

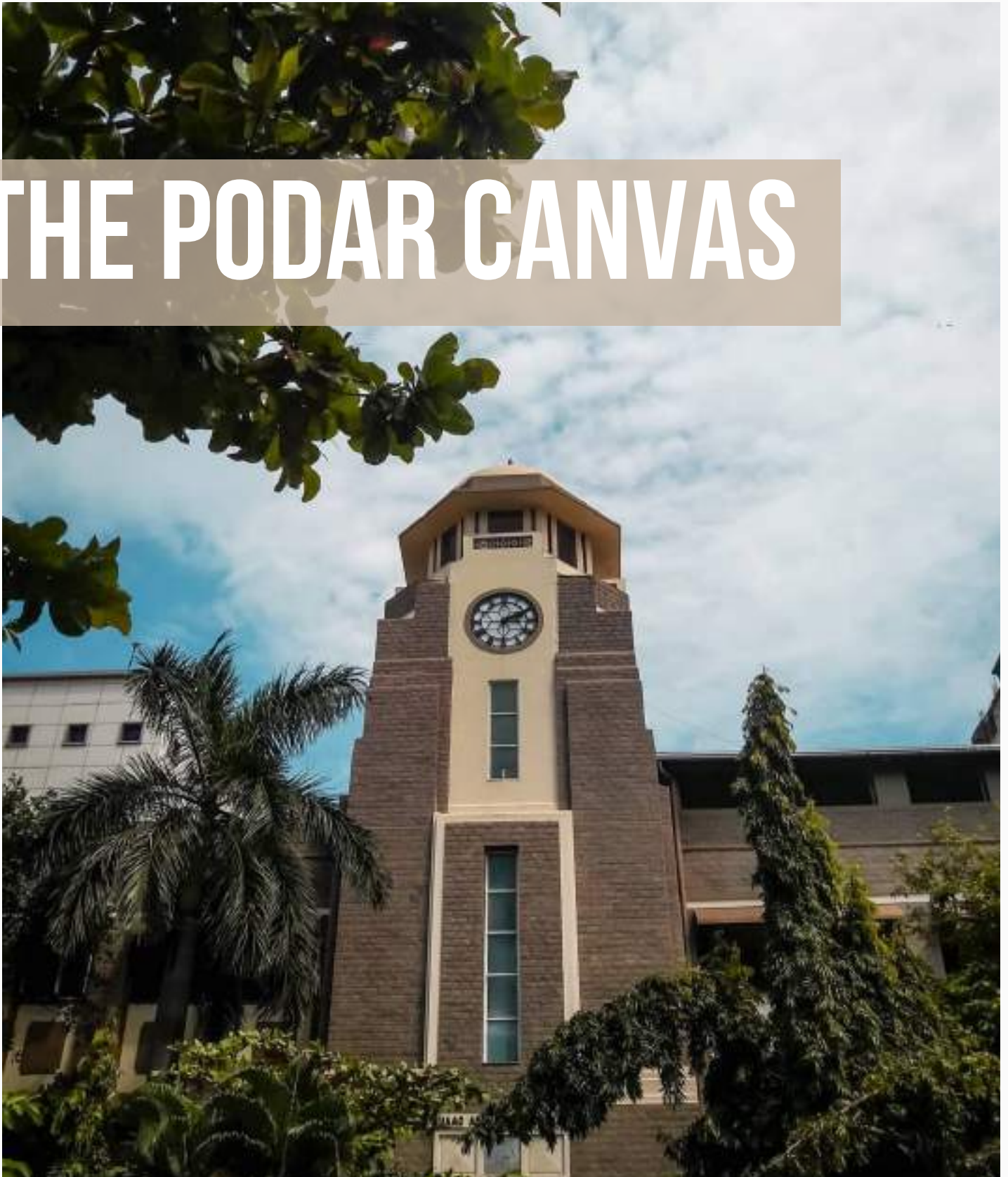


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MATHEMATRIX'23

MATHEMATRIX 2023 Organized by The Mathematics Association of Podar (MAP), unfolded over four exciting days from August 2nd to 5th, 2023. The August 2nd opening ceremony featured the ribbon-cutting ceremony by Dr. (Mrs.) Shobhana Vasudevan, our esteemed principal. An intriguing element of the festival involved a compelling narrative where participants battled Malevolix, an advanced rogue AI, using the Lore of Maths. The auditorium hosted a captivating exhibition on August 2nd and 4th, showcasing diverse models, instructive charts, and engaging games. Social initiatives were a key focus, with the team conducting 15 mathematical literacy sessions across seven schools and an orphanage. For both school and college participants, team MATHEMATRIX curated seven distinct events, including treasure hunts, escape rooms, board games, card games, talent hunts, sports, and quizzes.



