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January — April 2020

RAPCMUN 2020

The Planning Forum and Economics Association conducted the very first edition of R. A. Podar College's Model United Nations (RAPCMUN) 2020 on 24th, 25th and 26th January, 2020. A MUN is a simulation of the United Nations, wherein students mirror real UN activities and pose as representatives of Countries to discuss various global socio-economic and political issues. On the 24th, a brief orientation session was conducted during which the Executive Board members briefed the delegates regarding the rules and the flow of debates.

The MUN began on 25th January with a brief opening ceremony. Our Principal, Dr. Mrs. Shobana Vasudevan, addressed the delegates and gave them her advice and pointers. During the MUN, each committee dealt with their own unique crisis. After 2 days of debating, resolutions were passed and the MUN ended with a valedictory ceremony where the results were announced by the Executive Board of each committee and the International Press launched their newsletter, "The Daily Issue".



International Women's Week

International Women's Week was celebrated by the Women Development Cell from 2nd March, 2020 to 8th March, 2020. The celebration started with students and teachers paying homage to Sau. Savitribai Phule, who fought the war against patriarchy and worked towards the cause of educating females with her husband Mr. Jyotiba Phule.

On 2nd March, WDC members with the help of Mr. Santosh Patil displayed various books in the library regarding multiple aspects of women development.

On 3rd March, a student member of the WDC gave a small speech in honour of women who have contributed significantly to the development of the society which was followed by a discussion on the meaning of the word "empowerment" of contemporary women.

On 4th March, the WDC presented a short skit depicting the struggles of women fighting for equality and how they overcame them.

On 5th, 6th and 7th March, tokens symbolizing love and respect were handed out to the teaching faculty of the college to thank them for playing an integral role in helping the female students of Podar College into strong independent women.

The week culminated in the celebration of International Women's Day on 8th March. A self-defence workshop was hosted by Podar Judo Club in association with the WDC.

Next, a seminar on cyber security was held by Advocate Mr. Subramanian and Mr. Ravi Ramakantan. A Q&A session was held after the seminar where student queries regarding safety and privacy on the Internet were addressed by the speakers.



Geet Bahar

Geet Bahar took place on 5th February 2020. The event aims to give a platform for the budding and aspiring musicians of our college to show their talent. Singers during this event are backed by a professional orchestra which enables them to showcase their full potential. The show was graced by the presence of the Director General of Police Mr. D. Kanakaratanam accompanied by the Police Inspector of Matunga Police Station, Mr. Vivek Mishra as chief guests. The event had a beautiful mixture of songs of different eras under the theme 'Badalte Zamane'.



Goal Setting Workshop

On 8th January, the Life Enrichment Centre conducted a workshop on Goal Setting. The workshop was conducted by Faculty in-charge Dr. Amitha Sehgal.

The aim of the workshop was to give students guidance and direction on how to set goals for themselves. As part of the workshop, participants were asked to write 3 strengths, weaknesses and aspirations. A movie was screened to conclude the workshop.



Holistic Health and Lifestyle Management

On 15th February, the Life Enrichment Centre organised a workshop on Holistic Health and Lifestyle Management. The workshop was conducted by Mr. Jateen Dave from Divine India Youth Association.

Mr. Jateen spoke to students about how one can maintain a balance in their lifestyle and be healthy. He also did various exercises with the students to make them understand more about a healthy lifestyle.

Second Final Placement Week and Second Articleship Week 2019-20

The Second Final Week 2019-20 was conducted from 24th January to 3rd April and the Second Articleship Week 2019-20 was conducted from 15th January to 5th February. Both weeks featured esteemed companies like Accenture, TCS, Deloitte and Grant Thornton.

The on-campus drives consisted of a pre-placement talk, group discussion round and concluded with a personal interview for shortlisted candidates.

