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THE PODAR CANVAS

September—November 2018

TO THE BACKSTAGE MIRACLE WORKERS

A human who has striven to stand by you through thick and thin and guide you on the path of success- this is the definition of a "TEACHER".

Being in this profession, a person needs to have meticulous planning and impeccable execution of their action plan. Compassion and empathy are two key emotions which set aside a teacher from the rest of the crowd. The willingness of a teacher to accept any task, small or big, important or mundane, and execute them with the same attention to detail and good intent to yield the desirable result is commendable.

"Teachers can change lives with just the right mix of chalk and challenges." — Joyce Meyer.

Teaching is one of the few professions which adds value to the society. They influence and feed the Gen-X with knowledge and mold the future leaders. They catalyze the process of developments and innovations by nurturing our brains. They are the force behind the paradigm shift which is happening in our society.

Teachers are those pearls of this nation who rejoice with our success and stand through us in our arduous journey to the peak. A person investing their time for the betterment of lives is to be saluted and revered forever.



PAINT YOUR THOUGHTS BRIGHT

The Ganeshotsav Mandal conducted a poster making competition on 5th September 2018. The students were given the theme on the spot and had an hour to let their creative minds do the task.

All the students together put up a great show. The winners were then awarded by a Junior College faculty.



SPEAKING YOUR MINDS THE MAHARSHTRIAN WAY

Podar Ganeshotsav Mandal organized Elocution Competition on 05th September 2018. The topics for the Elocution Competition were:

- 1) "San Loka Manya Haveth"
- 2) "Mansathla Devpan"

The language accepted for the event was only Marathi. Participants were allowed to speak for 3-5 minutes on any of the topic. The event was judged by Mrs. Swati Bangar. Three participants were selected as winners of the event.

A total of seven teams in pairs of two took part in this event.

It was an on the spot story telling event where the participants had to weave a story based on the pictures shown to them on the projector screen.

Each team was given a prompt to begin their story with and had to tell their story for 3 minutes.

The participants portrayed their oratory skills.

SPIN-A-YARN

Spin-a-yarn: a story telling competition was held on 7th September 2018 by the English Literary Club. A total of seven teams in pairs of two took part in this event.

It was a “spot” story telling event where the participants had to weave a story based on the pictures shown to them on the projector screen.

Each team was given a prompt to begin their story with and had to tell their story for 3 minutes. The participants had a fun time using their creativity and imagination.

MOCK PARLIAMENT

The Planning and Economics Forum of conducted an intra-collegiate mock parliamentary debate on 8th September 2018. The event was judged by honourable Prof. Harshad Bhosale from Kirti M.Doongursee College, Dadar. The one of its kind debate included a discussion on two actual draft bills: The Whistle-blowers Protection (Amendment) Bill, 2015 (Group A) and the Surrogacy (Regulation) Bill, 2016 (Group B).

This provided the students an experience of an actual parliamentary debate. The event hosted 17 participants from both Degree and Junior college. The degree college winners will now represent the college for the University selection.

BAN THE BAG

The NSS Unit of R.A. Podar College of Commerce and Economics conducted an Anti-Plastic Campaign in the college locality on 8th September 2018.

A rally was conducted, and NSS volunteers held up posters and shouted out slogans to get the attention of the masses. After the rally, the volunteers performed a skit on the menace that plastic has created and what should be done about it. The skit was performed at Matunga station so that the local people could get the message.

After the skit, 200 cloth bags were distributed in Matunga Market to encourage the people to use cloth bags instead of plastic bags. These cloth bags were made out of old pillow covers by the students.



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LET THE WORDS FLOW

Ganeshotsav Mandal conducted an Online Essay Competition on 08th September 2018. The topics for the competition were given to students beforehand. Topics for Online Essay Competition were:

- 1) Changes in Nature of Festival
- 2) Women in Indian Cultural

As it was the festivities season in India, the topics also had a festive tinge to them.

Students submitted their essay through email. A total of three winners were selected.

HINDI DIWAS

The annual ritual of celebrating the Hindi Diwas was organized by the Hindi Literary Circle on 22nd September 2018. This was the inaugural event of the forum.

This year, for Hindi Diwas a special guest was invited to honour the day. The director of Sairat, one of the most successful Marathi movies, Mr. Nagraj Manjule attended the event.

