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From Flag to Future: D. Y. Patil International University Commemorates 79th Independence Day

D. Y. Patil International University celebrated the 79th Independence Day with enthusiasm and patriotic spirit, uniting students, and staff in honouring the nation's freedom.



Ltd., as the Chief Guest. A first-generation social entrepreneur, Mr. Gaikwad is widely recognized for creating large-scale livelihood opportunities, empowering rural youth and women, and promoting sustainable farming practices. His presence and words deeply motivated the audience.

The highlight of the program was the flag hoisting ceremony, led by the chief guest. As the national flag unfurled, the gathering joined in singing the National Anthem, creating a powerful moment of

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Smita Mane

THE event began with an introductory speech by a faculty member, who highlighted India's journey to independence and paid tribute to the sacrifices of

freedom fighters.

Her address set an inspiring tone for the university had the privilege of welcoming Mr. Hanmantrao Ramdas Gaikwad,

Chairman and Managing Director of BVG India

DYPIU Joins Elite Club



DYPIU AKURDI, Pune, has officially received its AACSB International Membership Certificate and Pin, a key milestone in the journey towards world-class business education.

WITH less than 6% of the world's business schools holding AACSB accredita-

tion, DYPIU is proud to be joining this elite group. This membership connects

DYPIU with a global network of top business schools, enabling it to:

- Collaborate internationally
- Benchmark quality with the best
- Exchange best practices in teaching, research & industry engagement

The ceremony was graced by Prof. Dr Manish Bhalla, Hon'ble Vice Chancellor, DYPIU, Mr. Prathap Das, Regional Head, South Asia, AACSB International, Rear Admiral Amit Vikram (Retd), Campus Director, D Y Patil Educational, Complex (DYPEC) Dr. Bharat

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Ganesh Festival celebrated with piety and aplomb at DYPIU

THE SPIRIT OF DYPIU:

No Sleep, No Excuses, All Speed

Ever wandered into the DY Patil International University workshop when it's way past closing time? Place is a whole different animal. Oil in the air, ideas bouncing off the walls like ping-pong balls, and a constant metallic symphony—clank, whir, grind.

Pranjali Ahire

RIGHT in the chaos, there's Genesis 16 Motorsports. These mechanical engineering kids? Built different. They look half-zombie, half-genius, and the only thing keeping them awake is the thought of building a racecar that'll leave the competition eating dust.

Why the name? "Genesis" was their clean slate, "16" for 2016—the year a couple of rookie engineers

stopped just scribbling formulas and started chasing speed for real.

Gasoline's Old News They could've stuck with the whole gas-guzzling off-roader scene. Easy route. Nah, not their style. Genesis 16 went full electric before it was the cool thing to do. That's not just swapping an engine—that's flipping the whole script.

With EVs, they're not just wrenching on whatever's lying around. Nope, every

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From Flag to Future

unity and pride.

In a symbolic gesture reflecting growth and sustainability, Dr. Manish Bhalla, Vice-Chancellor of D. Y. Patil International University, presented seeds to the Chief Guest.

This act reinforced the university's commitment to nurturing not only education but also environmental responsibility.

The program concluded with an anchor's closing remarks, encapsulating the spirit of independence and the responsibility of the youth in shaping India's future.

The celebration was a reminder that independence is both a legacy and a duty, calling upon the present generation to contribute with dedication, vision, and responsibility.

Veteran Journalist Vinita Deshmukh Interacts with Students at DYPIU

The School of Media and Journalism at DY Patil International University recently hosted veteran journalist and author Vinita Deshmukh for an engaging guest lecture.



From left to right - Doyel Dutta, Aziz Poonawala, Sri Gayathri Vedula, Sanjukta Kulkarni, Vinita Deshmukh, Chinmay Swamy, Ayush Jagtap, Amit Kumar Om and Kumud Das

Sanjukta Kulkarni

DURING the interaction, Vinita spoke about the challenges of Media in today's fast-paced era, shared her personal journey in investigative reporting, and highlighted the role of the Right to Information (RTI) Act in strengthening journalism.

The session left students

motivated and thoughtful. For many, Vinita Deshmukh's stories blurred the line between theory and practice, offering a glimpse into the courage and persistence real journalism demands.

Q&A Session with Vinita Deshmukh

Q: What do you see as the biggest challenge for Media

in today's era?

A: The biggest challenge is credibility. With the digital boom, information is everywhere, but not all of it is reliable. Journalists need to ensure they verify facts, resist the pressure of speed, and hold on to ethics.

Q: Could you share your experience of breaking the Dow Chemical story?

A: That investigation was one of the toughest yet most fulfilling moments of my career. It was not just about exposing corporate accountability, but also ensuring people's voices were heard. Stories like this remind us that journalism can truly impact society.

