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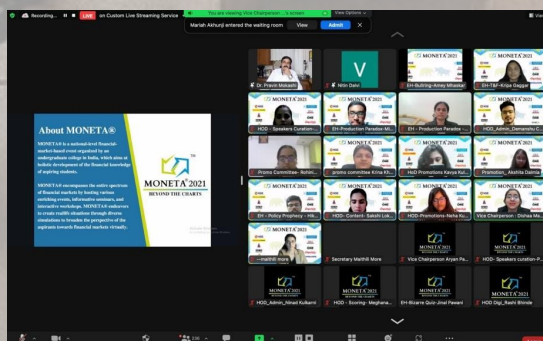


MONETA®'21

R. A. Podar College of Commerce and Economics is home to India's largest financial fest MONETA®. It is a Pan-India level inter-college event based on various aspects of the financial world. MONETA® aims to inculcate a basic understanding of finance management, explore broader avenues of investment and help those interested in strategic planning through Competitions, Seminars and Workshops. As part of its goal of spreading financial literacy, several initiatives like Learn India, Ikshana, MONETA for Schools, Run for Financial Literacy etc. were conducted.

This year MONETA® was conducted from 12th-15th January 2022. The theme for MONETA®'21 was Beyond The Charts . It comprised of twelve events - Manobhav, Legit, Management Games, Policy Prophecy, Biz-arre Quiz, Production Paradox, True and Fair View, The Corporate Ladder, Big Brand Theory, Cryptocracy, Beyond D Street and the Flagship Event - Bullring. More than 250 colleges participated for MONETA®'21.

The Chief Guest for the Inauguration and Valediction ceremony of MONETA'21 was Mr.Nehal Vora (MD CEO of CDSL) and Dr.Pravin Mokashi (Indias First and only PhD and Doctoral research Guide in Technical Analysis) . Webinars on various topics were conducted by various speakers like Mr.Sandeep Jain (Director of Tradeswift Brioking PVT.LTD), Mr.Sankalp Potbhare (Regional Commercial Director Asia Pacific at Kimberly Clark based out of Singapore) and Mr.Prashant Desai (Senior Director- Everstone Group, Head of Strategy and Investor Relations at Burger King India) . A panel discussion also took place on the topic Great indian IPO rush: is it a goldilocks period for Indian tech companies?. The speakers in the panel were Mr.Subrat Panda (Director at Motilal Oswal), Mr.Abhijeet Vaidya (Executive Director-Kotak Investment Banking) and Mr. Akshay Dixit (Head Strategic investments HDFC Bank). The podiums were bagged by - N.M College (1st Place), GLS University (2nd Place) and GLS University (3rd Place).



TEDxRAPODARCOLLEGE 2022

TEDxRAPodarCollege 2022 was hosted over a virtual platform with the live stream of three pre-recorded talks, on 6th February, 2022 at 4:00 pm via Zoom. TEDx events are independently organized events under a license from TED with the sole motive of spotlighting 'Ideas worth Spreading' and through this University event, the team sought to find ideas that will inspire thought and discussions in our community.

The speakers for this edition of TEDxRAPodarCollege were -

1. Mr. Archit Gokhale, an amateur astronomer, CA aspirant and a student of R. A. Podar College of Commerce & Economics (Autonomous), who spoke about his journey with astronomy along with some fascinating mythical stories and the astronomical narratives encoded in them.
2. Ms. Rhea Mehta, a luxury lighting & installation designer, who reintroduced the audience to the phenomenon of lighting and shed some light on how lighting affects not just our sense of sight, but also various aspects of our lives, most of the time without us even noticing.
3. Mr. Pavitra Krishna Bhat, a Bharatanatyam performer and teacher, who spoke about his journey and perspective in the field of Bharatanatyam, especially as a male performer in the art form. His talk included a performance aspect too, where he demonstrated the concept of male grace for all the viewers.

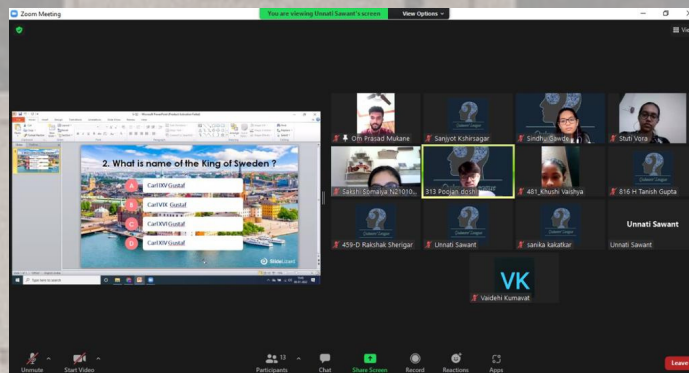
The event was sponsored by OTL Technology and Solutions Pvt. Ltd. as the associate sponsor and One Last Chapter as the Official Gifting Sponsor. The live stream included a series of audience engagement activities and was attended by more than 120 people who gave an overwhelmingly positive feedback for the event.



AROUND THE GLOBE

The Quizzers League conducted a quiz event on 7th and 8th January 2022. This was divided into two rounds. The elimination round which was conducted on Quizizz and final round was spin the wheel where the wheel would be spun and the participant must answer the questions based on the country the arrow pointed.

They received a good response from the audience.