The students presented a beautiful instrumental jugalbandi, a skit, a musical performance and recited select poems during the event.

There was a discussion with Mr. Manjule, Prof. Rahul Singh and Prof. Neerja Dhule during the event. He was then felicitated by Dr. (Mrs.) Shobhana Vasudevan. This event was a commemoration of our native language and a reminiscence of its importance.



NSS DAY

The NSS Unit of R.A Podar celebrated the NSS Day on 24th September 2018. The members of the cell made posters about various social aspects covered under the activities of NSS.

The celebration started with the lighting of the lamp. The principal addressed the volunteers and explained the importance of NSS in the life of the volunteers as well as in the college. As this was the 49th Foundation Day of NSS, a cake was cut to mark the day. After the celebration, the teachers wrote about the NSS Unit of the college on a banner specially put up for that purpose.

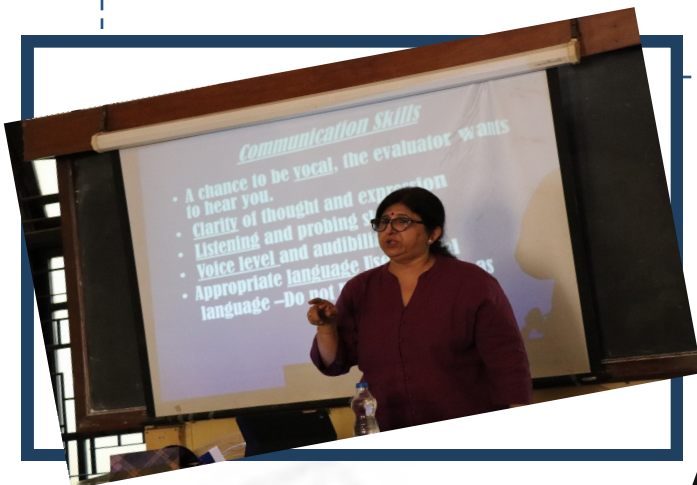
GETTING FUTURE READY

The placement cell organized a Resume Building and Mock interview session on 25th September 2018, to groom the third year students registered with the cell for the upcoming placement week in December.

The session was conducted by Ms. Shilpa Vivek who guided the students through important aspects of the placement process.

The mock interview gave students an example of how to tackle interview questions and to follow certain etiquettes from the right behavior to the perfect attire. The session followed with how to write a resume, the do's and don'ts and further gave tips on enhancing profiles on networking sites.

Thus, the session helped in preparing students leaving them motivated with insightful takeaways to perform their best on the interview day.



ORIGAMI: CRAFT THE JAPANESE WAY

An origami workshop was conducted on the 26th of September 2018 by the Hobby Circle. This was their debut event. The workshop was conducted by an ex-student Riddhi Dubal.

The origami workshop saw an enthusiastic turnout by the students who were keen on learning the art. Initially the participants were taught the basics of origami, after which they learned how to make different objects like a swan, a box, etc. The participants thoroughly enjoyed the session.

EXPLORING CAREERS

On 27th September 2018, a talk by Mr. Siddharth Sabapathy was organised by the Deutsch Literary Circle. He spoke about his experience in Germany. The talk started off by a discussion on the sports management course he pursued in Leipzig University, Germany. The talk further covered the general requirements to study in Germany and the admission procedure. He emphasised on the opportunities available for students in Germany as well as India in the field of sports. He also spoke about the various scholarships offered to international students followed by a Q&A session. His enthusiasm urged the students to look forward to studying in Germany.



BETTER SAFE THAN SORRY

The Women's Development Cell conducted a Self - Defence workshop on 27th September 2018. Mr. Ravindra Patil was invited for the workshop. He explained the importance of self- defence to the students. Both boys and girls participated in the event. Mr. Ravindra spoke about the history of Judo as well. The students were taught various self - defence techniques which could be put to use under adverse circumstances and lives could be saved. The session implicitly focused on imbining discipline in our lives and alertness at all times.



THE GREY MATTERS

The second event of Quizzers League -Spent Quiz was conducted on 29th September 2018. The event saw participation of 8 teams from Degree College. The quiz ran on the mat with a written and audio round. However, the teams had to get past the written Preliminary initially. The questions tested the participants on the world of sports and entertainment. The event ran for approximately two hours. The quiz was well received by the participants.



