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ENIGMA 2023

Unveiling the 17th edition of Enigma, the theme for this year, "Enigma Envisage," inspired young minds to liberate themselves from societal norms and venture into the unexplored. The fest was conducted from 1st September 2023 to 3rd September 2023 with myriad events. Through Enigma Envisage, a variety of social initiatives were also undertaken like Beach Cleanup Drive in association with a non-profit organisation Beach Please, Green Run, and Blood Donation Drive. Enigma Envisage unfolded with a spectacular start, featuring more than 50 events overall. The fest partnered with over 60 brands, some of them namely Axis Mutual Funds, The J and the Belgian Waffle. Our college played host to around 20+ colleges. Esteemed personalities like Sukriti and Prakriti Thakkar, Justin D'Cruz and Naitik Nagda also graced the occasion.





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MONETA 2023

MONETA® 2023, held from the 7th to the 9th of December, marked its inauguration with the grand premiere of "MONETA® Film," capturing the essence of finance and academia. The inaugural ceremony featured a soulful Aarti and the esteemed presence of Mr Amish Mehta- MD & CEO of CRISIL as the Chief Guest.

The event boasted a diverse range of activities, including both undergraduate and postgraduate events, spanning various fields. including the Bullring, a mock stock event which unfolded simultaneously. A plethora of speaker sessions and workshops also took place to engage and educate the participants in various upand-coming fields of finance. The grand closing ceremony witnessed the presence of two prominent speakers namely- Mr. Suresh Babu Vasudevan and Mr. Inderjit Camotra, adding a touch of wisdom and inspiration. With participation from approximately 60 colleges across India, MONETA 2023 became a melting pot of ideas, knowledge, and celebration, fostering a vibrant exchange in the realms of academia and finance.



NSS EVENTS

TEACHER'S DAY CELEBRATION

Teacher's Day Celebration was organised by the NSS unit on 3rd September 2023. Volunteers were asked to make greeting cards for teachers. On Teacher's Day, the teachers were greeted with cards and chocolates.



SWACCHTA HI SEVA HAI

On 1st October 2023, Swacchata Abhiyan was organised by the NSS unit with BMC on the occasion of Gandhi Jayanti. Volunteers along with BMC helped in cleaning the area allotted i.e. 5 gardens. Dignitaries guided the volunteers and fun activities were conducted



NSS EVENTS DIYA PAINTING

On 23rd October 2023,
Diya painting was conducted by the NSS unit, where volunteers painted, decorated and packed the diyas for sale. Profits from the sale were used for donations in Burhanpur..



BEACH CLEAN UP

NSS unit on 29th October 2023 participated in a beach cleanup drive which took place at Dadar Beach. The idols of goddesses, plastic and other non-organic waste were collected from the shore by the volunteers.



RANG DE À LA FRANÇAISE

The French Forum in collaboration with Enigma Envisage organised an inter-collegiate t-shirt painting event on 1st September 2023 for creative celebration of French and Indian culture the theme being franco-indian. It was a colourful fusion of French charm along with the Indian twist, where participants were given the unique opportunity to unleash their creativity on blank canvases in the form of t-shirts. The primary objective was to foster a sense of cultural exchange and artistic exploration.







QUIZZER'S ARENA - AROUND THE ONE

The Quizzers Arena and Enigma Envisage collaboration was organised from 1st September 2023 to 2nd September 2023 and brought together quizzing enthusiasts for their annual event, focusing on the theme of G20. The event was structured with three rounds. The Quizzers Arena and Enigma Envisage collaborative event based on G20 encouraged them to deepen their understanding of global issues, develop effective teamwork skills, and apply their knowledge in practical scenarios.





FORUM ACTIVITIES HIGHER EDUCATION IN GERMANY SEMINAR

On 4th September 2023, the German Forum (Deutsch Literary Circle) organised a seminar for students aspiring for Higher Education in Germany. The objective was to provide students with detailed information on the high-quality education that prepares them for their future careers and personal development. The speaker was Mr. Saumitra Joshi, an ex-Podarite who heads the Department of German at Mumbai University. He shared his valuable experiences as well as giving detailed information about careers in the German Language



LAUNCH AND SEMINAR OF CONSULTING CLUB

The Planning Forum and Economics Association launched its Consulting Club on Tuesday, 5th September. The launch was graced by the presence of Jeetendra Khilnani, a consultant with Boston Consulting Group as well as notable Alumni, Shashank Laud (Senior Consultant with Tata Consultancy Services Ltd). The guests conducted an interactive session and discussion with students about the various realms of Consulting as an Industry, career trajectory and career paths for students for young aspiring consultants. Mr. Khilnani did a live case study to introduce the learners to case solving.