For the Second Final Placement week, the companies that hired this year include:

TCS- 18th January

Accenture Strategy- 24th January

Liqui Loans- 28th January

Stylecracker- 12th February

ICICI Prudential- 24th February

Eclerx- 3rd April

For the Second Articleship Week, the companies that hired this year include:

Deloitte- 15th January

Kalyaniwalla & Mistry LLP- 24th January

Grant Thornton LLP- 5th February



Blood Donation Drive

Blood Donation Drive 2020 was organized by NSS Unit on 7th January in association with HDFC bank and Sion Hospital. The drive was conducted to both collect blood and also to spread awareness among the college about blood donation and its benefits. Nearly 30 NSS volunteers were a part of this drive. The drive garnered over 100 blood donors while the awareness campaign was boosted by one of the doctors personally interacting with students.

Second Training Session

On 11th January, the DLLE conducted its second training session of the year. In this session, students were told about the various projects, eg. CP, APY, SWS. Students were also informed of auxiliary information like submission dates and formats of the projects. Additionally, information about various fests like Elysium and Udaan was also shared with the students.

The Big Short

The Innovation Cell conducted a movie screening on 7th February. After a short introduction by Dr. Amitha Sehgal explaining the 2008 financial crisis, the movie, The Big Short, was played. The movie is based on the events surrounding the 2008 crisis and how some hedge funds were able to predict the crash in advance.



JAM – Just A Minute

'JAM - Just A Minute' was the English Literary Circle's final event of the year and was held on 21st January. An extempore speaking event with a twist, this was the first time the JAM format was conducted by the ELC. The JAM event rewarded participants for their wit and the ability to speak well under pressure. Topics for the JAM session included topics like 'How to kill a Yeti', 'Love Advice from Satan' and 'Making tea with coffee beans'.



Anger Management and Juggling with Jealousy

The Life Enrichment Centre organised a workshop on “Anger Management and Juggling with Jealousy” which was conducted by Dr. Amitha Sehgal on 1st February.

The session focused on how to deal with anger and how not to let yourself be controlled by it. It introduced participants to the concept of the cycle of anger. The session also tackled issues regarding jealousy and how to handle them in a healthy manner.

Annual Prize Distribution

8th February marked the date of Podar's most awaited event, the Annual Prize Distribution. The Annual Prize Distribution is an event dedicated to recognizing and rewarding students for their accomplishments in the fields of academics, sports, and extra-curriculars. Podar Ratna and alumnus, Mr Anand Ladsariya (Managing Director – Everest Flavors Ltd), was the chief guest for the event and spoke to the students about the value of hard work and dedication. Our Principal, Dr. Mrs. Shobana Vasudevan, highlighted the various forums of the college and the trophies won by them in various inter-collegiate competitions and fests. She also addressed the students and their parents on the importance of holistic personal growth and development during one's college years. The Annual Report for the academic year 2019-2020 was released as a compendium of all the activities conducted by R.A Podar College throughout the year. NSS volunteers and NCC cadets contributed to the logistics and personnel requirements of the event, ensuring it went off without a hitch. The event ended with a lunch banquet for all the awardees and their parents.

Beach Clean-up Drive

On 1st February 2020, Podar Nature Club conducted a Beach Clean-up Drive at Dadar Beach in collaboration with the BEACH PLEASE Organisation. Nearly 50 students participated in this clean-up drive. All the student volunteers were given hand gloves and masks to ensure cleanliness and hygiene. The clean-up drive aimed to spread awareness regarding pollution, specifically, pollution caused by littering and improper dumping of trash.



NSS Rural Camp

From 21st January to 27th January, the NSS unit conducted a rural camp at Podar's adopted village, Barhanpur. Over 50 volunteers attended this camp. The camp was organized under the guidance of the NSS P.O. Dr. Mrs. Vinita Pimpale and faculty members Ms. Sonam Singh and Mr. Akshay Shingare. During the camp, volunteers were split into 6 groups, these 6 groups competed against each other in various events and split the camp chores amongst themselves. Principal Dr. Mrs. Shobana Vasudevan visited Barhanpur and helped motivate volunteers to work hard at the camp. Activities during the camp included wall painting, street play, seminars, self defence workshop, health and hygiene camp, and veterinary camp among others. The camp concluded with an award ceremony where various awards such as 'Stars of NSS' were awarded by the NSS P.O. Dr. Mrs. Vinita Pimpale



Poster Making and Essay Writing

On 24th January, 2020, Podar Nature's Club conducted a Poster Making Competition and Essay Writing competition as part of the Swachta Pakhwada 2020 Initiative. The topic given to students was 'Forest Tree Conservation'. The competition was open to both poster making as well as essay writing so as to provide students multiple avenues of participation. The winners were encouraged to participate in the Swachta Pakhwada 2020 Initiative.