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LIGHTS, CAMERA, ACTION

The Deutsch Literary circle screened “Der ganz große Traum” on 1st October 2018.

The movie was screened for the junior college students. Around 40 students came for the screening. The crowd enjoyed the plot twists a lot. The movie had very basic German spoken throughout and was an effort to encourage the German language amongst the students. English subtitles were also provided for non-German students to have an inclusive audience.

REDUCE, REUSE, RECYCLE

Podar Nature Club organized a unique workshop on Paper Making on 1st October 2018. College faculty, Prof. Mr. Kapildeo Indurkar facilitated the event. The members of the club used pages of old notebooks, recycled them and made new papers out of it in the workshop. There were a total of 52 members present. The final result of the intensive workshop was 'handmade paper.' It was a step towards promoting recycling and giving the students a new experience.



SEMINAR ON ACCA

A "Seminar on ACCA" was conducted on 5th October 2018 in our college conducted by Synthesis Learning. This is a company who prepares undergraduates, graduates and working professionals for global courses. The speaker guided the students with the courses, the procedures and differences from the learning institutes of India. The conversation was a friendly discussion about the intricacies of the course.

KICKSTARTING DREAMS

The Entrepreneur Development Cell hosted The Budding Entrepreneur Intercollegiate Quest on 1st October 2018. This gave an opportunity to all the budding entrepreneurs to showcase their start up ideas and mold it. The event received a participation of 10 students. The students presented their ideas to the panelists.

"Everybody has dreams but only few have the courage to live their dreams" The main agenda of this quest was to give the students a direction and help them take a step forward to dreams.

The jury, Mr. Sushil Mungekar (Founder and CEO, EnLearning) and Mr. Arvind Narayan (Co-founder, EnLearning) shared their valuable insights during the event and addressed each and every start up individually.

The event ended with a vote of thanks and a motivating speech by Mr.Sushil Mungekar.

CEO IS THE BEST POSITION INDEED!

The Career Guidance conducted a group discussion on 4th October 2018 titled "Career Pe Charcha". It covered various career opportunities. During the session, various students gave inputs about the careers they were pursuing and this consequently cleared the doubts many other students. Degree College Vice-Principal Mrs. Kavita Jajoo, B.Com professors; Ms. Sonam Singh & Adv. Mr. Siddhesh Tiwrekar gave their valuable insights to the students. Students asked queries regarding suitable career choices, backup plans, perks, educational investment and profile scope.



WORLD DIABETES DAY

On the occasion of World Diabetes Day – 14th November 2018, a rally was conducted by the Lions Club International Foundation to create awareness among the public regarding the rise of diabetes. The Lions Clubs have been working on reversing the growth of diabetes in India by spreading awareness, setting up diagnostic camps and aiding the patients' treatment who belonged to underprivileged areas. The rally started at 7 am from Five Gardens, Matunga and ended at Khalsa College Ground by 9 am. Further there was a speech by dignitaries. The rally got an overall support from many diverse groups from the society.



World Diabetes Day

EMOTIONAL QUOTIENT-THE CALL OF THE HOUR

The Life Enrichment Centre conducted a session on emotional strength on 6th October 2018. The speakers for the session were Mr.Arvind Ragvan, Mr.Ganesh and Ms.Sweta.

The session commenced with the speaker giving the students three cases and recording their reactions towards them.

Afterwards, the speaker told the students how these cases can be correlated with the Ramayana.

Thereafter, the speaker explained the difference between compromise and sacrifice elaborately with varied examples. He also spoke about the importance of emotional strength.

At the end of the session, there was a question-answer session.

The session was enlightening to the participants.



LOOSEN UP

On 9th October 2018 the Life Enrichment Centre conducted a Dance and Movement theory session. A trained faculty from Seeds of Awareness facilitated the session. The session started with the facilitators asking everyone to introduce themselves using an adjective followed by a movement. After the introduction round, there were interesting activities ahead. The facilitators then asked all the participants to walk at varying paces enabling the students to entirely focus on themselves and creating their own space. Another stress busting activity involved the participants playing with balloons.

Lastly, all the participants were asked to dance freely on a song.

