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Prof. Manish Bhalla Joins as New Vice Chancellor of DYPIU

DY PATIL International University (DYPIU), Akurdi, Pune is honoured to welcome Prof. Manish Bhalla as the new Vice Chancellor. A seasoned academic leader, Prof. Bhalla brings extensive experience in higher education along with a strong global background in teaching and research.

His leadership further strengthen DYPIU's

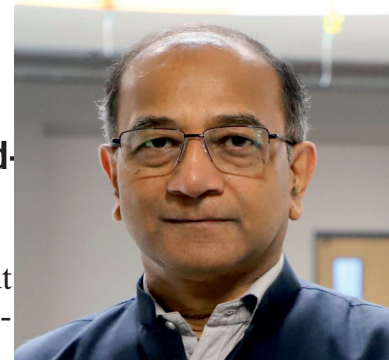


focus on innovation, research and holistic education as the university continues to build on its academic vision.

Seven years of Visionary leadership:

Prof. Prabhat Ranjan felicitated at DYPIU

D Y Patil International University (DYPIU), Akurdi, recently felicitated Prof. Prabhat Ranjan for his remarkable contribution as the Founding Vice Chancellor, marking seven years of academic leadership and institution-building.



The event was led by Hon. Chancellor Dr. Sanjay Patil, who honoured Prof. Ranjan for his vision and dedication in shaping DYPIU since its inception.

Dean of Research, Dr.

Shashi Singh spoke about Prof. Ranjan's commitment and leadership, while Controller of Examinations Dr. Madhura Jagtap shared heartfelt memories of working alongside him during his tenure. Dr. Arvind Kumar, Director, School of Media and Journalism, congratulated Prof. Ranjan's academic journey from IIT to Berkeley, describing him as a true inspiration and

respected figure from Bihar whose leadership continues to impact many.

Prof. Ranjan expressed pride in having worked closely with the university's faculty and staff to establish DYPIU as a growing academic and research hub.

On this occasion, Shri

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PROF. SITHARAM'S VISION:

How Education is Paving India's path to Development

D Y Patil International University (DYPIU), Akurdi, recently felicitated Prof. Prabhat Ranjan for his remarkable contribution as the Founding Vice Chancellor, marking seven years of academic leadership and institution-building.

PROF. SITHARAM highlighted the global demand for students pursuing professional education in India.

'Indians are found in high positions across renowned companies in

developed countries. This reflects the importance of Indian education', he said.

He further stressed the need for integrating technology with education, as today's students are extremely intelligent and

have access to advanced technology while still in the classroom.

'IDEA Labs support the creativity of students through technology. Educational institutions must take the initiative to set up more such labs to inspire passion for learning among students,' he added.

Prof. Sitharam also emphasised the importance of focusing on quality education, stating that although India produces a large number of graduates, the real demand is for skilled and capable students.

The conclave was presided over by Dr. Prabhat Ranjan, Chairman of the AICTE IDEA Lab National Committee and

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DYPIU Grads Win Big at Avlokan Film Festival 2025

Akash Dubey

Students from the School of Media and Journalism (SMJ) at D Y Patil International University (DYPIU) were awarded the top two prizes for Best documentary at the Avlokan Film Festival 2025, organised by Manav Rachna International Institute of Research and Studies (MRIIRS).

The First Prize of ₹20,000 went to the film 'Adhaantarit', directed by Ananya Katti, a graduate from the B.A. JMC 2021 batch. The Second Prize of ₹15,000 was awarded to 'Shilp Siddhi', directed by Yashwini Chandekar, a graduate from the B.A. JMC 2020 batch.

Both documentaries were created as part of



Yashwini Chandekar
B.A. JMC 2020 Batch

their final year specialisation in Short Film and Documentary Production, under the mentorship of Professor Sandeep



Ananya Katti
B.A. JMC 2021 Batch

Dongare. Congratulations to both graduates on their outstanding achievement!

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Seven years of Visionary leadership

Satej Patil, Vice President of Dr. D Y Patil Pratishthan, made a special announcement:

'In recognition of Prof. Ranjan's exemplary service, and in alignment with our group's future aspirations, we are pleased to offer him the position of Chairman (Research, Innovation and International Relations) for all three universities and higher educational institutes under the D Y

Patil group of Akurdi and Kolhapur.'