Disaster Management

A Disaster Management Activity was conducted in our college on 8th February to give students basic training on how to react during disasters. Experts from CIDM were present to provide their valuable experience and expertise in the field. A practical drill was conducted wherein NSS volunteers, NCC cadets, and students all participated together.

Cloth Segregation

Every year, the NSS Unit donates clothes among the residents of our College's adopted village Barhanpur. In order to facilitate this, on 14th January, NSS volunteers collected clothes donations from students and segregated the same based on the age group they could be worn by.

Republic Day

Republic Day honours the date on which the Constitution of India came into effect on 26 January 1950. Like every year, to commemorate this day, NCC Cadets under the guidance of Major Gavande organised a program in the college premises. The event started at 9 am with the flag hoisting and was followed by the National Anthem. Vice Principal Ms Kavita Jajoo (Degree College) and Vice Principal (Junior College) Ms Chanda Kathuria were in attendance for the celebration and interacted with all the NCC cadets present. The event ended with a speech from Vice Principal Ms Kavita Jajoo about the importance of discipline in the lives of students.



Rostrum Spectrum

On 6th February, The Group Discussion Cell and Speakers' Academy jointly organized Rostrum Spectrum 2019-2020 for the academic year. The theme for this year's Rostrum Spectrum was 'Igniting Minds'. The event consisted of 3 competitions: Debate, Group Discussion, and JAM (Just A Minute). The elimination rounds were judged by Mr. Mihir Sharma, a Podar alumnus. Topics for the elimination rounds included "Should Capital Punishment Be Taken Away Completely?", "Do Environmental Protests Lead to Any Conclusion", and "Desserts for Breakfast" among others.

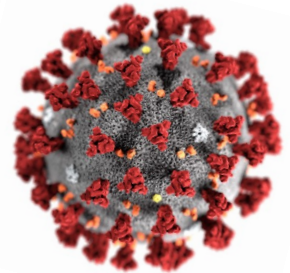
For the finals, Ms. Ruta Vyas and Ms. Priya Patil were the judges. The Debate and Spectrum topics for the finals were "Does Manusmriti Lead to A Happy and Sustainable Life?" and "Does Technology Ignite Minds or Makes a Person Dumb." respectively.



PAN Card Awareness

On 25th February, a PAN Card awareness drive was conducted to educate the students about the importance of having their own PAN Cards. A PAN card, issued by the Income-tax Department, is one of the most important documents a person can possess. The awareness drive successfully enrolled 45 students for their own PAN cards. After the initial registrations and processes, the drive saw enrolment from 45 students.

NSS Initiatives during Covid-19 lockdowns



In order to spread awareness about the Covid-19 pandemic, NSS volunteers expressed their views and showcased their creativity through various events such as poster making and video making. The volunteers also distributed handmade masks in their locality to help those in need. 80 masks were distributed, out of which 64 masks were handmade. Volunteers attended an IGOT Training on guidelines for safeguarding against Covid-19. Through this training, the volunteers learnt about their social responsibilities towards society.

As awareness about the Arogya Setu App has been deemed as vital by the Government, NSS volunteers took the initiative to spread awareness about the app and its benefits. Over 150 people were encouraged to download the app.

The volunteers helped local authorities during the lockdown by contributing to food distribution efforts. As the pandemic continued to get worse, volunteers started to

Great Bhet (INTERVIEW)

On the occasion of “Marathi Bhasha Sanvardhan Pandharwada”, the Marathi Literary Circle organized an event called “Great Bhet” on 30th January. The event started with a Ganesh Vandana performance followed by an interview. Well-known Marathi actor Mr. Subodh Bhavde was the chief guest and was interviewed about Marathi cinema and literature by MLC’s Secretary and Joint Secretary.

Online Photography Contest

An online photography contest was organised by the NSS Unit to celebrate International Nurses Day and appreciate all nursing staff for their hard work. The participants made posters and videos to show their love and support. All the participants were awarded with E-Certificates for their efforts.