SHABDO NO RAMAT GAMAT

On 22nd January 2022, The Gujarati Circle conducted a fun event where the participants got a chance to learn about the Gujarati language in a fun and entertaining manner.

Their vocabulary was tested by asking them Gujarati riddles, words related to the culture. They were also asked to translate Hindi dialogues and statements in Gujarati. Overall, the event aimed at improving the vocabulary, speed, and thinking capacity of students.



SECOND FINAL PLACEMENT WEEK

The Placement Cell conducted their Second Final Placement Week for the academic year 2021-22 from 8th February to 4th March 2022. Around 80 students registered for the same. Companies with varying profiles and departments hired from the large source pool. The entire drive was carried out online and a few companies held their process in their offices. The companies conducted aptitude tests and then direct interviews to shortlist the candidates. A total of 16 students were hired by companies this year.

The companies that hired this year were:-

1. eClerx
2. Avniro
3. Liquiloans
4. Fuld and Co
5. Valuenable
6. OpraahFx
7. Groww
8. Acme Services Pvt Ltd
9. Grant Thornton



INVESTMENT BANKING

The Accounts and Finance Circle of R.A.Podar College organised an informative webinar along with Financial Market Institute on Investment Banking on 6th January 2022. The webinar was extensively for financial aspirants at their who wish to build a career in IB, asset management, global market and more there was a short activity that was conducted by the speaker where eight groups were made for the participants and out of which 4 of them excelled.

The first half session was on the topic of investment banking and the second half session was the activity that was carried by the speaker.

By the end of the webinar they also shared some information about the courses they had and they also provided their LinkedIn ID to directly reach to them through LinkedIn handle.

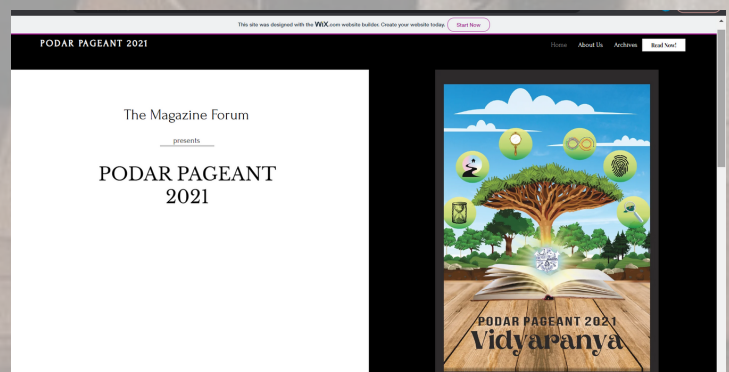
The webinar was concluded with a vote of thanks.

PODAR PAGEANT 2021

On 3rd April 2022, the launch event of the Magazine and Photoblog took place in the conference room and was live streamed on MS Teams, with the unveiling of the physical copies of the magazine as well as the e-book at the hands of our respected Principal, Dr. (Mrs.) Shobana Vasudevan. The Vice Principal – Degree College, Mrs. Kavita Jajoo; the Teacher-in-charge of The Magazine Forum, Mrs. Vrushali Bhosale-Kaneri; and the members of the Podar Pageant Team as well as teachers and other students were present during the launch. Many students had joined in online as well. The Photo Blog which is a curation of 200+ photographs submitted by the students, broadly classified according to their theme- Yugen, Querencia, Advitiya, Amartya and Kairos.

A special video was also screened, prepared by the team in collaboration with the current and ex-podarites explaining the six sub-themes in an interesting way and showcasing what the Vidyaranya of Podar has done for its students.

The highlight of the magazine this year, was that it has six sub-themes under a main theme – Vidyaranya, it has a new section called the Podar E-Katta, the magazine has a digital cover art. The e-book, hosted on a unique website of its own, can be accessed either through the College Website or through the link – <https://rapodarpageant.wixsite.com/my-site>



LACUNA VOL. 5 AURORA

The January edition of Lacuna was called Aurora. Every dawn signals the beginning of a new day. It marks a turned page in the book of life. Aurora is dawn, that lightens the sky with the first ray of sun, setting a reddish glow on the canvas of the sky. It marks hope. A hope for better tomorrow, for a better life. There were 13 participants, giving us a glimpse of their story of hope. Students also sent reviews of their favorite movies and books, giving us all recommendations for wonderful novels. This journal was issued on the 1st of January, 2022.



SECOND ARTICLESHIP WEEK

The Placement Cell conducted their Second Articleship Week for the academic year 2021-22 from 4th February to 8th March 2022. Around 175-185 students had registered for the same. Companies with varying profiles and departments hired from the large source pool. The entire drive was carried online and only a few companies held their process in their offices. The companies conducted aptitude tests and then direct interviews to shortlist the candidates.

The companies that hired this year were:-

PwC

Grant Thornton

BDO

Hinesh Doshi & Co.LLP

Mukund M Chitale & Co.

RSM India

KNAV

NA Shah Associates

THE FUTURE ROLE OF ACTUARIES IN THE US AND SKILL SETS REQUIRED

On 20th January 2022, the Entrepreneur Development Cell of R. A. Podar College of Commerce and Economics (Autonomous) arranged a webinar to enlighten the students about the emerging field of Actuarial Science. This webinar aimed at elucidating the importance and scope of Actuaries and the growing opportunities in this discipline. On the panel, we had two industry experts- Mr. Akhil Wagh and Mr. Ken Williams who aptly addressed the students and their doubts surrounding this topic.

