

## What's Brewing...

- Activities that have ensued in the previous month.
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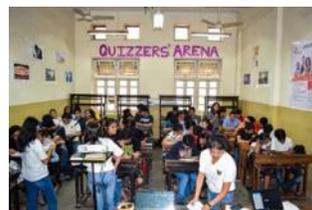
## Something special-

# Enigma- The Unfair War Fair

This time it was bigger and better!!

Enigma is the heart of Podar College. It is one of the biggest cultural festivals, not only in Mumbai, but all over Maharashtra a festival organized by the **Artists' Guild** consisting of college students. Its extravagant aura was spread over the period **26<sup>th</sup> to the 28<sup>th</sup> of August**.

The new initiatives like the Photography Department were an instant hit with the participants. Enigma's dance department this year saw an umbrella of events



take place with events such as 'Evolution of a Dancer', 'Royal Combat', 'Nriya Natya'. These events were judged by dance masters such as Kuwar Amar, Gautam Rode, Mudassar Khan and

many such other renowned names in the dancing industry.

To soften rocks and



The Enigma Team

melt hearts, the music department had events like Jo Jeeta Vohi Sikander, War of instruments. There is a Chinese proverb which says 'Tell me & I will forget. Show me & I will remember. Involve me & I will understand.' This is what the dramatics department stood for, with their events 'Impromptu Surprise Bombing', 'Mohoakt At Bolshoi' and 'The Social Aftermath'.

The literature department saw events which fused intelligence and creativity. Events like Encrypto

Patronum, Articulate Artillery, Litzkreig got the best out of the participants. Events like Role Poll, Quiz Khalifa and Collision Collusion, conducted by the informals department, tested the participants on confidence and promptness. The Enigma workshops saw a packed schedule this year. Events like "Shod Khajinycha, "Swaranakshtra", "Jodi tuji maji", conducted by the Hruturang, didn't fail to lighten up the stage with high energy and enthusiasm. At the same time, the Quizzers' Arena too stepped up their game with out of the box quizzes like The Unthinkable and The Game of Lands. Finally the fine arts department drowned the whole college with their colourful events like caricature, art attack and art quest. All in all Enigma was a block-buster and like always it wouldn't have been possible without the organizing committee as well as the amazing participants.



“Once a Podarite, Always a Podarite”, these words are not just a notion but a strong conviction instilled in the heart and soul of every student that is studying or has ever studied in R.A.Podar. The human manifestations



of that notion were seen on **20th of August, 2016**, when the college awarded some of its worthy ex-students for their immense success and contribution towards the nation with the “**PODAR RATNA**”.

The awardees accompanied by their family members, stepped into their alma mater and were welcomed by the NCC cadets and their traditional salute. The evening incepted with Principal Dr. (Mrs.) Shobana Vasudevan addressing the audience. The host,

## Celebrating Podar's Ratnas

Mr. Somashekhar Sundaresan, another alumnus introduced our chief guest for the day Mr. S. K. Jain, Chairman of Shikshan Prasarak Mandali. Prominent alumni from different walks of life such as Mr. Farokh Engineer, Former Indian Cricketer, Mr. Kisan Choksey, Trustee, Bombay Stock Exchange, Mr. Dorab Mistry, Director, Godrej International Ltd, Mr. Ajit Someshwar, CEO, CSI Group, Mr. Astad Deboo, Contemporary dancer, Mr. Vijay Kenkre, Author, Director, Mrs. Vrunda Bhagat, Former Indian Cricketer, Ms. Bombay Jayshree, Classical Musician and a few more made it a truly star-lit event. Videos with personal messages, of those who could not be present on day, were played. Each awardee was invited on the stage where they were felicitated. The awardees were asked a few questions by the host about their experience and life in Podar.

In one such video, Mr. Dorab Mistry proudly said, “I was a three time Youth Fest debate

gold medalist because the college lay a great platform for extra-curricular activities besides its academic excellence.”

