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## Dr. D.Y. Patil: A Legacy of Leadership and Service



Dr. Dnyandeo Yashwantrao Patil

ON October 22, we celebrated the birthday of Dr. D.Y. Patil, a prominent figure in education, healthcare, and philanthropy in India. He is former governor of Bihar and Tripura. Born in 1935 in Kolhapur. Dr. Patil earned his medical degree from Grant Medical College, Mumbai.

In 1989, he founded the D.Y. Patil Education Society, creating a vast educational network including the renowned D.Y. Patil Medical College in Navi Mumbai. He also established the D.Y. Patil Hospital and Research Centre, one of the country's leaders in advanced medical services and community health initiatives.

Dr. D.Y. Patil has received numerous awards throughout his career for his contributions to education, healthcare, and philanthropy.

Some notable awards include the Padma Bhushan (2012) One of India's highest civilian awards, recognizing his significant contributions in the field of medicine and education, Maharashtra Gaurav Award - For his service and contributions to the state of Maharashtra and National Award for Excellence in Education - Recognizing his role in enhancing the quality of education in India.

Dr. Patil's legacy continues to inspire future leaders and educators.

## DYPIU to Unveil State-of-the-Art Hostel Facilities in 2025

Sayli Watkar

DY Patil International University (DYPIU) Akurdi, Pune is all set to launch brand-new hostel accommodations for both boys and girls, starting from the academic year 2025-26. These modern hostels promise to redefine student living with a host of premium amenities designed to ensure a comfortable and enriching experience.

THE facilities will include an indoor sports complex, gym, mini shopping arcade, spacious dining hall, reading room, and a TV room. With these, the university aims to create a perfect balance between academic and recreational needs, enhancing the overall student life on campus.

The construction of the hostel is progressing at an impressive pace. Where conventional construction timelines often require up to one and a half months to complete a roof, the construction team at DYPIU is de-



Creating a home away from home

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living results in just a few weeks, ensuring both speed and superior quality.

The hostels will feature shared rooms as well as personal spaces, equipped with modern amenities like attached washrooms, lifts, and spacious living areas. With rooms accommodating three students and two

attached washrooms for added convenience, the new hostel will stand just opposite the university campus, ensuring easy accessibility.

"Personally, I am excited about these new hostel facilities!" said a DYPIU fresher. "The availability of such facilities makes all the difference. It's not just a question of convenience; it really feels like they are investing in our overall well-being and lifestyle. I just can't wait to move in!"

On the other hand, a third year business student, is more careful. "While new facilities sound impressive, I just hope that management maintains them well over time. It's great to have modern amenities, but regular maintenance makes sure we can enjoy them," he remarks.

"As DYPIU moves a step closer to providing a home away from home, students can look forward to a state-of-the-art living environment that fosters both comfort and community."

## DYPIU Kabaddi Team Shines in West Zonal Tournament

Mansi Mane & Ayush Jagtap

The DY Patil International University (DYPIU) Kabaddi team has made the university proud with an impressive performance at the West Zonal tournament held at Shri JYT University in Jhunjhunu, Rajasthan.

LED by Captain Soham Chordiya and Vice-Captain Charan Sai, the team showcased strong skills and unity.

The team's journey began with a powerful win against the team from Somaiya Vidyavahar University, Mumbai, in their first match. "Our coach Rajkumar Sir ensured every practice session sharpened our game," shared Vice-Captain Charan

sai. This early victory set a positive tone for the team, who focused on a solid defense and clever raiding tactics. They analysed each opponent's strengths in the first few minutes and adjusted their approach to make the most impact.

"Our biggest strength lies in how well we connect on the field, especially in defense," explained Charan Sai. This strong teamwork helped them predict and counter their opponents, making their defense nearly unbeatable.

The team's experience in over 20 games together sharpened their skills, along with their daily routine of two hours of practice and extra fitness checks. They even included Yoga in their schedule to stay calm and focused under pressure.

This achievement has brought



Players (standing; left to right): Ritesh Bhujbal, Yaman Singh, Shivraj Labde, Allenki Charan Sai (Vice-Captain), Aniket Dhumal.