Mr. Williams is a Staff Actuary of the Casualty Actuarial Society whereas Mr. Wagh is the Senior Vice President and Chief Financial Officer at Attorney's Liability Assurance Society. The duo kick-started the session by addressing the elephant in the room- What is an Actuary? Mr. Ken then explained the areas of work within the United States and the types of Actuarial Projects one can work towards. He also shed light upon some major skills required by professionals pursuing a career in this field. Along with this, he also took time to explain the emerging skills like Python, SQL which one needs to possess to make it big in actuaries. Since becoming an actuary demand clearing of a specific set of the exam, the speaker informed the students about the syllabus of Casualty Actuarial Society (CAS) exams. CAS is the world's only actuarial organisation focused exclusively on Property and Casualty Risk with over 9000+ members across the globe.

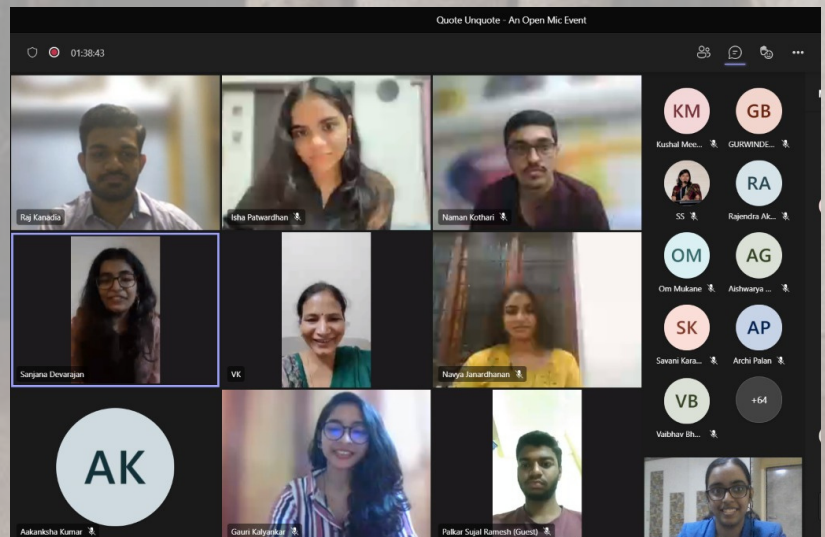
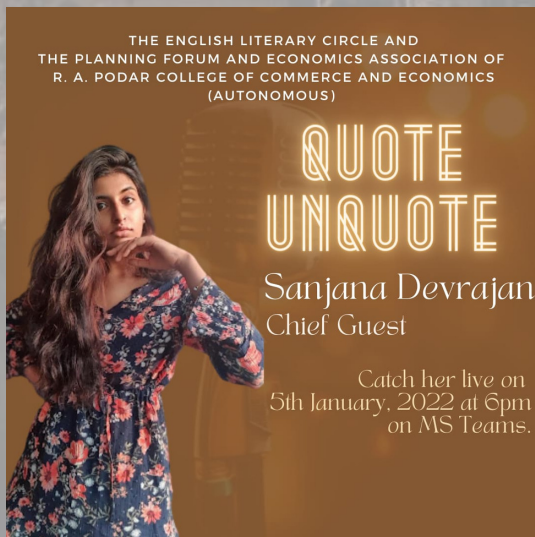
This webinar proved to be an insightful journey for the students who are currently aspiring to become a member of CAS and even for those who are uncertain about their future. Towards the end of the session, the speakers took time to clear the doubts..

QUOTE UNQUOTE – AN OPEN MIC EVENT

On 5th January 2022 the English Literary Circle and Planning Forum and Economics Association collaborated and organized 'Quote Unquote - an open mic event' for the first time at an intercollegiate level. The theme 'First Times' aimed to recall those memorable first experiences and the event saw the participants coming up and portraying their art in the form of poetry, tales and music.

The event was graced by the presence of our Principal, Dr. (Mrs.) Shobana Vasudevan ma'am, Vice Principal Degree College, Kavita Jajoo ma'am and the Chief Guest, Ms. Sanjana Devrajan, an alumna of our college, singer, poet and an all rounder.

The event was a grand success.



ELOCUTION AND BULLFIGHTS (INTRA-COLLEGIATE COMPETITION)

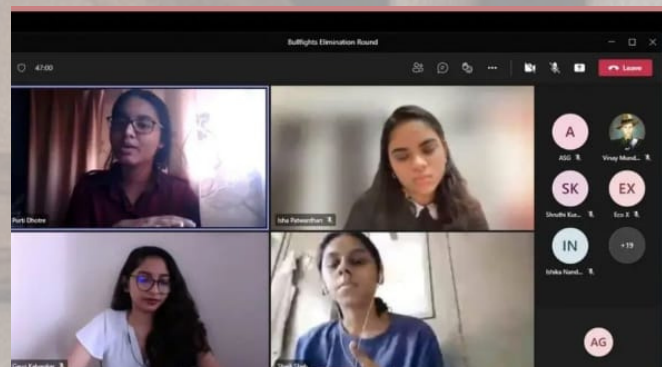
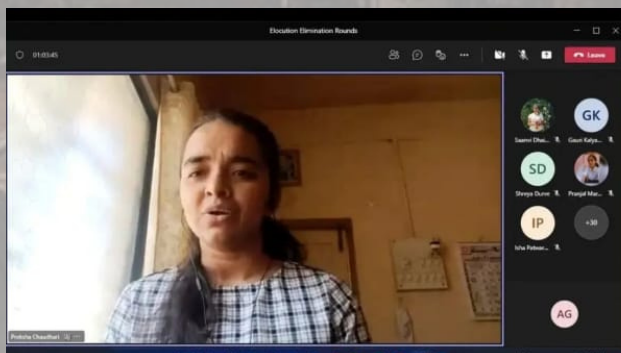
The Speakers' Academy of R. A. Podar College of Commerce and Economics (Autonomous) conducted their event, Elocution and Bullfights (Intra Collegiate Competition) 2021-22 from 20th to 22nd January 2022.

