions. The partnership will also support faculty development and curriculum enhancement, ensuring alignment with global industry standards. Additionally, it plans to deliver a three-year Training of Trainers (ToT) programme to equip faculty with expertise in advanced digital manufacturing workflows.

"Our collaboration with DYPIU to establish this Experience Centre marks a significant step in bridging the gap between classroom learning and real-world application. By enabling access to the 3DEXPERIENCE platform and virtual twin technologies, we aim to foster an innovation-driven ecosystem aligned with the 'Make in India' vision and Industry 4.0 demands," said Deepak NG, Managing Director, India, Dassault Systèmes.

Prof (Dr) Manish Bhalla, Vice Chancellor, DYPIU also said, "This collaboration marks a significant step in the journey of DYPIU. The establishment of the Experience Centre at DYPIU, powered by Dassault Systèmes, will be one of the first of its kind in the field of Smart Manufacturing in the state of Maharashtra. It will foster a strong ecosystem of experiential learning, where young students will actively engage in solving real-world industry problem statements while facilitating effective technology transfer. This initiative will empower our students and faculty to innovate, work with cutting-edge technologies, and emerge as truly future-ready engineers."

Established with a vision to redefine higher education through innovation and industry integration, D Y Patil International University is a multidisciplinary institution committed to deliver-

SOMCS Conducts 5-day FDP on Research Writing

The School of Media and Communication Studies at D Y Patil International University organized a five-day Faculty Development Programme (FDP) titled 'From Practice to Publication: Research Writing in Media, Humanities and Social Sciences' in online mode. The programme aimed to strengthen research and academic writing skills among scholars and faculty members in the fields of media, humanities and social sciences.

VICE Chancellor of D Y Patil International University, Prof. (Dr.) Manish Bhalla, inaugurated the programme and lauded the initiative taken by the School of Media and Communication Studies. In his address, he emphasised the importance of organising more such FDPs in the future and highlighted the growing need for capacity building in the age of Artificial Intelligence.

Prof. Madhavi Deshpande, Dean of Faculties of Non-Engineering, welcomed the participants and stressed that research is a process of inquiry, reflection and contribution to knowledge. She noted that research in media,

humanities and social sciences helps understand society, culture, communication and the rapidly changing realities around us.

Director of the School of Media and Communication Studies, Dr Arvind Kumar, introduced the FDP and stated that the programme was designed to bridge the gap between research practice and publication by guiding participants from the fundamentals of research to the practical aspects of academic writing and publication.

The FDP featured distinguished resource persons from across disciplines. On Day One, Dr Anisha Thomas introduced participants to

the fundamentals of research in humanities and social sciences. Day Two featured Prof Pradeep Nair, who delivered a session on writing effective research papers. On Day Three, Dr Priyanka Dhoot discussed journal publication processes and various academic writing tools.

Day Four focused on innovative research approaches through the insights shared by Dr Gauri Chakraborty. On the concluding day, Dr Lakshmi Lingam spoke on writing book chapters and contributions to edited volumes, followed by a session by Dr Tilak Jha on transforming research projects into publishable papers.

The FDP witnessed participation from faculty members and scholars from different parts of India. Faculty members of D Y Patil International University also enthusiastically participated in the programme. The event was coordinated by Dr Pallavi Jha and Mr Amit Kumar Om.

Centre of Excellence in Cyber Security

D Y Patil International University (DYPIU), Akurdi, marked a significant milestone in industry-academia collaboration with the grand inauguration of the 'Tech Mahindra – Centre of Excellence: Cyber Security' at the university campus.

THE initiative aims to empower students with cutting-edge knowledge, practical exposure, and future-ready skills in the rapidly evolving domain of cybersecurity and emerging technologies.

The event witnessed the esteemed presence of senior offi-

cials from Tech Mahindra, including Mr Peeyush Marwaha, Vice President & Group Delivery Head, along with Ms Jasneet Kaur Khanna, Group Manager – People Supply Chain, Ms. Natasha Verma, Senior Cybersecurity Professional, and Ms Meghana Aashish Jagtap, Global Process Office Operations Lead.

Honorable Vice Chancellor Dr Manish Bhalla expressed his enthusiasm about the collaboration and stated that such initiatives will significantly strengthen students' employability, technical capabilities, and industry readiness in the fields of cybersecurity and artificial intelligence.