Q: How important is RTI for today's journalists?

A: RTI is a powerful weapon in the hands of a journalist. It allows us to uncover information that authorities might not willingly share. When used responsibly, it strengthens democracy and ensures transparency.

DYPIU in MoU with VPC

DYPIU signed an MOU with Vantage Point Communications (VPC), a leading PR firm from Pune, on July 25.

Ms Monali Chaurasia, Founder Director of VPC, gave a brief introduction about the company and opportunities for the Media students in the industry.

Addressing the gathering on the occasion, Hon'ble Vice Chancellor, DYPIU, Prof Manish Bhalla, hoped that the MoU will reach next level of industry-academia collaboration in future.

The Registrar, DYPIU, Dr.(Prof.) Beeran Moidin B M gave vote of thanks. Significant among others who were present on the occasion include Dr Anupama Patil, Dr Anitha Ramanna, Dr Satish D, Ms Smruti Shelke and the members of SoMJ. Dr Arvind Kumar, SoMJ, delivered welcome address.

Nuclear Fusion Expert Prof. Prabhat Ranjan Honored on his 65th Birthday



Prof. Prabhat Ranjan, Chairman of Research, Innovation and International Relations at D.Y. Patil Group of educational institutions, was recently recognized for his contributions to nuclear fusion research and brain-computer interface technology.

PROF. Ranjan earned his Ph.D. from UC Berkeley, where he researched Nuclear Fusion at Lawrence Berkeley Laboratory from 1983-86. He was Project Leader of India's largest operational fusion reactor, ADITYA, at the Institute for Plasma Research from 1996-2002.

As founding Vice Chancellor of D.Y. Patil International University (2018-2025), he created an innovative multi-track B.Tech Computer Science program in 2019 that influenced cur-

riculum nationwide. He previously headed India's Technology Think Tank, TIFAC, from 2013-2018.

The event was organized by NCSC in collaboration with Nehru Science Centre, Mumbai on June 04. Prof Prabhat Ranjan, Chairman, Innovation, Research & International Relations, DYP, was felicitated of his 65th birthday by NCSC and a citation was issued to him on the occasion. There was also an interaction with him about his life journey on the occasion.

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DYPIU Joins Elite Club

Chavan Patil, Executive Director, DYPIMS, Dr.(Prof.) Beeran Moidin BM, Registrar, Prof. Dr. Madhavi Deshpande, Dean Academics, Prof. Dr. Shashi Relia Singh, Dean R&D, Directors of other Schools of DYPIU, Principals of Institutes of DYPEC & Faculty of the School of Commerce and Management.

Prof. Manish Bhalla said: "Becoming an AACSB member reaffirms our commitment to excellence, innovation, and continuous improvement in management education. This recognition aligns perfectly with our vision to nurture globally competent leaders and entrepreneurs."

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DYPIU Signs Strategic Partnership with Imperial Overseas Education to Boost Global Academic Presence



DYPIU has entered into a Memorandum of Understanding with Imperial Overseas Education Consultants, marking a significant step toward expanding its international academic footprint.

The agreement, signed yesterday, establishes a framework for collaborations with leading global universities, encompassing student and faculty exchange programs, joint research ventures, and other academic initiatives.

The partnership aims to enhance DYPIU's global reach while providing stu-

dents with expanded international exposure and cross-cultural academic experiences. University leadership, including the Vice Chancellor and Registrar, played instrumental roles in securing this strategic collaboration.

The agreement is expected to open new avenues for students and faculty to engage with global academic communities, leading to enhanced research opportunities, cultural exchange, and international recognition for the university's programs.

Our Role as Students in Building the College and the Nation

Last month, as our university proudly celebrated the 79th Independence Day, the campus was filled with patriotic spirit and reflection.

Sunny Sharma

THE occasion reminded us that freedom is not only about what was won in 1947 but also about how each generation carries that responsibility forward. For us, the students of D. Y. Patil International University, the question is clear: how can we contribute to our college and, in turn, to our nation's progress?

The first step begins on

our own campus. By engaging sincerely in academics, respecting our teachers, and maintaining discipline, we strengthen the foundation of our university. Participating in events, supporting innovation, keeping the campus clean, and practicing sustainability are small but meaningful actions.

When we uplift our college community, we indirectly contribute to building future leaders and responsi-

ble citizens. Our role, however, does not stop at the university gates. As young people, we are the driving force of India's tomorrow. Whether through volunteering for social causes, spreading awareness about environmental conservation, developing new technologies, or promoting equality, every action adds to the collective growth of the nation. More than anything, nurturing values like honesty, empathy, and unity prepares us to serve society with responsibility. Independence Day reminded us that the sacrifices of freedom

Business Analyst Certification



Dr Sheetal Bura from DYPIU has achieved her Business Analyst Certification!

