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R. A. Podar College of Commerce & Economics



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COOKING?

THE PODAR CANVAS

August 2018

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ENIGMA ESCAPEDE

ENIGMA ESCAPEDE - IN TO THE WILD (24th – 26th August 2018), just as the name says, were the 4 days that took each foot that entered R. A Podar College into the most beautiful yet mysterious jungle. Team Enigma hosted a very good showcase from performing arts to sports. A huge number of celebrities and artists made everyone's trip here memorable by their presence. From judging a dance performance to the title of Mr & Ms Enigma 2018, everyone learnt a lot more than they planned.

Through the four days the team managed to make the whole college look like one buzzing jungle. This legacy could not have been taken up without the constant support of the Dr. Mrs. Shobana Vasudevan, who always showered the team with wisdom.



MATHEMATRIX 2018

Mathematrix 2018 was this year's first intercollegiate and interschool mega event organised by Mathematics Association of Podar on the 27th and 28th of July'18.

With everyone's heart being full of excitement, the event kicked off on the 27th July in F2. Professor S.G. Dani (Prof. at UM- DAE Centre for excellence in Basic Sciences, Mumbai University) was the guest of honour for the inauguration ceremony along with our very own Vice Principal Madam Mrs. Kavita Jajoo and teacher-in-charge Mr. Asif.

The main highlight of the inauguration ceremony was the automatic ribbon cutting ceremony at the auditorium entrance based on the Mathematic concept of Domino effect.

A grand exhibition was put together by the students of our college. Keeping in mind the fact that the audience would contain students from various schools and colleges, the Association made it a point to mix exhibits of varying difficulty and incorporate games and puzzles as well.

The exhibition received an overwhelming response by our honourable chief guest Mr.Dani, college faculty, teacher in charge of the schools and the participants. Prof Patkar, renowned Mathematician graced our exhibition and congratulated the organizers for showcasing such interesting concepts.

Two days of enthusiasm passed in a blink of an eye. At the end of the end of both the days, winners were awarded with exciting gift hampers sponsored by Camlin and certificates. Lokmanya Tilak High School was declared as a Best School for showcasing extraordinary talent and winnings in the overall format of the events.

The closing ceremony of Day 2 was graced by each and every member of the team cheering up the winners and celebrating the grand success. Mathematrix 2018 was wrapped on a very pleasant note where in the hard work of each and every member paid off.

FINACC

The fourth intercollegiate event of Accounts and Finance Circle of Podar, FINACC 2018 was successfully concluded on 4th August 2018. The fest having four events, namely, Quiz-o-ccounts, Esploro Presentado, Business Analyst and Etude De Cas. FINACC 2018 was inaugurated by the Honourable Principal of the College. An insightful lecture by Mr. Sanket Godbole on the topic of 'Frauds in Corporate worlds' was held for the participants and the students of the college. 'Quiz-o-ccounts' was a fun based accounting quiz with four rounds such as MCQs, Crosswords, Betting Round and Treasure Hunt. There was a participation of 24 teams (i.e. 48 participants) from various colleges across Mumbai. The first prize was bagged by the H.R.College. Esploro Prezentado was a research paper presentation competition aimed at developing the instinct of research amongst the students of Commerce faculty. The event saw a participation of 9 teams (i.e.18 participants) and the winner for the event were from Tolani College. Another event named Business Analyst was a start-up simulation event, where the participants had to come up with a business idea and convince the venture capitalist to invest in their business.

In a nutshell, Finacc 2018 got a great response, a total of 106 participants from different colleges of Mumbai, for being 4th year since commencement and the all four events were carried out smoothly. The participants liked the initiative and gave positive feedback for the event.



WHEN IN DEUTSCHLAND, HOW TO BE A DEUTSCH

The admission counsellor of Frankfurt school was invited on the 8th of August 2018, to inform the students about studying and working in Germany. The event was conducted in F2. The talk started off by a discussion on Germany and the reasons to attend the school. Ms Wood covered the general requirements to study in Germany and spoke about the admission procedure to study at Frankfurt school. She even made the German education system clear for international students. She even spoke about the various scholarships offered to international students. Ms Shrutika gave a detailed talk about the bachelor as well as the master courses provided by the school. The talk was attended by around 150 students.

SHOW WHERE TO THROW

Podar Nature Club carried out an E-WASTE management program on the 2nd of August 2018. Under this activity the members cleaned up the E-waste bin which is situated in the college. There were many electronics disposed in the bin so the members segregated them. There was also dry garbage including paper, tins, plastic, etc. This was carried out to ingrain the importance of waste management in the kids.

