

DYPIU CELEBRATES ITS EIGHTH FOUNDATION DAY

Do not be terrorised by AI

Sonali Bobade

Students should learn to use technology wisely and not be terrorised by Artificial Intelligence (AI), said Mr Dinesh Bhojar, Commissioner (GST & Customs), Pune. He was addressing students at the Eighth Foundation Day celebration of D Y Patil International University.



that the abundance of data available today requires individuals to carefully segregate and analyse information.

Speaking on the occasion, Prof (Dr) Manish Bhalla, Vice Chancellor of DYPIU, Akurdi described the Foundation Day as a significant milestone for the university community. Reflecting on the institution's journey, he outlined the university's roadmap for the future.

Prof Bhalla announced that the university plans to launch a Department of Law, Governance and Public Policy and introduce several new schools, like School

of Legal Studies and Centres of Excellence from the next academic year. He also noted that DYPIU is working towards obtaining various accreditations from competent authorities. The University has already filed for NIRF ranking. Recently, the University has inaugurated the semiconductor lab and a Centre of Excellence in Electrical Vehicle. Prof Bhalla underlined the good placement record of the University.

Addressing the gathering, Kalpen Shukla, President of the IIT Delhi Alumni Association and the IIM Ahmedabad Alumni Association, emphasised the importance of networking in professional growth. "Network is network. Building strong networks is a major strength," he said. He also urged students to cul-

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BHOYAR said that society is currently living in the age of AI where technology has become an integral part of everyday life.

"AI has several domain-specific applications and can answer questions within seconds," he said. However, he cautioned students that AI is not always reliable and can sometimes generate incorrect information.

"Every generation fears new technology. The same concerns were raised when railways were introduced and later when television and other communication technologies emerged," he said.

Highlighting the challenges of the digital age, Mr Bhojar noted



From left to right Dr Anupama Patil (Dean, Faculty Engineering), Mr Shivkumar Salunkhe (Additional Commissioner, GST, Pune), Prof (Dr) Manish Bhalla (Vice Chancellor, DYPIU), Mr Kalpen Shukla (President, IIT Delhi & IIM Ahmedabad Alumni Associations), Mr Dinesh Bhojar (GST Commissioner, Pune), Dr Beeran Moidin BM (Registrar, DYPIU), Dr Madhavi Deshpande (Dean, Faculty Non-Engineering) and Dr Madhura Jagtap (Dean, Students' Welfare, DYPIU).

something superficial disguised in trends that come and go.

But looking at it closely we understand that fashion is deeply connected to history, status, culture and identity.

In the earliest times of civilization, clothing began as a mere matter of survival. People used animal skins, leaves, and natural fibers to protect themselves from harsh climates. Yet gradually, clothing became more than just protection. It became a way to express belonging and status. As civilizations developed, fashion turned into a visual marker of society.

In ancient cultures, what you wore could indicate your class, occupation, or rank. Royalty and elites were often dressed in fine fabrics, rare dyes, and elaborate designs, while ordinary people wore simpler, practical clothing.

In the medieval era there were laws that controlled what people were allowed to wear. Certain colors, fabrics, and styles were restricted to the upper classes. Clothing was political.

Everything changed with the Industrial Revolution. Clothing production shifted from hand-crafting to factories, making gar-

Neighbors, Now Partners

DYPIU's MoU with KIU

The Office of International Affairs at D Y Patil International University (DYPIU), Pune continues to expand its global academic partnerships through meaningful international engagement. Ms. Mary Josephine Judy, Deputy Registrar, visited KIU University, Sri Lanka to explore potential avenues for collaboration.



KAATSU International University (KIU) is a leading private university in Sri Lanka offering programs in Nursing, Health Sciences, Management, Law, and Computing. Recognized by the University Grants Commission and approved by the Ministry of Higher Education, KIU is committed to academic excellence and student-centered learning.

During the visit, a meeting was held with Dr. Sajeewanie Liyana-Arachchi, Vice Chancellor of KIU University, to discuss strengthening institutional ties and exploring areas of collaboration. The discussion included joint research programs, immersion

programs, student mobility initiatives, and faculty exchange opportunities to enhance international academic exposure.

As a result of these constructive discussions, DYPIU and KIU University signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) to formalize their partnership and promote long-term collaboration.

The collaboration marks an important milestone in DYPIU's internationalization efforts, further strengthening its global academic network and expanding international opportunities for students.

Fashioned Past

Podcast by Maira Husain

What if your clothes could tell stories of the past... From medieval markets to street culture, fashion has come a long way.

HI. I am Maira and Welcome to episode 1 of Fashioned Past where we explore history stitched TOGETHER by fabric and time.

Fashion is often dismissed as

ments faster and cheaper to produce. Fashion became accessible to a wider population, and trends began spreading rapidly. This marked the beginning of fashion as we recognize it today.

By the 20th century, fashion transformed into a form of self-expression. Designers challenged traditions and restrictive clothing.

It was Coco Chanel, who redefined women's fashion by introducing comfort, simplicity, and freedom moving away from heavy corsets and rigid styles.

Fashion also started reflecting social change. Different eras

expressed different emotions—rebellion, liberation, and individuality, becoming a mirror of what the society was thinking and feeling.

Today, fashion continues to evolve. It reflects conversations around sustainability, identity, culture, and globalization. Fashion is no longer just about survival, it carries meaning.

Understanding fashion history helps us understand humanity itself. Every garment tells a story, and every trend is connected to a moment in time.

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tivate passion for bringing positive changes in society and to contribute meaningfully to the community.

“Students must take AI seriously and choose their path carefully. A student is not just a learner but the heart of the institution to which he or she belongs to,” Shukla added.

As part of the celebrations, students of the School of Applied Art and Craft organised a poster exhibition.

During the Foundation Day, several teaching and non-teaching staffs and students were given awards for their excellent works



in various fields.

Also, a skit prepared by the GST department portraying awareness about GST was pre-



sented on the occasion. Vote of thanks was given by the University's Registrar, Dr Beeran Moidin B.M. ■

Study in India Expo 2026 in Colombo

Dr Anurag Anand Pandey (Director Admissions, DYPIU) visited Study in India Expo 2026 which was held in Colombo (Sri Lanka).



THE purpose of the visit was to strengthen academic partnerships in Sri Lanka, explore student recruitment opportunities. Moreover, it was aimed at meeting institutional heads for collaboration, promoting Student Exchange Programs and building global presence of DYPIU in Sri Lanka.

During the event, a meeting was held with Mr Sandeep Chaudhary, First Secretary (Education) High Commission of India (Srilankan Embassy).

“We discussed about Student mobility and potential enrolment numbers. Mr Sandeep requested for more clarity on fee structure & scholarship opportunities”, Dr Pandey said.

Moreover, another meeting was held with H.D. Chandima

Janki, Ministry of Higher Education, Sri Lanka and we discussed about academic collaboration. We discussed about student exchange and faculty exchange program, he added.

Dr Pandey requested Dr Sajeewanie, Vice Chancellor of KIU, Sri Lanka during the event to visit DYPIU. Also, he shared a brief description about the University's accreditations and approvals.

Besides, Dr Pandey discussed about student exchange program. She asked about student grievance cell in the university for international students. They are ready for this collaboration.

Moreover, he shared detailed fee structure & scholarship policy and provide brochures and promotional material. ■

DYPIU Faculties' paper in Int'l symposium

A paper by Mr. Ketan M. Deore (Assistant Professor) and Mr. Jeevraj Bhalerao (Assistant Professor) from School Of Design has been selected for presentation and they presented their paper at the 8th International Symposium on 'Innovative Global Technology Trends' held at MIT-ADT, Loni.

Honor for DYPIU Faculty

Dr Ramendra Pandey, Deputy Dean (Research) has received the Fellowship of the Indian Academy of Biomedical Sciences during convocation at BITS Pilani Goa jointly organized by IIT Goa.

DYPIU Faculty in MCCIA Agritech Summit

Dr. Sanjay Mohite, a faculty from SoCSEA, participated in the MCCIA Agritech Summit 2026, Pune, where the focus was: technology is the key to global sustainability. The event mapped modern agricultural advancements directly to the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development Goals 2, 6, 13 and 17.

This summit proved that the integration of 'Agri' and 'Tech' is no longer optional—it is a necessity for planetary health. The event highlighted how policy frameworks and digital integration are essential for a sustainable, food-secure future. ■

GREEN, DIGITAL, AND DISRUPTIVE

The Future of Business Is Here

Prisha, Pankaj & Aiman

The School of Commerce and Management at D Y Patil International University (DYPIU) organized a two-day international conference, titled 'Redefining Business and Sustainability Paradigms in the Technological Era'.

THE event, which was inaugurated by Prof. (Dr.) Manish Bhalla, Vice Chancellor of D Y Patil International University, aimed to create awareness among students about the importance of sustainable business practices and the role of modern technology in shaping responsible and innovative business models.

The event brought together students, faculty members, and industry professionals to discuss emerging trends in sustainability, digital transformation, and ethical business strategies. The event began with a formal inauguration ceremony, where dignitaries and faculty members welcomed participants. The speakers highlighted the importance of integrating sustainability into business operations, especially in the digital era.

This event aimed to educate students about the importance of adopting sustainable business models and to encourage innovative thinking among future business leaders. It provided a platform where students could gain practical knowledge about how technology supports sustainable development and responsible business operations.

The event also motivated students to adopt eco-friendly practices in their daily lives and academic projects. It inspired them to explore research opportunities related to sustainability and technology.

Industry experts shared insights into how companies are adopting sustainable practices using advanced technologies such as Artificial Intelligence, Big Data, and automation.

There were guests who were particularly invited for the event.