The Elocution Eliminations round was held on 20th January wherein the participants gave elocution on few topics. The judges for Elocution Eliminations were Mr. Akshay Shingare and Ms. Esha Jhaveri.

On 21st January, Bullfights Eliminations was organized wherein the participants represented their extraordinary debating skills. The judges for this round were Mr. Akshay Shingare and Ms. Esha Jhaveri.

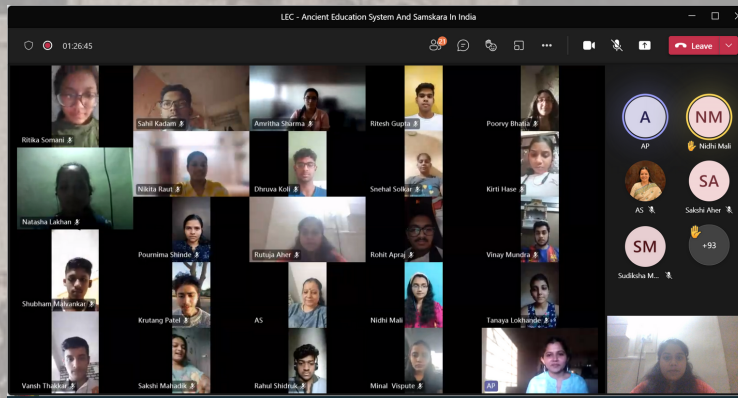
On 22nd January, the Finals round for both Elocution and Bullfights were held. The judges for finals were Professor Asmita Gupta and Mr. Aryan Tyagi.

The event was a resounding success wherein the participants got a chance to showcase their vocabulary and speaking skills.



ANCIENT EDUCATION SYSTEM AND SAMSKARA IN INDIA

On 29th January 2022, The Life Enrichment Centre conducted a webinar on the ancient education system and samskara in India. The speaker for this webinar was Dr. Mrs. Amruta Patil. The ancient systems of education from the importance of gurukuls to the vedic system of education was explained through the webinar. The speaker also provided various examples from the life of Jagadguru Shri Adi Shankaracharya. This webinar very educative and informative.



CUT COPY PASTE

The English Literary Circle ended the year with its flagship event Cut, Copy, Paste. There were 20 participants with more than 70 memes.

The winners were

1. Chirag Kedia
2. Saniya Lanjekar and Amey Mhaskar
3. Prachiti Thakare

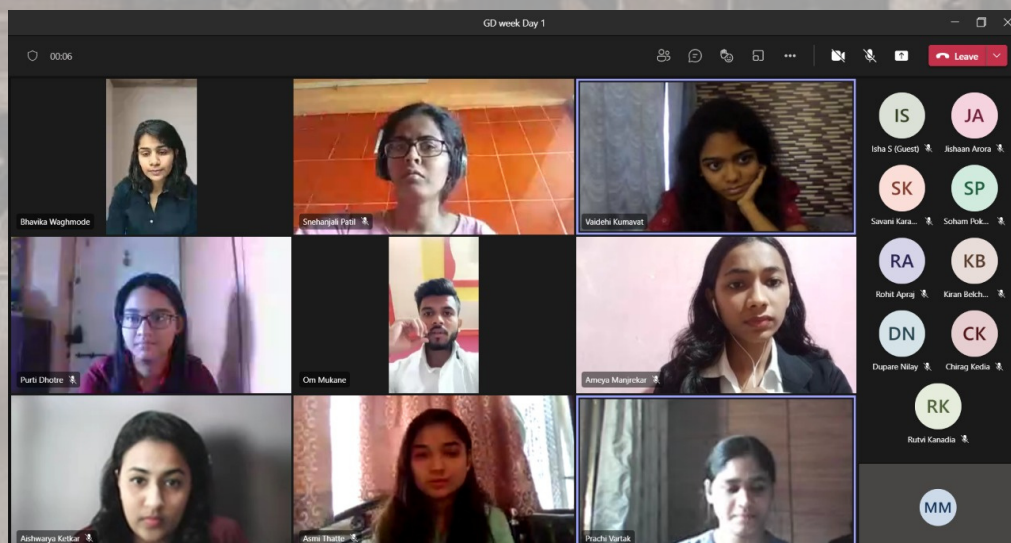


THE GD WEEK

The Group Discussion Cell of R.A. Podar College of Commerce & Economics had organized the GD Week from 27th January 2022 to 1st February 2022. The theme for GD week was - Education Experimentation Evolution: We have come a long way from the ancient gurukul system to brick and mortar schools and colleges to virtual institutions. The judges for the week were - Aishwariya Ketkar, Eshan Vaidya, Mayuresh Tawde and Tanvi Dombé.