JOT IT DOWN

The Planning Forum and Economics Association conducted its first event: Essay writing competition on 23rd August. The intra collegiate online contest was open to both junior and Degree College. The contest invigorated a thought process and research attitude among the participants who submitted brilliant essays on the topics:

1. Universal basic income in India
2. If you fail to plan, you plan to fail
3. Importance of Financial Inclusion
4. Bail out to banks is not a cure for bad behaviour

The students were then judged for their writing and the winners were declared.

JUST GOOGLE IT !

The Research and Development Cell had organised an interactive talk on 13th August 2018 by Ms. Shabana Badami, a Senior Executive at Google India on the topic "Search in the Age of Assistance". Students from cluster colleges like SIWS, SIES and VVK also actively participated in the seminar. The seminar was initiated by our Principal Ms. Shobana Vasudevan who spoke a few words about how the use of Google is increasing day by day. The speech was followed by the introduction and felicitation of the guest speaker.



Ms. Shabana Badami began her speech with detailed statistics of how people use Google, even for the smallest things. She stated that Google gets a **billion** searches a day and the same is expected to grow exponentially in the next 2 years. Ms. Shabana Badami also highlighted the use of Machine Learning by explaining the intricacies of the method behind giving free WiFi to 40 railway stations. She also introduced the audience to the new Google products - Google Lens and Google Assistant.

Towards the end there was a question and answer session where many students had asked questions related to Google search and three best questions were selected by the speaker.

The seminar concluded by giving a vote of thanks to the speaker by our faculty in charge, Dr Amitha Sehgal.

COME QUIZ CONQUER

'Quizzers League' in association with 'Inquizitive Minds' had organised "Come Quiz Conquer"- A National level Quiz Competition for Inquizitive Minds to identify their passion for quizzing. The elimination round for this quiz event was conducted on 11th August, 2018. The elimination round at the college consisted of various questions ranging from Logical Reasoning, General Knowledge, Verbal Ability and Quantitative Aptitude.

It was a great experience for all the students who participated to test their minds for this spectacular quiz event.

Post this, the results were announced and three students advanced to the city round.

FORTY TO FORT PLUS SOME OLDIES

Podar Hikers' Club started off the academic year with a bang as they made their way to Sarasgad on 22nd July 2018. With almost 40 students and 12 ex-podarites they embarked on their journey. .

After few rounds of Antakshari the team reached the base village. Luckily, the weather was not too harsh on them. As the climb continued, they reached the base of Sarasgad fort, where the experience of ex-podarites proved to be handy to cross the rocky patch. After entering the fort, the artistically designed caves and spaces for storing water and food were seen with great wonder.

After a few beautiful clicks, the trekkers made their way down. The return journey would have been impossible without the support of ex-podarites and ever-helping committee members. The weather, scenic beauty offered by the Sahyadri, fellow trekkers and the food really made the trek a memorable one!

X MARKS THE SPOT

The English Literary Circle's flagship event - a literary Treasure Hunt was conducted on 10th August 2018 at 12pm in G5. The event had a footfall of nearly 200 students. An elimination round was conducted where students had to guess proverbs based on images shown to them on the projector screen. 7 teams proceeded to the final round where they had to follow a trail of clues to find treasure.

Participants ran across the college premises searching for clues and solving challenges. The winners were decided based on the points they scored in the challenges and the amount of time it took them to complete the tasks.

The event received an overwhelming response from students this year. The aim of this event was to test students' knowledge of English language and literature.



THE SMALLEST SEED CAN GROW. IT CAN GROW TO DEFINE YOU AND YOUR AREA.

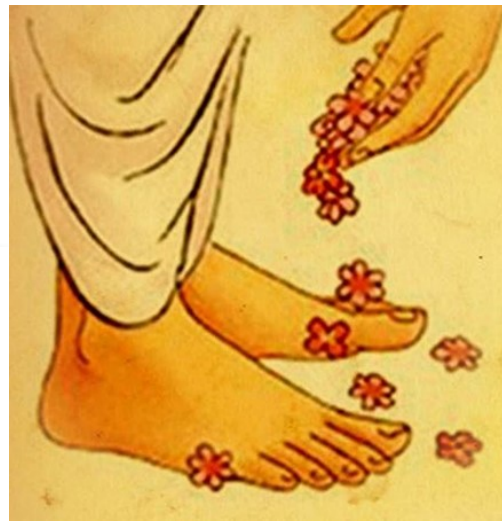
A tree plantation activity was conducted by the NSS volunteers of R.A. Podar College on 11th July, 2018. This activity was conducted in association with the Avhan volunteers of 2017-18. The volunteers were accompanied by the ex-volunteers of NSS for this activity. The activity was conducted at Bharti Park in Wadala. Trees of various species like neem, sag, etc. were planted by the volunteers. A total of 25 trees were planted by the end of this activity.



