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OCTOBER-DECEMBER 2020

First Final Placement Week

On 13th October 2020, the Placement Cell conducted their First Final Placements Week for the year. The entire drive was held online, owing to the COVID-19 pandemic.

The following companies had joined them for the First Final Placement Drive:-

- KPMG
- Hunt Partners
- Liquiloans
- Resource Bridge
- Jaro Group
- Ergode IT
- ICICI Lombard
- Wipro
- Deutsche Bank
- Axxela
- Machadalo

The recruitment process went without any hiccups and more than 30 students got successfully placed.

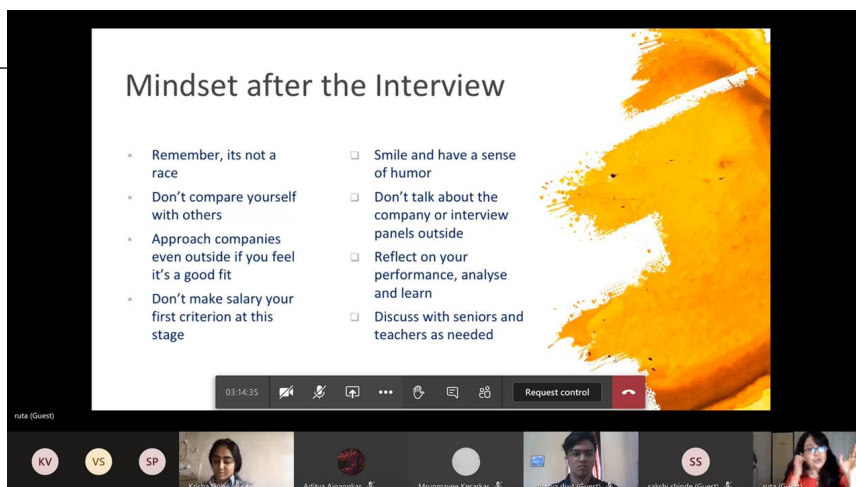


Orientation Programme

On 3rd October, 2020, The Group Discussion Cell and the Speakers' Academy conducted their Orientation Programme together, marking the continuation of the long lasting tradition where both the forums help newly joined students to understand why public speaking is important in their lives.

The event was graced by Ms. Simran Jain's presence who is an alumna of our college. The function started with the Principal's speech. Following that, the mock Debate, Elocution and Group Discussion took place. Ms. Simran then spoke a few words and provided constructive criticism for the speakers.

The event culminated with a vote of thanks for the ones present in the programme.



Grooming Session

On 3rd October, 2020, the Placement Cell organised a grooming session for the students sitting for the first final placement week of the year. The session was commenced by Dr. Ruta Vyas by making the participants aware of the preconditions of applying for a job, i.e the mindset, the core values that each individual holds, what motivates and interests them, etc. Then, she narrated an anecdote of hers from the time when she was a fresher who decided to quit her first job to pursue something else that aligned with her core values and interests.

After that, she divulged about resumes and how they reflect a candidate's values, strengths, achievements, skills, experience etc. She expanded on the concept of SPO (Situation, Problem and Outcome) and the usage of power words on CVs.

Towards the end, a mock interview session was held in which a candidate from the audience was interviewed.

The Bingo Challenge

On 11th November 2020, the Life Enrichment Centre held a Bingo challenge on their official Instagram page.

For the online event, participants had to repost the bingo made by LEC with markings relevant to their own life experiences. A good number of students took part in the challenge and helped LEC in-turn by increasing their engagement.



Webinar on Basic Understanding of Stock Market

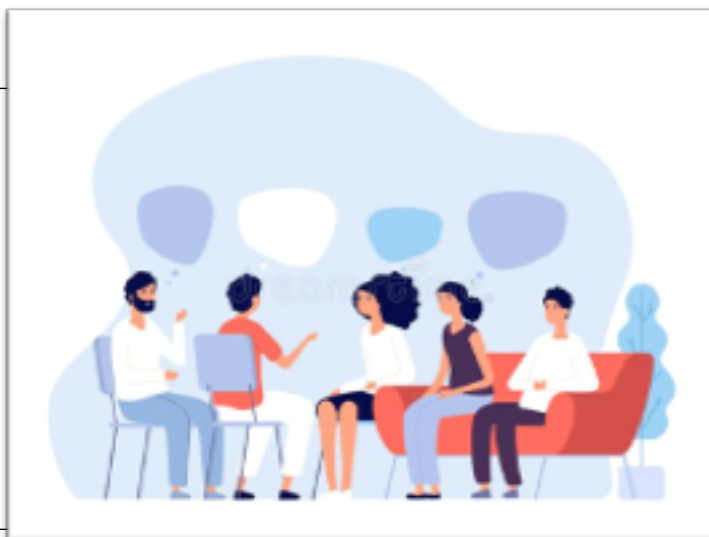
Career Guidance Forum organised an interesting webinar on "Understanding the Basics of Stock Markets" on 5th October, 2020, from 5:00 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. on Zoom. Mr. Sri Harsha explained the basics of stock market with the help of a case study and also gave some insightful examples from his life experiences.