PHOTOGRAPH: MIRROR WITH A MEMORY

The Photography club of R.A. Podar College organised a Photowalk on 9th October 2018 with a theme named MUMBAI#trending.

Students were grouped into 4 and were split up to capture maximum area and variety of pictures within 2 hours. The most appealing task was clicking portraits of strangers by convincing them to pose. The local life as well as the architectural beauty of the city was captured.

The best of the photographs were selected and forwarded to feature in the magazine.

POSTIVE MIND. POSTIVE LIVES

On occasion of World Mental Health Day – 10th October 2018, a talk on “Digital Addiction and Cyber bullying” was delivered by Dr. Sunitha Shanker. Dr. Shanker is a pivotal part of the Chinmaya Mission.

The session commenced with the felicitation of the Chief Guest followed by a small prayer. The session started off with an interactive talk about the internet being a boon or a bane. Furthermore, she went on to explain the hazards of constantly exposing yourself to the mobile phone and how psychologically damaging it can be. She also spoke about the problem of “Cyber bullying” that people face in their daily lives and how it’s necessary to not disclose personal details on an online portal as anybody could misuse your information under the mask of anonymity. The event concluded with felicitation of the participants who attended all the 4 events. Overall, the talk by Dr. Sunitha Shanker was extremely informative and engaging.

A LIFE WOUND AROUND THE INTERNET

Another session to celebrate the World Mental Health Day was conducted and Dr. Sunitha Shanker a part of the Chinmaya Mission, was invited to speak and enlighten the students.

The session was started off by asking the audience if the internet is a boon or bane. Further, she explained the hazards of constantly exposing oneself to the mobile phone and how psychologically damaging it can be. She also spoke about the problem of cyber bullying and how it’s necessary to not disclose everything on an online portal as anybody could misuse personal information under the mask of anonymity. The event concluded with the felicitation of the participants.

MAKING A DIFFERENCE

A Book Donation Activity was conducted by the NSS Volunteers of NSS Unit. It aimed to help the Samatol Foundation which is an NGO in Kalyan. The children of the foundation welcomed the volunteers warmly. On arrival, the NSS volunteers introduced themselves to the children present there. The children then introduced themselves to the volunteers and a short interactive session went on. Our NSS Volunteers gave books, stationary, sweets and biscuits to the children. Various games were also played with them.

The foundation basically helps abandoned children. These children are closely observed by their team at the foundation. As per the law, the team of Samatol Foundation gets the child registered with the local police station and then brings the child to the shelter. Proper counselling is done by the Samatol team and their psychiatrists.

After 45 days of camp, the team of Samatol takes the child to his/her home town districts, locates the family, counsels them and hands over the child to the family. This visit was an eye opener for the urban youth having access to all the resources.

ONES WHO BROUGHT US GLORY THIS SEASON⁶

Congratulations to Anshuman Pandey from TYBCom who participated in Diplomathon(International Level Debate competition/MUN) held at Podar International School, Juhu as Chairperson (Judge) who was awarded with certificate and cash prize as remuneration.

Congratulations to Varun Vaishampayan from TYBMS was the Runner Up (verbal mention) in RMUN 2018 held by the Rotary Club of Bombay Pier on 21st October, 2018. He was the Delegate of Italy, and also won the Certificate of Appreciation for Best Debater.

Congratulations to Srushti Haleangadi who won under 21 State Table Tennis Championship and also Women's Category State Table Tennis Championship held at Pune ,Balewadi on 12th November, 2018.

Congratulations to Chelsea Thakkar from Junior College who stood 4th at 10th Albatross International Junior Golf Championship at Delhi.

Congratulations to Srushti who represented Mumbai University Table Tennis Team and Won Western Zone Title. She also got qualified for All India University to be held at Chennai. Srushti also won the Best Player Award

Congratulations to Basketball Boys Team who bagged 3rd position at the Basketball Inter Collegiate Tournament 2018-19

Congratulations to Junior College Volleyball Girls Team who emerged as Winners at Inter-collegiate DSO Mumbai City Volleyball tournament.

Heartiest Congratulations to Bhupen Lalwani, studying in SYBCom. for being selected to represent Mumbain U23 in BCCI's All India C. K. Naydu Trophy after scoring 4 consecutive centuries.

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