BASIC PHOTOGRAPHY WORKSHOP

The Basic Photography Workshop, held on 6th September 2023 which the Photography Club organised was a highly informative and interactive event aimed at introducing participants to the fundamentals of photography. The workshop provided attendees with a comprehensive overview of photography techniques, equipment, and artistic principles.



WORKSHOP ON INTERNATIONAL TRADE (IMPORT/ EXPORT)

On 9th September, the Career Guidance Forum in association with the National Institute of Foreign Trade carried out a seminar, with the topic, "International Trade (Import/ Export)". Mr Vikas Pandey, an expert in Industry and Professional Training with an experience of more than 8 years was the guest speaker. The seminar was an informative journey of trade carried out in our country. The speaker engaged with the attendees for 2 hours, teaching and spreading impeccable knowledge. The seminar concluded with a networking session, allowing attendees to connect with the professional and industry leader Mr Vikas.





STUDENT AWARENESS & INDUCTION PROGRAMME

Under the guidance of respected Vice Principal Kavita Jajoo & Ms. Sudarshana Saikia; an in-person program was conducted on 5th and 8th September 2023 by the Self-Development Centre under the aegis of RUSA 2.0 in collaboration with Disha Counseling Center. The aim of the workshop was to generate a dialogue about the varied emotional, mental, psychological, social, physiological and environmental concerns that are faced by today's youth in these challenging yet stimulating years of young adulthood. the students were informed and discussion was generated about the availability, accessibility and the reach of the Self-Development Centre. They were further informed that the services can be availed at no extra costs and utilizing them will help them build a stable base towards self-empowerment and all-round development in these crucial years.





HINDI DIWAS

On 14th September 2023, the Hindi Literary Circle organised an event for Hindi Dlwas. This event highlighted the importance of the Hindi language. The participants recited beautiful Hindi poetry, majorly comprising Dohe by Sant Kabir. The Hindi culture and the Hindi language were celebrated in various cultural forms performed by the participants



TRAVEL WITH QUIZZERS

The Quizzers League on 16th September 2023 organised an intra-college competition centred around the theme of travel with quizzers. The quiz consisted of two stimulating rounds – the first, an exploration of the diverse cities of India, and the second, a deep dive into the ever-evolving global current affairs landscape. Apart from the spirited competition, students gained valuable insights and knowledge about the world's cities and current affairs.





THE WRITE WAY

The English Literary Circle's inter-collegiate webinar, "The Write Way – Insights to Polish Your Written Word," was held on 16th September, 2023, with 100+ participants in attendance. The guest speaker, Mr Jeetendra Khilnani, a CA, CFA Charterholder and an MBA (NYU), an ex-Podarite with expertise in Consultancy, Accounting, and Finance, shared insights on resume writing, email writing, and optimising LinkedIn profiles.





GD WEEK

The Group Discussion Cell had organised the GD Week from 14th to 16th September 2023 and from 25th to 27th September 2023 The theme of GD Week was 'Technology-The Driver of Society!' The topics emphasised technological advancements, technology bringing about change in different fields, technology as a threat etc. This helped participants to not only understand how different people have different perspectives but it also helped them to gain an in-depth understanding of the topic.





GANESHOTSAV

Organised by the Podar Ganeshotsav Mandal, Ganpati Bappa was welcomed into the college auditorium for one and half days, i.e. 19th and 20th September. The decorations were in line with the decided theme – धर्म मानवतेचा – ठाव श्रीविष्णुचा and were completely eco-friendly. On 19th September 2023, Lord Ganesha's idol was brought into the college with the traditional dhol-tasha followed by Pooja and Aarti. On the second day, theme-based cultural events were held at the college. After the cultural events, Mahaprasad was arranged for every devotee. Finally, after the final Aarti, it was time for Bappa's procession. With the traditional dhol tasha, the idol of Bappa was immersed in an artificial pond near the college.



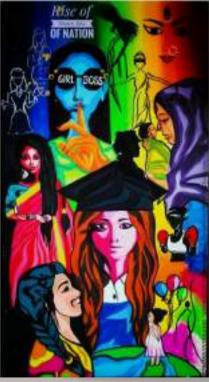




ONLINE POSTER MAKING

The Women Development Cell (WDC) organised an engaging Online Poster Competition from 19th September 2023 to 27th September 2023, focusing on empowering women and celebrating sisterhood. The competition featured three thought-provoking themes: "Sisterhood Solidarity," "Her Legacy, Our Future," and "Women in STEM." raising awareness about gender equality, and inspiring discussions on the role of women in society. The competition ran for two weeks, allowing participants to create and submit their posters online. The judge, Professor Pradnya Nadkarni, evaluated the submissions for creativity, relevance, and originality.