The Real Reason Behind Multiplex Profits

Akash Dubey



The reality of modern cinema is that the movie is often the lead generator for the concession stand. A 20-minute interval is the most profitable part of a multiplex's day.

WHILE theatres share nearly half of your ticket money with film producers, they keep all of the profit from that 500-rupee tub of popcorn and the expensive cold drink.

This high-margin revenue is what covers the massive electricity bills and mall rentals that theatres face today. Without this food revenue, the current multiplex model would likely collapse.

It might sound strange, but expensive popcorn is actually what keeps your ticket prices from being even higher. While we

all feel the pinch of a 400-rupee ticket, that price is still low compared to the massive costs of running a modern theatre in a mall.

Since the theatre makes its real profit at the interval, they can afford to keep ticket prices at a level that still fills the seats. If multiplexes had to rely only on ticket sales to pay their rent and electricity, the average seat would cost thrice as much as it does now. In a way, the people buying the large tubs of nachos are subsidising the experience for everyone else in the hall.

The expensive popcorn might be a joke in our group chats, but it is the secret reason why the big screen is still thriving. As long as theatres can turn a profit at the snack counter, the magic of the cinema will stay affordable for the masses.

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ing experiential, research-driven, and technology-enabled learning. Backed by the esteemed D Y Patil Group, which has a rich legacy of excellence in education, healthcare, and social development spanning several decades, DYPIU carries forward a strong tradition of academic innovation and nation-building. The university offers programmes across engineering, management, design, biotechnology, media, liberal arts, and emerging technologies, with a strong emphasis on industry collaboration, global exposure, entrepreneurship, and skill development. Through state-

of-the-art infrastructure, innovation centres, and partnerships with leading industry leaders, DYPIU continues to build a future-ready learning ecosystem that empowers students to become skilled professionals, innovators, and responsible global citizens.

Dassault Systèmes is a catalyst for human progress. Since 1981, the company has pioneered virtual worlds to improve real life for consumers, patients and citizens. Through the 3DEXPERIENCE platform, AI-powered, science-based virtual twins help 390,000 customers of all sizes, in all industries, collaborate, imagine and create sustainable innovations that drive meaningful impact. ■

Hon'ble VC's Research Paper Publication

A joint research work by DYPIU Vice Chancellor, Prof (Dr) Manish Bhalla has been accepted for publication in the reputed journal 'Computers in Biology and Medicine'.

THIS journal is recognized as Q1 with an impact factor of 7.1 and maintains a highly selective acceptance rate of around 12%, reflecting the rigor and quality expected at this level.

The accepted manuscript, titled 'Integrated experimental and computational evaluation of novel benzopyran-2-one congeners' as reactive oxygen species scavengers in inflammation," represents a strong integration of experimental and computational science.

STRENGTHENING GLOBAL TIES:

DYPIU Hosts OMNES Education Delegation from France



The Office of International Affairs at (DYPIU) had the privilege of hosting a distinguished delegation from OMNES Education, France. The visit marked a significant step in DYPIU's continuous efforts to expand its global academic network and enhance international engagement.

DURING the visit, both institutions engaged in meaningful and forward-looking discussions aimed at strengthening academic collaboration and exploring new avenues for partnership. Key areas of focus included student mobility, faculty exchange, joint academic initiatives, and the development of globally relevant programs that promote cross-cultural learning.

The interaction provided valuable insights into international education practices and highlighted the importance of equip-

ping students with global exposure and competencies in today's interconnected world. The visit also reaffirmed the shared vision of both institutions to foster innovation, academic excellence, and collaborative growth.

This engagement reflects DYPIU's strong commitment to building impactful international partnerships that create enriching opportunities for students and faculty. The university looks forward to translating these discussions into long-term collaborations and meaningful academic outcomes. ■

Honor for DYPIU Faculty

Ms Surabhi Gulwelkar, a DYPIU Faculty, has been honoured with the Grand Prize – Smt Chandrikaben Shukla Prashasti 2026 at the national level by the 'Hina Bhatt Art Foundation' in recognition of her artistic excellence and continued contribution to the field of visual arts.

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The prestigious award carries a grant of ₹1 lakh to support her upcoming solo exhibition and art research initiatives.