SOWING THE SEED FOR A BETTER TOMORROW

The NSS Volunteers of R.A Podar College conducted a Tree Plantation Activity in Kelve Village on account of 'Vanmahotsav Week' on 6th July 2018. The volunteers along with Programme Officer, Dr. Mrs. Vinita Pimpale, participated in this activity. The tree plantation was in association with the forest department of Palghar district. Mr. Patil and Ms. Durga from the forest department accompanied the volunteers during this activity. Sag trees and trees of many other species were planted by the team in the village. By the end of this activity, a total of 78 trees were planted in Kelve Village.





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INDEPENDENCE DAY CELEBRATIONS!

The staff, students and alumni of R.A.Podar College of Commerce and Economics celebrated the 72nd Independence day in the college premises with great enthusiasm .

Ms Vinita Tulzapurkar our topper at TY B.com examinations and an ace Kathak dancer was invited to grace the occasion. International Malkhambh coach Mr Uday Deshpande was invited as the guest of honour.

Principal Dr Shobana Vasudevan hoisted the national flag and inspected the Guard of honour by the NCC unit of college.

On Principal's invitation, Ms Vinita Tulzapurkar briefly narrated her journey at Podar. Principal Dr Shobana Vasudevan then addressed the audience with her Independence Day message. The well-articulated speech by the Principal was followed by the cul-



tural program. The program began with the singing of patriotic songs by youth festival team followed by the demonstration of rope Malkhambh by our Students. The NSS unit and BMS department performed short skits highlighting the concerns of the youth in society and probable remedies for the same.

The event concluded with the Vote of thanks and the National anthem.

GRANDE OUVERTURE

For the inaugural event of the French Forum, we hosted a celebration for Bastille Day on the 14th July 2018 by conducting a Poster Making Competition.

As part of our celebrations we also had a cake made by one of our Forum members . The winners of the competition were then declared and further felicitated.

TICK TOCK GOES THE CLOCK

A time management workshop was conducted by our college on the 13th of August in G5. The Facilitators of this event were Rohit Satish and Ritik Mangla students of third year of B.Com.

The seminar was opened by Dr. Amitha Sehgal, the teacher and mentor for the LEC Forum and she introduced the idea of the forum to the students and the speakers to the audience.

Issues such as regarding time management were discussed :

1. Why do we need time management
2. Time Management Matrix
3. How to Manage Time

A lot of interesting answers were received by us for the same and discussed in the session like:

1. Important pointers as to how can students manage their time better
2. How to prepare for managing time, Efforts to Results balance
3. Why should we take breaks, how to track progress and time?
4. How to effectively use Google Calendar and WhatsApp for completing activities.

There was an activity conducted relating to a few common activities that students usually do on a daily basis without understanding the time that they put in it. So most of the students in the activity scored an average score in the activity and so there was another part of the activity taken up where students individually analysed the number of hours they put for doing that activity on a weekly basis. The activities included: Sleep, Leisure time, Meals, Chores, Exercise, Transportation, Work, Family, Classes etc.

The students who attended the seminar got a good insight as to how can they be more accountable of their time and use it in a much better way.



PILOT PROJECT

The University of Mumbai has recently taken an initiative to conduct a Pilot Project Program with listed colleges to understand the Employability Skills of Third Year students.

The assessment test of 20 students was conducted on 6th August 2017. Both B.Com and BMS students were a part of the test.

The test was divided into four parts which covered the following - Basic details, Aptitude test of Logic, Quantitative Aptitude & Verbal Reasoning, a test on Work Interest and lastly a personality test.

These students are now required to participate in a training program tentatively to be held in October.



MAKING THE RIGHT CHOICE

A group discussion round was conducted on the 10th of August 2018 to select new members for the Placement Team.

Around 25-30 students participated in the same.

Post the GD round the students were shortlisted for an interview round after which the students were further selected as new members to the cell.



FIRST ARTICLESHIP WEEK 2018-19

The Placement Cell conducted campus articleship placements for students pursuing Chartered Accountancy.