ALUMNI MEET BY PASCH

The event was organised by the German Forum (Deutsch Literary Circle) in collaboration with Pasch on 30th September 2023 for its alumni who had German language in their schools or junior college. The main objective of the event was to make the learners stay in touch with the language. The event included a lot of fun activities and seminars followed by a gathering lunch event. Through this programme, it was explained to the audience numerous related concerns such as the ways to accommodate, visa arrangements, master and higher education requirements and how to apply to universities.





UTKRISHT

The Finacc Fest Logo Design Challenge, expertly organised by the Hobby Circle Forum on October 3, 2023, was an exhilarating and creative event that skillfully harnessed the

artistic talents of students and enthusiasts. The festival orchestrated by the collaborative efforts of the LEC, RDC, and Hobby Circle witnessed the emergence of creativity. The enthusiastic and devoted participants injected a vibrant and pulsating energy into the festival, putting their exceptional talents on display. Utkrisht was not merely a festival; it stood as a celebration of talent, unity, and the relentless pursuit of knowledge.







GERMAN DAY

The German Forum on 4th October 2023 celebrated German Day. Everyone was asked to follow a dress code i.e dress colour any one of the German flag. Black red and yellow must be worn. Challenging Competitions; Deutsch Spell bee, Quizzards Von Deutschland and German Deluxe Trivia were organised to celebrate the German cuisine and its culture. The Trivia was based on the movie which was screened, 'weg nach Deutschland.' This movie is a basic German movie which showcases the basic German life of a foreign girl. Her journey was expressed through the movie.



CAMPUS FRANCE SEMINAR

On 6th October, the Career Guidance Forum, in collaboration with the French Forum, organised a seminar in association with Campus France, with the topic "Your Path to France". The seminar began with a warm welcome to the speaker, Ms.Vanisha Hemrajani (Resource person). She is a French Language Specialist with an experience of more than 8 years of written and speaking expertise. The seminar commenced with an Introduction to the topic, where Ms.Vanisha shared insights about exploring education opportunities in France delving into the intricacies of Scholarship processes, Top Universities in France to study and accommodation to the students.





AWARENESS WORKSHOP FOR PARENTS OF STUDENTS OF R.A. PODAR COLLEGE: 'ART OF PARENTING OF GEN Z'.

Under the guidance of respected Vice Principal Kavita Jajoo & Ms. Sudarshana Saikia; an in-person program was conducted on 14th October 2023 by the Self-Development Centre under the aegis of RUSA 2.0 in collaboration with Disha Counseling Center. The parenting awareness programme was aimed at covering facets that could help understand the very real difficulties faced by teenagers and young adults as they are growing up. The aim was also to address and discuss ways to raise peaceful, overall healthy teenagers and young adults to help them lead purposeful lives and become balanced, well-adjusted adults.





MOOT COURT COMPETITION

The Moot Court competition, organised by the Planning Forum on October 30, 2023, aimed to provide students with a platform to enhance their advocacy and legal skills. The event aimed to simulate a real courtroom experience and challenge participants in preparing and presenting legal arguments effectively. The moot problem focused on a contemporary legal issue, ensuring relevance and engagement. Competitors presented well-researched arguments, analysed case law effectively, and cross-examined witnesses convincingly.

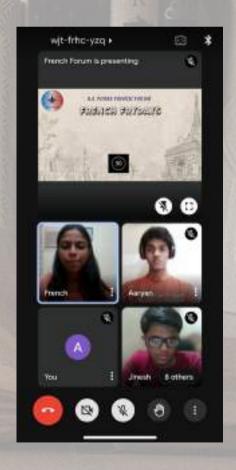




FRENCH FRYDAYS

The French Forum, in its pursuit of promoting linguistic and cultural awareness, hosted the much-anticipated "French Frydays" event over the course of 2 days, November 5th and December 1st. This immersive two-day experience brought together students from junior and degree colleges to celebrate the essence of French language and culture. The objective of the event was fostering a sense of community and enjoyment among participants.





FIRST FINAL PLACEMENT WEEK 2023-24

The Placement Cell conducted the First Final Placement on 10th November 2023, wherein reputed companies from different domains participated in the drive. A total of 300 students were registered for the placement drive. The companies conducted aptitude tests, technical rounds and face-to-face interviews with the students on campus. A total of 30 students were placed with companies offering their choice of profiles, making the placement week a success.