This significant accomplishment highlights her dedication to continuous learning and enhancing her expertise in a vital field.

BRAINWAVE!



Dr. Manasa Mandapati successfully defended her PhD thesis titled **"Virtual Reality induced audio visual brainwave entrainment to improve attention in children with learning disorders and in young adults"** under supervision of Prof Prabhat Ranjan in May 2025.



The entire team behind the scene along with their faculty

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No Sleep, No Excuses, All Speed

nut and bolt is handpicked. Custom battery packs? Check. Homegrown dampers? Absolutely. At the moment, they're drowning in thermal puzzles, regen braking experiments, and R&D headaches that make assembling IKEA furniture look like a joke.

One of the leads just smirks and goes, "If it works, we're legends. If it explodes... well, we built it." That's the thrill—they own every screw-up and every win.

The 12-Hour Grind Nobody's Paying For

When season's on? Forget free time. They're clocking 12, 13 hours a day, every

day. Classes? Yeah, those happen, but once the bell rings, it's straight back to the shop. Weekends disappear. House parties? Forget 'em.

Instead, it's samosas, gallons of chai, and pizza boxes stacked higher than your GPA. "Walking away isn't an option," a senior says, already elbow-deep in grease. "When the car dies, you curse, you fix it, you roll on. You learn more here than any textbook."

Not Just a Boys' Club

Enter Sanjeevani Raskar—Structures Engineer, and living proof motorsports ain't just a guy thing. She walked in expecting to stick out. Turns out, she welds, fabricates, and designs with the best of 'em.

Hell, sometimes better.

"Didn't think I'd fit in at first," she admits. "Now? Why shouldn't I be here?" If you've got guts and skills, nobody's stopping you.

Faculty That's Got Your Back

DYPIU's professors aren't just ticking boxes—they're the kind who'll roll up their sleeves and help tighten a bolt at midnight. They toss the team tools, tech, and cut them slack when deadlines get ugly. You don't get that unless your faculty actually cares.

Sponsors—Philips, ElectroDigit, Castor Dye—they're the silent MVPs. Money, shiny parts,

sweet tech. Lets Genesis 16 slug it out with teams with deeper pockets.

What's on the Scoreboard?

Top-5 at SUPRA. Top-10 at BAJA. Solid numbers in acceleration, endurance, cost analysis. Nice trophy shelf material, sure, but for Genesis 16? That's not the point. "The car's just proof we survived," a team lead jokes.

The real deal?

Every bruised knuckle, every midnight disaster, every time somebody said "It'll never work" and they did it anyway.

Next Up:

BAJA 2026 They're already tearing things apart for the next round—lighter

frame, better everything, hoping the breakdowns chill out a bit. Losing sleep over it? Duh. That's how legends get made.

"Four years here, you come out a different person," a senior shrugs. "You mess up, you fix it, you keep moving. That's more than engineering—it's learning to take a punch and come back swinging."

The Takeaway:

Genesis 16 Motorsports isn't just another college club. It's a three-way collision of guts, brains, and pure stubbornness. Proof that, with enough coffee and busted knuckles, you can turn a dusty workshop into a launchpad for greatness.

ONE DAY seminar at DYPIU Highlighting Funding Landscape and Grant writing excellence for Researchers



DYPIU hosted a day-long webinar with an aim to empower the faculty and research students with insights into funding opportunities available and effective Grant writing strategies. The event featured talks by Dr. SK Varshney, ex Scientist, Head of International Cooperation at the Department of Science & Technology (DST), Government of India.

The seminar opened with a warm welcome by DYPIU VC Prof Manish Bhalla emphasizing on the need of Research excellence and collaborations keeping in view the Vision of the University.

Dr. Varshney systematically displayed the entire spectrum of Grants, National and international, which are available for Researchers. Starting from young innovators from Schools to researchers in their prime to senior academicians, Dr Varshney provided an overview of all kinds of cooperations and thematic grants.

In his second talk, Dr. Varshney provided practical tips on effective Grant writing, avoidable pitfalls, alignment with calls for proposals and funding agencies, budgets etc.

Participants engaged in discussions on various aspects of Grants seeking opportunities. More than 100 Research scholars and faculty attended the talks and were satisfied with the clarity and relevance of the presentations. DYPIU plans to host further workshops and mentorship sessions along the same line especially to encourage and support young researchers. ■

ANTI-RAGGING WEEK 2025

DYPIU's Ragging Policy? Basically, "Don't Even Think About It"

So, Anti-Ragging Week 2025 at DYPIU just blasted off, and honestly? The message couldn't have been any louder if they'd spray-painted it on the walls: ragging is ancient history here.