The program was attended by Trustee Shri Tejas Patil, Rear Admiral Amit Vikram (Retd.), Campus Director and college principals across various DYPIU institutions.

The event concluded with a vote of thanks delivered by Ms. Smruti Shelke, who also anchored the program.

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PROF. SITHARAM'S VISION: former Vice-Chancellor of DYPIU, whose seven-year tenure at the university recently concluded.

Shri Tejas Patil, Trustee of D Y Patil Pratishthan; Prof. Shashi Singh, Dean, Research, of DYPIU; along with Dr. Surabhi Sonam, Dr. Neeraj Saxena, Dr. Naveen Sangwan, Dr. N. H. Siddalinga Swamy and Dr. D. R. Subramaniam, were also present at the event.

Dr. Beeran Moidin, Registrar; Dr. Madhavi Deshpande, Dean Academics; Dr. Anupama Patil; Ms. Smruti Shelke and other faculty members worked hard to make the event a success.

Around 300 heads of

institutions and management representatives from across the country participated in the one-day conclave, which was organised over 2 days at the D Y Patil Educational Complex, Akurdi.

Introducing the programme, Dr. Prabhat Ranjan shared that DYPIU, without any financial assistance from the government, has created one of the best digital fabrication facilities in the country. This facility has enabled students from various disciplines to engage in hands-on technology development and creative work.

The event was moderated by Ms. Mary Josephine Judy, and the vote of thanks was delivered by Prof. Shashi Singh.

Research Paper Accepted at EGU 2025



Dr. Prabhat Ranjan, Mr. Dinesh Kumar and Dr. Shubhro Chakrabartty from D Y Patil International University (DYPIU) have had their research paper accepted for oral presentation at the European Geosciences Union (EGU) General Assembly 2025.

Artificial Binaries team Wins best paper at NCTAAI 4.0

DYPIU congratulates Lakshit Saini, Yeshita Motwani, Samratth Singh and Shobhana Patil (Artificial Binaries) for winning the Best Paper Award at 'NCTAAI 4.0'. Their research titled 'Exploring the landscape of AI Security' reflects the university's focus on innovation and emerging technologies. The conference also featured insightful sessions by industry experts.

IEEE Student Branch inaugurated

D Y Patil International University has inaugurated its IEEE Student Branch, marking a new step towards technical education and research. The event was graced by Dr. Rajesh Ingle (Chair, IEEE Computer Society, Pune Chapter and CEO, Vigix Tech) and presided over by Dr. Prabhat Ranjan, Vice Chancellor, DYPIU.

Also present were Dr. Anupama Patil (Director, School of Engineering, Management and Research), Dr. Shashi Singh (Dean, Research and Development), Dr. Priya Charles (Head, Semiconductor engineering) and students.

Aviha Joshi shines in GATE!



Congratulations to Aviha Joshi for securing a remarkable GATE Life Sciences score of 912 along with an impressive All India Rank. Well Done!

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Lessons between stations

Life through a train window

Khadija

EVERYDAY, I travel by train to go to the university. My day usually starts with me falling asleep in the train, and by the end of the day, on my way back home, I sit quietly and think about everything that happened. I think about the mistakes I made, the things I should or shouldn't have said, and all the emotions I felt.

Some days I feel really happy. Some days, I feel so heavy that I cry silently while looking out of the window. There are times when I miss someone so much that I feel numb. And sometimes, I don't feel anything at all...just blank and confused.

Even on those days, there's always a small hope inside me that keeps me moving forward. No matter how tired or lost I feel, that hope gently whispers that things will get better.

When I travel in the train, I see people from all walks of life. There's no discrimination here. Everyone shares the same space: people who are happy, sad, stressed, in love, or just quiet like me. I see people who are differently abled, people who may not have good clothes to wear or a stable job, and yet, some of them smile and laugh. It makes me wonder: if they can be happy even with less, why can't I?

I try every day to become a better version of myself. I try to be kind, to care deeply, and to do the right thing. But one thing I still struggle with is letting go of people. It's so hard. Imagine loving someone so much, giving them all your care, and then one day they just decide to leave. It hurts.