HRUTURANG

Hruturang is the Marathi annual cultural festival of R.A. Podar College held by the Marathi Literary Circle. Hruturang celebrates the rich culture of Maharashtra State. And organised the Dance, Drama, Music, Drama, Literature and Informal events. The event saw participation from 20 colleges across Mumbai. Hruturang a two-day cultural extravaganza was conducted on the 26th and 27th of November with various celebrities in attendance as judges and guests.





AVISHKAR ORIENTATION

'Avishkar' is a state level inter-university research competition. The intention is to develop a research culture and scientific temper among the students, scholars and teachers and encourage interest in research. Participants can be from 4 levels – undergraduate, Post graduate, post PG students and in-service teachers. There are 6 categories: Humanities, Commerce, Pure science, Agriculture and animal husbandry, Engineering and technology and medicine and pharmacy.







CONSTITUTION DAY

Constitution Day also known as 'Samvidhan Divas', is celebrated in our country on 26th November every year to commemorate the adoption of the Constitution of India. The Marathi Literary Circle celebrated the same on 1st December 2023. In this program, students performed different forms of literary arts such as poetry, narration & writing of letters, columns etc.

In this program professors also gave their views on why the Constitution is important and why we need to celebrate Constitution Day. The program concluded

with a vote of thanks.





TOWARDS NAYA BHARAT: WAY FORWARD TO A 5 TRILLION ECONOMY

On Thursday, November 30th, 2023, R.A. Podar College of Commerce and Economics (Autonomous), in collaboration with ICSSR (New Delhi), hosted a lecture titled "Towards Naya Bharat: Way Forward to a 5 Trillion Economy." The speaker, Prof. Manoj Kumar Tiwari, discussed six pivotal government schemes designed to propel India towards a 5 trillion economy. These schemes cover aspects such as infrastructure, logistics, and economic efficiency. Prof. Tiwari emphasized the importance of reducing logistics costs and highlighted the role of digital tools, technologies, AI, and machine learning in supporting evolving infrastructural needs. The lecture also brought attention to various government schemes contributing significantly to economic growth, and the positive impact of schemes like Digital India and GST. In conclusion, Prof. Tiwari emphasized the positive impact of schemes like Pradhan Mantri Kisan Sampada Yojana and highlighted overall economic growth indicators, including increased foreign direct investment, employment generation, and improvements in the banking sector.

LEGAL AWARENESS SESSION

The Women Development Cell organised a Legal Awareness Session on 4th December 2023, wherein the guest speaker, Adv. Shalini Devi commenced the session by elucidating the historical evolution of women's and children's rights, emphasizing the legal milestones achieved globally and nationally. The objective of this session was to provide a detailed overview and increase awareness regarding the existing legal frameworks concerning women's and children's rights in national and international contexts. among the student community,







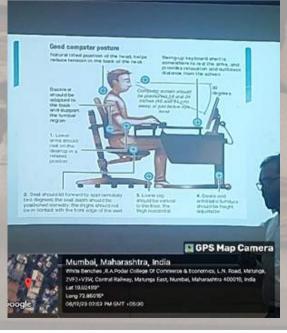
NATIONAL LEVEL WORKSHOP FOR TEACHERS ACROSS INDIA CONDUCTED AT R.A. PODAR COLLEGE: 'COMPASSION FOR SELF, PASSION FOR WORK'.

On the 5th of December 2023 an all-India level workshop was organized by the R. A. Podar College of Commerce & Economics under the guidance of Prof. Kavita Jajoo & Ms. Sudarshana Saikia; an in-person programme was conducted by the Self-Development Centre under the aegis of RUSA 2.0 in collaboration with Disha Counseling Center. The unique workshop aimed at helping teachers to nurture and foster their own unique self, develop inner vision and harness self-care. Similarly, creating the beauty inside will empower them to find their sources of synergy, enhance inner journey towards what authentically motivates them and be empowered leaders in their work spaces.



WELLNESS PROGRAM FOR ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF -HEALTHY LIFE HAPPY LIFE

The Wellness Program for Administrative Staff, themed "Healthy Life Happy Life," conducted by the Internal Quality Assurance Cell (IQAC) of R. A. Podar College of Commerce & Economics (Autonomous) on December 8th, 2023, provided a comprehensive session for the administrative staff. Dr. Om Patil, an Orthopedic Surgeon, served as the keynote speaker and emphasized the connection between well-being and productivity. The session covered topics such as back-stretching exercises, physical healthy lifestyle, proper lifting techniques, body activity, mechanics, weight management, and modifying the environment for better well-being. Dr. Patil addressed participants' inquiries on nutrition, supplements, suitable footwear, and general wellbeing and provided evidence-based information and practical tips. Special attention was given to back care, including incorporating exercises into daily routines and maintaining good posture.