Players (kneeling; left to right): Pranav Swami, Aditya Jadhav, Soham Chordiya (Captain), Bhavesh Patil, Sushant Babar, Chaitanya Bhosale.

pride to DYPIU, with the kabaddi team setting an inspiring example of dedication and hard work.

## Zenith Comes To Life

Sneha P Kelzarkar

Zenith - Campus News At Its Best, was launched on 22nd of October 2024 on the occasion of the Birthday of our founder, Honorable Dr. D Y Patil Saheb at Swagat Plaza.

THE monthly campus newspaper was launched by our Vice Chancellor, Dr. Prabhat Ranjan and was well attended by facul-

ty and students from all the various streams.

Zenith is a joint initiative of BA-JMC and B Design. On the occasion, Dr. Prabhat Ranjan expressed his views on how the generations shifted from paper to digital platform and blessed everyone with best wishes for further editions in future.

Everyone expressed their appreciation for faculties who supported and motivated students to work on

their debut newspaper. Students specially thanked Prof. Aziz Poonawala (School of Design) and Prof. Kumud Das (School of Media and Journalism) for their guidance from day one. "We are grateful to them for providing students with such a great opportunity to launch this newspaper which will become the voice of the students at DYPIU."

In his vote of thanks, Prof. Arvind Kumar (Director - School Of Media



And Journalism) said that this is a newspaper for the entire University and everyone is welcome to contribute by sharing their views, poems,

events, achievements and important information. The event was compered by BA JMC student Anushka Jadhav.



## Excitement Rules at Name and Fame



Name & Fame Event Celebrates Knowledge Sharing at DYPIU

Kabir Mahajan

**A tizzy of excitement filled the DY Patil International University campus on 9th October as the university's Book Club hosted the much-awaited event Name and Fame.**

An interesting mix of games based around books and movies made for an enthusiastic bunch of people eager to flaunt their knowledge and creativity. This activity comprised popular games such as charades, movie quote guessing, and movie trivia. All of them were connected with literature and film.

Laughter and competitive spirits filled the room as participants racked their brains trying to guess tricky quotes from movies or acting out famous titles of books. The atmosphere was indeed lively and engaging.

The twist was so exciting, though;

the four ultimate winners from each of the games would go on to win an exclusive prize: a chance to join the Book Club members in their very popular monthly podcast! This unique opportunity was seen as such an exclusive experience that if it won, what the victors stood to gain was the chance to share books, films, and more with the world.

Prof. Maan Bardhan Kanth, the head of the department, BAJMC, spoke out beautifully about the event, saying the event effectively amalgamated learning and fun, and with his words, a tinge of glory was indeed added to the evening that just made it more memorable.

The "Name and Fame" program was not just simply playing around. Rather, it was an ideal mix of knowledge and friendship and a challenge for participants to bask in the limelight while celebrating their passion for books and films.

## Kaushiki Saraf bags PRCI Chanakya Award



Kaushiki with VC, Registrar and SMJ faculty members

**Kaushiki Saraf, the Final Year student of B.A. JMC, DY Patil International University, Akurdi, Pune has bagged this year's Chanakya Award. The award was conferred to her during at 18th PRCI Global Communication Conclave, 8-9 November, in Mangalore.**

PUBLIC Relations Council of India (PRCI) is the National Council of Communication Professionals at large, which has around 59 chapters across the nation and it also has 8 international chapters.

To recognise the talent and contribution of the young communication students of the country, PRCI honors them with the coveted The PRCI Chanakya Award.

Kaushiki is a young podcaster. Her podcasts serve as a platform to share her insights and inspire others, particularly teenagers, navigating the complexities of adolescence. Giving them a moment to stop and acknowl-

edge their identities by themselves before the claims of society. With a unique blend of personal anecdotes and practical advice, she sheds light on the common struggles faced by young people and offers guidance on overcoming them. Her emphasis on the importance of proper training for teenagers is particularly noteworthy, as it highlights the need for age-appropriate support to foster healthy development and prepare them for the future.

Kaushiki's commitment to empowering young people is evident in her passion for sharing her knowledge and experiences. By giving a voice to teenagers, she is helping to break down barriers and create a more supportive environment for young people.



