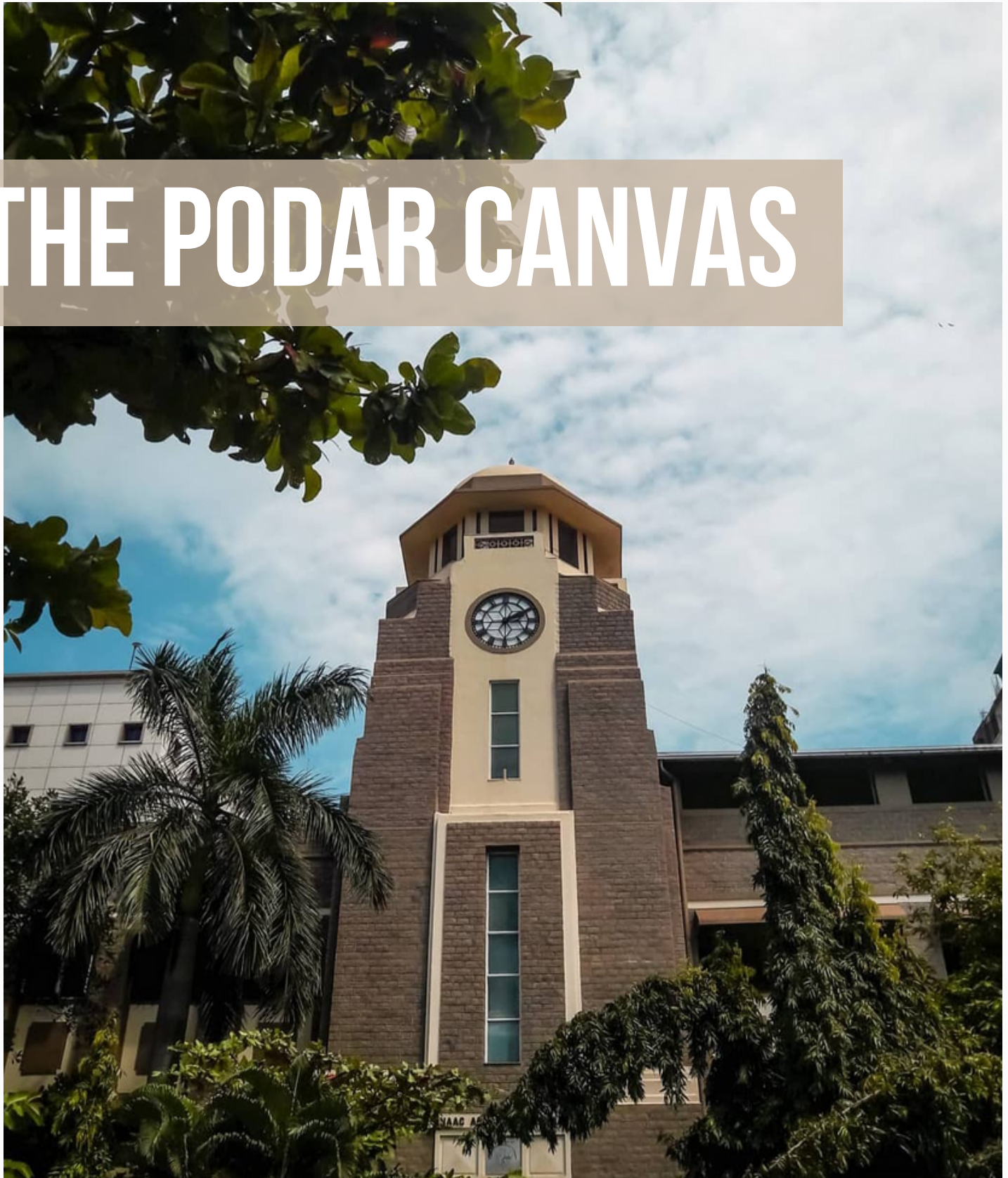




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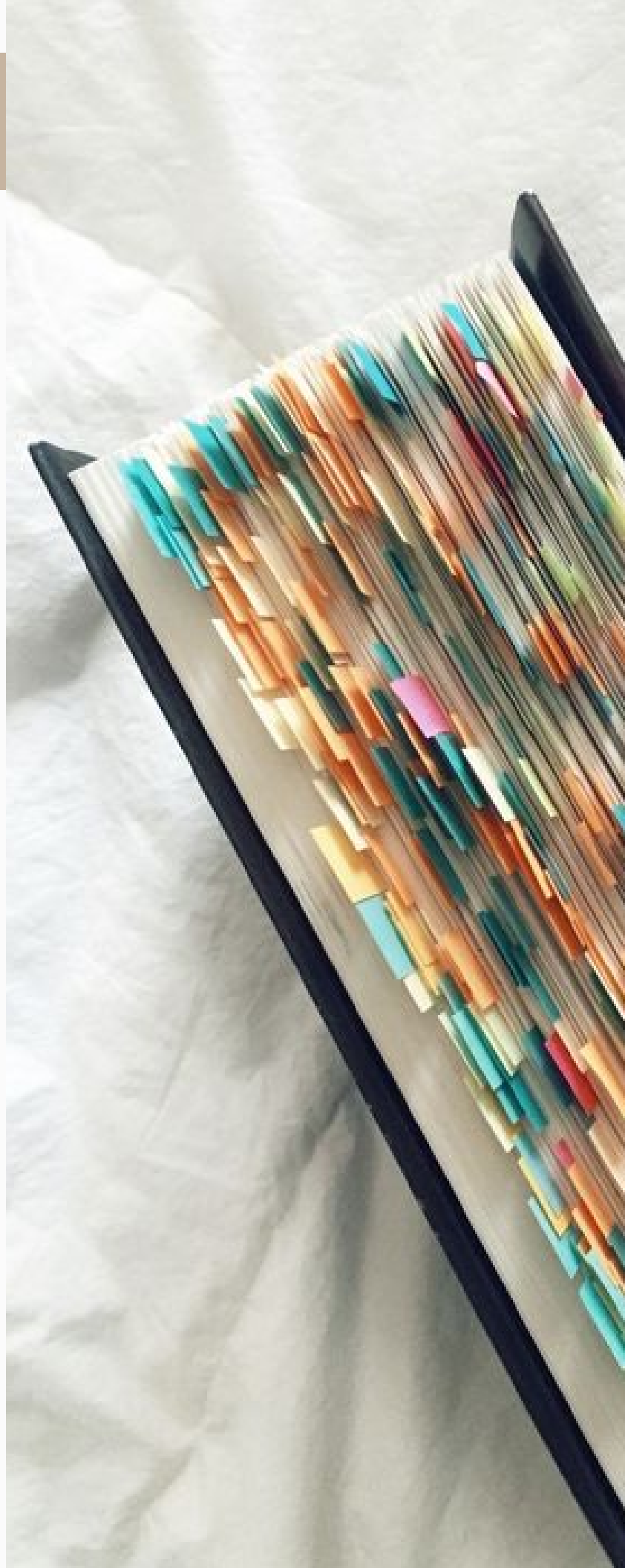
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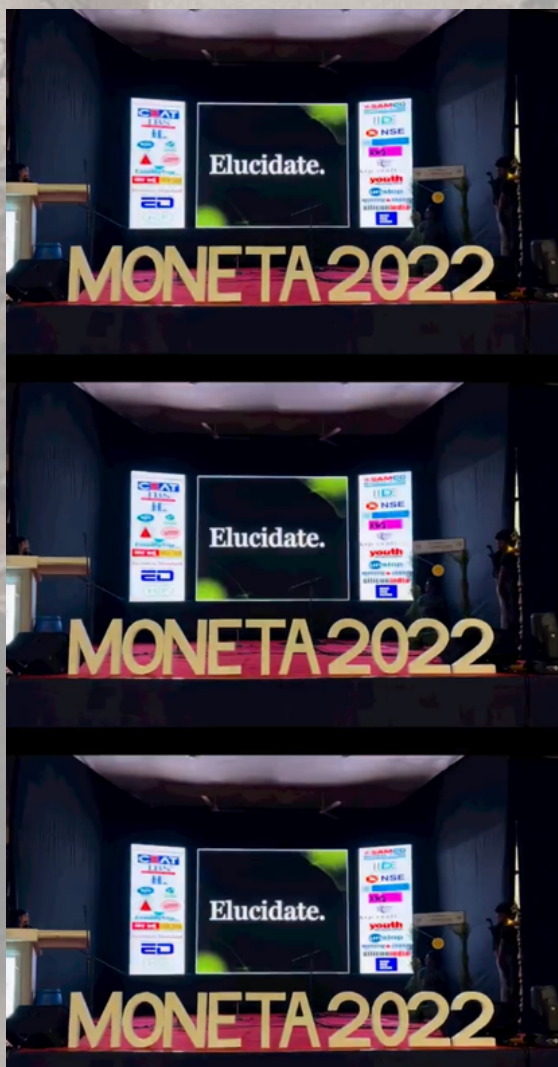
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# MONETA'23

Moneta, the biggest financial fest organised by R.A Podar College of Commerce and Economics, this year took place between 17th to 21st January. Mock stock, branding, production planning, scams and frauds, research, risk management, HR operations, financial quiz, these events organised throughout these 4 days aimed to foster the financial environment and increase financial literacy.