The First Articleship Week began from 7th July with KPMG on campus for its Pre Placement Talk. The session was interactive as well as informative with respect to the student's interests and career prospects with KPMG.

We had Deloitte on campus on 10th July for on campus recruitments. Around 41 students were shortlisted.

The following week had PwC, Grant Thornton and many other companies like My CFO, RVKS & Associates, KNAV, as a part of our articleship drive.

We also had off campus recruitment for article interns.

Since, the Articleship placement was a pre result drive, a total of 80 students were shortlisted on conditional basis of their IPCC results.

WIN YOUR AUDIENCE WITH YOUR WORDS

The Group Discussion Cell and The Speakers' Academy co-hosted Orientation Programme for the academic year 2018-19. The first event put together by the two forums took place on 20th August 2018 in F3 classroom at 11 a.m. The Programme was attended by Mr. Zoheb Khan (our guest speaker), Mrs. Karishma Khadiwala (Faculty In-Charge, Group Discussion Cell), Mrs. Vrushali Kaneri- Bhosale (Faculty In-Charge, The Speakers' Academy), Mrs. Kavita Jajoo (Vice Principal, Degree College), and Dr. Mrs. Shobana Vasudevan (Principal)

The orientation commenced with Ms. Nidhi Parab welcoming the audience. This was followed by introductory speeches of both the forums delivered by the respective secretaries. Mrs. Karishma Khadiwala and Mrs. Vrushali Kaneri-Bhosale felicitated our guest speaker followed by Ms. Nidhi Parab giving a small account of the achievements of our guest.

A mock round of all the events of both the forums viz. debate, elocution and group discussion was conducted. After the mock session, Mr. Zoheb Khan took command of the dais & gave his insights on the performance of the activities. He also gave tips as to how can we develop and improve on our public speaking skills.

Lastly, the programme was ended with a vote of thanks which was given by Mr. Mayuresh Tawade.



LET'S BRING ABOUT THE LEARNING REVOLUTION

R. A. Podar College of Commerce and Economics in association with R. A. Podar Alumni Association had jointly organising a panel discussion on "Career in Finance" on the 21st of July 2018.

Four Eminent Alumni from Finance stream were invited to address the students and guide them explore the plethora of opportunities and available career options. The speakers being, namely;

- 1) Ms. Lakshmi Iyer, Chief Investment Officer (Debt and Head Products) of Kotak Mahindra Asset Management Company who spoke about Work-Life Balance.
- 2) CA. Mr. Sachin Wagle, Head Global capital markets, Morgan Stanley, India, who explained the importance of networking and mentors.
- 3) CA. Mr. Govind K. Muthukumar, Co-founder and Director Tridhaatu, told us how he and his friends founded Tridhaatu.
- 4) CA. Mr. Abhijit Patwardhan, CFO - Rexel, India, explained the students how failures are often a step towards success.

Mandar Mhatre, an ex-podarite hosted the panel discussion and inquisitive students asked questions. This interactive panel discussion aided the students to understand how dynamic, perseverant and hard-working they need to be. The session was concluded with Principal, Dr. (Mrs.) Shobana Vasudevan's remark wherein the value of "giving back to the society and cherishing the difference within us" was highlighted.

GIVE ME A MOVIE, TWISTED UP NOT PLAIN.

The Innovation Cell conducted an entertainment event on the 30th of August 2018. The gist of the event was displaying a movie scene, associating it with management or commerce and explaining the interpretation. Total number of participants were 11 and was hosted in G2. Participants had to display a scene from any movie (Bollywood/Hollywood) and relate it to any commerce or management concept. Every participant was given an overall time of 6 minutes (2 minutes to display the video clip and 4 minutes to explain their concept). The video clip had to be submitted 2 days prior to the event i.e. on or before 28th of August. This event brought into light the processes of management, commerce and business concept apply in every field and through entertainment one can learn a lot many things.

VIGYAPAN NU PAGALPAN

The 21st of August marked the first event of the Gujarati Literary Circle, a new endeavour in itself with 'Vigyapan Nu Pagalpan', a creative and fun event but also providing an insight into the advertising domain. With an immense participation of Gujarati as well as Non-Gujarati students, the event was a huge success. The same level of enthusiasm and talent shown by Non-Gujarati students became the highlight of the event and served the purpose of the forum.

There were 5 groups participating in the event. Shampoo, pillow, fairness cream and tea were some of the products given to the students. Half an hour of time was given for preparation of print media and commercial television ad and was later followed by presentation of commercial television ad by each group. The participants lived upto the name of the event and performed funny, creative and innovative advertisements. The event was judged by our beloved Karishma Ma'am.