Vice Chancellor, DYPIU, Prof. Prabhat Ranjan congratulates Kaushiki

ple to thrive and know that they are not alone in the journey. Her work is a valuable contribution to the field of youth development and has the potential to inspire countless individuals to reach their full potential. Prof. Prabhat Ranjan, VC, DYPIU congratulated Kaushiki on her achievement

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## Voice of the Voiceless

Anushka Jadhav

ON 21st October, 2024, a guest lecture was held for students of media studies at D Y Patil International University with Dr. Arbind Sinha, president of the Association for Development and Communication of India and a professor at MICA, on the topic "Building Sustainable Development through Communication."

Dr. Sinha shared stories from his own life, stating that he never imagined reaching his current position. He discussed important issues affecting society such as equity, population growth, environmental challenges, health, gender equality, social conflicts, caste discrimination, and political issues.

A key message of his talk was about "voicing the voiceless." He urged students to think about who they want to communicate for: people

in cities, where communication tools are already available, or those in villages, where communication is often lacking. "Who will you communicate for?" he asked, encouraging students to think about people whose needs are often ignored.

Dr. Sinha explained that effective communication isn't just a single approach. Instead, it should focus on the specific needs of different communities. He said it's important to create an environment that encourages open communication.

"Communication is everywhere,"

he said, adding, "You cannot NOT communicate." He emphasised that even without speaking, we convey messages through body language and facial expressions. Dr. Sinha encouraged everyone to overcome their fears, prepare thoroughly, and stay aware of the needs of people they aim to serve.

Dr. Sinha's lecture gave students a fresh perspective on how communication can address important social issues and support sustainable development. His words inspired them to think carefully about the impact their future communication will have.



### BEYOND GRADES

## The Real Battles Students Face

Shruti Sharma

**Mental health has become one of the most rising concerns in today's fast-paced world, especially amongst students.**

WITH increasing pressure from academics, social expectations, and the overwhelming presence of technology, students today face a set of challenges that can significantly impact their mental well-being.

In a candid interview, Prof. Nutan Kanth, senior psychologist and counsellor at D Y Patil International University, shared her perspectives on the main triggers affecting students' mental health, along with po-



Prof. Nutan Kanth, Senior Psychologist and Counsellor

mon mental health triggers. "Many students are unhappy with their relationships at home," she stated. "This disconnection can lead to feelings of dissatisfaction and eventually more severe mental health struggles."

She further pointed out that students experience loneliness not only at home but also within their social circles. Making friends can be difficult, especially when they feel misun-

*"When students are unable to understand their own emotions, they can feel overwhelmed, which can lead to anxiety, stress, and depression."*

tential solutions.

Prof. Kanth, who brings experience from challenging environments such as Tihar Jail and drug addiction treatment programs, has worked in various universities to support students' emotional health.

Prof. Kanth emphasises the need for mental health awareness within schools and universities, where students often struggle to balance their studies with personal life demands. She believes understanding emotions early is key to addressing mental health issues. "When students are unable to understand their own emotions, they can feel overwhelmed, which can lead to anxiety, stress, and depression."

Prof. Kanth also highlighted that tense relationships, particularly between parents and children, are com-

### Trivia

Sayli Watkar

## AI in Everyday Life

ARTIFICIAL Intelligence has transformed daily life, from virtual assistants like Alexa to personalized recommendations on Netflix. It powers medical diagnostics, improves crop yields, and even helps tackle climate change. Embracing AI responsibly can unlock endless possibilities while addressing ethical challenges.

## The Power of Gratitude

PRACTICING gratitude boosts mental health and strengthens relationships. A simple "thank you" fosters positivity and reduces stress. Start journaling three things you're grateful for daily, and notice how it transforms your outlook on life.

## The Hidden Genius in Mistakes

EVERY mistake is a lesson in disguise. Did you know the microwave oven, post-it notes, and even penicillin were accidental inventions? Next time you stumble, remember – you might just uncover something brilliant.

## Books: Time

## Machines You Own

BOOKS let you travel to ancient kingdoms, futuristic worlds, or even the depths of the human mind. With every page, you live countless lives. Pick up a book today and become a time traveler!