# TEDx

TedxRAPodarCollege held the latest edition on 11 Feb 2023. Three distinguished speakers had presented different perspectives that enriched the minds of our audience. Mime artist, Mr Kunal Motling, enacted this beautiful talk where he showed how we all look for that secret ingredient to make our lives complete. Dr Anuradha Sovani, a psychologist and a psychotherapist gave a talk, attempting to present storytelling as an invaluable tool to bridge the world together regardless of the confinements that society has traditionally imposed. The idea of seeing beyond sight was presented in a new light via this talk by Mr Aryan Joshi, an international chess player. He co-related the chessboard to our multifaceted mind and offers a refreshing take on the concept. The audience took away with them a new understanding about their own abilities.





# ANNUAL PRIZE DISTRIBUTION

The Annual Prize Distribution was conducted on 28th January 2023 to facilitate all the achievements of the students of R.A Podar College of Commerce and Economics, Autonomous. The Chief Guest of the event was Podar Ratna, Mr. Sudhir Valia, Non Executive Director - Sun Pharma. The achievers were presented with certificates and medals to congratulate them on their successes.





# SEMINAR ON 'THE LOCUS OF AND IDEA TO ACTUALISATION OF BUSINESS'

On 13th January 2023, Dr. Hemjith Balakrishnan, a renowned Keynote speaker, and entrepreneur conducted a seminar. He has immense experience in conducting Seminars and Webinars across the country. The seminar was conducted on the topic 'The locus of an idea to the actualization of business' specifying how important it is to come up with an idea and execute it. The seminar was conducted in the Seminar Hall, Ground floor, and was attended by the Professor-in-charge Mrs. Karishma Khadiwala, and 56 attendees from Junior and Degree colleges.



# E-SUMMIT

On 17th January 2023, E-Summit was held by the Entrepreneur Development Cell of the college and featured a number of activities, including the E-Summit Conclave, a Speaker Session with the Consul General of Israel, Business Rendezvous, and Think Tank.

Shark Tank Season 1 participants Mr. Vikram Mittal, founder of Mavi's, Ms. Krishna Vora, founder of Mom's Therapy, and Ms. Niti Singhal, founder and designer of Twee in One, discussed their experiences and views with the audience at the E-Summit Conclave.

Making allies in business is essential, and during the speaker session, Mr. Kobbi Shoshani, the Israeli consul general, expressed his thoughts on the connection between Israel and India.

Both the Think Tank and the Business Rendezvous provided participants the chance to present their company ideas to judges Mr. Yash Dagli (Trainer and Business Developer) and Mr. Mann Shah.





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## BEACH CLEANUP

The NSS Volunteers participated in a beach clean - up drive in collaboration with The Kalpataru Foundation held at Mahalakshmi beach on 22nd January 2023. Kg's of waste has been extracted from the shore by the volunteers.

## SEMINAR ON CRIME AGAINST WOMEN

On 24th January, 2023, the NSS unit of our college conducted a seminar on Crime On Women, Women Safety and POSCO Awareness. Senior officers of crime branch were invited for the session and they gave us very deep knowledge and useful instructions about the recent crimes and ways to prevent them



# BUSINESS GERMAN CERTIFICATE COURSE

On January 17, 2023, a seminar on "Business German- a Certified Course" was held by the Career Guidance Forum under the Institute of Commerce. The session aimed to raise awareness about German language opportunities and was offered to both Podarites and non-Podarites.

# CERTIFIED FRAUD EXAMINER COURSE

On January 11th, 2023, an online session on the Certified Fraud Examiner Course was conducted by Career Guidance Forum under the Institute of Commerce (IOC) in association with EduDelphi. Speaker Shyam Sir, a B.com, CA, CS, CFA, and MBA, discussed examining red flags on online platforms, identifying means, and legal processes. The speaker also provided guidance on the Anti-fraud profession, qualifications, scope, and criteria.





# PANORAMA – CAREER FAIR

On 29th March 2023, the Career Guidance Forum held Panorama- a Career fair. The event featured 34 stands guiding students about different career fields, including finance, defence, photography, and fashion design. Students registered and visited the stands, engaging with counsellors and sharing their experiences. LED screens were set up for visitors to view the stands..