MATHS-TERMIND

The Quizzers League collaborated with Mathematrix this year to host an exciting inter-college student event that spanned two days, August 2nd and 3rd. This event was designed to challenge the participants' mathematical and problem-solving skills. The event was hosted for schools as well as college students, and the level of difficulty was set accordingly. This event underscored the significance of integrating mathematical thinking into real-world scenarios and highlighted the importance of teamwork, adaptability, and analytical thinking in overcoming challenges.



FINACC'23

The Accounts and Finance Circle of Podar hosted Finacc 2023 from 11th August 2023 to 12th August 2023. With engaging panel discussions featuring industry experts, interactive workshops, and case study competitions, the event provided students with a comprehensive understanding of financial and accounting principles and their practical applications. Attendees gained valuable insights into emerging financial technologies and investment strategies.



ARTICLESHIP WEEK

The Placement Cell conducted the First Articleship Week for the academic year 2023-24 from 6th July 2023 to 22nd July 2023. Companies with varying profiles and departments hired students from a large source pool. A total of 27 students were recruited for various vacancies. The companies that offered positions this year were:

Deloitte

RSM

KNAV

BDO

MM Chitale

KPMG

Practus

SCM

Dinesh Rasiklal & Co

CVK Associates

NSS EVENTS

INDEPENDENCE DAY: 1. FLASH MOB

On 15th August 2023, the NSS unit of RA Podar prepared a Flashmob on patriotic songs and performed the same during the Independence Day programme. After the performance in the college, The NSS unit performed the Flashmob in front of Matunga Station as well. A huge crowd was gathered to see the performance which depicted the love of the Citizens towards the country.

2. PRABHAT FERI

On 15th August 2023, a rally was organised by the NSS unit of RA Podar College on the occasion of Independence Day. Students forming part of NSS participated in this in large numbers. The area of the rally was from college to Matunga Station and back again in college. Slogans like 'Vande Mataram ' and ' Bharat Mata ki Jai' were chanted. The Indian tricolour Flag was carried by each volunteer.



NSS EVENTS

VOTER ID CAMPAIGN

On 17 July, a Voter ID Campaign was conducted in college premises by the NSS unit. Students filled out registration forms to enrol themselves as a Voter.



GURU POORNIMA VOLUNTEERING

On 3rd July 2023, NSS Volunteers attended and volunteered at the Guru Purnima celebration conducted by MLC (Marathi Literary Club). Greeting teachers, storytelling and poetry recitation were performed.



NSS EVENTS

RALLY AGAINST DRUG ABUSE

A Rally against drug abuse was organised by the NSS unit on 26 June 2023. Volunteers performed a rally along with posters spreading awareness regarding drug abuse.



RAKHI STALL

NSS unit organised the rakhi stall in college from 21st August 2023 to 23rd August 2023. Stall included rakhis, bracelets, keychains and earrings made by specially-abled students of an NGO. The revenue accumulated by the sale was then given to the NGO.



NSS EVENTS

RAKHI WITH KHAKI

In this event organised by the NSS unit on 31st August 2023, volunteers visited Matunga police station to celebrate Raksha Bandhan with police officials.



RATIONAL THINKING CELL'S ORIENTATION PROGRAMME

On July 13, 2023 (Thursday), an orientation Programme of the Rational Thinking Cell (RTC) was conducted by R. A. Podar College of Commerce and Economics (Autonomous). RTC is a new cell established by the college since last year. The Orientation Programme started at 11:30 AM. Ms Mukta Dabholkar, daughter of Dr Narendra Dabholkar the founder of Maharashtra Andhashraddha Nirmoolan Samiti, was the Chief Guest for the day, along with Mr Deshpande. She enlightened everyone with her knowledge about rational thinking. She explained to the audience the importance of evidence-based decisions by giving real-life examples. Around 50 students and faculties from Degree and Junior colleges participated in the program. The Orientation Programme came to an end by 1 PM with a vote of thanks followed by the National Anthem.