## Sustainable Fashion:

Trend Worth Following  
Your old jeans can save the planet! Recycling clothes and choosing eco-friendly fabrics reduce waste and pollution. Sustainable fashion isn't just stylish – it's a step toward a greener world.



## Dr D Y Patil's birthday celebrated with Kabaddi tournament

Ananya Singh and Chinmay Swami

**On 22nd October, 2024, to mark the birthday of Dr. Dnyandeo Yashwantrao Patil, the department of Physical Education and Sports at D Y Patil International University (DYPIU) organised an inter-campus Kabaddi tournament in collaboration with Satej Sports Club.**

THE event, held on the scenic Saraswati lawn, began at 11 AM, and concluded with an award ceremony at 4 PM.

The tournament brought together enthusiastic students from different campuses who were eager to



**DYPIU Girls team with Vice Chancellor Dr. Prabhat Ranjan**

showcase their Kabaddi skills. In the men's category, Team COE took the championship title, while Team MCA secured the runner-up position. The women's matches were equally intense, with the DYPIU team competing as a whole and emerging as champions while the Agriculture team finished as runners-up. Each match kept the audience captivated, as every team played with determination and sportsmanship.

Following the girls' team victory, Vice Chancellor Dr. Prabhat Ranjan congratulated the DYPIU team for their achievement. His encouragement motivated the team to continue their journey with pride.

Sejal Muluk, a standout player from the DYPIU girls' team, shared her excitement, saying, "This tournament gave us a great platform to

show our skills," she said with enthusiasm. She expressed that teamwork and trust within her team played an important role in their victory, saying, "Our determination was unbreakable, and this win is a result of everyone's efforts."



**Team COE celebrates their victory**

Sejal also praised the organisation of the tournament, adding, "I believe the tournament has been conducted very fairly. The officials did a great job ensuring the rules were followed and that everyone got a fair chance." While some players faced minor injuries during the games, their spirits remained high.

The tournament was a true celebration of sportsmanship, giving students an opportunity to grow and display their talent. Events like this not only encourage students to stay active but also help them develop important qualities like teamwork and



**Kabaddi**

resilience.

The organisers, delighted with the success of the event, expressed hope that it will become an annual tradition, offering young athletes a chance to shine and create lasting memories. As the day ended, participants left with a renewed love for Kabaddi and a sense of accomplishment.

## Congratulations and Celebrations!

### DYPIU Bags Institute of the Year Award

DYPIU has been awarded with the prestigious title of "Institute of the Year" at the Qupid Manufacturing Confluence 2024. This recognition celebrates the university's commitment to quality education, innovation, and building strong industry connections. It highlights DYPIU's ongoing efforts to create a dynamic learning environment and prepare students for success in their chosen fields.



### DYPIU's Nrutyasharda Group emerge winners!

DYPIU's First-Year School of Applied Arts & Crafts student, Diya Samarth, and the Nrutyasharda Group achieved first place in the senior category with an amazing Kathak performance at the 14th Cultural Olympiad of Performing Arts in Abu Dhabi. Congratulations to these talented artists for shining on the international stage and winning gold!



**Diya Samarth and Nrutyasharda group Winning Gold**

### India's Most Promising Engineering University 2024

DYPIU has been recognised as India's Most Promising Engineering University 2024 at the 8th Education Leaders Conclave Awards in Mumbai! This award highlights the dedication to innovative education, advanced research, and the outstanding accomplishments of our students and faculty. Congratulations to everyone who made this possible!



### Swachh Bharat Campaign on Campus

DYPIU proudly supports the Swachh Bharat Campaign with a recent clean-up drive on campus! We



cleared 400 square feet on the upper floor of J Building, removing debris, packaging materials, and empty cartons.

### Smart India Hackathon Finalists!

DYPIU's 2nd-year B-Tech CSE and 1st-year B-Tech Mechanical Engineering students have reached the Smart India Hackathon Finals! With their fresh ideas and dedication to solving real-world problems, they have earned this chance. Wishing the future innovators all the best on this exciting journey!