Champak Waache Chappo

On 20th January, Gujarati Literary Circle organized a literary event, "Champak Waache Chappo" aka Newspaper Reading. The event aimed at spreading the language & literature of Gujarat along with improving participants' reading skills.

The participants were asked to pick up a random chit & imitate the character given to them while reading a newspaper article. This twist made newspaper reading more fun & enjoyable with learning experience to it. The judge for the event was Ms. Esha Jhaveri from our college. The event encouraged participants to read fluently in Gujarati and enhance their creativity & public reading skills. The event ended with an impromptu performance by the Secretary of the GLC.



MANIKGADH FORT TREK

To make the beginning of the new year memorable, on 12th January, Podar Hikers Club organised a trek to Manikgadh fort, near Rasayani. The hike was a little difficult and it took students nearly four hours to reach the top of the mountain. After spending some time enjoying scenic beauty at the summit, they began their descent and everyone returned back to the base village by 8:30 pm. As they had exhausted their water supply, students fetched some water from the nearby village. Starting their journey back to college, they returned with wonderful memories.

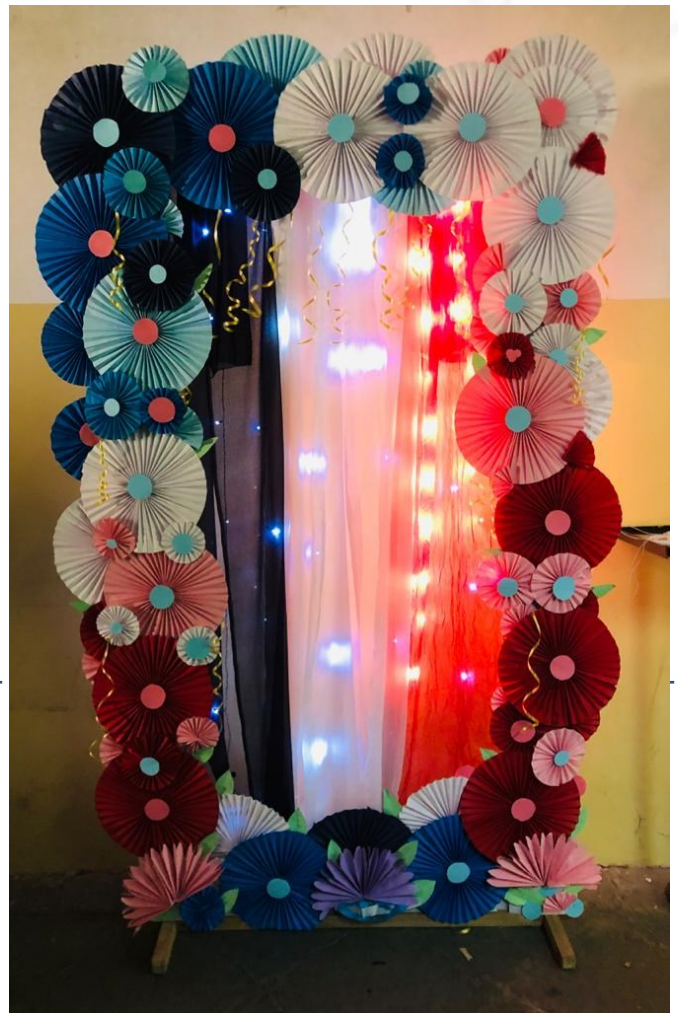


Quiz Competition

On the occasion of International Red Cross and the Red Crescent Day, the NSS unit organized a quiz competition to help spread awareness about the significance of the work done by the International Red Cross and Red Crescent Movement. The competition had 1350 participants from all over India.

Marathi Rajbhasha Din

On the occasion of “Marathi Bhasha Sanvardhan Pandharwada”, the Marathi Literary Circle celebrated “Marathi Rajbhasha Din” on 27th January. Marathi film icon Mr. Mahesh Kothare was the chief guest for the event. Marathi Din was conducted to showcase Marathi tradition and culture via cultural programs such as Marathi music mash-up, traditional dance forms, and letter reading to showcase Marathi literature.