# QUOTE UNQUOTE – AN OPEN MIC

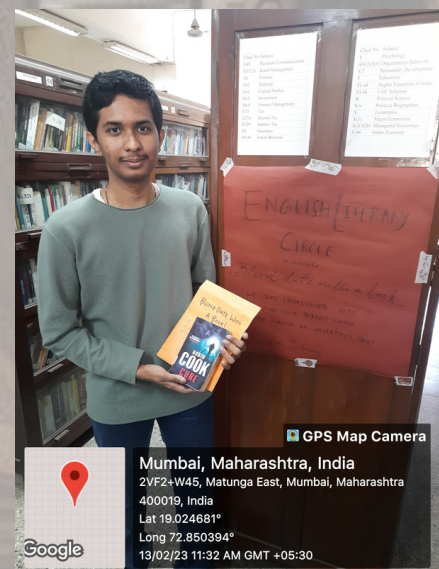
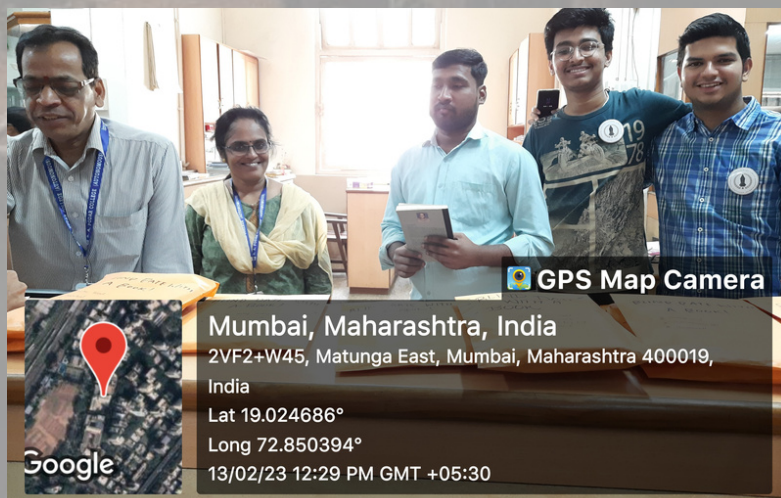
An Intercollegiate Open Mic event, was conducted by English Literary Circle in association with the Planning Forum And Economics Association, on 6th January 2023. The theme this year was 'Pandora's Box'. The participants from across various colleges in Mumbai showed up and showcased their talent through songs, poems, story narrations, rap, Shayari etc.





# BLIND DATE WITH A BOOK

The English Literary Circle came up with a novel idea to celebrate the book lovers. On 13th February 2023, books covered in paper were laid out on the counters of the college library and students had to issue the one they liked. The choice had to be made based on the characteristics written in the book. The event was a hit as we saw an overwhelming response from students and teachers. More than 40 students turned up and chose their (book) dates. The event started at 10 am and went on for about 3 hours. Our beloved Vice Principal, Kavita Jajoo ma'am took a tour too. Students also got an opportunity to make the library cards to avail the one-of-its-kind facilities.





# GEET BAHAR

GeetBahar is the flagship event of Hindi Literary Circle. The last event of the forum Geet Bahar was conducted on 8th April 2023 in an offline mode in the college auditorium. The theme for this year is tribute to all the Bollywood movies. The singers and instrument players will be presented their talent. The event is cherished by many students in the college as it helps one connect with the beats . Mr. Anup Jalota and Mr. Deepak Velankar were the chief guests for the event



# MAHARASHTRA DAY

On the occasion of Maharashtra Day, the Podar Mudra Marathi Literary Board, on 1st May 2023, organized a cultural program. Dance, music, costumes, art etc were presented beautifully by the very talented students of our college. The young student poets wrote heartfelt poems, all in all making this Maharashtra Day a grand success.



# AASWAAD

The Gujarati Literary Circle organized their flagship event on 14th of February, 2023, called AASWAAD. 2023 marked five years to this well-known and grand event and served exquisite delicacies to our fellow Podarites as well as the teaching and the non-teaching staff.

After the opening ceremony initiated by the respected principal we served more than 100 customers homemade dishes. A tempting menu included, Khandvi, Dhokla, Thepla, Jalebi papdi and speciality dishes like Pizza Khakara and Chocolate Pops. The event garnered special praise from the Vice Principal who described it as a “beautifully arranged food festival”. It was a joyful experience that sharpened the management and entrepreneurial skills of the students





# HASTAKALA SPARDHA

The competition invited participants to show off their skills in poster making, mehndi design and fireless cooking. Students in the college took great interest in this indigenous event and participated enthusiastically. Our respected Principal, Dr (Mrs) Shobana Vasudevan, appreciated the talents of the participants along with the faculty members.