Pranjali Ahire

BY the time the clock hit 2, the auditorium was already popping. The welcome speech had that "hey, we're all on the same team" vibe—pretty wholesome, honestly. Then Dean, Academics took the mic and just went for it—no sugarcoating, all real talk about how anti-ragging isn't just a rulebook thing. It's about basic decency, empathy, and, you know, not acting like a total jerk.

The Registrar kept it 100, too. He flat out said DYPIU is supposed to feel safe. Harassment? Not even a remote possibility. Like, not on this campus.

Then things got a little artsy. Shaunak Jadhav and Madhuvashini came on with poetry that didn't mess around—emotional, punchy, sort of like a verbal slap in the face (in the best way).

And just when you thought it couldn't get more dramatic: boom—short film time. The movie and the talk that followed? Let's just say if you ever thought ragging was "just a joke," you're rethinking your life choices



Taking the anti-ragging oath

now. Hint: it's not funny, it's tired.

Crowd highlight? Easy—the reel contest. Pranjali Ahire snagged the top spot, Nisarga Meshram took second, and Keyur Nartam grabbed third. Proof you can go viral and do some good at the same time.

After that, students broke down the anti-ragging dos and don'ts so clearly, you'd have to be in another galaxy not to get it—even the notorious backbenchers were paying attention.

Wrapped up with the classic Vote of Thanks and the Anti-Ragging Oath—everyone's hands up, promises flying. Oh, and apparently there's more hype coming on the 18th. People are already buzzing about it.

So yeah, day one? Mission accomplished. At DYPIU, respect isn't just a rule—it's the vibe. And ragging? Please. Fossilized.

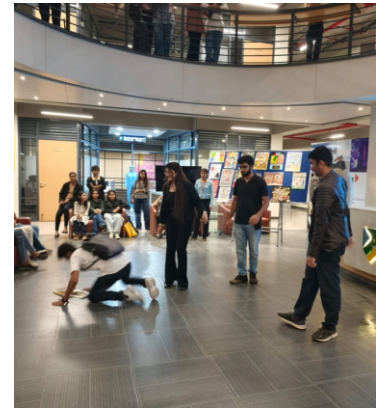
Day 2 – Some Street Drama & Poster Power

SOD Street Play:

Not your average skit. This was raw, in-your-face, and honestly, impossible to ignore. Ragging? Not on this stage.

Poster-Making Winners:

- Manasvi Gurjar
- Payal Jagdish Kumawat
- Numa Jameel Ahamad



The anti-ragging street play enacted by students from School of Design

Mujawar

Volunteer Awards:

Certificates for the real MVPs—the students who put in the work behind the scenes.

Vote of Thanks:

Wrapped up with big gratitude and a sense of, "Yep, we did that."

Zooming Out: What's the Vibe Now?

After those two days, DYPIU didn't just host an event. Honestly, it's like they hit refresh on campus culture. Through poetry, films, reels, drama, posters, and a couple dozen pinky promises, the message hit home:

Respect isn't a rule—it's how we roll.

Ragging? Prehistoric. Not coming back.

That's a Wrap!

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Elevate '25 celebrates World Entrepreneurship Day at DYPIU

ORGANISED under the visionary leadership of Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor Dr. Manish Bhalla, the event was hosted by the Centre for Innovation, Incubation & Entrepreneurship (CIIE) and the Institution's Innovation Council (IIC).

THE program featured keynote sessions, startup showcases, and mentoring clinics, highlighting entrepreneurial journeys and innovations in HealthTech, AgriTech, CleanTech, FinTech, and AI-for-Good.

Dignitaries Present

Chief Guest: Mr. Shailendra Goswami, Chairman & MD, Pushkraj Group

Guest of Honour: Dr. Prabhat Ranjan, Chairman, RIIR, D. Y. Patil Pratishthan

As part of Elevate '25, DYPIU also hosted its flagship business idea competition "Inceptio", with winners felicitated during the event.

Key Remarks

Mr. Shailendra Goswami inspired students by sharing his personal entrepreneurial journey, stressing resilience and customer empathy as vital for building successful ventures.

Dr. Prabhat Ranjan praised DYPIU's "maker-mindset" and shared insights on the future scope of innovation, urging students to align their ideas with global opportunities.

Dr. Manish Bhalla, Vice-Chancellor, outlined his vision for CIIE, highlighting interdisciplinary learning, industry collaboration, and societal impact as core to DYPIU's entrepreneurship mission.

Organizer's Perspective

Dr. Sandhya Ingale (CIIE Coordinator & IIC President, DYPIU) said:

"Elevate '25 is more than a celebration—it's a commitment. Our students aren't just pitching ideas; they're building solutions for real problems. With the right mentoring and market expo-

sure, many of these concepts will evolve into scalable startups."