They included Mr Abhishek Ranjan (Joint Secretary, UN Global Compact, India), Dr. Deepak Bajaj (Academic and Campus Director, Deakin University, Gift City, Ahmedabad), Mr. Aditya Malkani, Regional Director, Membership Engagement Lead- India & South Asia, The Association of Commonwealth Universities, Dr. Sarwar Uddin Ahmed, Dean and Professor, School of Business, University of Liberal Arts Bangladesh (ULAB), and Dr. Anshuman Khare, Profes-



sor, Operations Management, Faculty of Business Athabasca University, Albert, AB. Welcome speech was given by the Dean of Faculty (Non-Engineering) & SCM Director, Dr. Madhavi Deshpande.

A panel of experts discussed real-world challenges businesses face while balancing profitability with environmental responsibility.

During Case Study Presentations, Students were introduced to successful examples of companies that have implemented eco-friendly and technology-driven business strategies.

The event provided valuable knowledge and insights. Technology plays a significant role in improving efficiency and reducing environmental impact. Businesses must adopt green practices to ensure long-term growth and sustainability. Digital transformation helps companies monitor energy usage, reduce waste, and improve productivity. Ethical leadership and responsible decision-making are essential for sustainable business success.

Collaboration between businesses, governments, and communities is necessary to achieve sustainable development goals. Students from various departments actively participated in the event. They attended lectures, interacted with guest speakers, and engaged in discussions related to business sustainability and technological advancements. The event encouraged students to think creatively about solving real-world environmental challenges through innovative business ideas.

The event was highly informative and impactful. It successfully highlighted the importance of integrating sustainability into modern business practices using advanced technology.

Overall, the program enhanced students' understanding of responsible business management and inspired them to contribute toward building a sustainable future. ■

DYPIU gets representation in Consultant Meet at Kolkata

A Consultant Meet was organized in Kolkata in association with Knowledge Network as part of the university's outreach and admission promotion initiatives for the Academic Year 2026–27. The objective of the meet was to engage with education consultants, strengthen partnerships, and create awareness about the academic programs offered by D Y Patil International University (DYPIU), Pune.



THE event witnessed participation from several education consultants and admission partners from Kolkata and nearby regions. During the session, Vitthal M Dhumal, Deputy Director, Admissions, DYPIU, presented an overview of the university, highlighting its academic programs, industry-oriented curriculum, international collaborations, and modern campus infrastructure.

Detailed information was shared regarding Undergraduate, Postgraduate, and Doctoral programs across various disciplines including Engineering, Management, Biotechnology, Design, Journalism & Mass Communication, and Emerging Technologies. The consultants were also briefed about the admission process, eligibility criteria, scholarship opportunities, and career prospects for students.

The meet included an interactive discussion where consultants shared their perspectives on student preferences and regional

trends in higher education. The consultants appreciated the innovative programs and global exposure opportunities offered by DYPIU and expressed interest in collaborating with the university for student referrals and admissions.

The Consultant Meet proved to be productive and helped strengthen collaboration with Knowledge Network, expand the consultant network in the Eastern region. Moreover, it helped increase awareness about DYPIU programs among education consultants and generate potential student leads for the upcoming admission cycle.

The Consultant Meet was successful in building strong connections with education consultants and enhancing the presence of D Y Patil International University in the Eastern region of India. The engagement is expected to contribute positively toward student outreach and admissions for the Academic Year 2026–27. ■

SoCSEA students Visit IMD

Second-year B.Tech students from the School of Computer Science and Engineering (SoCSEA) visited the India Meteorological Department (IMD) in Pune for a specialized industry interaction.

Dr. Satyaban Bisoi (Head, CAUI) discussed climate research, data management systems, and advanced forecasting.

The students learnt how AI and data analysis drive modern climate decision-making.

A practical session at the Seismology Lab was organised with Mr. Sanjay Sangale to showcase real-time seismic and drought monitoring.



It was inspiring to see how computer science and engineering principles are tackling global climate challenges.

Seeing real-time drought and seismic monitoring really brought classroom theories (SDG 13, 11, 9, 4) to life.

Mindscape Club's 'Sparkle & Strength' Blends Zumba and Self-Growth for Holistic Wellness

Anushka Jha

THE Mindscape Club of D Y Patil International University organized an engaging event titled 'Sparkle & Strength' to promote mental well-being and self-growth among students.

THE objective of the event was to create awareness about mental health and encourage students to embrace their inner strength and individuality. The session included interactive activities such as group discussions, self-reflection exercises, and fun games that focused on stress management and emotional balance.

A lively Zumba session was also conducted, which added energy to the event and helped participants relax, refresh, and

uplift their mood. Students actively participated and shared their thoughts, creating a supportive and positive environment. A key highlight of the event was its emphasis on self-love and confidence-building. The activities were designed to help students recognize their strengths and develop a positive mindset while dealing with challenges.

The event saw enthusiastic participation from students across various courses. The efforts of the Mindscape Club members were highly appreciated for successfully organizing and managing the program. Overall, 'Sparkle & Strength' was a meaningful initiative that inspired students to prioritize their mental well-being and personal growth. ■



DYPIU students attend VIT E-Summit

Students from CIIE, DY Patil International University attended VIT E-Summit 2026.

DYPIU has been recognized as a Collaborative Partner and Associate E-Cell for the event at VIT throughout the year. The visit offered valuable exposure to innovation, entrepreneurship, and networking opportunities. This information was shared by Dr. Sandhya Ingale, Asst. Professor

In-Charge Centre for Innovation Incubation & Entrepreneurship at DYPIU. ■

LOG ON. LEVEL UP!

DYPIU Brings the Future of Learning to Campus

Akash Dubey & Sneha Kelzarkar

D Y Patil International University organised Coursera Day to create awareness among students about global online learning opportunities and industry-relevant skill development. The event aimed to highlight how digital platforms can complement formal education and prepare learners for an evolving, technology-driven job market.

disciplinary learning in building sustainable careers. The session provided valuable insights into emerging trends across industries and the role of online education in



ADDRESSING the gathering, Vice Chancellor Prof. (Dr.) Manisha Bhalla highlighted the University's commitment to integrating digital learning with academic programmes to enhance student employability and global exposure.

Dr. Madhavi Deshpande (Dean, Non-Engineering) Academics, outlined what industry consistently expects from graduates. Beyond domain knowledge, recruiters look for problem-solving ability, communication clarity, digital fluency and learning agility. She noted that organisations increasingly seek 'professionals in student form'.

Dr. Anupama Patil, Dean (Engineering), encouraged students to treat Coursera learning as part

of their structured weekly schedule rather than as optional extra work. Even two to three focused hours per week, maintained consistently, can build meaningful credentials and strengthen professional portfolios.

During the vote of thanks delivered by Dr. Suvarna Patil, it was stated that twenty percent of academic credits at DYPIU are integrated through Coursera-based courses. Completion within prescribed timelines is mandatory and forms part of academic progression.

The keynote address was delivered by Ramya Srinivasan, who spoke on 'The Future of Work'. She emphasised the growing importance of continuous upskilling, adaptability, and inter-

bridging skill gaps.

This was followed by an interactive product demonstration by Manik Kathuria and Upasana Baliyarsingh, who explained how students can effectively use Coursera to access certified courses, professional certificates, and learning pathways aligned with industry needs.

During the event, top performing students were awarded by the Coursera team. Moreover, the faculty members were also awarded in recognition of their academic excellence and commitment to skill development.

A panel discussion with senior faculty members further explored the role of online platforms in strengthening academic outcomes and career readiness. ■

Blood Donation Drive by National Service Scheme (NSS)

Anushka Jha

The National Service Scheme (NSS) unit of the institute successfully organized a Blood Donation Drive as part of its ongoing commitment to community service and social responsibility. The activity witnessed an overwhelming response from students, faculty members, and staff.



the importance of blood donation in saving lives and supporting critical healthcare services.

The NSS volunteers played a pivotal role in organizing the event by managing registrations, coordinating with the medical team, and ensuring the smooth and disciplined execution of the activity. Donors were provided with refreshments and certificates of appreciation as a token of gratitude for their noble contribution.

The Blood Donation Drive was a grand success and stands as a testimony to the spirit of service, leadership, and civic responsibility fostered through NSS initiatives. The NSS unit remains committed to organizing such impactful activities in the future for the welfare of society. ■

The camp was conducted in collaboration with Yashwantrao Chavan Memorial Hospital (YCM) Blood Bank and under the supervision of certified medical professionals to ensure safety, hygiene, and adherence to standard medical procedures. Prior to donation, all volunteers underwent basic health check-ups, including hemoglobin testing, blood pressure measurement, and medical screening.

A total of 130 donors voluntarily donated blood during the camp, reflecting the strong humanitarian values and social commitment upheld by the institution. The enthusiastic participation demonstrated heightened awareness among students about

DYPIU celebrates National Science Day

D Y Patil International University celebrated the National Science Day for students from all engineering branches to honour the remarkable discovery of Raman Effect by the great Indian scientist C. V. Raman.

D Y Patil International University marked National Science Day with a vibrant programme centred on scientific innovation, emerging technologies, and career exploration. The day featured an expert talk titled "New Developments in Science and Emerging Career Opportunities," delivered by Prof. Satishchandra Ogale, Director (Research) at the Institute for Sustainable Energy (RISE), TCG-CREST, and Emeritus Professor at IISER Pune.

Prof. Ogale shared insights on recent advances in science, sustainable technologies, and the wide-ranging career paths available to engineering students in research and innovation. His address inspired students to embrace scientific curiosity and contribute to future technological progress.



Prof (Dr) Manish Bhalla Vice Chancellor Felicitated to Prof Satish Chandra Ogale on the occasion of National Science Day 2026.