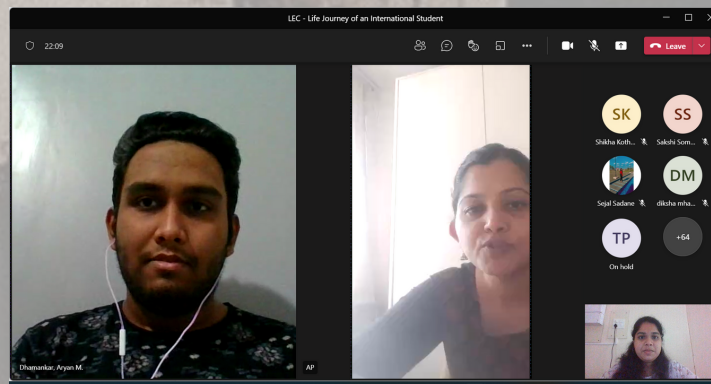
The topics encircled the changes and possible changes that can be implemented in the Indian education system. This included several topics ranging from 'E-Learning: a substitute for Classroom learning.', 'Should there be government intervention in the Indian education system' and 'does the name of the institution you take your degree from matter?', 'Should uniforms be made compulsory in online learning?'.

The participants had to complete the GD in the time frame of 1-8-1, 1 minute for thinking, 8 minutes for discussion and 1 minute for conclusion. Students expressed their views and gave different perspectives to the same. The discussions were quite healthy and gave positive outcomes as well. Judges gave very constructive remarks to the students. Individual feedback by the judges surely helped the students to improve in their future.



LIFE JOURNEY OF AN INTERNATIONAL STUDENT

On 11th February 2022 , The Life Enrichment Centre conducted a webinar on the Life Journey of an International Student along with their Ex-Secretary Mr.Aryan Dhamankar. The session included multitude of aspects like how the process is to apply in different universities in Canada, the academic curriculum, difficulties faced by international students etc. The session also included his story of getting an education loan for his studies abroad, how he proceeded with the same and lastly the advice for the ones applying for the same. The session concluded with Mr.Aryan sharing his experience on how it was like to be on the other side of the session.



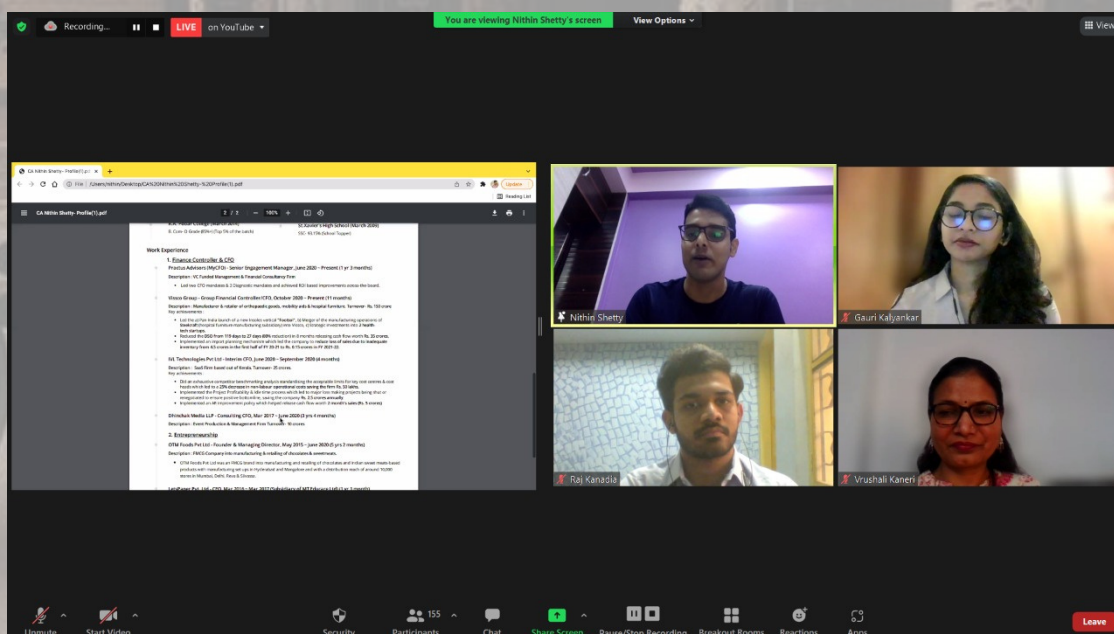
CHAAL KARIYE CHARCHA

The Gujarati Literary Circle conducted Chaal Kariye Charcha, a Group Discussion Event in Gujarati . The main aim of this event was to improve the language, fluency and communication skills of the participants in Gujarati. The judge for this event was Mr.Neel Shah. The participants were divided into a group of six and were given debatable and trendy topics to discuss on like 'Should it be compulsory to stand during National Anthem ?', 'Has Swachh Bharat Abhiyaan' really been a success?'. The GD was in the format of 1-10-1 and all the standard rules had were followed. The participants had a very healthy and meaningful discussion.