The award was conferred after a highly competitive national selection process in which 78 portfolio proposals from artists across the country were submitted for consideration. Receiving this honour among numerous accomplished participants marks a significant achievement in Surabhi Gulwelkar's artistic journey and reflects the growing recognition of her creative practice, research-oriented approach, and dedication towards art education and contemporary visual expression.

Known for her representational approach distinguished by

expressive brushwork and dynamic colour application, Surabhi Gulwelkar's work combines strong academic fundamentals with experimental exploration. Alongside her studio practice, she has also contributed extensively as an art educator, guiding aspiring artists through workshops, masterclasses, and research-driven teaching methodologies. Her work consistently emphasizes observation, sensitivity to colour relationships, and deeper visual understanding.

The vision of the Hina Bhatt Art Foundation aligns closely with such artistic pursuits. Guided by the motto "Inspiring Artists, Encouraging Change," the foundation is committed to promoting the all-round, 360-degree development of artists. Through its various programs and initiatives, the foundation seeks to nurture both emerging and established artists by creating meaningful opportunities to learn, create, exhibit, and engage with wider audiences.

The foundation aspires to



transform artists into Saksham Kalakaars- empowered creative individuals equipped with stronger artistic capabilities, professional confidence, and the ability to thrive within the evolving creative world. Its initiatives encourage artists not only to refine their technical skills but also to expand their research, presentation, and professional practices.

This recognition for Surabhi Gulwelkar stands as an important milestone that will further support her artistic research and future exhibitions while also bringing pride to the university community. Her achievement reflects the value of sustained creative inquiry, dedication to artistic excellence, and the importance of nurturing contemporary art practices through meaningful institutional support. ■

Research Publication

A research article by Dr Ramendra Pandey, Deputy Dean (Research), DYPIU has been published in the International Journal of Biological Macromolecules. This work, titled as 'Human scFv antibodies selected by phage display technology exhibit distinct Zika virus binding profiles and minimal cross-reactivity with dengue virus serotype 2', provides new insights that advance the development of more sensitive and specific diagnostic reagents for Zika virus infections.

HIS article, 'Wyeomyia confusa Lispivirus (WcLispV-SP): a novel neotropical mosquito virus in the Lispiviridae family', has been published online in Archives of Virology (Springer).

Besides, he has been granted the National Environmental Science Academy Fellowship.

Moreover, his research article titled as 'Synergistic Integration of Inorganic Nanoparticles and Biosurfactants: Enhancing Stability and Efficacy for Susta' has been published in the Inorganic and Nano-Metal Chemistry Journal. ■



Course Builder Faculty Training Workshop

DY Patil International University, Akurdi, organized a Course Builder Faculty Training Workshop in collaboration with the Coursera Team. The initiative was conducted under the guidance and vision of Prof (Dr) Manish Bhalla, with the objective of promoting blended learning and technology-enabled education across the university ecosystem. The workshop focused on empowering faculty members with advanced Course Builder features, creation of customized

learning paths, utilization of AI-enabled tools such as Coursera Coach, and learner analytics.

Faculty members from various schools actively participated in the hands-on training session and explored innovative approaches for blended and outcome-based learning. The initiative reflects DYPIU's commitment towards strengthening digital learning practices and enhancing student learning experiences through technology-enabled education. ■

Collab Research

ADYPIU Faculty, Dr Parth Sarthi Sengupta's collaborative research article titled 'A simple and sensitive colorimetric biosensor based on three different hydrothermally synthesized AuNP-CQD nanocolloids functionalized with aptamer for the biosensing of diclofenac in serum samples', has been published in Surfaces and Interfaces (Q1, Impact Factor: 6.3, SCI-indexed journal).

This work is a result of a fruitful collaboration with the National Forensic Science University (NFSU).

His PhD student Abhishek Lakhera has made his significant contribution to this study.

Industrial Design registered

ONE of the works by DYPIU faculty member Dr. Surbhi Sonam, developed in collaboration with final-year B.Tech. Bioengineering students Mohak Karkhanis, Pratham Dundunnar, Meghan Konde, and Sandesh Patil, has been registered as an Industrial Design at the Indian Patent Office. This achievement reflects the team's innovative approach and underscores DYPIU's commitment to fostering research, creativity, and intellectual property development. ■

Expert Talk on AI in Computational Biology

The School of Biosciences and Bioengineering at D Y Patil International University organized an expert talk session by Dr Vipul Kumar, Postdoctoral Scholar at UCSF and Researcher in Computational Biology about the emerging role of Artificial Intelligence in Computational Biology and Structural Modelling.