The event, held at the university's Seminar Hall, provided a platform for knowledge exchange, creativity, and recognition of scientific talent. A highlight of the day was the Prayas 2.0 Sci-Hackathon, which drew 35 multidisciplinary teams competing across Hardware and Software categories. Participants presented innovative projects, demonstrating both technical depth and creative problem-solving.

The sessions collectively

emphasised the role of research, entrepreneurship, and interdisciplinary collaboration in shaping modern industries, encouraging students to think beyond the classroom and engage with real-world scientific challenges.

The event successfully fostered a spirit of inquiry and innovation, reinforcing the university's commitment to nurturing the next generation of scientists and technologists. ■

IS A FRIEND IN NEED STILL A FRIEND INDEED?

Rethinking Friendship on University Campuses

Nutan Kanth

(Senior Psychologist, D Y Patil International University, Pune)

Friendship has always been regarded as one of the most meaningful relationships in life. From childhood, we grow up hearing the comforting phrase, "A friend in need is a friend indeed." The idea is simple and reassuring—true friends stand by each other during difficult times.



FOR university students, friendships often become even more important. Many young people leave their homes for the first time to pursue higher education. In this new environment, they must adjust to academic pressure, independence, and unfamiliar surroundings. During this phase, friends often become companions, emotional supporters, and sometimes even family away from home.

However, my experience as a university counsellor tells a more complex story.

Every day in counselling sessions, I meet students whose friendships are not only a source of comfort but also a source of emotional pressure. Behind cheerful campus photographs and lively social media posts, many students are silently struggling with an overwhelming need for acceptance from their peers. For

some, friendship has gradually shifted from companionship to validation—a way of proving that they belong.

Psychological studies have shown that peer acceptance during late adolescence plays a major role in shaping self-esteem and emotional well-being. While friendships are a natural and healthy part of development, excessive emotional dependence on peers can create stress, confusion, and vulnerability.

One such case was Preety (name changed), who came to the counselling room visibly distressed. During our conversation, she shared that she was deeply attached to her roommates. They appeared confident and socially powerful within their circle, but they were also involved in substance use and other risky behaviors. Preety knew their lifestyle

was unhealthy, yet she found herself drawn to them. What fascinated her most was their ability to influence others. She described them as people who could convince anyone of anything. Their bold and manipulative confidence made them appear strong and fearless. Although she often felt uncomfortable about their activities, she continued staying close to them because their approval made her feel accepted.

Another student, Priyansh (name changed), came with a different concern that reflects a growing phenomenon among young people today—the Fear of Missing Out, commonly known as FOMO. He constantly worried that distancing himself from his friend circle would make him invisible or irrelevant. But during counselling he admitted something painful: within that very group, he was frequently teased and subtly bullied. Despite knowing that he was not always respected, he continued staying with them because the fear of being excluded felt worse than the humiliation he experienced.

Then there was Rubika (name changed), whose struggle revolved around social anxiety. Her worry was simple yet powerful: "What will people think if I don't have friends?" She spent

hours overthinking every interaction—wondering if she said the wrong thing or if others liked her enough. Instead of enjoying friendships naturally, she felt trapped in constant self-doubt.

In another session, Kavitas (name changed) shared something that reflects the influence of today's digital culture. She had been following several motivational speakers and online counselling platforms that repeatedly emphasized the importance of having a wide social network. Gradually she began to believe that if she did not have many friends, she must be unsuccessful or inadequate.

These stories reveal an important truth: friendship itself is not the problem. The challenge arises when the boundaries of friendship become blurred. Healthy friendships are built on respect, trust, and mutual growth.

When friendships are driven by manipulation, peer pressure, or the constant need for approval, they can begin to harm a student's emotional well-being. Instead of providing support, they may lead to anxiety, low self-esteem, and emotional exhaustion.

Another concerning trend is that many students hesitate to seek professional help. Despite increasing awareness about men-

tal health, counselling still carries stigma. Students often fear being judged as weak or incapable of managing their own problems. As a result, they turn to social media advice, online influencers, or friends who may not have the maturity or expertise to guide them.

Universities therefore have a vital role to play. Creating awareness about healthy relationships, encouraging open conversations about mental health, and strengthening campus counselling services can help students navigate friendships more responsibly.

The phrase "A friend in need is a friend indeed" still holds deep meaning, but perhaps it needs to be understood differently in today's world. A true friend does not pressure, manipulate, or make someone feel inadequate. Instead, genuine friendship uplifts, respects boundaries, and supports emotional well-being.

For students navigating the challenges of university life, friendships should become a source of strength, growth, and encouragement—not a silent burden. Recognizing the difference may be one of the most important steps toward protecting the mental health of our young generation. ■

"Good Attitude Speaks a Lot": Shweta Bhandari

Pallavi Shukla



Did you know that an interviewer judges you within 30 seconds of coming in? A career is not built only by a degree, but by right thinking, self-confidence and constant preparation.

A career guide session was held for the students of final year BAJMC at DYPIU, wherein Ms Shweta Bhandari (Sr. Manager, Training-Corporate Relation Placement Cell) shared her experiences and gave important guidelines to the students.

She said that in any interview, not only knowledge, but your attitude also plays a big role. She explained that it is most important to focus on the basic things during the interview. Your attire, confidence and body language leave a deep impact on the interviewer in the first 2 to 3 minutes of the interview.

Often, the decision of selection is also decided on the basis of

this initial effect. Along with this, she advised the students to not only prepare their CV, but also understand it completely. Be clear and honest about everything you write. She also said that knowledge of current affairs is very important in today's era, but not just superficial information, as there should be an understanding with which you can present your critical thinking.

She emphasized that for a journalism student, it is not enough to just read the news, but to understand the 'why' and 'how' behind the news is the real ability. In the end, she pointed out that most students make small basic mistakes, which hinder their selection.

Therefore, it is necessary that students pay special attention to these basics and present themselves in a better way. The essence of this session was that opportunities come to those who are prepared. Are you ready for the next big opportunity? ■

Beyond Beaches: School of Applied arts and Crafts discover Goa's Rich Heritage of Art and Culture

Students from School of Applied arts and Crafts recently embarked on an educational tour to Goa to observe and experience the region's rich traditional culture and artistic heritage.

THE tour aimed to provide students with practical exposure to Goa's history, art, and local craftsmanship beyond classroom learning along with exploring live sketching and photography skills.

A total of 65 students along with 5 faculty members participated in the tour. The tour aimed to highlight that Goa is not just a beach destination but also a rich hub of cultural heritage, traditional architecture, and artistic inspiration. Throughout the trip, students explored several significant locations that reflect Goa's historical and artistic legacy.

The group visited the Museum of Goa, where students observed contemporary artistic expressions and creative installations. They also explored traditional Goan cultural houses, gaining insights into heritage architecture and local lifestyles.

Spiritual and historical landmarks such as Mangeshi Mandir and the Basilica of Bom Jesus (St. Xavier Church) in Old Goa allowed students to experience Goa's diverse religious and architectural traditions.

The visit to the Mario Gallery



introduced students to the works of renowned cartoonist Mario Miranda, inspiring them through his unique storytelling through illustrations. Students also visited Fontainhas (Latin Quarter) and Panjim Market, where they observed vibrant streets, traditional homes, and handcrafted Goan artifacts.

An enriching highlight of the tour was a live demonstration of Tibetan Mandala Art and Tibetan language calligraphy, where students learned about intricate patterns, symbolism, and meditative artistic techniques.

During the tour, students actively engaged in on-site sketching and painting at various mesmerizing locations, capturing landscapes, architectural details, and cultural scenes. They also

enjoyed painting sessions during beautiful beach sunsets, where they translated the colors of nature onto their canvases.

The tour was successfully coordinated by Ms. Pallavi Pandhare, along with co-coordinators Mr. Rajesh Poojari, Mr. Shyam Pagare, Mr. Sanket Bhalare & Mrs Darshana Gaikwad who ensured smooth planning and execution of the educational experience.

Overall, the Goa study tour proved to be an inspiring and memorable journey, offering students valuable exposure to diverse art styles, cultural heritage, and real-world artistic inspiration, leaving them with great learning experiences and cherished memories. ■

SoBB students visit Goa

The School of Biosciences and Bioengineering organized an industrial visit to Goa for 2nd-year and 3rd-year bioengineering students.

STUDENTS visited GoVan, which deals with the valorization of food products (e.g., cashew, jackfruit, etc.); Syntegon, which offers customized packaging solutions for the domestic and international markets in the food and non-food segments; and Paul Jhon Distilleries, where students learned about various biochemical concepts such as fermentation, distillation, etc.

Students have gained practical understanding of various applications and approaches of bioengineering in real-time applications and their scale-up.

Dr. Saarika and Dr. Subhranshu from SoBB were with the students during this visit. ■

SCM Conducts an International Study Tour To Dubai

The School of Commerce and Management at D Y Patil International University organised an International Study Tour to Dubai, providing MBA and BBA students with a valuable opportunity for global exposure and experiential learning. The tour's centrepiece was an international workshop titled 'Launching a Global UN Eureka Project', held at the Global Innovation Hub, Rochester Institute of Technology (RIT), Dubai Campus, under the guidance of Mr. Sarfraz Hasan, President of the Global Innovation Hub. The programme proved to be a transformative experience, bridging academic learning with real-world global practice. Students gained deeper insights into international business ecosystems, collaborative problem-solving, and innovation-driven thinking — inspiring them to envision their future roles as leaders in an interconnected world.



