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MONETA 2017

"The Biggest, Finest, and One-of-a-kind Financial Festival at an Undergraduate Level" - are the best and most precise words to describe the Eighth Edition of MONETA 2017 hosted from 20th - 23rd December, 2017. A combination of Seminars, Events and Workshops, this unique fest boasts of hosting colleges from both Mumbai and outside Mumbai. This year Moneta sought to inculcate in its participants how important it is for any corporate enterprise to Adapt to Changes, Evolve to Survive and Conquer to Develop and it is quite safe to say that it succeeded in its mission in all possible ways. The flagship event of Moneta, namely Bullring - A Virtual Real-Time Based Stock Market tactfully judges the current trading practices and skills of today's youth and helps to understand the market in a fun and entertaining manner. Other events too helped to gather and utilise knowledge of the financial sector in an innovative and creative manner. Secondly, Moneta 2017 boasted of a wide plethora of renowned and intellectual speakers. The event was inaugurated by Mr. Ashish Kumar Chauhan, CEO, BSE, Moneta 2017 and he started off on a highly positive and encouraging note, that was further boosted with the inspirational and informative seminars given by other speakers like Mr. Nilesh Vikamsey, Chairman, ICAI, Mr. Shrinath Bolloju, COO, RBL Bank upon various current and interesting topics. Mr. Jordan Reeves, the Consul General of Canada also graced the occasion with his luminous presence. Lastly, Moneta's other social initiatives like the Run for Financial Literacy also garnered a large and positive response. Learn India, another innovative initiative of Moneta promoted several basic and advanced financial modules in the Education and Medical Sector. To sum it all up, Moneta 2017 was a creative, well-organized and beautifully executed event under the able leadership of Mrs. Divya Lalwani, Teacher-in-charge and Mr. Mihir Desai, Chairperson, whose efforts brought out significant and successful results to this memorable festival.



FINACC INTRA SERIES

Accounts and Finance Circle of Podar successfully conducted their second event, FINACC Intra Series 2017. The entire event was conducted in the format of a series of events, of which the first event was conducted on 22nd September 2017. This was an Intra Collegiate event. Quiz-o-ccounts was a fun based accounting quiz with four rounds consisting MCQs, Crosswords, Betting Round and Treasure Hunt. There was a footfall of around 23 teams. The event started at the stroke of 12:00 in afternoon which went on till 14:00. The events saw the participation of both the Junior and Degree College students.

The winners for the events were were Jaina Acharya & Bhargav Joshi. The Runners Up position was bagged by Abhay Kothari and Prathamesh. The event was thus successfully wrapped up by the distribution of prizes and the content look on the faces of the participants .



HUNAR:LET THE TALENT BREW

Yes, it's back with a bang! After a long year's wait, Hunar 2017 was launched on 16th December 2017. Hunar was a fine blend of energy, competition, calm and fun. It provided a perfect platform for the students to showcase their hobbies to the masses. Various fun events such as 'Tell a Tale', 'It memes a lot', 'Reveal your Collection', cooking events, etc. were conducted which got lots of contestants. In a nutshell, the sweat the organizers shed did bring fruit.

SPEAKING YOUR WAY THROUGH

Like every year, the Speaker's Academy conducted the prestigious 49th AD Shroff Elocution Competition to identify the best orators on ground on the 13th of December. Contemporary topics such as 'Digitization, The Way Forward', 'Importance Of Infrastructure In Economic Development', etc. were chosen for the elocution.

The judges for the elims were Mrs Leena Ramani, the ex-chairperson of GDC and Miss Varsha Srinivasan, ex-Podarite and the winner of the 49th AD Shroff Elocution Competition.

After impeccable deliveries by the college's best orators and some tough decisions by the judges, Miss Simran Thakkar from TYBCom was declared the winner, who will go on to represent RA Podar at the intercollegiate round on 5th January, 2018.