Jouons un Jeu

The French Forum conducted their last event on 12th March. The event, Jouons Un Jeu, focused on teaching students French in a fun and innovative way. It consisted of a Pictionary round and a word game round. The top 2 teams from the Pictionary round advanced onto the final word game round. As a part of this event, forum members constructed a Photo Booth where students could use the provided French themed props and decorations to take pictures of themselves. The event also served as a welcome distraction for the FYJC students before their final exams in addition to serving as a reminder for their French skills.

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Extra curricular achievements

1. Heartiest Congratulations to the DLLE students who bagged the 1st runnerup trophy of Elysium 2020 conducted by University of Mumbai at B.L. Amlani College.
2. Heartiest Congratulations to the DLLE students who won 2nd prize in Street play and 1st prize in Poster making competition at DLLE's annual fest, Udaan, conducted by Mumbai University at K. J. Somaiya College.
3. Heartiest Congratulations to Umar Khan, a visually impaired student from our college, for being a role model to the student community during this time. He has been devotedly working for the society by stitching and distributing masks during these challenging times. As a result, his efforts have been acknowledged and applauded by the Help The Blind Foundation, a pioneer in University Education for the Visually Impaired.
4. Hearty congratulations to our college contingent for the 53rd Youth Fest, the winners from our college are as follows:
 - 1) Folk Dance - Gold - Tanvi Deshpande, Gauri Salunkhe, Shruti Kamble, Shrutika Jadhav, Sejal Patil, Snehal Kadam, Nishant Shinde, Ritesh Gaikar, Omkar Sanaik, Bhagyesh Gharat
 - 2) Classical dance solo - Gold -Sneha Semaleesan
 - 3) Indian Group song - Gold - Maitreya Joshi, Sahil Joshi, Shamika Kelkar, Vaidehi Mekade, Sanika Tilak, Ojas Joshi
 - 4) Folk Orchestra - Silver - Tanvi Deshpande, Shruti Kamble, Shrutika Jadhav, Ritesh Gaikar, Bhagyesh Gharat, Nishant Shinde, Abhishek Mandavkar, Aviraj Jamne
 - 5) Qawalli - Silver - Shamika Kelkar, Shruti Kamble, Omkar Satnaik, Ojas Sathe, Vaidehi Mekade, Meghna Salian, Shashank pujari, Ishna Pathak, Vaishnavi Nagwekar
 - 6) Western Group Song- Bronze - Piyu Kar, Shamika Kelkar, Samit Kapoor, Vaidehi Mekade, Sanika Tilak
 - 7) Natyasangeet solo - Gold - Vaidehi Mekade
 - 8) Light Vocals solo- Gold - Vaidehi Mekade
 - 9) Classical instrumental solo - Silver - Ojas Joshi



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- 10) Western Instrumental solo- Bronze - Ojas Joshi
- 11) One Act play (Marathi) - Bronze - Ninad Kadam, Siddhant Kamble, Nikhil Dhadwe, Yash Gosavi, Atish Jadhav, Vedant Nene, Aditya Warange, Aditya Dabholkar
- 12) Hindi skit - Silver - Sejal Patil, Sakshi Kuwar, Siddhant Kamble, Nikhil Dhadwe, Aditya Warange, Atish Jadhav
- 13) Marathi Skit- Consolation - Ninad Kadam, Siddhant Kamble, Vedant Nene, Nikhil Dhadwe, Aditya Warange, Atish Jadhav
- 14) Hindi Mono Act- Bronze - Aditya Warange
- 15) Elocution group A- Silver - Smruti Samant
- 16) Debate Group A- Silver - Vedant Nene, Janhvi Jadhav
- 17) Installation - Silver - Vaishnavi Rao, Aditi Panchal, Vaishnavi Dukhande, Nishant Shinde
- 18) Collage - Consolation - Janhvi Jadhav

Sports

Hearty Congratulations to Rudransh Mishra, Sushant Nayak, Parzan Ghadiali, Anshika Kanojia, Suzanee Pinto, Melody Menezes, Sampada Phalke, and Srushti Haleangadi for being selected by the All India Inter-University Federation of India to compete in “Khelo India Khelo”



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that's all folks!

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