Next Steps

Selected teams will now receive mentoring, prototype support, and incubation opportunities through CIIE/IIC. An Investor Readiness Bootcamp and IP Masterclass are also planned as follow-up initiatives.

About Elevate:

Elevate is DYPIU's annual entrepreneurship forum aligned with national innovation priorities, designed to discover, develop, and deploy student-led innovations with measurable societal impact.

2) Article Format

Elevate '25 — Celebrating World Entrepreneurship Day at DYPIU

On August 21, 2025, DY Patil International University (DYPIU) commemorated World Entrepreneurship Day with its flagship entrepreneurship conclave, Elevate '25. Organized by the Centre for Innovation, Incubation & Entrepreneurship (CIIE) in collaboration with the Institution's Innovation Council (IIC) under the visionary leadership of Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor Dr. Manish Bhalla, the event brought together student innovators, early-stage founders, investors, mentors, and industry leaders to foster collaboration, learning, and enterprise building.

The day's programme combined inspiring keynote sessions, fireside chats, a rapid-fire startup showcase, and hands-on mentoring clinics. Student teams presented solutions across verticals such as HealthTech, AgriTech, CleanTech, FinTech, and AI-for-Good, receiving real-time feed-



back from domain experts and potential partners. A highlight of the conclave was Inceptio, the university's flagship business idea pitching competition—winners were felicitated on stage during Elevate '25, receiving awards and encouragement to take their ideas forward.

The event hosted distinguished dignitaries including Mr. Shailendra Goswami (Chairman & MD, Pushkraj Group) as Chief Guest and Dr. Prabhat Ranjan (Chairman, RIIR, D. Y. Patil Pratishthan) as Guest of Honour. Mr. Goswami shared his personal entrepreneurial journey, offering candid insights on resilience, customer empathy, and leadership in business. Dr. Ranjan lauded

DYPIU's growing "maker-mindset" and outlined the future scope for innovation, urging students to align their ventures with societal and market needs. Vice-Chancellor Dr. Manish Bhalla reiterated DYPIU's commitment to interdisciplinary learning, industry collaboration, and social impact as the cornerstones of its entrepreneurship mission.

Speaking on the occasion, Dr. Sandhya Ingale (CIIE Coordinator & IIC President, DYPIU) emphasized the university's role as an enabling platform: "Elevate '25 is more than a celebration—it's a commitment. Our students aren't just pitching ideas; they're building solutions for real problems. With targeted

mentoring and market exposure, these concepts can evolve into scalable, impact-driven ventures." The CIIE/IIC team announced follow-up initiatives, including an Investor Readiness Bootcamp, an IP Masterclass, and structured incubation and prototype support for shortlisted teams.

Elevate '25 concluded with renewed energy and clear next steps: mentorship pairings, pilot collaborations, and opportunities for internships and industry engagement. The conclave reinforced DYPIU's vision of nurturing entrepreneurial talent and converting bright ideas into tangible solutions that contribute to national development and global competitiveness.

DYPIU signs MoU with Indus Biotech

A significant Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) was reached between D Y Patil International University (DYPIU) and Indus Biotech Pvt. Ltd., a leading Indian bio-pharmaceutical company!

This powerful collaboration is set to drive cutting-

edge research and development in computational drug discovery. We'll be leveraging advanced techniques like molecular docking and molecular dynamics simulations to accelerate therapeutic innovations and bring new medicines to life faster.

This MoU isn't just a partnership; it's a shared

vision to integrate computational biology directly into translational research. We're looking forward to incredibly meaningful outcomes and impactful discoveries from this synergy between industry and academia!

Pune–Mumbai Life Sciences Innovation Cluster Meet 2025

THIS high level conclave brought together leaders from academia, industry, and government to deliberate on the future of innovation, entrepreneurship, and industry–academia collaboration in India.

Key highlights included:

Prof. Manish Bhalla, Vice Chancellor, DYPIU – on nurturing job creators, rather than job seekers

Prof. Shashi Singh, Dean (R&D), DYPIU – welcome address on research-driven collaboration

Prof. Pallu Reddanna, Executive President, FABA – bridging the gap between academia & industry

Prof. Prabhat Ranjan, Chairman (Research, Innovation & International Affairs), Dr. D Y Patil Pratishthan – Technology Vision 2035 & healthcare

D Y Patil International University (DYPIU), Akurdi, Pune & Dr. D.Y. Patil College of Pharmacy (Dypcop akurdi) was proud to host the Pune-Mumbai Innovation Cluster Meet in association with the Federation of Asian Biotech Associations (FABA).