THE session was attended by faculty members, researchers, and students with great interest. The event started with the formal introduction of the guest speaker, Dr Vipul Kumar was welcomed and felicitated by the Director of the School of Biosciences and Bioengineering, Dr Ramendra Pandey. The session proceeded into an interactive presentation by the guest speaker which was highly insightful.

Dr Kumar shared his expert information and practical across several topics including Role of AI and ML in Biological Research. He discussed that the growing importance of Artificial Intelligence and Machine Learning is due to the rapid increase in biological data. He also highlighted the need for better computational models in order to bridge the gap between computational predictions and actual biological systems segregating the long-term goals of the field.

He introduced the use of AI applications in biological sciences with a focus on AlphaFold. He explained its working mechanism with its limitations, specifically about the conformational diversity, its inability to accu-

rately model large macromolecular assemblies, and challenges with environmental and time-dependent changes.

Dr Kumar explained AI pipelines used for omics and data analysis referencing resources like HuMAP 3.0. He demonstrated the use of SwissTargetPrediction to identify potential molecular targets effectively and strongly emphasized the limitations of virtual screening without experimental validating studies.

He introduced his research software developed as a part of his research work, including the EM Sequence Finder. He explained the challenges associated with low density structural data and explained how Convolutional Neural Networks (CNNs) are applied to improve analysis and prediction accuracy.

Talking about the major limitations of current AI methods in capturing structural uncertainty, he spoke on integrative modelling. He explained how combining spatial information, physical data, and experimental evidence helps generate ensemble structural models, detailing concepts like representation, scoring functions, and uncertainty estimation with greater accuracy. ■

MoU with Vayati Systems and Research

SCHOOL of Media and Communication Studies organized a MoU signing ceremony between DYPIU and Vayati Systems and Research (VSAR), a company based out of Pune which deals in employment enhancing skills, corporate training. Dr Mona N Shah, Founder-Director, VSAR, was present during the session. Reflecting on the institution's journey, he outlined the university's roadmap for the future.

Session on Solar Basket System



A session on Solar Basket System was successfully conducted by the Department of Mechanical Engineering at the School of Engineering, Management and Research (SEMR), DY Patil International University. The session was delivered by Er

Nikhil Chonde and Akshay Bamnote, who shared their expertise on solar energy, its practical applications, and the importance of sustainable solutions.

The session provided valuable insights into innovative solar technologies and encouraged participants to adopt eco-friendly energy alternatives. It was highly interactive and informative, enhancing students' understanding of renewable energy concepts and their real-world implementation.

Value Added Course on Applied Mechatronics

THE Department of Mechanical Engineering, School of Engineering, Management and Research (SEMR), D Y Patil International University successfully conducted a Value Added Training Program on "Applied Mechatronics: PLC, HMI, SCADA & Process Control Systems" for Third Year B.Tech Mechanical Engineering students in collaboration with Tata Indian Institute of Skills (Tata IIS), Mumbai.

The 40-hour offline training program was organized at the Tata IIS Mumbai campus from 24th February to 28th February 2026.

SEMR organizes Tree Plantation Drive



The School of Engineering, Management and Research (SEMR), DY Patil International University organized a Tree Plantation Drive with the objective of promoting environmental sustainability and creating awareness among students about the importance of green initiatives.

THE event witnessed active participation from students and faculty members of the Mechanical Engineering Department. During the drive, various saplings were planted across the campus, contributing to improving the green cover and enhancing biodiversity. Faculty members guided students on the importance of tree plantation, proper planting techniques, and long-term care for

sustainable growth.

This initiative was aligned with the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), particularly focusing on climate action and life on land. The activity emphasized the role of young engineers in building an eco-friendly future and encouraged students to take responsibility for environmental conservation.

The event not only helped in spreading awareness but also instilled a sense of teamwork, social responsibility, and commitment towards nature among the participants. It served as a meaningful step towards creating a cleaner, greener, and more sustainable environment for future generations. "Plant today, nurture tomorrow, and grow a better future." ■



DYPIU bags Platinum Sustainable Campus Partner Award

DY Patil International University has received the Platinum Sustainable Campus Partner Award at Hyderabad by Research Heights Foundation for successfully conducting various sustainability initiatives during Earth Week.