RESPONSIBLE DISPOSAL

The Industrial Interface Forum (IIF) of R. A. Podar College of Commerce and Economics organized a guest lecture on Solid Waste Management on Wednesday, 13th September, 2017. The speaker invited for gracing this lecture was Mr Bhalchandra Patil, a former deputy municipal commissioner of MCGM. The seminar commenced by the felicitation of the guest lecturer and introducing him to the audience. Then, Mr. Patil threw light on the concept of waste generation. He spoke about the various regulations involved in solid waste management. Further, the session took a turn towards methods of effective waste treatment and the initiatives taken by MCGM regarding collection and transportation of such waste. A most recent initiative taken by MCGM, the Go-rai Closure Project, was taken into focus where the main issue was exhaustion of balance life of landfill due to continuous dumping of waste.

In addition to the guest lecture, a poster making competition was arranged for the college students with the theme 'Effects of solid waste' which was judged by the guest speaker. It not only provoked a competitive spirit among the students but also assisted in spreading the importance of solid waste management. All in all, it was an insightful session and an enlightening experience.

SPIEL DES WORTES

The Deutsch Literary Circle conducted Spiel Des Wortes on the 29th of September. The event started at around 12:15pm, with 10 contenders from FYJC and SYJC. The event was split into 3 rounds: 4 pictures one word, movie plots and pictionary. Every correct answer gave the participants 10 points and the one with the highest points, wins the event. The event went very smoothly with no hindrances. The students showed a positive response and wanted more events from the forum in the future.

BOOKOPHILE

The second event organized by hobby circle was 'Bookophile' to encourage the hobby of reading. This annual event was organized this year with an added twist to the much loved event. This year the forum introduced the concept of exchanging books. The participants were asked to submit their requests by 10th September, 2017. Requests were accepted for not only English books but also for Hindi and Marathi increasing the range of options for the participants. For those who were not able to give their requests by the stipulated time, the date was extended to 15th September for them. Thirty-five participants participated in the events with seven participants having their books exchanged with each other. The books were distributed to the participants before Diwali vacations. Along with the books, the participants were provided with Review Cards to write their reviews on the books they have read. The books and the review cards were recollected in December before the winter vacations. Also, an article was published in Maharashtra times dated 25th October, 2017 on 'Bookophile'.



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ADRENALINE RUSH

The year's second trek was organized by the Hiker's Club and yet again over 80 seats booked in first three days! The enthusiasm of crowd could be seen vividly. The students embarked on their journey at around 6:40am. The bus journey was all about singing songs, befriending the juniors and sneaking into each other's lunch boxes. The weather was pleasant for the green horns to have their first experience of trekking. The team said that the view on top was totally worth the climb. Post this, the group headed towards a waterfall to enjoy its beauty. The trek surely had everything to make it one of the unforgettable memories for everyone!

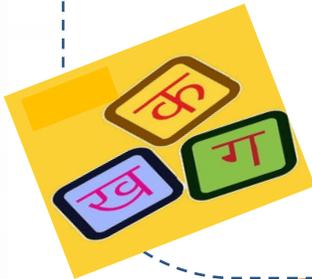


HINDI DIWAS

Hindi Literary Circle conducted its first event on 14th September 2017, which was the celebration of Hindi Diwas.

The event commenced by welcoming the chief guest-Dr. Vasudha Sahastrabudde, Ms Kavita Jajoo Ms. Lata Shetty and Ms Neerja Dhulekar. Further, Prof Neeraja Dhulekar ,spoke a few words on the importance of Hindi language and culture. Later the students of junior college recited a beautiful poem by 'Gulzar' and narrated a motivating story .The young and fresh talented musicians of our college showcased their talent by playing their musical instruments and presented a Jugadbandi for the audience, a monoact was also performed. Following this, Prof Rahul Singh motivated the young generation by his speech. The Chief Guest addressed the gathering and expressed her views on Hindi as a language and an important part of our culture.

The event ended on a positive note by a Vote of Thanks delivered by our secretary Vipul Waghmode



HUNT IT DOWN

English Literary Circle conducted its second event 'Treasure Hunt' and saw a huge participation of students this time too. The participants had come in teams of two. The event consisted of an elimination round, out of which 10 teams went ahead. The second round was a crossword puzzle and the final round, which tested the students on both, literature and knowledge of English language. Students were divided into teams solved literary clues and challenges for 2 hours, to find the treasure. The students were running up and down the college premises looking and hunting for clues and avoiding penalties and cracking the puzzles at various clue spots. The winners were decided on the basis of how early the teams come to the original place.