**1st-year B-Tech Mechanical Engineering Students**



**2nd Year B-Tech CSE Students**

*Compiled By Akash Dubey*

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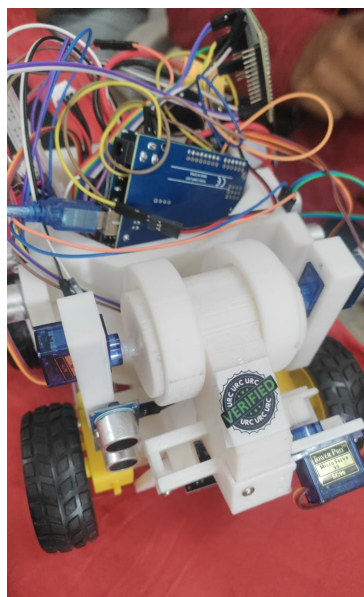
## DYPIU STUDENTS SHINE

# Ultimate Robotics Competition

Shiloh & Sneha

**In a remarkable display of creativity, teamwork, and perseverance, six third-year B-Tech CSE students from D. Y. Patil International University (DYPIU) made waves at the prestigious Ultimate Robotics Competition (URC), organized by PCCOER.**

THE dedicated team of Advith Walke, Atharva Abhijeet Chitale, Kanishka Padgalwar, Rushikesh Waghmode, Sanketvardhan Bhonsle and Sachin Meena gave it their all in this cutting-edge contest, with expert guidance from their mentor, Dr. Maheshwari Biradar, Head of



the Department. The URC is known for its gruelling rounds, which test not only technical knowledge but also creative problem-solving skills.

The competition threw formidable challenges at the participants, but the DYPIU team demonstrated unrelenting determination and skill, successfully clearing each round. Despite fierce competition and high-stake tasks, the students worked tirelessly to design and build a robot capable of overcoming each challenge. While the robot's pace fell just short of securing a win, the team's achievement of completing every task speaks volumes about their technical prowess, innovative thinking, and resilience.

The experience of taking part in the URC demanded more than just engineering skills—it called for collaboration, adaptability, and out-of-the-box thinking, all of which these students exemplified. Special appreciation is also due to DYPIU's Vice-Chancellor, Dr. Prof. Prabhat Ranjan, whose support and inspiration were instrumental in the success of this project. His encouragement



**Going up and high**

provided the team with the confidence and resources needed to excel in the competition.

Much of the team's success can also be attributed to the mentorship of Dr. Maheshwari Biradar, whose experience and guidance were key to

shaping the students' performance. Her leadership not only inspired the team to push beyond their limits but also provided the support they needed to excel in such a demanding environment.

For these students, representing DYPIU at the URC was an invaluable learning experience. Their journey highlights the university's commitment to fostering innovation, talent, and determination among its students. Their participation serves as an inspiration to future engineers, proving that with hard work and the right mindset, anything is possible. With such promising young talent emerging, the future of robotics and technological innovation is brighter than ever at DYPIU.

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# Spooktacular Night at DYPIU

Dance, Fashion, and Festive Thrills Light Up Halloween 2024!

Mansi Mane and Ayush Jagtap



DYPIU's clubs, Avenyou and Leaf, organised a lively Halloween event at Swagat Plaza, filled with creative costumes, dance performances, and plenty of Halloween spirit. Students, faculty, and guests came together to enjoy a night of friendly competition and celebration, with decorations that transformed the venue into a Halloween wonderland.

group put on an unforgettable show, making it challenging for the judges to pick winners. In the end, Samarpita Ghosh and Angshumali Bhattacharya stood out with a well-synchronized and creative performance, winning the top prize and plenty of applause from the crowd.

The fancy dress contest was another hit, with students dressed in costumes inspired by everything from folklore to pop culture. There were vampires, historical figures, and original characters, each costume bringing something unique to the stage. The ramp walk was a highlight,

once added a touch of excitement to the evening, and he took a moment to recognize the students' creativity and the efforts of the organizing teams. In his short speech, he applauded the Avenyou and Leaf clubs for their hard work in making the event a memorable one. His support and words of encouragement made the evening even more special for everyone involved.

The event's decoration was another standout element, transforming Swagat Plaza into a perfect Halloween scene. From Scary dolls and Smoke to flickering lights - every detail contributed to a festive and slightly spooky atmosphere. The effort put into the décor was clear, helping to immerse everyone in the Halloween spirit and adding to the excitement of the night.