MAHADAN 11.0 - BLOOD DONATION DRIVE



MAHADAN, a global blood donation campaign was conceived and launched 10 years ago by SEARIC MDIO, a resource centre for Rotaractors that covers 45 RI districts across nine countries in South East Asia, the project has become a passionate movement for Rotaract clubs.

On the occasion of World Rotaract Week, Rotaract Club of D Y Patil International University conducted MAHADAN 11.0 at the Multipurpose Hall, 6th Floor, J Block, D Y Patil International University Campus in association with Yashwantrao Chavan Memorial Hospital Blood Bank, Pimpri Pune.

The initiative aimed to raise awareness about the importance of blood donation and encourage people to contribute to saving lives. Students, faculty members, staff, and volunteers actively participated in the event and came forward to donate blood for this noble cause.

The drive successfully motivated many participants to support the cause and highlighted the importance of donating blood to help patients in need.

The event was coordinated by faculty mentor of club Dr Sunita Patil and student coordinator Rtr. Shrinit Zade, Vice President of club alongside entire Rotaract team. ■

MEMES WITH A MISSION:**JMC students turn humor into social impact**

Vedant Pimpalshende



In an innovative blend of creativity and consciousness, the Second Year students of Journalism and Mass Communication (JMC) organized an engaging SDG Meme Exhibition on campus.

THE exhibition transformed a popular digital trend into a meaningful platform for spreading awareness about the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)

The initiative was conceptualized and guided by Ms Doyel Dutta whose mentorship played a crucial role in shaping the event. Under her guidance, students explored how humor and digital storytelling can become powerful tools for social impact.

The exhibition featured a diverse collection of memes addressing pressing global issues

such as climate action, zero hunger, gender equality, quality education, and mental health. Each creation balanced with awareness, demonstrating how relatable online content can spark serious conversations among youth audiences.

The event was graced by respected faculty members including Dr Arvind Kumar, Dr Ramesh Chandra Pathak and Kumud Das whose presence encouraged and motivated the students. They appreciated the originality, social relevance, and impactful communication reflected in the exhibition.

By merging creativity with responsibility, the Second Year JMC class successfully proved that even a meme can become a meaningful medium for awareness, dialogue, and positive change.

World Meteorological Day – Meteorological Exhibition at IMD, Pune

On the occasion of World Meteorological Day, the Climate Research and Services India, in collaboration with the India Meteorological Department (IMD), organized a Meteorological Exhibition at IMD Shivajinagar, Pune.

This year's theme, 'At the Frontline of Climate Action', underscored the urgent need for awareness, innovation, and collective responsibility in addressing global climate challenges.

Students from the Civil Engineering Department, SoEMR, DYPIU Akurdi, Pune, under the IGBC Students Chapter and as

part of their Hydraulic Engineering curriculum, actively participated in this insightful site visit. The group of 40 students was accompanied by faculty members Ms. Priyanka Jawale and Mr. Sachin Jamadar, who guided and enriched the learning experience.

The exhibition offered a unique opportunity to explore the fascinating world of meteorological science and climate research. It highlighted the critical role that engineers, researchers, and policymakers play in advancing sustainable solutions.

**Shrikant Mahindrakar defends his PhD thesis**

PhD candidate Shrikant Mahindrakar successfully defended his PhD thesis titled 'Towards the Design of an Ontology based Predictive Analytics for Automatic Microblog Summary Techniques in Crisis Situation' for the award of Doctor of Philosophy in Computer Science and Engineering-AI.

Dr Shrikant is the first PhD candidate of Dr Amol Dhakne, Associate Professor, SoCSEA, DYPIU.

RotaEscape: Odyssey-7

RotaEscape: Odyssey-7 was an exciting multi-level escape challenge organized by the Rotaract Club of DYPIU on occasion of National Science Day.

The event tested participants' intelligence, teamwork, and problem-solving skills through a sequence of interactive puzzles and challenges.

Participants solved science-based challenges to rebuild a functional water filtration unit and restore potable water supply. Teams competed against time to decode clues, solve logical trials, and unlock successive levels of the escape mission.

Each stage required strategic thinking and collaboration, creating an atmosphere of excitement and healthy competition. Participants actively engaged in solving mysteries while demonstrating creativity and quick decision-making.

The event concluded with the final escape round, where the most efficient team emerged victorious and received exciting prizes.

The event was coordinated with around 35 participants by Rtr. Tanish Shinde, President and Rtr. Sanjana Pillay, Secretary of club along with all rotaractors.

Poster Exhibition on Marathi Journalism

Shravani Sable & Rakhee Agarwal

A poster exhibition highlighting the history and development of Marathi journalism was organized at D Y Patil International University.



THE exhibition was organized and presented by first-year BAJMC (Journalism and Mass Communication) students, who displayed a series of informative posters. Students were divided into five to six groups and created posters explaining the journey of Marathi journalism from the 1880s to the 2020s.

The posters highlighted the contributions of pioneers of Marathi journalism such as Balshastri Jambhekar, B. R. Ambedkar, and Bal Gangadhar Tilak. Important early newspapers like Darpan, Mooknayak, and Kesari were discussed as the foundation of Marathi journalism.

The posters also showed how Marathi journalism has evolved over time. From these early newspapers, the field has grown to include major modern Marathi newspapers such as Lokmat,

Pudhari, and Sakal, showing the progress of journalism from the 19th century to the present day.

The exhibition also focused on women's education and social change, highlighting the work of Jyotirao Phule and Savitribai Phule, who played a significant role in promoting education for women.

Several teachers visited the exhibition, carefully observed the posters, and appreciated the creativity and research efforts of the students. They especially praised the fact that the posters were designed from scratch, reflecting originality, research, and dedication.

The exhibition successfully helped students and visitors understand the history, social impact, and continuing importance of Marathi journalism in society.

Special Mention Award at Sarvodaya Model United Nations 2026 for a DYPIU Student

Mr. Abhinandan Das, a student of SY Mechanical Engineering, School of Engineering, Management and Research, has achieved the prestigious Special Mention Award at Sarvodaya Model United Nations 2026

Representing the United States of America in the United Nations Commission on the Status of Women (UNCSW), he showcased exceptional diplomacy, leadership, and distinguished performance during the committee deliberations.

This achievement is a testament to his dedication, confidence, and global outlook.

SBB organises 'Beyond the Binary'

The School of Biosciences and Bioengineering, D Y Patil International University, Pune successfully organised 'Beyond the Binary: Deconstructing Gender through the Lens of Modern Genetics'.

The event witnessed enthusi-



astic participation of B.Tech. (Bioengg) and M.Sc. (MB) through Insightful Poster Presentations, Engaging and thought-provoking Debates and Recognition of outstanding student performances.

Students explored complex themes such as gene expression, epistasis, and the future of the Y chromosome—demonstrating scientific temper, critical thinking, and effective communication.

The event was aligned with the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) including SDG 4 – Quality Education, SDG 5 – Gender Equality,

SDG 9 – Industry, Innovation & Infrastructure and SDG 17 – Partnerships for the Goals.

Lights, Stories and Creativity at Pimpri Chinchwad International Film Festival 2026

Sourabhi Yadav

The Pimpri Chinchwad International Film Festival 2026 was successfully held, bringing together filmmakers, artists and cinema lovers from different parts of the world. The three-day event celebrated storytelling, creativity and the power of cinema to connect people across cultures. A film produced by DYPIU alumnus, 'Drushyant' was screened during the festival

The festival featured screenings from multiple categories, including feature films, documentary films, animation, short films, and AI-generated films. Each category presented a unique style of storytelling and reflected different social, cultural, and creative perspectives.

More than 500 films from national and international filmmakers were submitted for the festival. After a careful selection process, 116 films were chosen for screening. These films represented a wide variety of themes and narratives, allowing the audience to experience stories from different cultures, backgrounds, and perspectives.

Throughout the festival, viewers witnessed films that explored social issues, human emotions, innovation, and creativity in filmmaking. The event also created an important platform for new filmmakers to present their work and interact with the audience.

One of the main highlights of the festival was the screening of the well-known film 'Krantijyoti Vidyalyay', which captured the audience's attention. Another remarkable moment was the screening of 'Wings of Fire'. The excitement grew even more as the cast members and directors of these films visited the festival and interacted with the audience, sharing insights about their journey and creative process.

Adding pride to the event, alumni



of D Y Patil International University also showcased their talent at the festival. A short film titled 'Drushyant', produced by an alumnus of School of Media and Journalism, Gaurav More, was selected and screened during the festival. The film proudly represented the college and highlighted the creative potential of its students and alumni.

Overall, the Pimpri Chinchwad International Film Festival 2026 stood as a vibrant celebration of cinema and storytelling. By bringing together filmmakers, artists and audiences on one platform, the festival once again proved how films have the power to inspire, connect and share meaningful stories with the world. ■

DYPIU CRICKET CAPTAIN RIDES TO VICTORY

Wins KTM Bike at 'Rannbhoomi' Tournament

IN a high-octane finish to the IIBM Indus Business School 'Rannbhoomi' Inter-College Sports Tournament, the cricketing world found a new hero in Master Yash Umbre.

THE seYash Umbre, a second-year MBA student and Captain of the D Y Patil International University Cricket Team, has delivered a masterclass performance that has become the talk of the city's academic and sporting circles.

From the opening match to the grand finale, Yash demonstrated exceptional strategic brilliance and technical skill, dominating the crease with a series of explosive innings to emerge as the tournament's highest run-scorer.

His ability to lead from the front under pressure was instrumental in steering his team through a formidable and consistent run across the competition.

The closing ceremony reached its pinnacle with the announcement of the coveted 'Man of the Tournament'

award. In recognition of his extraordinary consistency, leadership, and sportsmanship, Yash was presented with the grand prize — a brand-new KTM sports bike.