DECIDING THE FUTURE PATH

The First Final Placement Week was conducted from 9th Dec 2017 - 18th Dec 2017 by the Placement Cell. Ernst & Young, Deloitte, KPMG & TATA Capital were some of the companies that arrived on Campus during the week for recruitments. It eases out the process of getting placed for the college students as one doesn't need to go through the hassle of applying externally.

A total of 33 students were recruited in the First Placement Week.



SHAPING BRIGHT CAREERS

A Resume Building Session was organised by The Placement Cell on 3rd October 2017. Ms. Vishakha Parulekar was the speaker of the event. This session was specifically conducted for the third year students of BCOM and BMS who have who have registered with the cell for the final placements. The session was based mainly on correcting the mistakes commonly made by the students in their CVs and interviews. The speaker explained about the type of questions asked in interviews and how to cleverly tackle them. She also told about the things which should be mentioned in the resumes and what all should be avoided. At the end the speaker also shared some of her experiences which will help students a lot in their upcoming corporate worlds.

HOW TO TREAD ON THE PATH AHEAD?

An interactive session was conducted by the Placement Cell of the college on the 3rd of October, 2017. This session was presented by the college's former teacher Ms. Leena Ramani. It was attended by the third year students of both the Bcom and BMS divisions who have registered with the cell. This session was mainly organised to help the students understand the 'know how', and learn the usage of important interacting skills which would help them in their final year placements and future interviews as well. A lot of methods and tips were provided by ma'am about body language and confidence, and how the students could be benefitted with an extra edge over the rest. To top it all, a mock group discussion was also conducted with an intriguing topic, "Does the journey matter or only success?", which was welcomed with active participation by the students. Overall, it was a very helpful session which would surely have benefitted the students

ENRICHING LIVES

Department of Lifelong Learning & Extension (DLLE) organized the First Term Training Session (Academic Year 2017-18) for the registered students on 22nd September, 2017. The different projects, its importance and the methods of completing those projects were explained to the students. The activities related to these projects, festival 'Udaan' and the right ways of completing 120 hours were discussed.

The event was conducted by Professor-in-charge Mr. Kapildeo In-durkar, 3 Student Managers and the resource person Ms. Manisha Gawade -Area Co-ordinator, DLLE, University of Mumbai. Total 67 registered students were present for the session.

ACROSS THE CONTINENTS

The quizzing event of the Deutsch Literary Circle started at around 12:30 The quiz was conducted in English with generic questions about German language, culture, traditions, famous personalities and places. 11 teams of 2 persons participated in the event. The quiz was split into 3 parts: MCQs, Crossword and a Powerpoint based quiz with 4 rounds. 3 teams were declared as winners on the basis of highest scores achieved.

NSS DAY CELEBRATION

NSS day was celebrated with great enthusiasm and team work on 23rd September 2017. The rooms were decorated for the occasion with balloons and a beautiful rangoli was made. The principle Dr. Shobana Vasudevan lighted the diya and addressed the gathering. The celebration was concluded with the distribution of sweets and good wishes.



GETTING GROOVY THE DESI WAY

Gujarati literary circle and Marati literary circle together celebrated Navratri by organising Garba and Bhondla. The event was held on 9th day of Navratri i.e. 29th September, 2017 at 11am in the auditorium. As Navratri is the festival of "Goddess Durga", the forums spread a message of women empowerment amongst the students of the college. Mrs. Mamta Kulkarni (Matunga Station Manager, Central Railway) was the Chief Guest of the event. The event commenced with the Aarti followed by felicitation of chief guest. After the Aarti, Bhondla was celebrated by student performances. Post this, Garba songs were played, and the students and the teachers of the college matched their steps to the beats of the songs. The celebration came to an end with a formal vote of thanks.