He talked about things like: share markets, stock exchange, difference between SENSEX & NIFTY and market capitalisation which form the essential structures of Stock Market . Furthermore, he also explained how exchanges segregate stocks and listed few top stocks & industries.

Students found the session to be engaging and didn't hesitate to pose questions during the Q&A round at the end.

Snap Stories

On 9th October 2020, The Innovation Cell arranged their very first event for the year--Snap Stories, wherein participants had to form an impromptu story by incorporating the contents of the pictures shown on their screens. The event was initiated by Dr. Amitha Sehgal who gave a brief on the Innovation Cell and their objectives for the year. Following that, instructions for the event were given out to the students. They were then divided into groups of four and were sent into breakout rooms for the preparation of their story. Soon after, they presented their stories in front of the judges and the winners of the event were announced.



Group Discussions on Mental Health

In the wake of the World Mental Health Day, the Group Discussion Cell & Life Enrichment Centre organized Group Discussions on Mental Health on 10th October, 2020 from 12:30 p.m. to 1:30 p.m. on MS Teams.

Three teams participated in the GD and expressed their views on the following topics:

- 1) Jealousy and constant peer pressure cause emotional damage to youngsters.
- 2) Breakdown of the traditional family system has caused mental health problems.
- 3) Role of social stigma in mental illness.

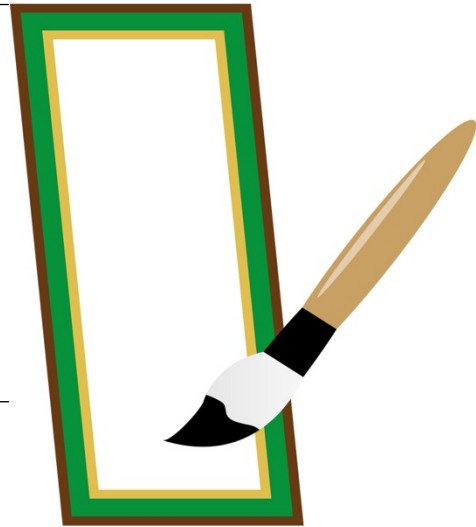
Later, the professor-in-charge of Life Enrichment Centre asked the students to take pledges of self acceptance and love; and to always help a friend in need.

Responsible Innovation Webinar

The Innovation Cell along with DIYA Mumbai's #GyanSabha series planned a webinar on 'Responsible Innovation'.

The topic of the webinar was first explained by Adv (Dr.) Prashant Mali, the Founder & President of Cyber Law Consulting Advocates & Attorneys. He talked about digital citizenship and how it is becoming more and more recognizable with people communicating, shopping and sharing information online. He talked about how that creates an urgent need for individuals to practice responsible habits.

He gave them many tips on improving their cyber security and avoiding data leaks. The webinar concluded on a good note with an interactive Q&A session.



Haiku

On 10th October, 2020 Hobby Circle organised its inaugural event for the year: Haiku. The event was conducted on Zoom, under the guidance of faculty in-charge Ms. Pradnya Nadkarni. The Vice Principal was also present for the occasion.

The event commenced with two Haikus by Ms. Gauri Rege and Ms. Asmita Gadhade. Following that, their anchor, Miss. Ritika Shinde took over and opened the event. All the participants then recited their Haikus in three different languages--English, Hindi and Marathi.

Towards the end, their teacher-in-charge gave her feedback to each of the participants. The secretary subsequently gave a formal vote of thanks to all the participants and faculty members in the audience.

Online story & poetry telling event

The German Forum conducted 'Online story and Online Poem session' every Sunday from October to December, starting from 18th October to 20th December 2020.