The atmosphere was electric as he received the keys amidst a thunderous standing ovation from teammates, coaches, and organisers alike. The achievement is being widely celebrated as one of the most significant individual sporting accomplishments in the university's recent history.

The university administration and the Physical Education Department expressed immense pride in their Captain's remarkable feat.

Officials noted that Yash's success serves as a powerful inspiration for student-athletes across the campus, demonstrating that with discipline and dedication, excellence in both rigorous management studies and high-level competitive sport is well within reach.

As news of the 'Victory on Wheels' continues to spread, celebrations across campus are in full swing, honouring both the cricket squad and their outstanding Man of the Tournament. ■

DYPIU Men's Badminton Team Clinches Bronze at MIT WPU Summit '2026



Demonstrating exceptional skill and sportsmanship, the D Y Patil International University (DYPIU) Men's Badminton team secured the Bronze Medal at the prestigious 19th Edition of the MIT WPU Summit, a National Level Inter-University Sports Meet.

The summit, hosted by MIT World Peace University, Pune, is one of the largest student-led sports events in the country, cen-

tered around the theme "Sports for Peace." This year's edition saw intense competition from top universities across India, making the podium finish a significant milestone for the DYPIU athletes.

The DYPIU team displayed remarkable resilience throughout the tournament. Facing off against formidable opponents in the knockout stages, the players showcased high-intensity rallies, strategic gameplay, and unwavering team spirit. Their journey culminated in a hard-fought victory in the third-place play-off, earning them the Bronze.

In a ceremony held at the MIT WPU campus, the team members were awarded their certificates and medals. The players were seen celebrating their victory alongside university officials, marking a proud moment for the DYPIU sports community. ■



DYPIU Chess Star

Congratulations to DYPIU B.Tech student, Saloni Bhandari, for her fantastic performance in Chess at Satej Karandak 2026, winning the 2nd Prize.

ICC Organizes Karate Self-Defence Session for Women at DYPIU

Anushka Jha

The Internal Complaints Committee (ICC) at D Y Patil International University organised a Karate Self-Defence Session for female students to promote safety, confidence, and awareness on campus.

Professional karate instructors guided participants through practical self-defence techniques, emphasising alertness, quick reflexes, and presence of mind in potentially unsafe situations.

Students actively engaged with the training, practising defensive movements and interacting openly with the instructors. ■

COURTSIDE LEADERSHIP DYPIU Vice-Chancellor Graces Maharashtra Basketball League Final

The final match of the high-octane Maharashtra Basketball League reached its grand conclusion at the Shree Shiv Chhatrapati Sports Complex in Mahalunge, Balewadi. Prof. (Dr.) Manish Bhalla, Vice-Chancellor of D Y Patil International University (DYPIU), Akurdi, attended the prestigious event as the Chief Guest.

Upon his arrival, Dr. Bhalla was warmly received and felicitated by Hon. Kulvinder Singh, General Secretary of the Basketball Federation of India (BFI), and Mr. Govind Muthukumar, General Secretary of the Maharashtra Basketball Association (MBA).

Addressing the gathering, Dr. Bhalla lauded the organizers for providing a professional platform for local talent to shine. He emphasized



the importance of sports in building character and leadership among the youth, reaffirming the university's commitment to supporting athletic excellence alongside academic growth.

The final match witnessed a packed stadium of enthusiasts cheering as the top teams vied for the championship title in what has been one of the most competitive seasons of the league to date. ■

Industrial visit of FY Chemical Engineering

The students of Chemical Engineering, SoEMR, DYPIU recently embarked on an insightful industrial visit to Deepak Fertilizers & Petrochemicals, Navi Mumbai.

Students learnt real world experience of Unit Operations and Unit Processes of Chemical Industries in detail.

Students gained first-hand experience related to plant layout, process piping, industrial automation, utilities and process safety.

Mechanical Engineering Students Gain Hands-On Industrial Automation Expertise at Tata IIS

The Department of Mechanical Engineering, School of Engineering, Management and Research (SEMR), D Y Patil International University, successfully organized a 5-day Value Added Course titled 'Applied Mechatronics – PLC, HMI, SCADA & Process Control Systems' in collaboration with Tata Indian Institute of Skills.

The 40-hour intensive training program was designed to provide Third Year B.Tech Mechanical Engineering students with hands-on exposure to industrial automation systems. The course covered key areas such as PLC programming, Human Machine Interface (HMI) configuration, SCADA system integration, and process control applications, thereby bridging the gap between academic curriculum and industry requirements. The course was coordinated by Dr. Aniket Kolekar, along with Dr. Nitin Motgi and Suraj Patil, whose collective efforts ensured smooth planning, execution, and student engagement.

The technical sessions were effectively delivered by Ms. Punum Matsagar, Industrial Automation Trainer at Tata IIS, while Mr. Milind Joshi ensured seamless coordination from Tata IIS. This initiative highlights the university's commitment to industry-oriented education, skill development, and outcome-based learning aligned with NEP 2020 objectives.

DYPIU student performs in Nrutya Mahotsav

Diya Samarth, a student of SYBFA at D Y Patil International University, delivered a captivating performance at the prestigious dance event, Nrutya Mahotsav. Performing alongside her group, Nrutyasharda, she brought grace, energy, and artistic depth to the stage, leaving a lasting impression on the audience. ■

CLAY TODAY, MASTERPIECE TOMORROW**DYPIU Students Get Their Hands Dirty for Art**

Pranjali Ahire

The Centre for Skill Development at DY Patil International University, in association with the School of Design, conducted a highly engaging and interactive event, "From Concept to Creation: Hands-on Prototyping and Model Making." The event aimed to provide students with a comprehensive understanding of sculpture and experience the world of creativity beyond digital media.



THE event was conducted by the renowned sculptor and recipient of the prestigious Indra Gandhi Sadbhavana Award, Mr. Sunil K. Deore. His experience and excellence in the field of art have been a great value addition to this event. Mr. Deore explained the fundamental concepts of sculpting to the students. His emphasis was on keen observation skills, proportion, and detail.

One of the most impressive moments of the event was the live sculpting demonstration, where Mr. Deore created a sculpture of a student in real-time. In this process, he transformed a block of material into a beautiful sculpture. This live rendering of a student's

sculpture demonstrated his expertise in sculpting. The students got a clear understanding of how abstract concepts transform into a beautiful creation.

During this session, Mr. Deore provided profound insights into the artistic journey from imagination to execution. He focused on the significance of patience, precision, and experimentation during the creative process. He also advised the students to consider errors as a part of the learning process. In addition, he focused on the importance of a keen eye for detail, which is a prerequisite for any field of designing.

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art, especially in a highly technological world, was also discussed. Mr. Deore advised the students to engage with tangible materials as a means of acquiring a better understanding of form, texture, and structure.

Finally, the workshop concluded with a practical, interactive session where the students had the opportunity of making their own sculptures using natural clay, also known as Shadu clay. This session provided the students with the opportunity of practically applying the concepts they had learned, experimenting with various forms, and expressing their creativity freely.

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understanding customer needs, creating a good value proposition, and effectively positioning their ideas in a competitive business environment.

One of the highlights of the workshop was Shah's presentation of real startup challenges. He provided relatable examples and strategies for overcoming chal-



on his life.

Throughout the workshop, he stressed the need for strategic thinking in the field of sales and marketing. The students were exposed to various methods for

allenges, enabling the students to gain a deeper insight into how businesses operate. His presentation on perseverance, flexibility, and self-confidence was a huge inspiration for aspiring entrepre-

From Classroom to Career: UX Writing Workshop Inspires Design Students

Pranjali Ahire

The DY Patil International University, School of Design, organized a highly insightful masterclass for their students by Senior UX Writer Sharmilee Sarkar. The masterclass, titled "Journey from a Non-Designer to Full-Time UX Writer in the Design Industry," covered the importance of content in user experience design.

THE masterclass began with a fascinating introduction by the speaker, who focused on storytelling and the importance of empathy as a part of good design. The speaker, Sharmilee Sarkar, shared her journey of becoming a UX writer, which inspired the students to pursue unconventional career paths.

The highlight of the masterclass was the contrast between what is taught and what actually happens in the industry. The speaker explained this through examples, which helped the students understand the difference between the theoretical and practical sides of the field. The concept of system thinking was also explained, which helped the students understand the importance of content as a part of the overall user experience.

The masterclass by Sharmilee Sarkar was highly informative, and the topic of UX writing was

explained through the concept of UX research. The speaker explained the role of a UX writer in the field of product design. The speaker also helped the students understand how they can identify a problem in real life and solve it creatively.

The masterclass by Sharmilee Sarkar inspired the students, who found it highly informative. The speaker's calm demeanor helped the students grasp the concepts, which were explained in a simple manner. The speaker provided a realistic understanding of the concepts, which helped the students.

Finally, the masterclass came to a close, and a question-and-answer session helped the students gain more knowledge about the topic.

Overall, the masterclass by Sharmilee Sarkar helped the students gain a practical understanding of the concepts, bridging the gap between theoretical know-

Book chapter by DYPIU Faculty

A book chapter titled 'Translational Perspectives in Drug Discovery', authored by DYPIU Faculty, Dr. Parth Sen Gupta and co-authored by the University's Vice Chancellor, Prof (Dr) Manish Bhalla, is now scheduled for publication in the book 'Unlocking Sirtuins: Cellular Biology to Translational Research' by Elsevier.

This work reflects the authors' continued efforts to bridge basic research with real-world therapeutic applications.

Honor for Dr Suvarna Patil

DR Suvarna Patil from School of Engineering, Management and Research, DYPIU had the privilege of serving as a Session Chair at the 11th International Congress on Information and Communication Technology (ICICT 2026), organized by Global Knowledge Research Foundation & GR Scholastic held at London, United Kingdom (Hybrid).