WEINACHTEN

The German Forum organised Weinachten on 12th December 2023. It was an online poster-making competition held to learn more about the traditions in customs of Christmas celebrations in Germany. It helped students understand the religious beliefs and sentiments of Germans and connect with them. It also help discovered hidden artistic skills within students





SAPTAK INAUGURATION CEREMONY

The inauguration ceremony for the newly revived music forum 'Saptak', was organized on 14th December, 2023. The objective of this event was to officially commence the activities of the forum and introduce the team members to the college students and teachers. The chief guests for the event were, notable musicians and alumni Pooja Gaitonde and Prasad Gaitonde. Pooja Gaitonde, who is a renowned Sufi singer, also sang a Sufi song for the audience. The event was attended by students and faculty members.



MIND MANIA

The Quizzer's League in collaboration with DLLE is a series of quiz events designed to cater specifically to the unique needs and preferences of DLLE students. The program features a diverse range of quiz formats, including subject-specific rounds, general knowledge quizzes, and collaborative team-based challenges. By aligning with DLLE's mission of providing flexible and accessible education, the program aims to complement the distance learning experience by offering an interactive and engaging platform for intellectual exploration and community building.

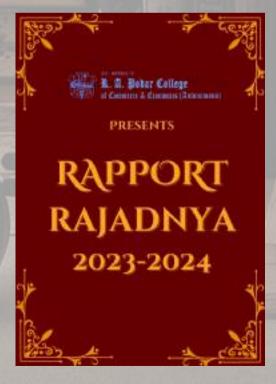






RAPPORT RAJADNYA 2023

Rapport 2023 was a successful intra-collegiate fest of R.A. Podar College of Commerce and Economics. The fest aimed to nurture talent, promote unity, and celebrate the diverse talents within the college community. The theme "Rapport Rajadnya" celebrated the college's legacy and student aspirations. It spanned six days, from December 18th to 24th, and had approximately 20 events per day, allowing students to explore their interests and showcase their multifaceted talents. Each department contributed to the fest's success by organizing a variety of events that catered to different interests. Participants honed their skills, boosted their confidence levels, and were prepared for intercollegiate competitions.





THE ONES WHO BROUGHT US GLORY THIS SEASON

- Hearty Congratulations to the team of students from our College who stood as the Second runner-up of the overall competition at the 31st International Economic Convention. The topic for the year 2023 was Financial Markets with Germany as the country assigned. The Faculty Coordinators were Ms. Sunita Panja and Mr. Akshay Shingare. The team consisted of Ms. Khushi Thakkar, Ms Madiha Surve, Mr Sarvesh Alavekar, Mr Arjun Shivaramakrishnan, Mr. Jinesh Bhate and Mr Dhananjay Thakur. The team received several honours like -'Best Innovative Solution', 'Best Overall Performance (2nd Runner Up)', 'Best Presentation (1st Runner Up)' and the award for 'Best Overall Speaker (1st Runner Up)' was also bagged by the team. Ms. Khushi Thakkar won the 'Best Contributor to the Team' award and was declared the 'Best Speaker of the Team'. To everyone's surprise, the organizing team published the team's research paper titled "Unravelling the World of Banks, Bunds and Businesses- Deutschland's Take on the Financial Markets" along with other participants
- Heartiest Congratulations to Mr. Arjun Shivaramakrishnan of FYBCom of R.A. Podar College for winning the Gold Medal at the Chancellor P.C. Alexander Extempore Elocution Competition at the University and State level organized by the University of Mumbai on 13th October 2023

CONGRATULATIONS!

THE ONES WHO BROUGHT US GLORY THIS SEASON

- Hearty congratulations to Shreyas Ghadi of FYBCom and Neel Shintre of SYBCom for securing the first and second place respectively in the Men's University of Mumbai Inter-Zonal Chess Tournament, organised by SST College Ulhasnagar on 5th & 6th September 2023. Hearty congratulations to Devid Avril of FYBCom for securing first place in the Women's University of Mumbai Inter-Zonal Chess Tournament, organised by SST College Ulhasnagar on 5th & 6th September 2023. The Mumbai City Zone I secured 1st place in the Men's team Championship, & Women's team secured 3rd Place in the team championship.
- Heartiest Congratulations to Mr Chaintanya Ajaykumar Deshmukh of R.A. Podar College for Winning the District Sports Award as "Best Sportsperson of Mumbai City 2022-23". The award ceremony was held at the District Sports Office in Dharavi. The award was presented by Shri Sanjay Bansode who is a Sports and Youth Welfare Minister.

CONGRATULATIONS!!