Mr. Suresh Khare, Playwright and Actor, had joined Podar with a view of becoming a Chartered Accountant but realized his true potential in literature after being encouraged by a college professor. The event also included a classical music performance sung beautifully by ex-student Ms. Pooja Gaitonde and a speech by the chief guest. The program was concluded with an awe-inspiring kathak dance performance by Ms. Vinita Tulzapurkar.



## Youth showcase their skills



Podar houses students who are academically excellent, but they don't fail to show their cultural side. R.A.Podar college played host to the **elimination rounds of the 49th Intercollegiate Youth festival on 13th and 14th August, 2016**.

The 49<sup>th</sup> Intercollegiate **Youth Festival (2016)**, which was conducted by the **Mumbai University**, was held at the University Club House (Churchgate) from **18<sup>th</sup> August to 2<sup>nd</sup> September**.

Currently, R.A Podar leads the over-

all points of Youth Festival by 16 points.

Youth festival mainly comprises of five departments namely Music, Dance, Theatre, Literary & Fine Arts.

Students practised with all their hearts right since the first week of June. The students won the Theatre trophy and Dance trophy too.

The folk dance “Chirmi”, mime performance “Navras” was appreciated by all colleges that participated in Youth Festival this year.

Our college has grabbed the Youth Festival **Trophy three times** in a row & the previous year, that is, in the year 2015-16 we won the second place at over all championship and the theatre trophy too.



# Podarcha Raja...

Like every year ,this year too Podarites were blessed to have Ganpati Bappa in our college



**Lord Ganesha graced our college.**

for two days i.e **5th and 6th of September.**

This year the **Ganesh Utsav Mandal** of Podar had decided to focus on the Saints of Maharashtra i.e "Warkari

Sampraday' and farmers ,who toil day and night in the field so that we get food but on other hand in present situation they themselves select the path of suicide due to various reasons like droughts, not able to repay loans etc.

The pre Ganesh Utsav events included a rangoli making and drawing competition celebrated the traditions of Indian culture.

The Ganesh Utsav began by " Aagman sohla " i.e arrival ceremony of Bappa with full energy doubled by 'Dhol-tasha' players. The two days

consisted of various activities being conducted from social to cultural alike. The Ganesh Utsav Mandal collected books and pens that were distributed to the needy children as a part of their social initiative. The events were graced by our very own ex Principal Sahuraja Sir who also celebrated his birthday on the same day with the students and Mr Madav Devchakke, an ex Podarite and a Marathi TV star. This two day festival ended by Ganesh idol 'visarjan' where everyone had the words "Pudhchya varshi lavkar ya" on their tongues asking bappa to return soon next year. The visarjan procession moved towards the Mayor's bungalow where the idol was immersed in an eco friendly manner.

Though the festival was of two days, the days of efforts put in planning , creatives for making these two days memorable began much earlier. When asked about the Ganesh Utsav

students told that these two days definitely gave them many unforgettable memories .



# Saare Jahaan Se Accha...

To celebrate the day which gave us freedom and extend our allegiance to the nation the students and staff celebrated the Independence Day on



15th August. The celebration was conducted in Lata Kunj. It started with a welcome address, followed by

the felicitation of the chief guests, Mr. Charan Gaitonde and Mrs. Priyanka Gaitonde, the parents of Pooja Gaitonde our very own college alumna and a classical ghazal singer. This was followed by an address by Major. Gawande from the NCC wing and a few words of wisdom by our principal,Dr.(Mrs.)Shobana

Vasudevan. The sports achievers and college cadets were felicitated for their achievements by our chief guests. The events that followed saw the felicitation of meritorious students by our principal, the release of our e-newspaper and a cultural extravaganza by our students. Towards the close of the ceremony, an NCC representative gave the vote of thanks, wrapping up the ceremony.