ICICT 2026 is a globally recognized conference that brings together researchers, academicians, and industry experts to discuss emerging innovations and advancements in Information & Communication Technology.



neers in the audience.

The interactive nature of the workshop enabled the students to connect with the speaker and get answers to their questions on various aspects of entrepreneurship. The topic of continuous learning and innovation in today's business environment was also discussed.

The students found the workshop very insightful and motivating, as it provided a realistic picture of entrepreneurship. The workshop was a huge success in encouraging the students to think independently and take initiative to find opportunities in the startup world.

The overall experience was a great platform for the students to learn from the industry and gain a deeper insight into various sales and marketing strategies, which are essential for entrepreneurship.

Story Without Words



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The School of Design at D.Y. Patil International University hosted a two-day workshop on Storytelling and Visual Sequencing on February 17th and 18th, 2026, bringing together first-year B.Des students for an immersive dive into the art of visual narrative.

LED by Mr. Virendra Valsangkar, a seasoned visual storytelling professional, the workshop set out to close the gap between abstract creative thinking and its execution on the page — a challenge every design student inevitably faces.

Held in Room 531, the sessions drew on real-world frameworks,

walking participants through both linear and non-linear narrative structures before moving into the mechanics of storyboarding, framing, pacing, and transitions.

Film references kept the learning grounded and relatable, illustrating how visual rhythm shapes the way audiences feel and respond.

Students then put theory into practice, constructing their own short visual stories and receiving one-on-one feedback from the resource person.

The workshop aimed to build foundational skills relevant across graphic design, animation, and UX — fields where the ability to tell a compelling story visually is not just an asset, but a necessity. ■

SoD Celebrates Words That Work

Sri Gayathri Vedula

When most people think of design, they picture colours, layouts, and visuals. But words matter just as much — and that was the heart of a masterclass hosted by the School of Design.



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Dressed for the Role

A costume is never just clothing — it is character made visible. That was the defining idea behind the Costume & Character Design Workshop hosted by the School of Design



Held in Room 531 over a full and intensive day, the session brought together design students for an industry-led exploration of costume and character design — a discipline that sits at the intersection

of research, craft, and creative instinct.

Leading the workshop was Swetesh Ambade, a costume designer and stylist whose credits span acclaimed productions including The



Family Man and Veerey Ki Wedding. His years on professional sets gave the session an authenticity that textbooks rarely offer.

Conducted under the guidance of Dr. Sunil Talekar and anchored with ease by faculty member Sri Gayathri Vedula, participants were taken through the complete character-building process — from an initial reading of the script and thorough background research, through to fabric selection, colour psychology, silhouettes, accessories, and the nuanced coordination of makeup with costume.

Real industry examples punctuated every stage, keeping the learning grounded in actual professional workflows and expectations.

By the close of the day, students left with a significantly sharper understanding of what costume design truly demands — not aesthetic flair alone, but a considered, layered reading of character.

Every fabric choice, every colour decision, every carefully selected accessory functions as a quiet narrative statement, telling an audience who someone is long before a single line of dialogue is spoken. ■

Think Global, Build Bold

Ambition, the argument goes, should never be local. That was the spirit Mr. Roney Solomon brought to the School of Design's Seminar Hall — and the room was listening.

THE guest lecture, aptly titled Think Global, Build Bold, drew an engaged audience for a session that was equal parts industry insight and personal motivation.

Solomon — Co-Founder and CEO of Ignitho Technologies, and a veteran of firms including HCLTech, Accenture, and Cognizant — spoke from a career built across Europe and the US, spanning sectors as varied as logistics, fintech, retail, and pharmaceuticals.

His message was direct: the designers and technologists who will shape the future are those who combine creative thinking with strategic clarity and a genuine willingness to operate at scale.

He walked students through the evolving realities of digital transformation, the growing centrality of data, AI services, and analytics, and what demanding global clients actually expect from the teams they commission.

An open Q&A gave students room to probe deeper, raising ques-

tions about career pathways, industry expectations, and breaking into global markets — turning the session into a genuine conversation rather than a one-way lecture.

For students still mapping their futures, the afternoon offered something far more valuable than information alone — it offered perspective. ■



Shaping India's Space Future: ISRO Chairman V. Narayanan Engages with DYPIU Students

Anushka Jha

D Y Patil International University (DYPIU) was honored by the visit of ISRO Chairman V. Narayanan as the chief guest of the fifth Convocation ceremony. The distinguished scientist interacted with DYPIU students, offering deep insights into India's expanding role in global space exploration.

Talking to the Media on the sidelines of the event, Narayanan reflected on his personal journey, leadership at ISRO, and the evolving challenges of space science. He encouraged students to remain curious, ethical, and committed to lifelong learning. DYPIU expressed its



gratitude to V. Narayanan for an interaction that not only informed but also ignited aspirations among future innovators.

DYPIU Athletes Dominate At State-Level 'Satej Karandak 2026'

Students of D Y Patil International University (DYPIU), Akurdi, showcased an extraordinary display of talent and grit at the recently concluded State-Level Inter-Collegiate 'Satej Karandak 2026' sports tournament. Held at the DYP Engineering College campus in Pune, the event saw DYPIU contingents taking a 'giant leap' toward excellence, proving their mettle across multiple sporting disciplines.

The university's athletes delivered a series of power-packed performances in Cricket, Volleyball, Badminton, Chess, and table tennis. Facing stiff competition from various colleges across the state, the DYPIU teams stood out for their tactical brilliance and sportsmanship.

The success of the students was bolstered by the visionary leadership and constant encouragement of the university's top administration. Vice-Chancellor Prof. (Dr.) Manish Bhalla,

Registrar Dr. Beeran Moidin BM and Dean of Student Affairs, Dr. Madhura Jagtap were instrumental in providing the necessary motivation and resources.

Speaking on the triumph, the University Sports Officer, Mr Sangram Bhakare expressed immense pride in the athletes' dedication, "Our students have not only won matches; they have proven their character on a state-level platform.

The tournament, which is one of the most anticipated inter-collegiate events in the region, saw DYPIU emerge as a formidable force. The university's Chess and Table Tennis players were lauded for their strategic depth, while the Cricket and Volleyball teams were praised for their seamless coordination and energy.

As the trophies return to the DYPIU campus, the win has ignited a wave of motivation among the student body.

From Ink to Impact

Ananya Kumari & Disha Bhise

The air at D Y Patil International University (DYPIU), Akurdi, was thick with more than just the February breeze this time. It was charged with a mixture of nostalgia, triumph, and the unmistakable rustle of blue graduation gowns.

As the 5th Convocation Ceremony concluded, the graduates of the Bachelor of Arts in Journalism and Mass Communication (BA JMC) emerged not just with degrees in hand, but with a kaleidoscope of memories and a new sense of purpose.

For the BA JMC cohort, this wasn't just a formal ceremony; it was the final 'wrap' on a three-year production that transformed them from curious students into media professionals.

A Journey of 1,000 Headlines

The journey through the BA JMC program at DYPIU has been defined by 'learning by doing'. From the high-pressure environment of the newsroom simulations to the creative chaos of film shoots in the university's state-of-the-art studios, these students have lived the media life long before their graduation day.

Whether it was late-night editing sessions for the Zenith, a students'

journal, or conducting field reports under the hot Pune sun, the experience was about finding their unique voice. The curriculum, which balances 40% theory with 60% practical work, ensured that when these students walked across the stage, they weren't just 'graduates'—they were filmmakers, PR strategists, and hard-hitting journalists.

Voices from the Field

As the caps flew high against the backdrop of the modern Akurdi campus, we caught up with a few of our newly minted alumni to capture the raw emotion of the day.

"Walking across that stage, I didn't just see my professors; I saw the mentors who stayed back until 7 PM to help me fix my documentary's sound mix. DYPIU didn't just give me a degree; it gave me the skin of a journalist—thick enough to take criticism and sensitive enough to tell a story," said Purva Pitambare, a BA JMC Graduate.

"Three years ago, I was too shy to hold a mic. Today, I'm leaving with a job offer in digital marketing and a portfolio I'm proud of. The pleasure of hearing my name called at the convocation was the ultimate 'headline' of my life so far," said Aditya Menon,

Weekend Classes, Weekday Jobs: DYPIU Hybrid M.Tech Grads Share Real College-Work Balance Stories

Anjali Mane

At the recent convocation ceremony of D Y Patil International University, along with regular graduates, a special group of students stood out, working professionals who completed their M.Tech through a hybrid Electric Vehicles (EV) program. Their schedule was different: office on weekdays, college on weekends. Their stories show how higher education is adapting to real industry life.

One of the graduates, Kedar Chandrashekhar Pharandwal, completed his M.Tech in Electric Vehicles Technology under a company-sponsored Graduate Apprenticeship scheme.

When asked about his course choice, he explained that the EV specialization was part of the company training program he joined after B.Tech. "That was the program offered to us through the company, so we went ahead with M.Tech in EV Technology," he said.

Because the program followed a hybrid format, students attended classes only on Saturdays and Sun-

days. Kedar shared that this gave working professionals a rare chance to experience campus life again. After moving directly into corporate work post-B.Tech, weekend classes brought back the feeling of being a student.

However, the balance came with pressure. Managing assignments and practical work along with office responsibilities was the biggest challenge. With hectic company schedules, finding time for academic submissions required careful planning and discipline.

Another graduate, Gaurav Singh, from the same hybrid M.Tech EV batch and currently working at *ata Motors as a Senior Manager, described the journey as demanding but rewarding.