THE NEXT STEP – WEBINAR

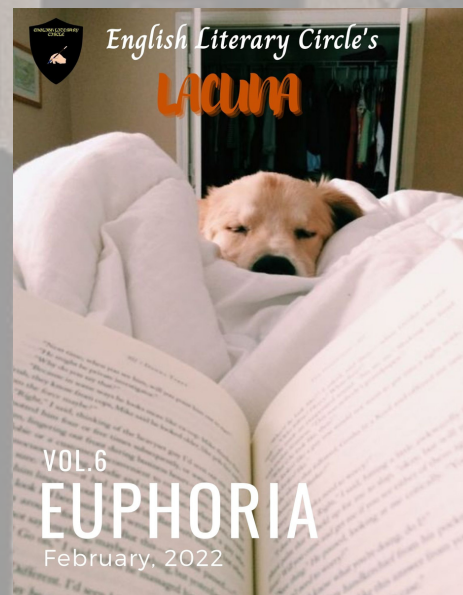
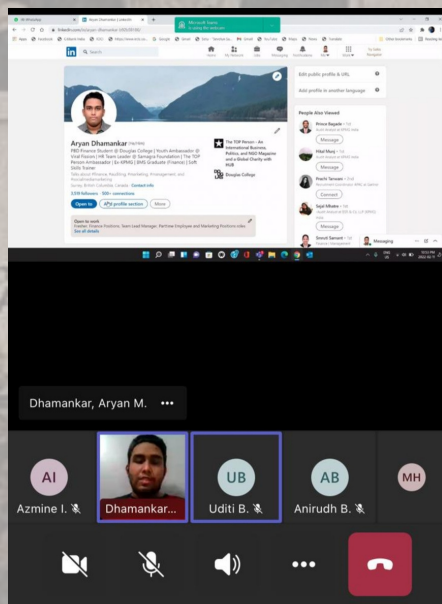
The Next Step,' a webinar was organized by the English Literary Circle on 21st February, 2022 .Students across different years of the college, pursuing various professional courses attended the informative webinar engaged by a proud ex-podarite CA Nithin Shetty. The speaker guided the students on how to frame their resumes, prepare and face interviews and set sail to find their perfect careers. CA Nithin Shetty not only spoke about what the recruiters expect but also addressed the nervousness and confusion that the candidates face. He briefed them on the code of conduct, corporate etiquette, dress code and decent behavior which will help the candidates crack corporate interviews.

He even touched upon the importance of building good contacts in the industry one wish to step into and the correct use of LinkedIn. His address to the students was interactive and interesting at the same time. It was more like a good friend mentoring another. Along with telling the soon-to-be job seekers the secret of getting the best jobs, he also stressed on the importance of personality and character building and imbibing certain soft skills. He also shared how his journey in Podar College and participation in various cultural events has helped him achieve great heights at a young age.



LINKEDIN PROFILE BUILDING

On 12th February 2022 , The Life Enrichment Centre conducted a webinar on LinkedIn Profile Building. The guest speaker for this webinar was the Ex-Secretary of LEC Mr.Aryan Dhamankar. He helped the students understand the importance of creating a profile. He walked them through his own profile to help comprehend the various sections present in a particular LinkedIn account. He was kind enough to share various courses students could do online to earn our credits. A Q&A round marked the end of this insightful session.



LACUNA VOL. 6 EUPHORIA

ELC's last volume for this year's Journal was 'Euphoria.' As the end of this year's journal was approaching , they wanted to look back at the great year everyone had, the sorrows and the happiness, the ups after the downs. In this finale, the journal depicts the reminder that everything will be alright.

There were 14 participants narrating their battle to live a better life.

Students also sent reviews of their favorite movies and books, giving all recommendations to wonderful novels. This journal was published on 28th February, 2022.

ROSTRUM SPECTRUM

Rostrum Spectrum is an intercollegiate literary extravaganza and the flagship literary event of R. A. Podar college of Commerce and Economics. It is organized jointly by Group Discussion Cell and Speakers' Academy of Podar college every year. The event was conducted on 4th March, 2022 on MS Teams platform. Rostrum essentially signifies debate and spectrum signifies GD which is how the name came upon to be. Under the broad gamut of rostrum spectrum, it comprises 4 events, namely, debate, elocution, GD and Jam.

The theme for Rostrum Spectrum was -YOUTH AT CULTURAL CROSSROADS - The theme gives a chance to give a thought to all those questions that spark when we think about the Youth standing at Cultural Crossroad

The event was judged by 3 judges. For semi-finals they had Ms. Divya Iyer and Nikita Tanksali, and for finals they had Mr. Sunil Shanewar.

The topics in the event ranged from some realistic issues like westernization, technological impact to gradual shift in youth ideology to how aware is the youth when it comes to politics to some personalized issues like how today's youth is more focused on what they have than who they are and where the new India is influential or influenced. There were debates on topics like is westernization leading to an Identity crisis or giving clarity to the youth of India to whether Indian and western culture blended beautifully or result in a disastrous outcome. The JAM session was on whether the individual is more important than the community.