फ्रेन्डशिप बॅड ,मार्करनी नावे लिहिणे यापलीकडे जाऊन रा.आ.पोदार कॉलेजच्या मुद्रा मराठी वाङ्मय मंडळानी यावर्षी "दिल दोस्ती निबंधावरी"या निबंधलेखन स्पर्धेतून "फ्रेन्डशिप डे "साजरा करत मुलांना लेखनाकडे वळण्यास प्रेरीत केले. या स्पर्धेत "विद्यार्थ्यांना" मैत्री "या विषयावर निबंध लिहायचा होता आणि मित्रांबरोबरच्या फोटोजचा' कोलाज 'करून ६ ऑगस्टपर्यंत सबमीट करायचा होता.या स्पर्धेत बर्‍याच विद्यार्थ्यांनी भाग घेतला आणि मैत्रीचे विविध पैलू सर्वासमोर आणले ,एका मुलानी तर चक्क निसर्गालाच आपले मित्र मानून निबंध लिहिला होता."फ्रेन्डशिप डे"ला त्यातील टॉप ५ निबंध मंडळाच्या फेसबुक पेजवर त्यांनी केलेल्या 'मित्रांच्या' कोलाज'बरोबर

अपलोड करण्यात आले. पोदारच्या विद्यार्थ्यांचे लेखन आणि मैत्री हे दोन्ही विषय पक्के असल्याचे या स्पर्धेतून समझले !

मराठी दिन केव्हा साजरा करतात ? एका टेस्ट सामन्यामध्ये सर्वाधिक कॅच पकडणारा तो भारतीय खेळाडू कोण ?.. असे अनेक प्रश्न २९ सप्टेंबर रोजी "आजचा महाराष्ट्र" नावाच्या प्रश्नमंजुषा स्पर्धेत विचारले होते. पोदार महाविद्यालयाच्या मुद्रा मराठी वाङ्मय मंडळाने हि स्पर्धा आयोजित केली होती. प्रत्येक संघात दोन विद्यार्थी असे २० संघ यांनी या स्पर्धेत सहभाग घेतला होता. पहिल्या झटपट प्रश्न-उत्तर फेरीतून सर्वाधिक गुण असलेल्या टॉप १० संघांची निवड

## दिल दोस्ती निबंधावरी !

करण्यात आली.दुसऱ्या फेरीत चित्र दाखवून त्यासंबंधित प्रश्न विचारण्यात आले आणि टॉप ५ संघ फायनल फेरीसाठी निवडले गेले.शेवटच्या फेरीत आठ शब्दांचे शब्दकोडे स्पर्धकांना सोडवायचे होते,या कोड्यातील आठही उत्तरे क्रिडा,कला,राजकारण,विज्ञान अशा विविध विषयांना हात घालणारी होती.



## Gujarat Ni Vaat Nirali

On 11<sup>th</sup> of August, the **Gujarati Literary Circle** of R.A. Podar College hosted its second successful event for the year – "Vaato Na Vada"

This, being one of the most awaited events, of the year, aimed at acknowledging and spreading the importance of Gujarati literature amongst the

participants were put in a true test of story narration and spontaneity when they had to spin a tale on the basis of random pictures on the spot.

The winners of the event, Aastha and Charmi, weaved a beautiful tale effortlessly. The highlight of the event was Manan's performance, who left

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the audience stunned with his wit as well as a social message. The judge for the day, Ms. Jalpa Madam, also appreciated the students for their confidence and enthusiasm. She also showed her support to the organizing committee for future GLC events. Prachi Parekh, an FYBCom student, said, "The participants were creative and fun and the audience had an amazing experience. This event was a great hit!"

The English Literary Circle conducted its 3rd event "**Much Wow**" on **17th September**. This event was based on a 'Do it yourself comic strip'. The event had an enthusiastic participation of teams of two from both, the Junior & Degree College. A bundle of newspapers and a sheet with common pictures were

## Such Humour, Much Wow

provided to the participants. This put everyone's sense of humor to a test. The participants scanned them for all possible characters for the comic strip. The combination of creativity and humour mixed up well and exploded with excellent results. Nishka, one of the FYB.Com participants expressed "I participated because I thought it would be a fun experience, and it really was!" After a tough competition between

them, it was unfair to offer the 3rd place to just one team. Therefore, Sandhya Paramweswaran and Rahil Doshi along with Nishka Samant and Nicole Pereira came third. Tanvi Vardam and Kanhay Kubal were the runner up. The 1st place was bagged by Sanjana Kumar and Raj Chitale's artistic skills. Overall the event was a great success!