**OUR JUDGES**



# PODAR HIKER'S CLUB

Podar Hiker's Club conducted various treks in the year 2022-23. All the treks saw great participation from students with atleast 50 students joining for each trek. The first one was to Palasdhari, Sonigir Fort in the Sahyadri ranges of Maharashtra on 24th July 2022. It was followed by these fascinating treks

Valmiki Ashram(Ajoba Hills) - 7th August 2022

Tandulwadi Fort -20th November 2022

Irshalgad Fort - 15th January 2023

Kalsubai Peak - 25th & 26th February





# ARTICLESHIP WEEK

From 2nd December 2022, the Second Final Placement Week 2022-23 was conducted by the Placement Cell, with 300 students registered for the online and in-office event. Companies conducted aptitude tests, telephonic interviews, technical rounds, and virtual and face-to-face interviews to shortlist candidates. The event was successful, with media outlets including Universal Actuaries, Universal Actuaries, IIDE, ICICI Prudential, and ValuEnable.



# BULLFIGHTS- THE DEBATE COMPETITION

The Speakers' Academy organised The Bullfights in 2 slots, elimination round on 7th January, 2023 and Final round on 14th January, 2023 with 36 debate enthusiasts competing with each other to win The Best Debater award. The participants expressed their views on various topics ranging from daily life to education to where Our country is headed towards. The Final round was helmed by Ms. Anushka More, a Podar Alumna and skilled orator and Dr. Amita Kamat, a Podar Faculty and a great speaker. Both the Judges put forward their views regarding the event and advised the participants on how to present oneself in a debate.





# INTRA COLLEGE QUIZ EVENT ON INDIA: ALOUD

The Quizzes League conducted an intra college quiz event on India called "Aloud" to strengthen the understanding about India. The quiz was conducted in three rounds wherein the elimination round took place on 9th January 2023 followed by the semi finals on 10th January 2023 and finale on 13th January 2023.





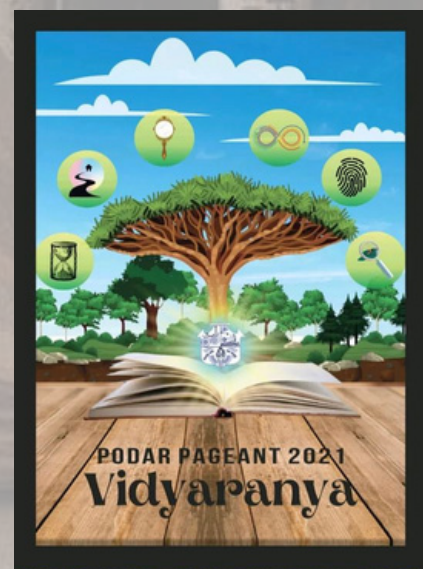
# GROUP DISCUSSION DAY

The Group Discussion Cell of R.A. Podar College of Commerce & Economics (Autonomous) had organised the GD Day on 7th January 2023. The theme of GD Week was 'Tap the Un-Tapped' Students expressed their views and gave different perspectives on the topics like Metaverse and Future, Rural Tourism, etc. . The judges for the event were Dr. Mrs. Amita Kamat and Ms. Ruhi Patel. The judges gave very constructive remarks to the students.



# PODAR PAGEANT 2022 LAUNCH

The launch of the Podar Pageant 2022 was conducted on 28th January, 2023 in the Conference Room. Teachers from Junior College and Degree College were in attendance. The event began with the Secretary introducing the theme for this year's magazine, Tapiseria, along with the different sections of the magazine. A short introduction was given to the Photo Blog and the newly introduced Alumni Magazine, Mudita. The contributors were then called forward to read out some excerpts from their articles and poems. This was followed by the main event, i.e. the actual launch and unveiling of the magazine and Photo Blog by Shobana Vasudevan ma'am, Kavita Jajoo Ma'am, Maj. Madhav B. Gavande sir, Vinita Pimpale Ma'am and Vrushali Kaneri Ma'am. A vote of thanks was then given which brought the event to an end.





# THE POD AT PODAR

'The POD' at Podar was organized by incubation cell on Oct 22, 2022 to build a vibrant community of startups with innovative and new business ideas. The Pod provides incubates with the essential infrastructure, skills training, and ecosystem support they need to gain access to the market, capital, and other resources.

'The POD' ensures that incubates get the following:

1. Incubation
2. Co-working spaces
3. Investor pitches
4. Tinkering lab
5. Boot-camps & Demo-day
6. Workshops & Webinars
7. Membership of CII YI Mumbai Yuva network



# THAT'S ALL *folks*

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