Through this event, participants learned about German writers, culture and literature. The motive of this event was to spark an interest among the students towards German literature and philosophers. Every Sunday, stories of some of many well-known writers like Wolfgang Hildesheimer, Heinrich Böll, Wolfgang Borchert were narrated.



Online Quiz

The German Forum carried out an online quiz on www.Quizzes.com on 12th November, 2020. The quiz was held with an aim at testing and improving the vocabulary and linguistic know-how of their participants. The theme of the quiz was False Friends: words that sound or spell similar in two languages, but have different meanings.

The quiz finished on a high note with participants receiving certificates at the end of the event.

Diya Distribution Activity

On 12th and 13th of November 2020, NSS unit conducted diya distribution activity in Barhanpur, dist- Palghar. Around 360 diya were distributed by the volunteers throughout Barhanpur. This social initiative served as a small helping hand towards those in need.



Garba Workshop

To replace the flagship event of the Gujarati Literary Circle--usually held in the college premises each year--a two-day long digital Garba Workshop was held on the 17th and 18th of October, 2020.

The event was conducted by Ms. Manushi Desai, a professional Garba dancer and a volunteer of GLC. She taught the participants some of the very well-known Garba moves like Teen Talli, Popat, Dakla, etc. All the students learnt those steps with ease and were able to enjoy themselves along the way. They also learnt some steps to go with commonly heard beats. A dynamic Garba Face Off was held at the end wherein participants had fun by randomly taking up the initiative and challenging each other.

Road Safety Week

As an initiative towards being better citizens, the NSS Unit put together Road Safety Week in collaboration with United Way Mumbai, from 18th November to 25th November, 2020. The theme for the event was 'sadak suraksha jeevan raksha'. Throughout the week, poster making, video making, debates, social media competitions and quizzes were held.



Constitution Day

The Constitution Day was celebrated on the 26th of November, 2020 to commemorate the adoption of the new constitution of India. During the ceremony, volunteers of NSS conducted an essay writing competition, the topic for which was 'Our constitution: does it need amendments?'

World Aids Day

The NSS Unit conducted an event on World AIDS Day on 1st December, 2020. The theme of AIDS day 2020 was 'Resilience and Impact'. Slogan and essay writing competitions took place during the same occasion. The volunteers wrote slogans and essays on the topic 'AIDS: A disease, not a curse'.

Around 20 volunteers contributed to this gambit.



Bhondla

Marathi Literary Circle organised a celebratory event on 25th October 2020. It started with a Ganesh Vandana performance, followed by the tradition of worshipping lord Ganesh. After that there was a display of dance performance videos that the students had filmed in their homes. In the end, there was a Garhana (a message conveyed to a deity in a musical form, praying for the well being of all living beings) was said out loud and a Rangoli time-lapse was displayed.

Webinar On Eclipses Of The Sun and The Moon

On 23rd October 2020, Hobby Circle's webinar event on astronomy was conducted on MS Teams. The event witnessed the presence of the Principal and Vice Principal and was held under the guidance of their faculty in-charge Ms. Pradnya Nadkarni.

The event began with their joint secretary introducing the speaker for the webinar, Mr. Archit Gokhale, a rookie astronomer from the college itself. He began by giving an introduction on Astronomy and then further expanded on solar and lunar eclipses. Mr. Archit also talked about various equipment and machines used to study space.

There was a Q&A session where the participants had their queries and doubts cleared. The secretary then concluded the event by giving a vote of thanks to all the ones present.



Waste Management: From Rags to Riches

On 3rd November 2020, Entrepreneur Development Cell along with Ms. Hansu Pardiwala conducted a free webinar 'Waste Management : From Rags To Riches'. Through this they aimed to advocate sustainable solutions and accountability in waste disposal.

Ms. Hansu is a Waste Management professional and the founder of Har Ghar Hara Ghar, a social enterprise. She has spent almost 5 years in the field of Waste Management and has recently moved into the space of Waste Management Training. She talked about different types of wastes and the techniques to manage each one of them. She also talked about the common misconception around waste being entirely useless and how we can reuse it to our advantage. During the Q&A session, students came to know about a plethora of brands which continue to take up measures reducing wastage from their own sites.

Stock It Up

On 11th November 2020, Entrepreneur Development Cell collaborated with Mr. Hemal Shah for a webinar 'STOCK IT UP'. Through the course of the same, they had a purpose of talking about the dynamics of the stock market and requirements of a rational and street-smart investor.