challenges

Dr. Shekhar Mande, Former DG, CSIR – need-driven Indian innovation

Dr. Abhay Jere, Vice Chairman AICTE & Chief Innovation Officer, Ministry of Education – systematic frameworks, MoUs, hackathons, internships & design thinking

Dr. Manish Diwan, Mission Director, BIRAC – over 11,000 startups created since 2012; PhD projects to fuel entrepreneurship

Dr. Premnath Venugopalan, Founder Director, Venture Center – leveraging ecosystem strengths

Dr. Priya Nagaraj, CEO,

Pune Innovation Cluster – ecosystem readiness & technology forecasting

CEO Panel – emphasized “India-first, then global” strategies powered by AI, ML, automation & digitization

The day concluded with the prestigious FABA Awards, celebrating outstanding contributions to life sciences innovation and student achievements.

Thank you to all our distinguished speakers, panelists, and participants for making this conclave a success. Together, we are building a thriving ecosystem of innovation for India's future. ■

DYPIU Students Shine at Pune-Mumbai Life Science Cluster Meet 2025

Winning Best Poster Awards and Cash Prizes of Rs. 10,000 Each

IN yet another proud moment for D Y Patil International University (DYPIU), Akurdi, Pune, two of our talented students have brought laurels to the institution by winning the Best Poster Awards at the Pune-Mumbai Life Science Cluster Meet 2025. The event was organized by the Federation of Asian Biotech Associations (FABA) in collaboration with DYPIU and witnessed participation from leading academic and research institutions across the country.

The students, currently pursuing their undergraduate and postgraduate studies, are working as interns at the Therapeutic Design & Discovery Lab under the mentorship of Dr. Parth Sarthi Sen Gupta, Associate Professor, School of Biosciences and Bioengineering. Their research work was highly appreciated by the expert panel for its innovation, scientific rigor, and real-world relevance.

Speaking on the achievement, Dr. Parth Sarthi Sen Gupta expressed his pride,



stating:

“It is incredibly fulfilling to see our students excelling at such prestigious platforms. Their success is a testament to the vibrant research culture at DYPIU and the immense talent our students possess.”

This recognition not only highlights the caliber of DYPIU students but also reflects the university's unwavering commitment to fostering a research-driven learning ecosystem. The continuous encouragement and support from our Hon'ble Vice Chancellor, Prof. Manish Bhalla Sir, have been instrumental in nurturing innovation and empowering students to excel from the early stages of their academic journey.

With achievements like these, DYPIU continues to pave the way for young innovators and researchers, shaping the future of life sciences and biotechnology in India. ■

Emotional Intelligence Workshop

Organized by: Women's Development Cell, and Mindspace, DYPIU on July 17 & 18, 2025 at D Y Patil International University campus, Akurdi, Pune

Overview

The Women's Development Cell (WDC) and Mindspace at D Y Patil International University successfully conducted a two-day Emotional Intelligence Well-Being Workshop on July 17 and 18, 2025, aimed at fostering emotional resilience among students, faculty, and staff.

The workshop, held at the university's campus in Akurdi, Pune, was designed to empower participants with practical tools and strategies to enhance emotional well-being, with a special focus on approaches to better emotional intelligence.

Objectives

- To promote awareness of emotional intelligence

during challenging life transitions.

- To equip participants with coping mechanisms and stress management techniques.
- To foster a supportive and inclusive campus environment through emotional intelligence and empathy-building activities.

Program Highlights

The workshop featured a blend of interactive sessions, expert talks, and hands-on activities to engage participants in meaningful ways. Key highlights included:

Interactive Workshops:

Participants engaged in activities like focusing on emotional clarity, empathy-

building, and mindfulness exercises to manage stress.

Group Activities: Small group teambuilding sessions encouraged participants to share personal experiences, fostering a sense of community and mutual understanding. These activities were particularly effective in building empathy and breaking down stigma around mental health conversations.

The workshop saw enthusiastic participation from almost 100 attendees, including teaching and TAs. The diverse group contributed to rich discussions and a collaborative learning environment

Outcomes

Enhanced Awareness: Participants reported a greater understanding of emotional intelligence and its impact on academic and personal success.

Skill Development: Attendees gained practical skills in stress management, emotional validation, and setting healthy boundaries, which they can apply in daily life.

Community Building: The workshop strengthened the sense of community on campus, encouraging open dialogue about mental health and gender-related issues.

Conclusion

The Emotional Intelligence Workshop, organized

by the Women's Development Cell and Mindspace at D Y Patil International University, was a step towards promoting emotional resilience. By combining expert insights with interactive activities, the event empowered participants to prioritize their emotional health and contribute to a sensitive, supportive campus environment.

The WDC plans to build on this with more such initiatives to foster holistic development and well-being of students and faculty and the community.