He said the batch included professionals from different technical backgrounds, and in the early phase it was difficult to manage combined responsibilities of job, study, and projects. "In the beginning it felt heavy, but as we studied and worked together, classmates became strong

teammates and close friends," he noted.

Speaking about academic pressure, he admitted it was intense. Long office hours followed by lectures and coursework made the routine hectic. Still, the weekend-only structure made it possible to continue higher education without leaving the job.

Coming from a mechanical engineering background, Gaurav said the EV program helped him understand new technologies, industry challenges, and the future scope of electric vehicles. He added that the final semester group project remains his strongest college memory — stressful but meaningful because teamwork played a key role in completing it successfully.

These student experiences highlight how hybrid professional programs are creating practical pathways for career growth allowing learners to upgrade qualifications while continuing their industry roles. For many graduates, it is not just multitasking, but a smart way to build both experience and education together.

Inauguration ceremony of Semiconductor Fabrication Lab by Dr.V.Narayanan, Chairman of ISRO

Siya Soral

D Y Patil International University marked a significant milestone in technological education with the inauguration of its Semiconductor Fabrication lab by Dr. V. Narayanan, Chairman of ISRO, in the presence of esteemed dignitaries including Chancellor Dr. Sanjay D. Patil, Trustee Shri Tejas Patil, and Vice Chancellor Prof. Manish Bhalla. Equipped with advanced Class 10K and 100K clean rooms, the lab aims to strengthen hands-on learning, research, and innovation in semiconductor technology, positioning the institution at the forefront of emerging scientific and engineering education in India.



Dr. V. Narayanan remarked, "This laboratory is not just an infrastructure addition, but a platform for young minds to transform ideas into impactful technological solutions."

The newly inaugurated Semiconductor Fabrication Lab at the college is equipped with advanced instruments and clean-room facilities to support semiconductor research and prototyping. It offers students and researchers practical exposure to chip design and fabrication, strengthening their techni-

cal skills and academic learning. The lab is also expected to encourage collaboration with industry and government initiatives, while contributing to India's vision of self-reliance and growth in semiconductor technology. Overall, the establishment of the Semiconductor Fabrication Lab reflects the institution's progressive vision and dedication to empowering students with industry-relevant knowledge and practical expertise.

another BA JMC Graduate.

The After-Glow: Pleasure and Pride

The post-convocation scene was a sight to behold. Parents, beaming with pride, stood by the iconic university structures as their children—now colleagues in the making—shared one last meal at the campus. The 'pleasure' of this graduation is rooted in a deep sense of security; many of our JMC students have already secured placements in reputed media houses, advertising agencies, and production firms through the university. A few are social media influencers.

For many, the most emotional moment was the final group photo—a sea of blue and gold, signifying the end of an era. The laughter that echoed through the corridors of the School of Media and Journalism was a testament to the bonds formed over shared coffee and tight deadlines.

What's Next?

As the BA JMC graduates step out of the gates of DYPIU, they carry with them the university's legacy of 'experiential learning'. They aren't just entering the media industry; they are ready to disrupt it.

Congratulations to all the graduates.

Students and parents reflect on convocation day honors

Siya Soral

The college campus came alive with pride, applause, and emotional celebrations as the Annual Convocation Ceremony turned into a grand tribute to achievement and perseverance.

Dressed in academic blue robes and radiant smiles, graduating students walked onto the stage to receive their framed degrees and prestigious gold medals, marking the successful culmination of years of dedication and hard work. The Ground echoed with cheers as proud parents captured every moment, turning the ceremony into a heartfelt family milestone rather than just a formal academic event.

During interviews conducted at the venue, students expressed a mix of excitement and gratitude, calling the

moment "a dream come true" and "the reward of countless sleepless nights." Expressing gratitude towards the college placements and opportunities for their professional aspirations.

Gold medalists shared how consistent effort, guidance from faculty, and family encouragement played a crucial role in their success.

Parents, standing beside their children with teary eyes and proud smiles, described the occasion as "one of the happiest days of our lives," emphasizing the emotional value of seeing their children step confidently into the future and growing into an independent self.

Beyond medals and certificates, the convocation symbolized new beginnings, ambitions, and limitless possibilities.

Case Method Workshop Successfully Conducted

The School of Commerce & Management at D Y Patil International University, Akurdi, Pune successfully organized a Case Method Workshop for students. The session was conducted by Dr. Dipanjay Bhalerao, Director at the Indira University-Swakiyam Centre for Incubation and Innovation.



session-making skills. Students actively engaged in discussions and appreciated the practical insights shared during the session.

The workshop aimed at empowering future business leaders by enhancing their analytical and problem-solving capabilities.

THE interactive workshop focused on mastering the case method technique, enabling participants to analyze real-life business situations and strengthen their strategic deci-

Green Gulal, Clean Tomorrow: DYPIU Promotes Sustainable Holi

D Y Patil International University organized an awareness initiative titled 'Green Gulal, Clean Tomorrow' through its Centre for Climate Resilience, Water Innovation & Green Solutions. The campaign encouraged the university community to celebrate Holi in an environmentally responsible manner by highlighting the harmful impacts of chemical colours, plastic waste, and excessive water usage.



Student volunteers, guided by Shailesh Ghodke and Priyanka Dhoot, promoted sustainable alternatives such as natural colours and reduced water consumption. The initiative aligned with key UN Sustain-

able Development Goals including Good Health, Clean Water, Responsible Consumption, Climate Action, and Life on Land, reinforcing DYPIU's commitment to sustainability.

CRYPTO & BLOCKCHAIN 101

How It Works, How to Earn, and How to Stay Safe

Our college recently hosted an insightful session on cryptocurrency and blockchain technology led by our super senior, Karthik Math. An MBA graduate in Marketing and a professional in the cryptocurrency domain, he shared valuable knowledge and practical insights with students.

DURING the session, he explained the fundamentals of blockchain technology and how cryptocurrencies like Bitcoin function in the digital financial ecosystem. He also discussed the growing global importance of crypto assets and how individuals can responsibly explore opportunities in this field.

The session focused not only on ways to earn through cryptocurrency but also empha-



sized the importance of understanding market risks, security practices, and safe investment strategies. Students gained clarity

on topics such as crypto trading, long-term investment approaches, and the importance of researching before investing. ■

Faculty Development Program on "Excellence through Research-Informed Teaching & AI Integration" Successfully Conducted

The School of Commerce and Management successfully organized a one-week Faculty Development Program (FDP) titled 'Excellence through Research-Informed Teaching & AI Integration'. The program was conducted under the expert guidance of Dr. Netra Neelam, Founder Director of Nurturing Facets, who served as the resource person for the sessions.

program, participants were introduced to several advanced AI-driven platforms designed to support academic research and data analysis.

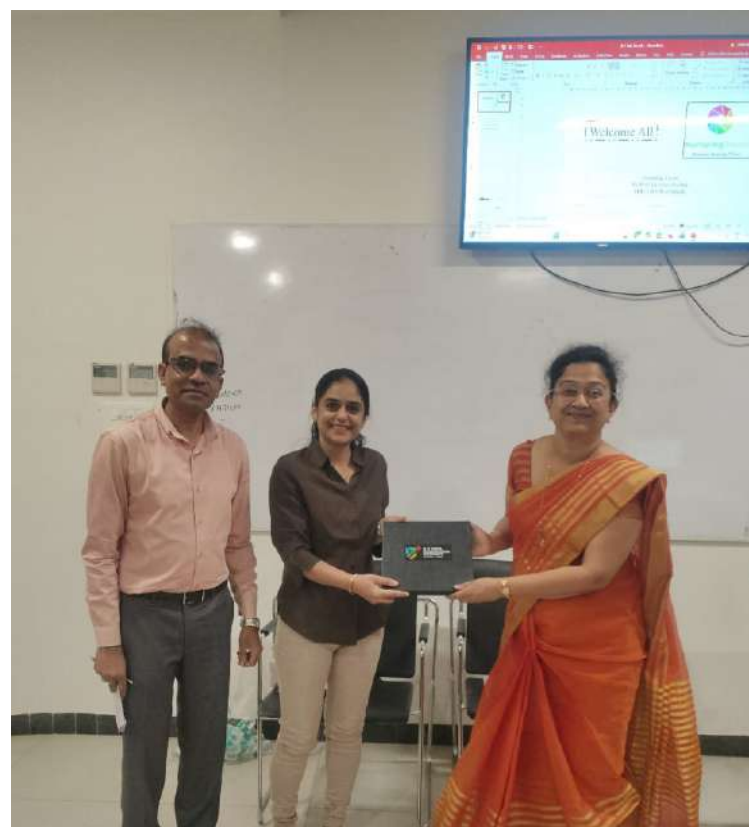
Faculty members explored tools such as Elicit.ai and Squirrel AI for literature mapping and systematic research discovery, Trink AI and Journal Finder for improving academic writing and identifying suitable journals for publication, and Julius.ai along with RAW Graphs for exploratory data analysis (EDA) and data visualization.

Through interactive demonstrations, hands-on activities, and practical exercises, participants gained valuable insights into integrating modern research tools into their academic workflow.

The sessions also highlighted strategies for improving research output in ABDC, Scopus, and Web of Science (WoS) indexed journals, enhancing classroom engagement through research-informed teaching, and streamlining administrative and research-related tasks using AI automation.

The program concluded with a clear roadmap for faculty to adopt AI-assisted research methodologies, improve the quality and impact of their publications, and enrich student learning experiences through evidence-based teaching practices.

The FDP was highly appreciated by the participants for its practical relevance and forward-looking approach toward academic excellence in the age of AI. ■



THE FDP aimed to equip faculty members with innovative pedagogical approaches by integrating personal research into classroom teaching and by leveraging Artificial Intelligence (AI) tools to enhance research productivity

and academic effectiveness.