## A double treat for German Enthusiasts

German lovers have something to be excited about: It's the newly established



Deutsch Literary Circle whose arrival surely hasn't gone unnoticed.

The inaugural event of this forum was the screening of the film 'The Great Escape' conducted on **6<sup>th</sup> August**. Based on a true story during the WWII, the movie had an audience of 42 students and was a hit with

the audience.

On **24th August 2016**, the **Deutsch Literary Circle** conducted its subsequent event 'Spiel Des Wortes' (Word Games). The event began with the elimination round – a quiz on the culture of Germany. Out of the 12 teams who took the quiz, 8 teams qualified for the three main rounds: Vier Bilder: Ein Wort, Pictionary and lastly, "Guess From the Translation". Finally, Aishwarya Phansekar and Sagar Phadke were declared the winners.

## Bookophile

With a view of making something magical and meaningful happen, the **Hobby Circle**, is conducting the event 'Bookophile'. The event lets any interested student take home one book of their choice and in return they can give a book for a month to the circle for others to read. The members try to arrange the needs of the readers. The event is still underway and is turning out to be a huge success.

## The French Connection



**The French Forum**, a fresh initiative towards connecting people with the beautiful French language and culture, organized two events in these two months!

On **20<sup>th</sup> of August**, the forum

conducted its first event: Vive la France, a celebration of France and an insight into its culture. Dr. Vasumathi Badrinathan, a celebrated scholar and internationally renowned personality, was the Chief Guest. Her inputs and suggestions invigorated the 100 students who had attended the event.

This was followed by their second event, a screening of the film, "**Les Choristes**", which took place on **27<sup>th</sup> September**.

Les Choristes (The Chorus in English) is

an award winning jewel of the French cinema. In addition to the French students, there were viewers from FY and TYBCom as well.

One of the FYBCom students, Nishka Samant said, "The film is a drama with light hearted moments and a bit of comedy. It reminded me of Mona Lisa Smile and Dead Poet's Society because you become emotionally invested in the characters."



## Celebrating Hindi...

Every year the **Hindi Literary Circle** of our college celebrates Hindi Diwas on **14th September**. This year too HLC celebrated Hindi Diwas with full enthusiasm and a surprise twist.

The Hindi Diwas started with lighting of the lamp by chief guest, our Principal Dr. (Mrs.) Shobana Vasudevan. This was the start of literary programme which

included a mesmerizing hindi song, witty "shero shayari", bhajan singing which purified the atmosphere and a short story written by Munshi Premchand giving the moral of gender equality which won the hearts of audience. A special mention of Dnaynpeeth award winner respected Shri Kedar-nath Singh was made.

Following this was the surprise which was a hit among the students...they got a chance to participate in competitions namely: Caption combat, Tongue twister, Alliteration, Bachpan ki yaadein. HLC also conducted– Jhatpat Fatafat, which was an immense hit amongst students.



Music, derived from the word 'mousike', which in Greek means the art of muses. It is not only an art but also acts as a medicine during times of stress and pain. The **Tamil Literary Circle** justified both these purposes by conducting their annual classical singing competition. Originated in the Southern India, the unique festival called 'BOMMAI GOLU' was celebrated with much glamour by the TLC. The event was opened with a small prayer, acknowledging the little

## The Music Magic

blessings that we have in life, followed by the lighting of the lamp. Charmi Bhagat, the secretary said "The room was echoing with 'SUR', 'TAAL' and 'LAYA' as the participants sang in their beautiful voices. The judges, Mrs. Kamala Ramamurthy and Mrs. Gayathri Thakoor, later felicitated all the participants to keep up the essence and encourage classical singing. The event ended with an open

mic for the audience. All in all the event was a super hit as the spirit of festive season was enhanced by the extraordinary touch of music.