B.Tech Students Build Functional Mini Workshop tools using 3D Printing

Akash Dubey

Second-year B.Tech. Students at D Y Patil International University (DYPIU) recently completed an engineering project that combined creativity, technical skills and teamwork.

UNDER the able guidance of Professor Swet Chandan and with support from Nitish Rupesh Sawant, the students designed and built a set of fully functional mini workshop tools using 3D printing.

"It's inspiring to see how our students are blending creativity with technology. From innovative 3D-printed prototypes to functional robotics models, they've not just learned design thinking — they've lived it. These projects reflect the spirit of hands-on problem-solving that we aim to cultivate at DYPIU," said Prof. Swet Chandan, Faculty Coordinator, Design Thinking & Projects.

The Project involved the development of four tools: a bench drill with adjustable height and precision control, a mini table saw with built-in safety

features, an electric sander used to smooth surfaces and a versatile saw machine used for fine cutting and shaping tasks. These tools were built using 3D printed parts combined with motors, bearings and other hardware to create working models at a compact scale.

The students began by researching different types of workshop tools and exploring how to make them smaller while still keeping them functional. Then they moved to the design stage, using Computer-aided design (CAD) software to create detailed 3D models. Once the designs were ready, they tested various printing settings and assembled each tool by combining printed parts with electric components.

Throughout the process, the team faced several challenges. Some parts didn't fit properly,

From DYPIU to NID:

Rishitha Achieves AIR 26

Akash Dubey

Final-year B.Des. student Rishitha Veldhurty has secured admission to the National Institute of Design (NID), one of India's top 10 design institutions, with an impressive All India Rank (AIR) of 26. This achievement reflects her creativity, dedication, and the strong mentorship provided at the School of Design.



RISHITHA recently visited the university with her father to express their gratitude. Her father personally thanked Professor Monika Sharma, her mentor for her support and guidance during her admission journey.

For her final interview, Rishitha presented a foldable book-style resume and portfolio: a unique concept that left a strong impression on the jury.

She credited her preparation, especially the inputs from Professor Aziz Poonawala and Professor Krishna, as a key factor in her selection.

This moment is a proud one not only for Rishitha but for the entire School of Design, reflecting the value of student-focused mentoring.

motors didn't always align as expected and a lot of trial and error was involved.

However, after repeated testing and adjustments, the tools worked successfully.

Shaping the future with Robotics

DYPIU's department of Semiconductor Engineering organised a workshop on 'Industrial Automation and Robotics' on 15th and 16th of April, 2025.

Participants gained basic knowledge and assembled a 3-DOF robotic arm under the expert guidance of Mr. Rajwardhan Salunke from PMS RoBoTics.

A Quantum Leap!

DYPIU congratulates Ms. Varsha Sambhaje on successfully defending her thesis in the advanced field of Quantum Computing. Her thesis is titled 'Quantum Computing: Unveiling the performance of the HHL Algorithm Using Quantum Correlations'. A proud moment for the university. Well done!



The team included Aditi Joshi, Kshitij Khanka, Kanan Chopra, Drishti Kumari, Abhishek Yadav, Tannistha Chattapadhyay, Ishita Saraf, Harsh Sawant, Rutuja Dere, Mahi Gaikwad, Shruti Patil, Devesh Bankar, Manasvi Kushare, Bhavana Patil, Sadiya Sheikh, Saloni Bhandari, Vaishnavi Chinchwade, Riza Kagadi, Jagruti Barbade, Manasvi Padwal and Aryan Jaiswal; all of them contributed to turning their classroom knowledge into practical innovation.

From silent movies to Munnabhai MBBS

Pallavi Shukla & Akash Dubey

On 21st April 2025, first-year and second-year B.A. JMC students from D Y Patil International University (DYPIU) visited the National Museum of Indian Cinema (NMIC) in Mumbai as part of an educational field trip. The museum showcases the journey of Indian cinema over the decades.



THE museum is spread across two buildings. The first, called Gulshan Mahal, is a historic bungalow that displays the evolution of Indian cinema from its early beginnings in the silent film era to the rise of new wave cinema. It was fascinating to see how filmmaking started in India and how stories were told without sound.