Amidst the tough competition, Shubham Sangani, Krupali Acharya, Samiksha Patil, Mukta Vaidya emerged as clear winners of the contest.

STORM TO PERFORM

The Life Enrichment Centre (LEC) of R.A.Podar College of Commerce and Economics organised an introductory session of "Storm to Perform" by Chinmaya Mission, on Saturday, 11th August 2018. The topic of the session was "My Goals" and it was delivered by Ms Anamika Chakravarty, who is a part of Chinmaya Mission, Mumbai.

The session commenced by our Principal, Ms. Shobana Vasudevan speaking a few words about how the life enrichment centre is a unique programme offered by Podar College, whose aim is to make students better citizens of the nation and better human beings, thereby strengthening them from within. The speech was followed by felicitating the guest speaker and introducing her and Chinmaya Mission to the audience. Since the topic was "My Goals", Ms Anamika started off by asking the audience what their goals were. The audience was an enthusiastic bunch and hence answered the question swiftly. She then explained to them what enrichment means and how one can get enriched in the true sense. Thereafter, she enlightened the audience about the importance of unification of "goals" and "enrichment" in order to live a more fulfilling life.

Towards the end of the session she threw light on maintaining a high standard of life as opposed to a high standard of living.

The event concluded by giving a vote of thanks to the speaker.

All in all, it was an insightful session and an enlightening experience.

STORM TO PERFORM PART II

The Life Enrichment Centre (LEC) of R.A.Podar College of Commerce and Economics conducted a lecture of “Storm to Perform” by Chinmaya Mission on the 18th August 2018. It was the second instalment of the 10 part series. The speaker of the session was Ms Anamika Chakravarty and topic discussed in the session was “Storms of Life”. The session was initiated with everyone saying a prayer along with Speaker. Once the prayer was said, the speaker proceeded to ask students what the definition of “life” meant. A lot of varied responses were received for this question. Thereafter, Ms Anamika asked the audience to write down a storm/problem which they’ve experienced and their feelings during that period. The responses to the latter included feelings like worry, sadness, fear, loneliness, confusion etc. This activity helped students get a better perception of how they react in a problematic situation. The speaker wrapped up the session by asking students to closely reflect on their feelings/reactions during a storm in order to understand themselves better. On the whole, it was an eye opening experience.



INTERNATIONAL YOGA DAY CELEBRATION

On the occasion of International Yoga Day a yoga session was organised in the College Auditorium on 21st June, 2018. This was a great opportunity to imbibe the value of discipline. The auditorium was lined with posters prepared by the students. The posters highlighted the meaning and benefits yoga. The yoga session was conducted in association with DIYA (Divine India Youth Association). A total of 152 students (including N.S.S. volunteers & N.C.C. cadets) and staff members attended this session. The session started at 9:30 am with a welcome address by N.S.S. Programme Office Dr. Mrs. Vinita Pimpale, followed by a few insights provided by Principal Dr. Mrs. Shobana Vasudevan about the influence of yoga in our everyday life.

The session started with Mr. Jatin Dave from DIYA giving an introductory lecture about the significance of yoga in one's life. This was followed by a live demonstration of various yoga postures and the 16 step 'Pragya Yog'. All the students and staff members participated with great enthusiasm. The session ended at 12 pm. This was further followed by a rally by the N.S.S. volunteers to encourage people to incorporate yoga into their daily routine. The program intended to encourage the participants include yoga as part of one's daily routine.



ONES WHO BROUGHT US GLORY THIS SEASON

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Madhur Tike of Fybcom and Shivam Agarwal of SyBMS achieved 1st place at Quizzmos-a business quiz organised by Commerce Department of Valia College, Andheri

Smruti Samant of SyBcom D won the 1st prize in an Elocution Competition (Group B - English) at the 51st Intercollegiate Youth Festival held by Mumbai University on 27th August, 2018

Shivam Agarwal of SY. BMS (A) and Madhur Tike of FY. B.Com (G) emerged victorious and won the first prize in competition held by C.L. Valia College of Commerce and L.C. Valia College of Arts as 'Quizzmos' - a quiz based on commerce.

Anushka M. More of SyBcom-F represented Mumbai University at the National Level Youth Parliament and won the Best Speaker Award. This competition was held on 18th May 2018 at The Sir Cowasjee Jehanghier Hall.



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JULY 2018

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AUGUST 2018

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*21st June 2018 : International Yoga Day

Monthly Highlights