## The arena is set for the Bull Fights

On **17th Sept. 2016** the **Speakers' Academy** of R. A. Podar college held their first eliminations of the 'Bullfights'. Students were well prepared and the event witnessed some quality arguments for and against the topic "Is torture justified for the sake of national security?"

The elimination round was judged by Prof. Ms. Priyanka Kathe. The students were judged on various criteria. At the end, the judge gave some important suggestions that can be made for achievement of proficiency while debating.

The students were enlightened by the esteemed judge's knowledge. Five students qualified the eliminations. The Speakers' Academy is looking forward to their next rounds with a more heated debating atmosphere.

Creating speakers and helping enhance the communication skills, this event has encouraged the spectators too to take part in such competitions



The **Group Discussion Cell** commenced the current year's activities by conducting

its elimination round in the month of August. The participants in the deciding events comprised first year as well as second year students.

On **10th August 2016**, 2 discussions were held for the first year B.Com. and B.M.S. students.

## Discussing young thoughts

7 of the 16 candidates were asked to discuss the topic 'Is Bollywood justified?'. Ms. Lavanya Samala Ma'am was the judge for this discussion. Based on her results, 5 participants were selected. Rushabh Shah got the highest points. 'Foreign T.V. channels are destroying us' was the topic designated to the 9 remaining participants. They were judged by Ms. Neha Chavare Ma'am and

Ms. Priyanka Kathe Ma'am. 3 students qualified based on the judges' result. First position was secured by Soniya Surase, At the end of the eliminations, the 3 teachers gave a few vital suggestions and guidelines.

On **25th August 2016**, a single group discussion was organized for 9 second year students who conversed about whether 'Is India a one sport playing nation?'. Ms. Divya Lalwani Ma'am was the judge for this G.D.



A GD being conducted.

## Education in Spain

Delegates from Spain visited our college on **27th September 2016** for raising awareness on foreign education. Over 60 students from BMS attended the session. Officials from the Spanish embassy along with representatives from Spanish universities informed the students about the different career opportunities available in Spain for post graduation.

## Getting close to Nature

On **2nd September**, **Natures' Club** held a screening of the movie 'Ace Ventura'. The movie went on for two hours. Attended by a fair number of students from the degree college, the movie was about an explorer emerged from a self-imposed exile in a remote Himalayan hideaway who is back in an all-new adventure.

## Scholarship Opportunities

E&Y presented a golden opportunity for all the SYites. The scholarship was open for second year students, pursuing Humanities/Commerce course. They informed the students that The scholarship amount was INR 1,00,000/- and winner would also get an opportunity to intern with the organization for a period of two months. The orientation was on **21st Sep 16**. It was attended by many SY students of our college. The students would be short-listed based on their performance on the business case challenge designed by the organization. The winners would be selected by the EY's campus committee. It would be an once in a lifetime opportunity for all the students.



## Developing entrepreneurs

Taking a hint from their WhatsApp message, the **Entrepreneur Development Cell's** orientation attracted future 'game changers' 'to guide and nurture their inner entrepreneurs.' The orientation was organized by the National Institute for Entrepreneurship and Small Business Development i.e. the NIESBUD which is a premier organization of the Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship. On

**26th September**, along with the students, 2 speakers - Mr. Sharad Sharma and Mr. Sanjay Singh and 2 members from the training team - Mr. Bharat Panjwani and Mr. Nimish Shah were present.

The seminar was an a successful attempt, to make the audience realize the importance of entrepreneurship, to inspire them to become entrepreneurs and to introduce them to skills which they can make use of for converting their brainchilds into entrepreneurial successes.