INDUSTRIAL VISIT TO STANDARD CHARTERED BANK

The Industrial Interface Forum (IIF) Of R. A. Podar College of Commerce and Economics organized an industrial visit to Standard Chartered Bank on Friday, 22nd September, 2017. A batch of 18 students accompanied by 1 faculty member, visited the institution. The session was guided by Ms. Smita Pande, the branch manager, who threw light upon various functions of bank and how they carry out various special services for a separate categories of people throughout the country. As the bank mainly focuses on corporate clients, the students were informed about the different sectors of credit lending and various credit facilities available each type of sector. As the branch was fully digitalized, questions were raised about cybercrime and information privacy and security of the customers. During discussion, it was pointed out that the bank provided chip based credit and debit cards to customers compared to the band cards, which ensured enhanced safety. In addition to that, the bank is composed of a fraud detection unit that investigates cases of frauds and money laundering. Being one of the oldest banking institutions in India, the bank not only actively participates in a variety of government schemes but also organises various campaigns to promote acceptance and inclusion of banking habits in underdeveloped areas, thus expanding horizons of financial inclusion in India. All in all, it was an insightful visit and a memorable learning experience.

A BIT OF PROFIT DID NO HARM!

Entrepreneur Development Cell set up Business counters (Stalls) for F.Y.Bcom students to encourage them to display their business ideas. The objective was to give them a platform to showcase their entrepreneurial skills. It was a four day event , (from 10th October to 13th October) where student displayed more than 30+ products.

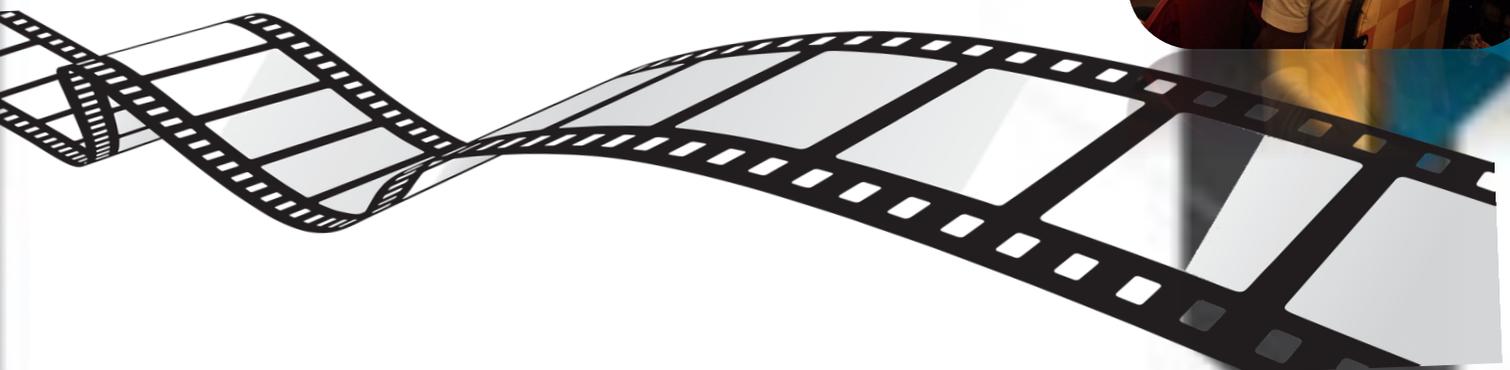
Over the period the students developed various qualities and talents like time management ,decision making, interpersonal Relations, etc.

It was a successfully implemented project.

LIGHTS, CAMERA AND ACTION

The Hobby Circle of R.A Podar College conducted their third event for the academic year 2017-18 from 25th September to 29th September. The name of the event was "The Movie Week". In this event, five movies were screened, one movie a day, for the whole week. The movies screened were 'The Martian', 'Shutter Island', 'Zootopia', 'Mr. Holmes', 'Mama'. The first movie screened was 'The Martian'. The movie had a few elements about how a man stranded on Mars, survived and communicated with NASA and his team mates. Hobby circle screened its second movie named 'Shutter Island' which was a thriller and suspense movie at 11.30 am on 26th September 2017. Everyone was praising the director of the movie for the brilliant and a unique plot starring Leonardo Di-Caprio. The movie screened on 27th September was Zootopia. The film details the unlikely partnership between a rabbit police officer and a red fox con artist as they uncover a conspiracy involving the disappearance of savage predator inhabitants of a mammalian metropolis. There was a discussion after the screening wherein movie watchers were asked to give their views about the movie picturization and its plot. Mr. Holmes, 28th September 2017: The movie screened on Thursday was Mr. Holmes. The general opinion about the movie was that the movie had an amazing execution of the plot and even minute details were taken care of. The links to previous cases of Holmes were brilliantly shown. Some of the participants felt that the acting could have been better. With everything set, it was Friday when around 25 people had come to watch the movie screening of Mama. People reacted well to the movie and students could not hide the thrill and excitement both during the screening as well as after the movie during the discussion.