The event was conducted by Ms. Chandini Ann Khanna, an Emotional Intelligence Master Practitioner. ■

International Yoga Day 2025

DYPIU Bends Over Backwards for Student Wellness

D Y Patil International University, Pune, joined the global celebration of International Yoga Day 2025 by organizing an inspiring and interactive yoga session.



and calm as participants stretched and breathed in sync, fostering a sense of inner peace and collective well-being.

The Sports Department, in collaboration with faculty volunteers, ensured smooth coordination and a welcoming atmosphere for all. Snapshots from the event captured smiling faces and serene moments, showcasing DYPIU's commitment to integrating wellness into campus culture.

The celebration stood as a testimony to the power of yoga in promoting mental clarity, physical strength, and community spirit. The

THE event was a vibrant convergence of health, harmony, and holistic well-being, attended enthusiastically by students, faculty, and staff.

The session began with a short introduction to the origins and global significance of Yoga Day. Participants then moved into guided



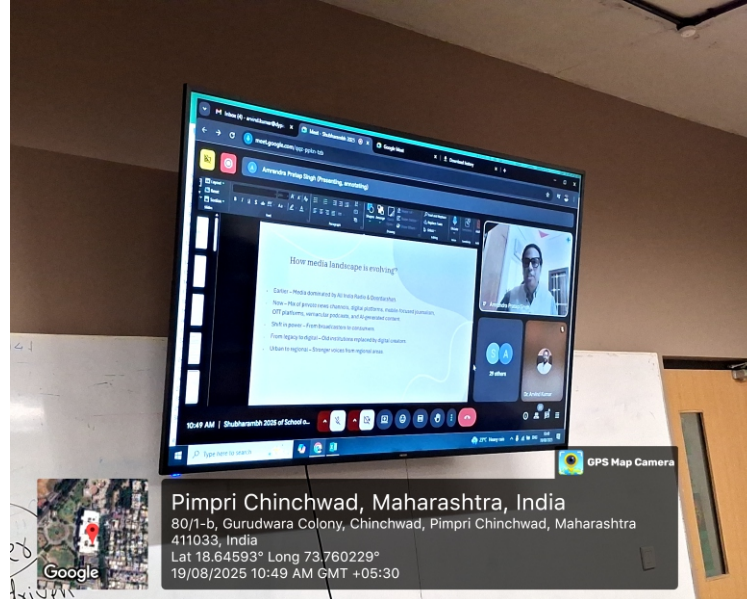
warm-up exercises, Surya Namaskar, foundational asanas, Pranayama, and a peaceful meditation segment.

The yoga session was not only a physical practice but also a reminder of the importance of mindfulness and balance in our fast-paced lives. The university grounds echoed with unity

Department of Sports expressed heartfelt gratitude to all participants for making this celebration memorable and meaningful. The success of Yoga Day 2025 reflects the vibrant spirit and dedication of the DYPIU community towards fostering a healthier lifestyle and a balanced mind.

From Doordarshan to Digital Media's Evolution Discussed at DYPIU

The School of Media and Journalism at DYPIU recently hosted an engaging guest lecture on "Emerging Trends in Electronic Media" by Mr. Amrendra Pratap Singh, veteran journalist and former Managing Editor of India TV.



Sunny Sharma

HELD on 19th August 2025, the session offered students an insightful journey through the evolution of India's media landscape.

Mr. Singh began by tracing the transformation from broadcast to broadband, highlighting the shift from Doordarshan's monopoly to the rise of private news channels after economic liberalisation.

From a single official broadcaster with limited time slots, India today has over 900 public and private news channels in multiple languages, reaching both urban and rural audiences and giving stronger voices to regional areas.

The lecture emphasized the seismic shift brought by digital platforms and social media, which have transformed audience habits and content delivery. Between 2000 and 2007, the Indian news industry saw rapid expansion, as cable networks grew and production houses evolved into full-fledged 24/7 channels such as Aaj Tak.

Moving forward, Mr.

Singh spoke about the impact of the internet since the mid-1990s, followed by the rise of smart phones, YouTube, and social media dominance in the 2010s. He cited the example of the Chandrayaan-3 landing, where over 8 million viewers watched ISRO's YouTube livestream, preferring it over television channels because they trusted it as "first source

information."

He also noted how X (formerly Twitter) has become an important medium for ministers and policymakers to share updates and policies directly with citizens.

Concluding the lecture, Mr. Singh explained how Artificial Intelligence in the 2020s is revolutionizing journalism, scanning thousands of sources, improving efficiency, and detecting fake videos, propaganda, and misinformation.

The session ended with a lively Q&A round, where students cleared their doubts about the challenges of digital journalism, ethical practices, and the skills needed for emerging journalists.