Careers in Biotechnology



Dr Sonal Mahajan conducted a session titled 'Passion to Profession: Careers in Biotechnology' at the Times Educational Expo.

SEMR Collaborates with Amison Engineering

The Department of Mechanical Engineering, SEMR, D Y Patil International University successfully initiated an industry collaboration with Amison Engineering. Known for its expertise in design, analysis (FEA & CFD), manufacturing, and quality engineering, Amison Engineering brings valuable industry knowledge and technical excellence to this partnership.

THIS collaboration aims to provide students with practical exposure to real-world engineering challenges through hands-on training, expert sessions, and project-based learning. It also focuses on enhancing students' skills in modern engineering tools and strengthening their readiness for industry requirements.

Together, this partnership marks a significant step towards innovation, skill development, and creating future-ready engineers. ■

SEMR in MoU with ELENO Energy

The Department of Mechanical Engineering, School of Engineering, Management and Research (SEMR), D Y Patil International University successfully organized the MoU Signing Ceremony with ELENO Energy.

ELENO Energy, known for its excellence in simulation and product development, has partnered with the institute to enhance academic and industry collaboration. This initiative will provide students with opportunities to engage in hands-on training, live projects, internships, and exposure to advanced engineering tools and technologies.

The collaboration also focuses on promoting research and development activities, enabling knowledge exchange, and preparing students to meet industry demands. This MoU marks a significant step towards bridging the gap between theoretical learning and practical implementation, fostering innovation and technical excellence among students. ■

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GLOBAL HORIZONS

DYPIU Partners with World Trade Center Pune Academy or International Growth & Innovation Excellence

Driving Innovation through Skill Development, Digital Transformation, and Industry-Integrated Learning Aligning Academia with Global Industry Standards.



D.Y. Patil International University (DYPIU) has officially entered into a strategic collaboration with the World Trade Center Pune Academy (the educational arm of WTC Pune).

This landmark partnership is built around the core vision: “Global Skills. Sustainable Future. Digital Transformation. “Through this alliance, both institutions will co-develop and offer industry-driven certificate courses, specialized training programs, and cutting-edge academic initiatives designed to bridge the gap between classroom education and real-world corporate demands.

Key Objectives of the Partner-

ship This collaboration focuses on empowering learners with practical, future-ready capabilities by focusing on three main pillars: Industry-Integrated Learning: Bringing practical corporate exposure, real-world case studies, and hands-on training directly to students.

Enhanced Skill Development: Equipping learners with specialized global skills essential for thriving in a digitally transforming economy. Global Opportunities & Industry Connect: Strengthening network ties with international trade frameworks to unlock unparalleled career pathways for our students.

Think Tank Discussion on Social Awareness and Inclusion Initiatives

To commemorate the 135th Birth Anniversary of Bharat Ratna Dr. B. R. Ambedkar, the NSS Unit of D Y Patil International University (DYPIU), Akurdi, Pune, organized an insightful “Think Tank Discussion” focused on the values and principles that form the foundation of Indian democracy and the Constitution.

THE session aimed to spread awareness about Dr. Ambedkar's vision for an equal, just, and progressive society while encouraging students to actively engage in discussions on constitutional values and social responsibility. The event witnessed enthusiastic participation from students across various departments, including MBA, BA Journalism, and B Tech, creating an interactive platform for intellectual exchange and meaningful dialogue.

The program was conducted under the guidance and mentorship of NSS Program Officer Dr. Ajit Dalvi. During the session, Dr Dalvi highlighted the significance of the Indian Constitution as a living document that safeguards citizens' rights while also reminding them of their fundamental duties. He emphasized that the Constitution serves as a powerful instrument for strengthening national unity, democracy, and social justice in India.

The discussion also included valuable insights from Mr. Vithal Dhumal and Dr. Amol Dhakane,



who shared their perspectives on constitutional awareness, youth participation, and social equity. Their guidance inspired students to understand the importance of responsible citizenship and active social contribution.

The event concluded with a renewed commitment to follow Dr. Ambedkar's inspiring message — “Educate, Agitate, Organize” — and uphold the ideals of equality, unity, and democratic values in everyday life.