The sessions focused on enabling educators to strengthen their research capabilities while simultaneously improving curriculum delivery through research-backed insights.

During the week-long pro-

Call For Book Chapters

The School of Commerce and Management, DYP International University, Akurdi, Pune, invites academicians, researchers, industry professionals, and scholars to contribute book chapters for an upcoming edited book titled "Strategic Approaches to Business and Management."

The book will be published with an ISBN and aims to showcase innovative research and practical perspectives in the fields of commerce, management, and strategic business practices.

This edited volume seeks to bring together diverse scholarly contributions addressing contemporary challenges and opportunities in business and management.

Contributors are encouraged to submit original and unpublished chapters related to themes such as strategic thinking and competitive dynamics, innovation and digital transformation, leadership and organizational behaviour, sustainability and CSR, strategic marketing and consumer behaviour, HR strategy and talent management, finance and risk management, operations and supply chain management, globalization and emerging markets, and entrepreneurship and MSMEs.

Submitted chapters should be between 3000–5000 words and must follow the APA 7th Edition referencing style. All manuscripts will undergo an editorial review and plagiarism check.

Important Dates:

- Full Chapter Submission: 5 May 2026
- Acceptance Notification: 10 May 2026
- Final Camera-Ready Submission: 15 May 2026

Submission Link : <https://lnkd.in/g2VXYTWG>

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FROM CLASSROOMS TO CAREERS

Students Shine at DYPIU's 5th Convocation

Anjali Mane

D Y Patil International University (DYPIU) held its 5th Convocation Ceremony, turning the campus into a space filled with smiles, nostalgia, and proud moments. More than just a formal academic event, the day felt like an emotional reunion where students celebrated their journey, struggles, friendships, and personal growth.



STUDENTS and alumni described the day as overwhelming and unforgettable. Wearing convocation robes and standing with their classmates, many shared that it felt like “the end of one chapter and the beginning of another.”

The atmosphere was full of excitement, gratitude, and reflection as they remembered their first day on

campus and how much they had changed since then.

Alumni shared heartfelt memories from their college life. Prathmesh Jadhav, a former BAJMC student, spoke humorously about his time at DYPIU, saying he spent more time in the canteen than in the classroom. But he added that those canteen hours were not wasted, they were filled with discussions, creativity, teamwork, and

friendships that will last for years.

Another alumnus, Shreya from BTech Computer Science Engineering, said that college taught her much more than academic subjects. According to her, “DYPIU helped students learn how to handle pressure, work with people, take responsibility, and prepare for real world challenges.”

She shared that these life lessons will stay with her longer than textbook knowledge.

Many students said they felt proud but also emotional while receiving recognition and blessings from teachers. Some described the moment as something they had imagined for years but finally experienced in reality. Parents cheering, friends clapping, and teachers smiling made the moment even more special.

Faculty members also expressed joy and pride seeing their students step into the next phase of life. For them, it was a reward to watch students they had guided grow into confident young professionals.

The 5th Convocation of DYPIU highlighted that college is not only about degrees — it is about experiences, friendships, confidence, and self-discovery. As students move forward, they carry not just certificates, but memories and lessons that will guide their future. ■

Alumni Reflect on Their Journeys

Om Singh & Pankaj Sonawane

Among those interviewed were Sanjana Gupta, Kritika Guhar Thakurta, Ciya Ashutosh, and Jank Tanna—graduates who have pursued entrepreneurship, higher studies, public relations, and finance. Their stories show how the university nurtures ambition and equip students with skills to succeed in diverse careers.

Sanjana Gupta, now an entrepreneur, credits her alma mater for boosting her confidence and resilience. “DYPIU gave me the courage to take risks and the support to believe in my ideas. The exposure I received here helped me turn my vision into a business,” she said, reflecting on her journey from student to business leader.

Kritika Guha Thakurta, currently pursuing her master's degree, notes that the university provided her with a solid academic foundation.

“The faculty encouraged us to think critically and look beyond textbooks. That academic rigor prepared me for my postgraduate studies. DYPIU was not just about learning—it was about growing as a thinker,” she shared.

Ciya Ashutosh, now a PR executive, highlighted the practical training and industry exposure she gained during her time at the university. “From internships to live projects, DYPIU made sure we were ready for industry. Today, as I manage clients and campaigns, I see how much those experiences shaped my professional confidence,” she noted.

Janak Tanna, a CFA aspirant, discussed how the university helped him shape his career goals. “Finance has always interested me, but DYPIU gave me the clarity and mentorship to pursue it seriously. The guidance I received here still inspires me as I prepare for my CFA exams,” he said.

Despite their different paths, all four alumni shared a common feeling: their time at DYPIU was life-changing. They praised the university's focus on overall development, supportive faculty, and lively campus culture.

The convocation ceremony proved to be a significant moment for graduating students as they move on to the next chapter of their lives. For the university, it is a celebration of its commitment to shaping futures and promoting excellence.

The voices of its alumni demonstrate the institution's positive impact on their life and career as well. Their journeys, while diverse, are united by shared experiences that reflect the lasting connection between the university and its students—a connection that continues to inspire future generations. ■

From Campus Classrooms to Success

Disha Bhise, Prisha Ashar & Ananya Kumari

There is a unique kind of energy that fills a room when the past meets the present. Recently, we had the privilege of interviewing several distinguished alumni of the Bachelor of Arts in Journalism and Mass Communication (BA JMC) program at D Y Patil International University on their coronation ceremony.

TODAY, these individuals aren't just names on a graduate list; they are editors, PR strategists, seasoned reporters, and digital media pioneers leading the charge in the industry.

Our respected seniors Shiv Shankar Arora —working as an influencer in marketing, Prachi Mani —working as marketing influencer executive, Aditya Menon —doing his Master's, Purva Pitambare —working as an influencer in marketing, and there are others too who are doing good in their lives.

Walking back through the gates of their alma mater, our alumni brought with them more than just nostalgia—they brought a roadmap for success.

Lessons from the Frontlines

During our conversations, one theme remained constant: resilience. The media industry is notorious for its fast pace and ever-evolving landscape, yet our alumni credited their time at DYPIU for giving them the “thick skin” and technical prowess needed to thrive.

“The transition from a student to a professional is never easy,” noted one. It was heartening to see how these professionals, despite their high-ranking positions and busy schedules, spoke of their college days with such fondness. They reminisced about the

canteen debates, the first time they handled a professional camera, and the mentors who pushed them to think critically.

A Foundation of Excellence

The alumni were unanimous in their praise for the university's curriculum and infrastructure. They highlighted how the BA JMC program focuses on a holistic approach to media. Whether it was the technical nuances of film production or the ethical dilemmas of investigative journalism, the foundation laid here has served as their “North Star.”

“DYPIU didn't just teach us how to write a story; it taught us how to find the story where others see nothing,” shared a successful Public Relations executive.

Their success stories serve as a living testament to the quality of education at our institution. Seeing our seniors holding ‘good posts’—not just in terms of title, but in terms of influence and impact—reaffirmed that we are in the right place at the right time.

Words of Wisdom for the Next Generation

Perhaps the most impactful part of the interviews was the encouragement they offered to current batch of students. Their advice was practical, grounded, and deeply motivating:

- Stay Curious: The media world belongs to those who ask ‘why’

and ‘how’.

- Network Early: Your peers today are your colleagues tomorrow. Build bridges now.
- Embrace Technology: From AI in journalism to data analytics in PR, stay ahead of the digital curve.
- Integrity Matters: In an era of ‘fake news’, your credibility is your most valuable currency.

Closing the Gap

Interacting with these trailblazers felt like looking into a mirror of our own potential futures. They walked the same hallways, sat in the same classrooms, and shared the same anxieties we feel today. Yet, they emerged as leaders.

Their visit wasn't just a trip down memory lane; it was a powerful reminder that the BA JMC department at D Y Patil International University is a launchpad. As we continue our studies, we do so with a renewed sense of pride, knowing that we are part of a legacy of excellence.

To our alumni: thank you for paving the way and coming back to light the fire for the rest of us.

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DYPIU Leaders Extend Best Wishes on Convocation 2026

Om Singh

As D Y Patil International University (DYPIU) was busy celebrating its Fifth Convocation ceremony, the top leaders of the University took time to wish the graduating students to do their best in their career in days to come.

Vice Chancellor Prof. Manish Bhalla spoke to the students with sincere wishes. “Convocation is a celebration of perseverance, learning, and a bright future. We are proud of our graduates and confident they will make meaningful contributions to society,” he said. He highlighted the university's role in shaping responsible citizens.

Registrar Dr. Beeran Moidin BM also shared his best wishes, emphasizing the values taught at DYPIU.

“Our graduates carry forward the spirit of innovation, integrity, and excellence. As they move on to the next chapter of their lives, we wish them success and fulfillment in all their efforts,” he noted.

The convocation proved to be a grand event, uniting faculty, students, alumni, and families together to celebrate academic achievements. With the support of leadership and reflections from alumni, DYPIU is ready to mark another important milestone in academic excellence. ■

Behind the Scenes: Student Council's Contribution to the Fifth Convocation

Sonali Bobade

The fifth Convocation Ceremony at D Y Patil International University, Pune, was supported by the Student Council, who worked closely with the university administration to ensure the event was conducted seamlessly.

Council members assisted with event coordination, volunteer management, guest facilitation and digital coverage. Through coordinated teamwork, they helped ensure that arrangements ran smoothly for graduating students, parents and dignitaries present at the ceremony.

Their involvement contributed to the overall execution of the ceremony.