FORUM ACTIVITIES

FILM FIESTA

The French Forum of R.A. Podar College organised a movie screening event on July 14, 2023, to celebrate Bastille Day. The selected film for the screening was "Le Ballon Rouge," a timeless French short film from 1956 directed by Albert Lamorisse. The film tells the story of a young boy's friendship with a magical red balloon in the streets of Paris, capturing the essence of childhood wonder and imagination.



VISION DAY

On 15th July 2023 Inclusive Cell, in collaboration with Vision Foundation, hosted the "Vision Day" event for visually impaired individuals. The event featured inspiring speeches, interactive workshops, engaging games, and inclusive dance sessions, among other activities. The first encounter for all as they entered were the artistic workshops, added on by an experience of board games in accessible formats. The honourable guests Mr Kiran Vinkar and Mrs Anagha Modak engaged the audience in Mukta Samvad. A mix of music and memorable learnings, the flute forms a common thread to all carving it in our minds



RHYTHM OF BEING: HARMONIZING LIFE AND BREATH

The Life and Breath Seminar was organised by the Life Enrichment Cell on 19th July 2023 and aimed to enlighten the participants about the significance of life and breath, mental peace, and physical health. The objective of this seminar was to enhance self-awareness, improve physical health, emotional resilience, stress reduction, mindfulness, improve relationships, clarity of purpose, reduce stress, achieve goals, emotional balance and mindful living. mindfulness, Improved Relationships, Clarity of Purpose, Reduced Stress, achieved goals and mindful living.



GERMAN FORUM'S INAUGURATION PROGRAMME

The German Forum Inauguration organised by the German Forum on 26 July 2023 was a prestigious event that celebrates the vibrant cultural ties between Germany and India. To learn and explore the German language and culture, the event featured a series of engaging activities such as language quizzes, cultural presentations, and discussions with teachers in German studies. Students were provided with valuable insights into studying in Germany, scholarships, and career prospects, making it an excellent opportunity for those aspiring to further their education or career in Germany.



QUIZZER'S LEAGUE: INAUGURATION

The Quizzers' League for the year 2023-2024 kicked off with its inauguration ceremony on August 1, 2023. The chosen theme was Hollywood. The ceremony comprised three rounds: Current Affairs, Fandom-based Questions, and an Entertainment round. To begin, the attendees were provided with a comprehensive overview of the Quizzers' League's objectives and activities planned for the upcoming year. The presence of Mr. Akshay Shingare, the faculty member in charge of the league, and Mr. Suresh Hiremath, another esteemed teacher, added value to the occasion.



GUJARATI CINEMAGIC

Gujarati Circle hosted a movie screening on 9th August 2023 to celebrate Friendship Day. The name of the movie was 'bey yaar' which shows how friends help each other in their bad times no matter what happens. The screening was for 2 hours and 30 minutes. At the end of the movie, a Google form was circulated where everybody mentioned what they understood the most from the movie.



INBOX BATTLE

The English Literary Circle held, on 19th August 2023, a cold email writing competition for the students to sharpen their writing skills. It was a novel concept to inculcate in students the habit of writing effective emails. Around 40 students participated in the event and sent emails to ELC. Finally, the top three winners were selected after being reviewed by the judges i.e. the faculty from the English Department.

First Runner-up

**KAVLEEN
MAIDIRATTA**

Winner

**KRITARTH
JAIN**

Second Runner-up

**ARYAN
NALAWADE**

ESSAY COMPETITION

The Intra collegiate Essay Competition organised by The Planning Forum and Economics Association, from 21st August 2023 to 24th August 2023, was an intellectual extravaganza that showcased the academic prowess of the participants. The competition featured a diverse range of thought-provoking topics, carefully curated to stimulate critical thinking and creativity. The judge for the event Mr. Shyam Datye, evaluated the essays. His expertise added an extra layer of rigour to the competition. The Essay Competition not only celebrated academic excellence but also fostered a culture of intellectual curiosity and expression.