The Movie week concluded with this movie.



ONES WHO BROUGHT

US GLORY THIS SEASON

The students of R.A. Podar College won the "25th International Economics Convention" held from 7th -9th December 2017. The convention theme was : "Demonetization - a monetary policy" and the topic assigned to the college was "Impact of Demonetization on Indian banking sector". The winning team - 1. Mihir Jain T.Y.B.Com 2. Yashada Kaskhedikar- T.Y.B.Com 3. Renuka Barsilla- S.Y.B.Com 4. Ankita Save- T.Y.B.M.S. 5. Eshan Vaidya- F.Y.B.Com 6. Devavrat Nimbalkar- S.Y. J.C. The team also won the Best Question & Answer round and Mihir Jain was adjudged the best speaker in the Convention. Kudos to the entire team.



Bhavya Sanghavi from FYJC secured 2nd place in Gujarati Essay Writing Competition in the Gujarati festival of K.E.S college, Kandivali (W).

Raghavendra Mahabaleshwarkar, won the 2nd prize in the intercollegiate essay competition for the topic- 'AIDS Awareness/ Stigma and Discrimination' through NSS Unit of R.A.D.A.V College, Bhandup on Friday 8th December 2017.

Saurav Ambavane got the 1st prize in Dr. Dhananjay Kir State Level Open Elocution Competition held by Mahim Mumbai Library on 29th September, 2017.

Shreepati Walawalkar (S.Y.Bcom) was awarded with "Best Paper" title and a cash prize of Rs.5000 for his research paper on the topic Implication of Demonetisation on IT Sector, Kinjal Patel (S.Y.Bcom) won 3rd Prize for her research paper on Implication of Demonetisation on Service Sector and Nikita Tanksali (S.Y.Bcom) and Sameeka Samal (T.Y.Bcom) were awarded with "Best Paper" title and a cash prize of Rs.5000 for their research paper on the Implication of Demonetisation on Manufacturing Sector by Kandivali Education Society's B.K. Shroff College of Arts and M.H Shroff College of Commerce's National Level Intercollegiate Research Conference on 4th September, 2017.

The Podar Contingent stood 1st in group presentation and solo presentation in the presentation meet 2017 held by K P B Hinduja College of Commerce on 9th September, 2017 (eliminations) and 11th September, 2017 (finals). (For group presentation Nikita Naik - Tybms Meghana Atluri - Tybms Nikhil Sonawane - Tybms Shardul Chavan - Tybms, for solo presentation Srinath Radhakrishnan - Tybms)

Priyanka Kapre won the 1st prize in S.V.Kulkarni Inter College English Elocution Competition which was held on 15th September, 2017.

Monthly Highlights



September

Bookophile	10th September
Waste Management Lec-	13th September
Hindi Diwas	14th September
Finacc	22nd September
DLE Training	22nd September
IV to Standard Chartered	22nd September
NSS Day Celebration	23rd September
Garba and Bhondla	29th September
Movie week	25th-29th September



October

Resume Building Session	3rd October
NSS Eye Camp	4th-6th October
German Quiz	6th October
Group Discussion Session	10th October
Mock Trading Session	10th October
EDC Event	10-13th October
Talk on GST	13th October
Spiel Des Wortes	29th October



DECEMBER

NSS Unit RCC poster making	4th December
A.D.Shroff Elocution	13th December
NSS Blood Donation	8th December
Irshalgad trek	10th December
Hunar	16th December
Placement Week	9th-18th December
Uttung	18th December
Magazine Release	20th December
Moneta	20th-23rd December

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