Mr. Sharma, the first speaker, focused on the society's need for young entrepreneurs and enhanced his views with real life examples. Then, Mr. Singh stimulated the listeners to come out of the comfort zones and to give something new a try, regardless of the chances of failure, as doing so will always enrich one with a lifetime experience. The duration of his talk witnessed a good deal of interaction between him and the participants.

This EDC event ended with a vote of thanks, the speakers' felicitation and an outcome which pleased the students as the NIESBUD team provided them with brilliant insights into the world of entrepreneurship.

## Creating career opportunities for our graduates

The **Placement Cell** had opened its **Graduate Placements registration** desk for the TYBCom and TYBMS students of the 2016-17 Batch from **29th August to 2nd September**. Over 120 students registered themselves to be a part of the placement process. Students who register with the Placement Cell are benefitted with mock preparatory sessions, resume building etc. In addition to this, the students get the opportunity to be recruited in elite companies like KPMG, EY, TATA Capital, etc. The placement cell also conducted a **prize distribution ceremony** on **17th September 2016** to felicitate the placement members of the 2015-16 Batch. Certificates and medals were awarded to all the office bearers and ex-

ecutive members for their contribution to college.

The new executive members were inducted and to put them at ease, an ice breaking session was held where they got to interact with the current members of the cell.



## Challenge Accepted!!

After a great success of FINACC 2016, **Accounts and Finance Circle of Podar** came up with their new event **CHALLENGE ACCEPTED**. It was an online quiz event which countered a good number of participation from students of both, the junior college and the degree college. The questions for the quiz were received from an eminent Chartered Accountant to which the students had to prepare the answers in the

span of four days. The answer was tested on basis of accuracy, completeness and how interesting it was and Mr. Preet Zakatia won the title of "PODAR'S ACCOUNTING GURU" with the cash prize of Rs.500 by giving the best answer to the CA. Students expect AFCP to come up with more such interesting events in future and should continue providing a platform to accounts and finance lovers to showcase their talent.

## Numero Uno

While the **Maths Association of Podar** delighted in the extravagant success of Mathematrix 2016, it was time for them to step out and outshine in other colleges. This opportunity was duly provided by the H R College of Commerce & Economics in their math fest, Numero Uno. Participants from Podar, both junior and degree college, enthusiastically participated in many mathematics related events. Not only

did they make it in to the finals with flying colors, Ms. Salomi Nagarseh of TYBMS received the honorary title of the Best Contingent Leader amongst the leaders of all colleges which had taken part. This inter collegiate competition was successful in, not only in hunting the best brains, but also, inspiring them to be a greater individual.



## Indulging the researcher in you

Review of Literature Seminar was conducted by the **Research, Development & Consultancy Cell** of R.A.Podar College on **24th August 2016**. Teachers from more than 30 colleges around Mumbai had attended it. This was the first lecture in the lecture series conducted by the Researcher & Development Cell. The aim of the lecture was to inculcate the habit of writing a research paper among the students and the faculty. Principal, Dr.(Mrs.) Shobana Vasudevan, was the speaker for this session. It was a very enlightening and informative lecture.

## Statutory Bodies-

## Giving Back more than what we take...

The **NSS unit** of our college had organised a **blood donation camp** like every year as a part of their activities. As a part of their social responsibility the team had invited doctors and nurses. The camp was conducted in the auditorium of our college on **10<sup>th</sup> August**. Not only the teaching staff but also the non teaching staff came forward to donate blood. Anushka a student from FYBMS said that "It feels good to donate to help someone and to see people willing to donate blood for the welfare of our society." She

also said that the efforts and teamwork of the NSS team was appreciable. Another major activity performed by NSS Volunteers was **planting of 200 trees** in vicinity of Chandip. NSS volunteers also participated in a cleanup drive conducted under the Swachh Bharat Abhiyaan. On the **24th of September**, NSS Day was celebrated. NSS also organized seminars on 'Waste Management' and 'Awareness about Hepatitis'.