INTERACTIVE SESSION ON CHANDRAYAAN 3

An interactive session on Chandrayaan 3 was organised by the Innovation Cell in collaboration with the Hobby Circle of the college on 25th August 2023. The Speaker and the Resource Person for the talk was Mr Archit Gokhale, an astrologer and Alumni of the college. The teachers in charge of the program were Mr Akshay Shingare and Mrs Pradnya Nadkarni. The principal of the college, Dr (Mrs) Shobana Vasudevan, welcomed the speaker and also gave everybody an insight into the speaker's college journey. Mr Archit Gokhale presented an overview of Chandrayaan 3 through a PowerPoint presentation. This talk facilitated a deep understanding of several aspects revolving around Chandrayaan 3.



ORIENTATION: GROUP DISCUSSION CELL X SPEAKERS ACADEMY

The Group Discussion Cell X Speakers Academy orientation programme was conducted on 26 August 2023 to make the students aware of the platforms of the two forums. It included a wonderful workshop on enhancing communication skills by the chief guest Mr. Pranav Advani. Mock GD, debate & elocution which helped students develop their critical thinking.



JOB FAIR

The Inclusive Job Fair for Disabled and Non-disabled individuals, hosted by the Inclusive Cell and Placement Cell in collaboration with the Samarthan Organisation, took place on August 31, 2023. The event aimed to provide equal opportunities for differently-abled job seekers while promoting inclusivity in the workforce. The event attracted over 175 job seekers with disabilities and 90 abled job seekers. Diverse companies, including Zepto, Vision Foundation, HDFC Ergo, Infosystems, Godrej and more, actively participated, offering a wide range of job opportunities.



THE ONES WHO BROUGHT US GLORY THIS SEASON

- Ms. Divya Rao, a student of R.A. Podar College of Commerce & Economics from SYBCOM, has secured All India Rank 1 in the CMA Intermediate Examinations of June 2023 conducted by ICMAI. Heartiest Congratulations!
- Hearty congratulations to the entire Youth Festival team of R.A.PODAR COLLEGE OF COMMERCE AND ECONOMICS (AUTONOMOUS) for winning the overall championship trophy and overall sectional championship for music and theatre at the The University of Mumbai 55th Youth Festival 2022-23.
- Hearty congratulations to Sejal Tulsidas Lokhande of FYJC and Ruchi Milind Machivale FYJC for winning the first and second place respectively in the Under 19 Girls Carrom Competition held at DSO Sports Complex (Sion).
- Heartiest Congratulations to Kheya Shah of SYBCom for bagging the Gold medal in the International Open Table Tennis Tournament held at Varazdin, Croatia on 19th & 20th August 2023

CONGRATULATIONS!!

THE ONES WHO BROUGHT US GLORY THIS SEASON

- Heartiest Congratulations to the Women's Team of R.A. Podar College for Winning the "The Mumbai University Inter College Chess Tournament 2023-2024" organized by Bhavan's H. S College From 28th August 2023 to 29th August 2023. The Team Players of the Women's Team are Ms.Sargam Kharde, Ms.Avril David, Ms.Srushti Gohil, Ms.Sanika Kakatkar, Ms.Saloni Machivale and Ms.Saanvi Mardolkar. Our Team's 3 players also got selected as individuals for the Mumbai University team consisting of Ms.Sargam Kharde, Ms.Avril David, and Ms.Srushti Gohil in the group representing zone one.
- Heartiest Congratulations to the Men's Team of R.A. Podar College for Winning the "The Mumbai University Inter College Chess Tournament 2023-2024" organized by Bhavan's H. S College From 28th August 2023 to 29th August 2023. The Team Players of the Men's Team are Mr.Shreyash Ghadi, Mr.Neel Shintre, Mr.Vansh Gala, Mr.Prathamesh Divekar, Mr.Avitosh Barnwa, and Mr.Sanket Bendre. Our Team's 2 players also got selected as individuals For the Mumbai University team consisting of Mr.Shreyas Ghadi and Mr.Neel Shintre in the group representing zone one.(Sion).

CONGRATULATIONS!!



THAT'S ALL *folks*

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