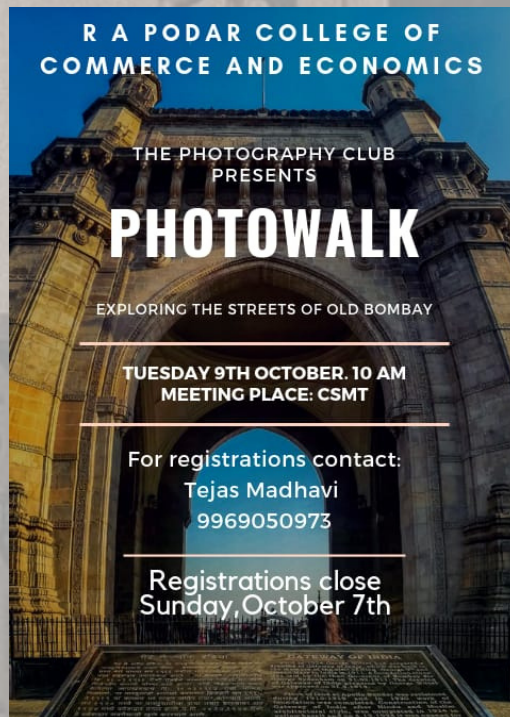
In a nutshell, the event was fruitful and the experience and knowledge gained from the event was everlasting.



PHOTOWALK 2022

The Photography Club conducted an event called The Photowalk on 3rd April 2022 from Gateway Of India to marine Lines for all the photography enthusiasts. The basics of camera settings were taught to students during the whole span.

The students clicked various photos and also got a chance to witness a blissfull sunrise.



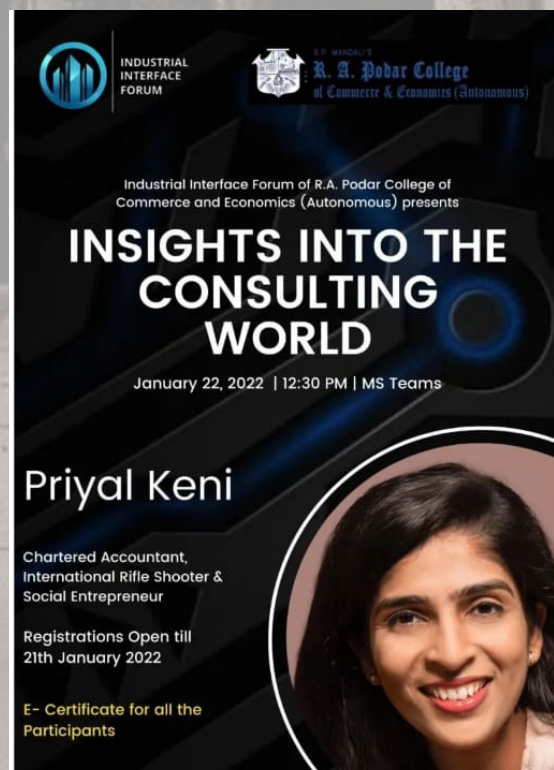
BEACH CLEANUP

The NSS unit in collaboration with Beach Please India conducted a beach cleanup activity on 27th February, 2022 at the Mithi river, Mahim causeway slope. A total of 6 garbage trucks of plastic and waste was aggregated by the volunteers. A total of 35 volunteers were present for the activity

INSIGHTS INTO THE CONSULTING WORLD

The Industrial Interface Forum (IIF) of R.A. Podar College of Commerce and Economics organized an online guest lecture on Insights into the Consulting world on 22nd January 2022. The guest speaker for this webinar was Ms. Priyal Keni, a Chartered Accountant by qualification currently working in the consulting domain at the intersection of finance and digital transformation.

The Theme of the webinar was "Overview of the Consulting Industry". She introduced the topic to the students and briefed them about the same. She also explained the different types of consulting firms after which she also explained consultancy as a career and the opportunities in it. She also shared the difficulties she faced while pursuing CA and how she came into consultancy. The webinar was informative and beneficial for the students as they got an insight into the consulting industry. The webinar ended with a Q&A session.



The poster is for a webinar titled "INSIGHTS INTO THE CONSULTING WORLD". It features the logo of the Industrial Interface Forum (IIF) and the R.A. Podar College of Commerce & Economics (Autonomous). The text indicates the webinar was presented by the Industrial Interface Forum of R.A. Podar College of Commerce and Economics (Autonomous) on January 22, 2022, at 12:30 PM via MS Teams. The guest speaker is Priyal Keni, a Chartered Accountant, International Rifle Shooter, and Social Entrepreneur. The poster also mentions that registrations were open until January 21st, 2022, and that an E-Certificate would be provided to all participants. A circular portrait of Priyal Keni is shown on the right side of the poster.

INDUSTRIAL INTERFACE FORUM

R.A. Podar College of Commerce & Economics (Autonomous)

Industrial Interface Forum of R.A. Podar College of Commerce and Economics (Autonomous) presents

INSIGHTS INTO THE CONSULTING WORLD

January 22, 2022 | 12:30 PM | MS Teams

Priyal Keni

Chartered Accountant,
International Rifle Shooter &
Social Entrepreneur

Registrations Open till
21th January 2022

E- Certificate for all the
Participants

GET TO KNOW GERMAN

The Deutsche Literary Circle conducted an event "Get to know German" on 23rd March 2022. The event primarily focused on educating the students about the basics of the German Language, to create enthusiasm among them to pursue it as another language that opens a door full of opportunities. The event kick-started with the host asking the audience about the scale of knowledge that they have of the German language and after understanding the same, our host – Mrs Aparna Mendjode helped the audience understand the basic German words and phrases one can use in their day-to-day life.

This was followed by "Falsche Freunde" if translated means "Fake friends", an exercise where the audience was asked to tell the meaning of a word in English which had a completely different meaning in Deutsch. This activity made it easier for the audience to draw lines between both language for better grasping.