Mr. Singh's thoughtful answers motivated students to embrace innovation while upholding credibility and truth. The interactive seminar left students not only informed but also inspired to step confidently into the ever-evolving world of media.

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DYPIU Sports Carnival

The School of Engineering, DY Patil International University proudly kicked off the much-awaited Sports Carnival 2025 with an energetic and inspiring opening ceremony!



DYPIU was honored to welcome distinguished guests from Tata Motors Passenger Vehicle Pune.

Their gracious welcome was led by Dr. Arvind Mathur, Director of the School of Engineering, and Dr. Swapnil Bhurat.

With all spirited competitors, the carnival featured a fantastic mix of games:

Cricket, Volleyball, Football, Tug of War, Carrom, Chess, Table Tennis AND Indian Traditional Games.

The atmosphere was electric as students, both boys and girls, showcased exceptional excitement and sportsmanship. The competitions commenced with a Sports and Athlete Oath and strictly adhered to the principles set by the National Anti-Doping Agency (NADA), bringing a fresh and innovative spirit to the event.

Miss Prital Patil (Sports Coordinator) and Mr. Sangram Bhakare, (Sports Officer), who meticulously supervised the entire event to ensure smooth proceedings.

Youth Talks Event by Mindscape Club: An eve of Fun, Ideas, and Awareness

The Mindscape Club successfully organized an engaging event titled "Youth Talks", which brought together young minds for a day filled with creativity, awareness, and meaningful conversations.

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The program began with a series of brainstorming games and interactive activities designed to spark curiosity and teamwork among the participants. These light-hearted yet thought-provoking sessions not only entertained the attendees but also encouraged them to think differently and share their perspectives.

The highlight of the event was a deep and insightful conversation on mental health and its awareness. Speakers and participants discussed the importance of prioritizing emotional well-being in today's fast-paced world. The session encouraged everyone to break the stigma surrounding mental health and to openly support one another.

The balance between fun

DYPIU Hosts Successful Two-Day Webinar on Data Analytics and Mathematical Statistics

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The program, themed "Unlocking the Power of Data," commenced on Friday, August 29, with an inaugural ceremony led by Dr. Anju Chaurasia, followed by the keynote address from Prof. Manish Bhalla, Vice-Chancellor of DYPIU.

Growing Importance of Data-Driven Decision Making

In his inaugural speech, Prof. Bhalla emphasized the critical role of data-driven decision-making across academic, industrial, and research sectors. "Mathematical statistics serves as the foundation for meaningful analytics," he stated, while welcoming participants and highlighting DYPIU's commitment to fos-

tering collaboration in data science, artificial intelligence, and statistical research applications.

The Vice-Chancellor encouraged future partnerships to strengthen academia-industry linkages and drive innovation through data analytics, positioning DYPIU as a hub for cutting-edge research and education.

Distinguished Expert Lineup

The webinar featured prominent speakers from leading institutions across India and abroad. Day one sessions included Dr. Nabin Sen from UPES Dehradun discussing probability theory and statistical foundations, Prof. B. Ramadoss from NIT Tiruchirappalli covering statistical distributions, and Dr. Hrishikesh Khaladkar from Institute of Management Development & Research, Pune, conducting hands-on training in

Delhi exploring the intersection of statistics and machine learning, Dr. Subhankar Dutta from MANIT Bhopal discussing hypothesis testing applications, and Ms. Renu Gupta, a Global Tech Leader from Bangalore, addressing current market trends and industry demands.

Overwhelming Response from Academic Community

With over 600 registrations and 250 active participants, the event demonstrated significant interest in data analytics education among faculty members, research scholars, students, and industry professionals.

The program was organized by the Centre for Interdisciplinary Studies and Research (CISR) under the leadership of Prof. Shashi Singh, Director CISR, and Dr. Rahul Sharma, Director SCSEA.

Commitment to Global Learning Platforms

The successful completion of this webinar reinforces DYPIU's dedication to providing world-class learning opportunities and expanding its network of academic and industry collaborations. The university continues to position itself at the forefront of emerging technologies and data science education, offering platforms for knowledge exchange and skill development in critical areas of modern research and industry application.

The event concluded with participants expressing appreciation for the comprehensive coverage of topics and the practical, hands-on approach to learning complex statistical concepts and their real-world applications.

Dr. Vandna Srivastava, Dr. Anju Chaurasia, and Dr. Vinod Ghale served as co-conveners, ensuring smooth coordination of the technical sessions and participant engagement.

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The day concluded with Prof. Devendra Kumar from the University of Technology and Applied Sciences, Oman, presenting advanced mathematical modelling applications in industrial systems.

Day 2 featured Dr. Rakesh Kumar Saroj from JNU, New