In this session he explained how the stock market works, and also talked about ideal conditions to enter and exit. Further, he discussed factors that affect the stock market like- Demand and Supply, Debt-free, Dividend etc. He also talked about the importance of embracing risks while investing.



Resume : The Lasting Impression

On 24th October 2020, the IQAC department presided over a webinar namely "Resume: The Lasting Impression" in collaboration with Mr. Jaimit Doshi, Executive Vice President at Aditya Birla Sun Life Insurance Company. The event began with the Vice Principal madam addressing the students about the purpose of the webinar. The webinar was conducted for FYBCom (Actuarial Studies) and FYBMS students. Mr. Doshi spoke about how one's experiences in various capacities at the student level make up one's resume. He briefed the students about the various expectations of interviewers in the current scenario. He also explained as to how one's participation and involvement in co-curricular events stands out in one's resume.

The webinar wound up with Mr. Doshi clarifying the students' doubts and queries.

Learning the Art of Commodities and Derivatives Market

On 11th November 2020, the Entrepreneur Development Cell of Podar organised a webinar exclusively for the finance students on the topic: learning the art of commodities and derivatives market. The guest speaker for the webinar was Mr. Hemal Shah--currently a director at CHL Stock Concepts Pvt Ltd. He has ten years of teaching experience and is known to conduct various workshops and courses on financial and derivatives markets.

The webinar started off with him explaining the basics of commodities and derivatives market and how it is different from the equity stock market. He talked about how investors can gain exposure of commodities by investing in companies who do the same or via future contracts. Further, Mr. Shah showed them a live demonstration of how commodities are traded and taught them the difference between call and put.

He then shared his secret mantra which he personally swears by. The webinar ended with an interactive Q&A round.



National Equality Day

On the occasion of National Equality Day on 31st October 2020, NSS Unit conducted a webinar in association with Sakshi Foundation.

The discussion was based around the grave issue of 'Child Sexual Abuse' and Dr. Aditi Kishore--the guest speaker of the event- talked about nature of sexual abuse and the laws pertaining against them. Informational video clips regarding different cases were displayed in the webinar and in the course of the Q&A session closing the event climatically, she orated on the questions from the participants.

Cyber Security: Key to a Safer World

On 21st November 2020, the Entrepreneur Development Cell along with Mr. Bhavesh Shah carried out a webinar 'Cyber Security: Key to a safer world'. They aimed at advocating cyber security and the importance of being alert against cyber crimes.

Mr. Bhavesh Shah is a Chartered accountant and a certified information systems auditor. He currently works as the Vice President and head of information technology audit at DBS Bank Mumbai. He explained to the students what cyber security is all about and how it has become a need of the hour to protect one's identity on the internet. Apart from that, he also explained how cyber security can become a unique career opportunity.

During the Q&A session, he talked about many apps that the students could use to safeguard their identities.



Pitch it to Win it

On 24th October 2020, Entrepreneur Development Cell along with Mr. Sameer Kothari piloted a webinar named 'pitch it to win it' for students curious about entrepreneurship and business plan strategies.

Mr. Sameer Kothari is a Podar Alumni, a CA by profession, and has completed his MBA from Cornell Johnson Graduate School of Management. He is the Managing Director at Vanity Case, which runs on the ideology of providing world class solutions for the FMCG industry.

He talked about what makes an ideal entrepreneur and then divided the participants into groups of 10 and asked them to come up with an innovative product name and a pitch to present the same. In the next activity, each group had to decide their brand names and appoint their managing directors. In the subsequent rounds, the groups had to narrow down their business models, their investments, expenses, the main areas of revenue and also perform environmental and SWOT analysis. They had to calculate their products/service's potential size of the market in measurable units as well. The participants were happy to be a part of this interactive webinar.

Intra- Collegiate Essay Writing Competition 2020

The Planning Forum and Economics Association ran the annual Intra-Collegiate Essay Writing Competition from 14th to 24th October, 2020.

The topics were divided into two sections, namely:

Section 1- Socio-cultural Issues:

1. NEP: Education at what cost?
2. Outrage Culture due to Press Freedom: Do we need to cancel it?
3. Is tragedy a prerequisite to awareness? (With special reference to Noble Professions in 2020)

Section 2- Finance & Economy:

1. India's role in Global Health (Pre and Post Covid-19)
2. Small businesses and the Moratorium Policy: Are we really #vocalforlocal?