The host also discussed some multinational German firms that operate in India where one can acquire a position by simply learning the basics of the language. This not only excite the audience as they could see more opportunities but also helped them understand how learning a new language can broaden their horizon.

Towards the end of the session, students were given a chance to ask any queries and clarification that they wanted and the event ended with a thought in the minds of the students as to how a new language is sometimes the key to more opportunities.

QUIZZARD OF ENTERTAINMENT

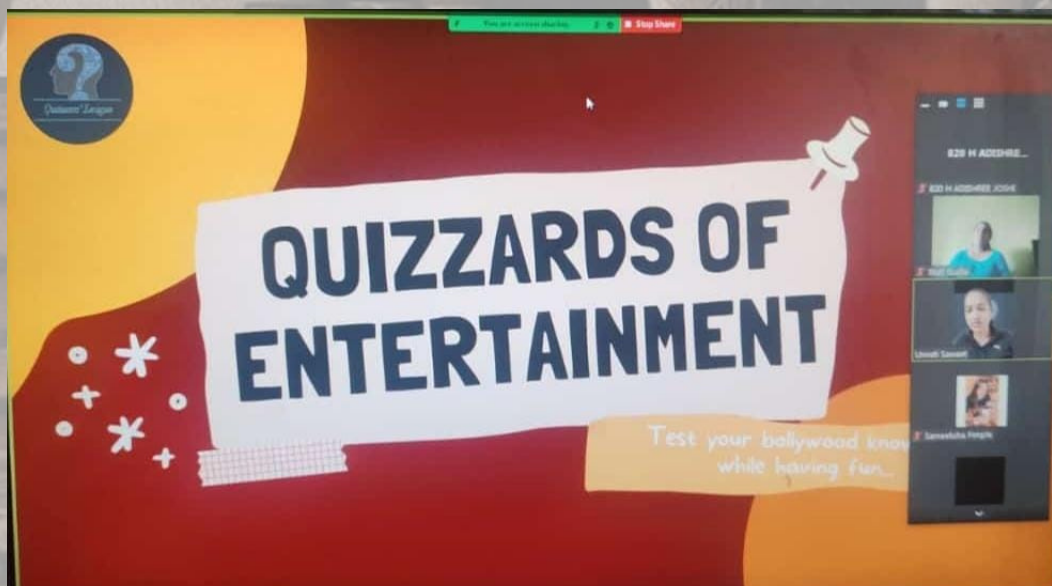
On 7th March 2022, The Quizzers League conducted a fun quiz with a hint of competitiveness. This event consisted of two rounds. The first round had a combination of picture based questions, complete the following, identify etc.. The students who qualified in this round had to play the following rounds in the finals :-

1:- Decode the emoji and guess the dialogue

2:- Complete the song lyrics & guess the song from the audio

3:- Flip The Card wherein different cards having the face of actor/ actress was displayed and participants had to pick one card.

Overall the event received great response and all the participants showed great enthusiasm.



THE ONES WHO BROUGHT US GLORY THIS SEASON

- Hearty Congratulations to Mr. Madhur Tike and Mr. Shawn Jacob, studying in M.Com Part 1 of our College, who were declared Champions in 'Anvesha 2022 Quiz', a nationwide quiz contest on official statistics for college/university students & alumni at State Capital Regional Offices organised by Field Operations Division, Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation (MoSPI) as part of iconic week celebrations under Azadi ka Amrit Mahotsav. For the same they were awarded a Trophy and Cash Prize from the Chief Guest Mr. G P Samanata, Chief Statistician of India & Secretary, MoSPI.
- Hearty Congratulations to Ms. Krithika Das of R. A. Podar College of Commerce and Economics (Autonomous), Mumbai for securing 3rd position at the National level in Online Poster Making Competition towards the celebration of International Earth Day - 22nd April, 2022 organized by Zoological Survey of India (Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change) Government of India.

CONGRATULATIONS

THE ONES WHO BROUGHT US GLORY THIS SEASON

- Hearty Congratulations to Mr. Soham Suresh Kupale, a student of FYBCom in our College for securing the first position in the event Kalakruti - an online art contest as a part of NETRiTVAM 2022 hosted by SIES College of Arts, Science and Commerce (Autonomous), Sion West.
- Hearty Congratulations to the Volunteers in the NSS Unit for winning several trophies at inter collegiate Socio-Cultural Fests like Best College Award at Avsarr 2022 hosted by K P B Hinduja College; winning in 8 out of 8 events and securing the Best College Award at Advitiya 2022 hosted by NM College; and getting the Second Runner Up Award at Anubhuti hosted by Ruia College.

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- Hearty Congratulations to the students of our College, Mr. Pratik Ranade, Mr. Vishnu Sharma and Mr. Deepit Patil, who participated in the Inter-University West zone Table Tennis tournament as a member of the Mumbai University Team and the team secured Gold medal March 2022.
- Hearty Congratulations to Vaibhav Joshi (NSS Secretary), for being selected as one of the 10 Volunteers (5 Male & 5 Female) from all over Maharashtra to represent Maharashtra State at National Integration Camp, Ahmedabad (Gujarat) and winning 1st Prize in Team Quiz competition among 6 states, 3 Union Territories, 9 Gujarat Universities (the team was a combination of 1 participant from each state).

CONGRATULATIONS



THAT'S ALL *folks*

**SUDARSHANA
SAIKIA**

TEACHER IN-CHARGE

**NEHA
KUMBALATH**

STUDENT EDITOR