Notably, some scenes from the film 'Munna Bhai M.B.B.S.' were shot in this building. One of the most memorable moments for many students was seeing an original newspaper from 15th of August, 1947, the day India gained independence.

The second building, a modern glass structure spread across four floors, features various themed galleries, including displays on the works of Satyajit Ray, Mahatma Gandhi's influence on

Indian cinema, regional films and an interactive children's section designed to simulate a film studio experience. Students explored how Indian cinema changed in terms of technology, storytelling and themes. From black-and-white films to the digital age, the displays helped students understand how cinema continues to evolve over time.

The galleries not only highlighted the technical aspects of filmmaking but also reflected India's cultural growth through Cinema.

The students were accompanied by faculty members: Dr. Pallavi Jha, Professor Sandeep Dongare, Professor Amit Kumar Om and Professor Kumud Das, who helped guide them through the learning experience.

The visit gave students a fresh perspective on how Indian cinema has changed over the years.

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Dr. Sidhartha Singh's 9th Research paper accepted

D Y Patil International University (DYPIU) congratulates Dr. Sidhartha Singh on the acceptance of his ninth research publication. His manuscript titled 'hTERT rs2735940 Polymorphism Influences Lung Cancer Risk and Overall Survival in Lung Cancer Patients Undergoing Platinum-based Doublet Chemotherapy' has been accepted by the Expert Review of Molecular Diagnostics (Tay-

lor & Francis), a Q1 journal with a 2023 impact factor of 3.9.

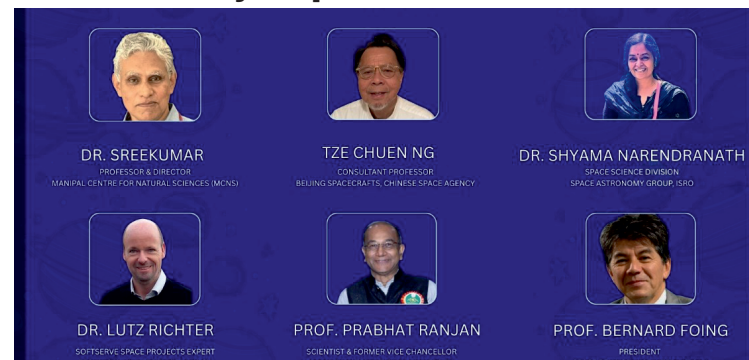
This publication reflects the research-driven academic environment fostered at DYPIU.

DYPIU shines at AITMUN

A team of 10 students, led by the Concordia student club represented D Y Patil International University (DYPIU) at the Model United Nations event held at the Army Institute of Technology recently.

Congratulations to Kashvi Kathuria for the Special Mention award and Dhvani Panchal for the Verbal Mention award!

DYPIU Hosts International Symposium on Planetary Exploration



D Y Patil International University (DYPIU), successfully hosted an international symposium titled "In Situ Planetary Explorations" on Saturday, May 10, commemorating National Technology Day. The insightful event brought together leading global space experts.

THE symposium was inaugurated by Interim Vice Chancellor, Prof. Sashi Singh, setting the stage for engaging discussions on the future of space exploration. Attendees had the unique opportunity to hear from a distinguished panel of speakers, including Dr. Sreekumar (MCNS, Manipal), Tze Chuen Ng

(Chinese Space Agency), Dr. Shyama Narendranath (ISRO), and Dr. Lutz Richter (Technical University of Munich). The lineup also featured Prof. Prabhat Ranjan, former VC of DYPIU, and Prof. Bernard Foing from Space Renaissance International. The symposium delved into critical aspects of on-site planetary investigations, fostering knowledge exchange and inspiring the next generation of space enthusiasts and researchers.

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DYPIU Shines Nationally in 'The Week' Rankings

D Y Patil International University (DYPIU) has achieved national recognition in the latest rankings released by The Week magazine for its growing excellence in education and innovation.

DYPIU Stands out:

- 36th in All India Private & Deemed Multidisciplinary Universities
- 7th in All India Emerging Universities
- 2nd in Emerging Universities - West Zone
- 14th in Multidisciplinary Universities - West Zone

These rankings reflect the collective efforts of our students, faculty individuals and administration in building a progressive institution.

This recognition not only reinforces our commitment to quality education but also motivates us to reach greater heights.