The judge, Ms. Ami Shah (Sr. Assistant Editor, Economic Times Online; Former National Writer at Mint; Former Correspondent at Thompson Reuters; Alumna of R. A. Podar College of Commerce and Economics) provided her insights and gave her feedback to the participants.

The poster is for a webinar titled "50 THINGS YOU DID NOT KNOW ABOUT DIGITAL". It is presented by the Industrial Interface Forum. The speaker is Subhobroto Chakraborty, Founder & Chief Digital Officer of The Digital Fellow. The webinar is scheduled for October 7th, from 12:30 to 1:30. The poster includes a list of credentials for Subhobroto Chakraborty: Columnist, Top 100 smartest Digital Marketer, 50 Most Influential Strategy Leader, Guest Faculty at IIM Indore, IIM Kashipur, XIMB, WESchool, IMT, KIIT, NIRMA, Symbiosis Pune, and IBS HYD. The poster also features the logo of The Digital Fellow.

Webinar on Digital Marketing

On 7th October 2020, The Industrial Interface Forum administrated a webinar on Digital Marketing by Mr. Subhobroto Chakraborty, founder of the Digital Fellow.

A variety of topics such as Digital Brand Audit, Core problem of the brand, Market scenario, Gap area, Sales Funnel and Solutions were featured in the webinar. Potential career opportunities in digital marketing were also discussed.

Mr. Subhobroto also attended to the queries of some students towards the end of the webinar.

Book Donation Drive

Book donation Drive was carried out by the NSS Unit on 2nd of November 2020. The humble motto behind the drive was to donate notebooks to the needy children in Ghatkopar and a set of 5 books were donated to them by the NSS volunteers for the cause.



Podar Pageant PhotoBlog

On 12th December 2020, The Podar Pageant PhotoBlog, a new initiative by The Magazine Forum as an accompaniment to the annual magazine was launched. It was based on the theme for the year - Alohomora: Unlocking minds, Unleashing creativity.

Upon seeing the enthusiastic response of the students, the PhotoBlog was ideated, aiming at creating a unique online platform to display the photographs submitted. The entire curation of 300+ photographs went live on the blog. The launch was conducted virtually, in the presence of the Principal, who officially launched the platform; the Vice Principal, the Teacher-in-charge of The Magazine Forum and the members of the Podar Pageant Team. The PhotoBlog was afterwards promoted using the Podar Pageant Instagram page.

The Logo Competition

On the 14th of November, 2020 the French Forum held their Logo Competition and provided a platform to students enthusiastic about digital graphics. The participants had to mail their entries to the forum from 24th November- 4th December 2020. Out of all the entries received the winning logo was thus selected as the logo for French Forum's Instagram and Facebook profile pictures.



Red Ribbon Club Poster Making Activity

The NSS unit conducted a poster making event for the Red Ribbon club on 28th November 2020. This event was conducted to spread awareness about HIV. Around 10 volunteers took part in the event and made innovative posters.

Mental Health Wellness Talk

The Women Development Cell conducted the "Mental Health Wellness Talk" on 15th of October, 2020 in association with Mukti- A Yoga and Wellness Centre based in Tanzania.

The seminar was hosted by Mrs. Cristin Marona and Ms. Nadia Ahmed. They answered various questions about mental health. They also gave their insights on how yoga and meditation could help maintain a stable mental health. They cleared a few doubts that the students had and also suggested ways in which they could practice mindfulness during a pandemic.



Pouch and Paper Bags making Workshop

To support a noble cause towards the environment, the NSS Unit conducted an online workshop on pouch and paper bag making on 20th October 2020. The workshop aimed at promoting usage of biodegradable and environmentally sustainable alternatives. The volunteers participated as well and submitted the pictures of their pouch and paper bags at the end. Those pouches and bags were later donated to the villagers of Barhanpur.

ONES WHO BROUGHT **US GLORY THIS SEASON**

Extra Curricular Achievements

- Heartiest congratulations to Mr. Shinde Nishant Haridas, a student of our College, who has been honoured with Mr. University Second Runner Up Award in the Jackpot event at the 52nd Inter-Collegiate/Institute/Department Cultural Youth Festival organised by the University of Mumbai for the Academic Year 2019-20.
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The End
That's all folks!

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