Besides all these activities organized by NSS, the volunteers also joined the **Organ donation**

**awareness campaign** and **crowd management on Ganesh Utsav**, organized by the University of Mumbai.



# Outdoor Activities-

## Industrial visit

Industrial visits form an integral part of the curriculum, so that the students get an opportunity to experience the practice environment. On **24th September 2016**, **The Industrial Interface Forum** of R.A.Podar College of Commerce and Economics, had organized an industrial visit for the students, accompanied by three Faculty Members. The visit was to Godrej and Boyce Mfg Co. Ltd, situated in Vikroli, Mumbai.

They were introduced to the founders and their mission of starting the compa-

ny. They were explained about the 14 Business Units that come under Godrej Industries. Following this, the marketing personnel, Mr. Faizad, joined them who explained them the brand journey of Godrej Security Solutions. He explained how marketing is performed, what are the strategies they apply, etc. He talked about various case studies like the brand manifesto which started in 2010, the various ads they came up with and their taglines, like their First Tagline in 2010 was "Musibat Kabhi Bata Kar Nahi Aati." and so on. After explaining marketing strategies, a

Q&A Session was conducted, where the students and faculty members raised their doubts before the Godrej Team. They patiently answered all the queries.

The experience was a beneficial one for all. The students got a practical feel of what was taught to them. Thus the visit was a successful one.



## The Adventure Trail

In the early morning of **11<sup>th</sup> September**, the **Podar Hiker's Club** organised its third monsoon trek to the **Valmiki Ashram**. This scenic beauty, surrounded by lovely mountains, is situated near Shahpur on Nashik Highway. With a contingent of 47 people led by Mr. Amey Ketkar, the trek was a success.

After a small break at the ashram, the hikers embarked on the trek. Hiking for nearly two hours, this trek was relatively easy and a lot of fun. The trek was especially fun for the junior college students, many of whom were first timers.

The secretary of the club, Mangisha Yadav, was visibly pleased. She said, "All the treks this year were awesome. The response was great from both the students and the Club members. I'm looking forward to many more treks like this one!"



# IQAC Initiatives



A Wellness Programme was organized by IQAC for the non-teaching staff of the college on **27<sup>th</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup> of September**. On 27<sup>th</sup>, a lecture on basics of oral hygiene was conducted by Dr. Meenakshi Desai, executive member of Indian Dental. It was well received by all the non-teaching staff. On 29<sup>th</sup>, twenty six faculty members went to GSBS clinic, Health Rakshak near Dadar station for complete dental check up.



IQAC had organised a NAAC sponsored National Seminar on 'Changing roles of teachers in changing times' on **3rd September, 2016**. The event began with an invocation ceremony. IQAC convener, Ms. Kavita Jajoo, Vice Principal, Degree College, gave an introduction of the seminar and felicitated the dignitaries. This was followed by a key note address by the chief guest, Dr. B.S.Madhukar, Adviser, NAAC, Bangalore, who also released the 'Seminar proceedings book'. Four technical sessions were held on: 'Educating the Netizens', 'Teachers are facilitators and mentors', 'Enhancing inclusivity–



addressing heterogeneity in classroom' and 'Innovative techniques for evaluation of learners'. This was followed by a paper presentation by participants and interactive session. The valedictory session was held with a welcome address by the organising secretary Dr. Ms. Vinita Pimpale. Mr. S. Natarajan, Vice Principal, Degree College proposed a vote of thanks.



A session was held on **30th September, 2016** for the staff to introduce them about the different ways in which google apps can be used in the world of academics. The session was conducted by Mr. Asif Shaikh from the Department of Mathematics. This session covered the description of various tools and how they can be innovatively applied to garner an interactive session with students. After all one must be able to adapt to changes in technology. The world of teaching is no exception.



# What to look out for...

## ◆ Moneta 2016

This year the largest financial event by an undergraduate college is back with a unique theme- 'Startup Showdown'. The theme allows the contingents to function like a company in a wholly developed economy, interacting with various internal problems of a company as well as adapting to the external changes. This year the festival shall also include non commerce colleges as well as schools.