DYPIU recognized as a Platinum Sustainable Campus Partner



DYPIU has been recognized as a Platinum Sustainable Campus Partner for successfully conducting various sustainability initiatives during Earth Week (22nd–29th April 2026). Dr Shailesh Ghodke (Faculty, SoEMR) and Dr Priyanka Dhoot (Faculty, SoCM) are working as the Centre Incharge - Centre for Climate Resilience, Water Innovation and Green Solution, DYPIU.

Empowering the Next Generation of HR Leaders

The School of Commerce and Management (SCM), D Y Patil International University marked a significant milestone with the grand inauguration of the National Institute of Personnel Management (NIPM) Student Chapter, in collaboration with the Pune Chapter of NIPM



THIS landmark initiative reflects the institution's commitment to nurturing future-ready professionals by creating a strong bridge between academic learning and industry practices in the field of Human Resource Management. The event was organized with the vision of empowering students through direct interaction with industry leaders and HR experts. It served as a platform to expose students to current trends, challenges, and opportunities in the ever-evolving corporate HR landscape. The inauguration ceremony witnessed enthusiastic participation from students, faculty members, and distinguished dignitaries from the HR Industry. A major highlight of the program was the expert panel discussion featuring

eminent HR professionals who shared valuable insights into the dynamic world of human resources and industrial management. The esteemed panel included Dr Kalyan Pawar, Chairman of NIPM Pune Chapter and Executive Vice President – ER/HR at Endurance Technologies; Dr Ajit Thakur, Secretary of NIPM Pune Chapter and Head HR EHS and Factory Manager at Kalyani Steel; Ms. Prachee Sonchal, Director–HR at Fosco; and Ms Vahida Pathan, Founder of Neorare Services. Their guidance inspired students and provided practical exposure to real-world HR functions, leadership qualities, and industry expectations. The event also celebrated the official announcement of the newly appointed student office

DYPIU wins the CSR top leading University in India Award



bearers of the NIPM Student Chapter, who will lead the chapter activities and foster professional growth among students. The appointed office bearers are: Chairperson – Mr. Akash Lahane; Secretary – Mr Yuvraj Chavan; Joint Secretary – Mr Aakash Sable; Treasurer – Mr Aaryan Thole; and SSC Members – Ms Saraja Patil, M Samruddhi Deshmukh, and Ms Priyata. Their appointment marks the beginning of a promising journey in student leadership and organizational development. The successful execution of this event was made possible through the valuable guidance and unwavering support of the university leadership and faculty members. Special gratitude was extended to Dr Madhavi Deshpande for her visionary leadership and encouragement. Appreciation was also expressed to Dr Anuradha Patil for her dedicated planning, coordination, and excellent execution of the initiative. The Placement Department and SCM faculty/staff also played a crucial role in ensuring the event's grand success.

The inauguration of the NIPM Student Chapter is a remarkable step toward strengthening industry-academia collaboration and preparing students to become competent HR professionals and future business leaders. Through such initiatives, SCM at DYPIU continues to create transformative learning experiences, helping students transition confidently from classrooms to corporate careers. ■

River Cleaning Drive at Bhide Bridge

In a remarkable display of dedication and social responsibility, NSS volunteers enthusiastically participated in a River Cleaning Drive organized by White T-Shirt Revolution at Bhide Bridge, Deccan Gymkhana, Pune.

WHAT made the initiative even more inspiring was the fact that the volunteers took part despite being occupied with their ongoing examination schedule. The cleanliness drive aimed to spread awareness about environmental conservation and encourage citizens to contribute towards maintaining cleaner water bodies and public spaces. The NSS volunteers

worked with great energy and commitment, collecting waste and helping restore the cleanliness of the riverbank area.

Special appreciation was extended to the dedicated volunteers Akash Sable, Shruti Sharma, Ayodhya Khatake, and Aditya Gajre for their active participation and sincere efforts during the campaign. Their contribution reflected the true spirit of the

National Service Scheme, which promotes community service, leadership, and environmental awareness among youth. The event highlighted how young individuals can balance academic responsibilities while actively participating in meaningful social causes. Their enthusiasm and teamwork served as an inspiration to others and reinforced the importance of collective action in protecting the environment.

Such initiatives play a vital role in building a cleaner, greener, and more sustainable future for society. ■