Organizers from the Avenyou and Leaf clubs expressed their happiness with the event's success. A representative from the clubs shared, "It's wonderful to see so many students come together and enjoy the night. The energy has been amazing, and we're grateful for all the support."

The Halloween event at Swagat Plaza was a memorable one, filled with laughter, music, and friendly competition. With winners proudly taking home prizes and everyone leaving with great memories, it was a night that showcased DYPIU's campus culture and the students' enthusiasm for creativity and celebration. The dedication of both the participants and organizers was evident, making it a Halloween to remember for everyone who attended.



THE EVENTS featured two main competitions that kept the crowd entertained – a dance battle and a fancydress contest. The dance competition was full of energy, with performances ranging from spooky Halloween-inspired moves to upbeat modern dance. The atmosphere was electric as each

where participants showed off both their outfits and personalities. Umer Pathan was declared the winner of the ramp walk, impressing the judges and audience with his confidence and style.

A special surprise for attendees was the visit from DYPIU's Vice-Chancellor, Dr. Prabhat Ranjan. His pres-

# Eco-Friendly Lanterns Light Up Diwali

Sayli Watkar & Shruti Sharma

The School of Applied Arts at DY Patil International University (DYPIU) organized an exciting eco-friendly lantern-making competition on October 23, 2024, to celebrate Diwali. Held at the Applied Arts Amphitheatre, the competition welcomed students, faculty, and staff to create lanterns using eco-friendly materials. Participants, either in groups or individually, eagerly showcased their creativity, filling the air with fun, thrill, and the spirit of sustainability.

THE competition lasted one hour, during which all participants had to complete their lanterns. The innovative designs highlighted the message of an eco-friendly Diwali, inspiring everyone to embrace greener choices. DYPIU Vice-Chancellor, Dr. Prabhat Ranjan graced the event, engaging with participants and appreciating their efforts.

In the students' category, Sartha Rajkuwar from the School of Applied Arts secured the 1st prize for her outstanding solo creation. Sanskruti Auti and Shravani Kharade from BFA (Applied Arts) teamed up to win the 2nd prize, while Shravani Rahane from the School of Applied Arts took 3rd prize. A consolation prize was awarded to a group from BFA (Applied Arts) comprising Pallavi Pandhare, Shital Lokhandkar, Prathamesh Patekar, and Snehalata Patil.



Lighting up the world

wad from DYPCAAC took 2nd prize, and Mr. Krishna Ganpat Sawant from DYPCAAC won 3rd prize.

The competition brought smiles, excitement, and a meaningful message of celebrating Diwali with eco-friendly practices. Trophies were awarded to all winners, and e-cer-



Lanterns on display made by students

The faculty and staff competition saw Dr. Nitin Taware from DYPIU Applied Arts claim the 1st prize. Mr. Amol Hargude and Darshana Gaik-

tificates were distributed to all participants, ensuring that the spirit of creativity and sustainability was celebrated by everyone.

# DYPIU Students Impress Industry Experts from Skoda Volkswagen

Sneha P Kelzarkar



Inspecting the creativity of students

In a demonstration of creativity and forward-thinking, third and fourth-year students from the B Design program at D.Y. Patil International University showcased their projects in UI/UX and Graphic Design to a team of industry experts from Skoda Volkswagen.

THE VISIT, led by Mr. Peter Filip, Coordinator for Research in the Czech Republic, included representatives Mr. Saurabh Gupte, Mr. Omkar Divekar, Mr. Lokesh Kumar, and Mr. Anand Jagdale.

The Skoda Volkswagen executives were thoroughly impressed by the students' creativity and technical understanding. "The level of creativity

and technical understanding we've seen here at DYPIU is remarkable," remarked Mr. Filip. "These students are truly thinking ahead in terms of automotive design and sustainability."

The visit concluded on a positive note, with Mr. Filip praising DYPIU's commitment to fostering an environment of innovation and



In deep discussion

collaboration. "We look forward to seeing more groundbreaking projects from this institution in the future," he added. As the automotive industry evolves, the insights and encouragement from seasoned professionals signify a bright future for the aspiring designers at DYPIU.