- ◆ To stay updated with what is brewing, stay connected with the website and the Podar app.



## Achievements

### ACADEMICS-

- \* **Salomi Nagarseth** of TYBMS secured **AIR 7** in CS Professional exam held in June,2016.
- \* **Umang Gupta** of SYBCom- B secured **All India Rank 3** in CS Executive exam in June,2016.

### EXTRA CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES-

- \* **Shreyans Nilvarna**, SYBCom published his book "**Meraki- a part of my story**", which is a collection of his poems.
- \* **Srinath Radhakrishnan** of SYBMS and **Ummehani Naguthanawala** of FYBCOM secured **2nd Position** in the debate competition in Arth Utsav organised by Khandwala College of Commerce, Arts and Management Studies. They spoke for the topic "Make in India" and "Make for India"
- \* **Srinath Radhakrishnan** won the **Inter Collegiate Elocution Competition** organized by K.B.College of Commerce and Economics, Thane. The topic Srinath Chosen by Srinath was "Social Media- social or non-social"
- \* **Amish Shah** of TYBCom and **Pushkar Mulye** of SYBcom won the **Inter-Collegiate Quiz Competition** "Utkarsha" organised by the Department of History & English of K.B.College of Arts and Commerce, Thane on 13th August 2016.
- \* **Shivani** and **Simran** from FYBMS secured **3rd place** in **debate competition** conducted by SIES college.

### SPORTS-

- \* **Senior College Girls** won **silver medal** in Inter Collegiate Basketball Tournament,24th - 26th September 2016.
- \* **Srushti Helangadi** won the **3rd State Level Table tennis Championship**.
- \* **R. A. PODAR College Junior Girls** won **1st place** in **Mumbai City DSO Table Tennis tournament, DSO Mumbai city Volleyball Tournament** and qualified to **DSO Division Volleyball Tournament** .
- \* **R.A.PODAR COLLEGE junior Boys** won **3rd place** in **DSO Volleyball Tournament**.
- \* **Senior Girls Team** were the **runners up** at **Mumbai University tournament**.
- \* **Senior College Boys** won **Silver medal** in **Inter Collegiate Basketball Tournament**.

Podar Canvas team takes pride in the achievements of all the students. Keep up the good work and inspire others too. Contact us with your achievements and get featured in the next issue. Mail us at - podarcanvas@gmail.com

## Event Calendar– August and September 2016

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
7	8	9 Participation in Quit India Move- ment by NSS.	10 Blood Donation Camp by NSS & FYBCom GD by GDC	11 Vataon na Va- da by GLC	12 Zat Phat Fa- tafat by HLC	13 49th Youth Fes- tival Elimina- tions Round
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21	22	23	24 Spiel Des Wortes by DLC  Research lecture on 'Review of Literature'	25 SYBCom GD by GDC	26	27
28 Enigma 2016	29 Challenge Accepted by AFCP Registration for TYB- Com/BMS final place- ment	30	31	1	2 Seminar by EDC & Movie Screen- ing by Nature's Club	3 NAAC sponsored National seminar on 'Changing role of teachers in changing times.'
4	5 Ganesh Chaturthi Celebrations	6	7	8	9	10
11 Monsoon tek to Valmiki Ashram.	12	13	14 Hindi Diwas by HLC	15	16	17 Much Wow by ELC & Bull Fight Elim round by Speak- ers' Academy
18	19	20	21 EY Scholarship Launch Event  Seminar on Hepa- titis by NSS	22	23	24 Intra Collegiate classi- cal singing competi- tion by TLC.  NSS Day and seminar on waste management  Industrial Visit by IIF
25 Pulse Polio cam- paign	26 Seminar by NIES- BUD	27 Wellness Program by IQAC  Movie screening by French Forum.  Education in Spain sem- inar	28	29 Aajcha Maha- rashtra by MLC	30 Lecture on use of Google apps in educa- tion.	

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