

**R. A. PODAR COLLEGE OF COMMERCE & ECONOMICS  
(AUTONOMOUS) MUMBAI**

**PODAR NATURE CLUB**

**ANNUAL REPORT**

**2024-2025**

**About the forum:** Podar Nature Club was established to promote environmental awareness among the students which extends beyond the classroom knowledge. The main objective of the forum is to inculcate environmental ethics in the minds and souls of the young students transforming them into a responsible citizen. Conservation of resources, understanding the ecological problems, and taking a step ahead to do something for the environment is the need of the hour which can be effectively spread across the society through the youth. Podar Nature Club provides a platform to learn and exhibit the talent and novel ideas to improve and protect Mother Earth.

**Committee Members 2024-2025**

Faculty In-charge: Mr. Kapildeo Indurkar

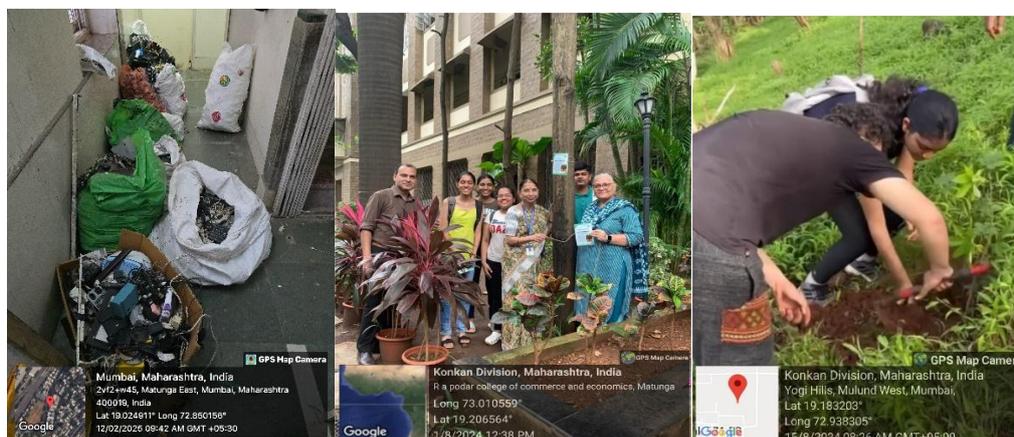
Faculty members (Committee): Mr. Shantanu Gadade

Student Secretary: Ms. Komal Jain

Student Joint Secretary: Ms. Shilpi Pednekar and Ms. Sristi Paharia

Student Treasurer: Mr. Prashva Ravani

Executive Members: Mr. Sarvesh Shirole and Ms. Janhavi Panchal





### **Event 1: Tree Plantation activity**

**Date:** 30<sup>th</sup> June, 2024

**Time:** 7:15am - 12pm

**Venue:** Yogi Hills, Mulund

**Participants:** 13 Female, 17 Male

**Description:** This event aimed to celebrate nature and inspire environmental responsibility among participants. Volunteers including students, teachers, environmentalists and local community members actively participated in the tree plantation activity. 50 saplings of various native and fruit-bearing trees were planted.

### **Event 2: RE-BLOOM: Upcycled Eco Pots**

**Date:** 27<sup>th</sup> July ,2024

**Time:** 12pm – 2pm

**Venue:** S6 classroom (College premises)

**Participants:** 23 Female, 15 Male

**Description:** This event was conducted to inspire the participants to think creatively about repurposing plastic bottles and also to promote a culture of responsible consumption. Participants were asked to paint the PET bottles so that it can be used as beautiful pots and pen stands. Through the event 10-15 bottles were made to use into useful and decorative items rather than landing in landfills.

### **Event 3: Know My Name**

**Date:** 1<sup>st</sup> August ,2024

**Time:** 11:30 am – 1:15pm

**Venue:** College garden

**Participants:** 5 Female, 2 Male

**Description:** The "Know My Name" event was a tree labelling activity where the students and the faculty worked together to label trees in the college garden. Each tree was identified based on its species, and labels were created with details including the common name, scientific name, and key characteristics. It was an interactive and engaging activity.

#### **Event 4: Plantable Indian Flag activity**

**Date:** 14<sup>th</sup> August ,2024

**Time:** 11am – 1pm

**Venue:** College

**Participants:** 4 Female, 2 Male

**Description:** We distributed 30 plantable Indian flags to our faculty members in our college. We interacted with our teachers and explained to them how after the Independence Day they can plant the flag into a pot. After a few days they will be able to see a beautiful plant grown from the seed which was present in the flag. These flags represent growth, inspiring a long-term dedication to sustainability, environmental care, and a greener future.

#### **Event 5: Tree Reforestation activity**

**Date:** 15<sup>th</sup> August, 2024

**Time:** 8 – 10:30 am

**Venue:** Yogi Hills, Mulund

**Participants:** 12 Female, 21 Male

**Description:** This event was a collaborative effort between students and environmental activists to plant 75 saplings of various native, fruit-bearing, and medicinal plants. There was also an awareness session where experts discussed the role of trees in mitigating climate change and improving biodiversity.

#### **Event 6: E-waste collection drive activity**

**Dates:** 20th,21st,22nd,23rd,25th,27th,28th,31st of January, 2025 and 12th February, 2025

**Time:** 11:30am – 12:30pm

**Venue:** Outside G1 classroom (College premises)

**Participants:** approximately 460 Female, approximately 320 Male

**Description:** This is a regular activity of Podar Nature Club and this year also we conducted an E-waste collection drive in the months of January and February. A project is given to the FyBcom students in the course of Environmental Studies, wherein students are encouraged to bring their electronic waste (e-waste). The e-waste included a wide range of discarded electronic items and this collected e-waste is then given to the authorized recycling center for its scientific recycling and disposal.

### **Green Club (A wing of PNC)**

Green club is formed in college from the academic year 2023-24, as per the guidelines of Department of Higher Education, Government of Maharashtra. Green Club is actively participating in the project – Youth Engagement and Water Stewardship (YEWS) from 2023 to 2025. It is a joint initiative of UNICEF, Govt. of Maharashtra, Centre for Environment Education (CEE), initially for 2 years. Around 145 students are registered with the Why Waste app, which was developed to record the conservation of water. Water conservation activities are done daily in domestic usage of water and it is recorded in the app.

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