

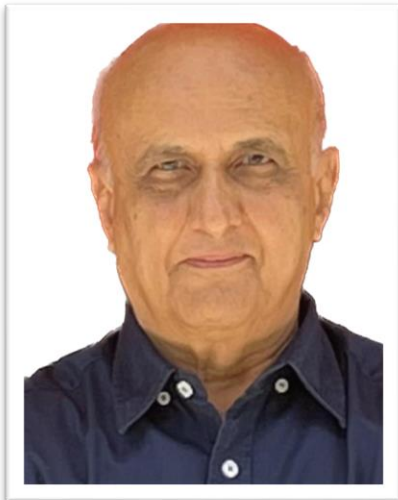
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**Message from
Shri Dilipbhai Jagad
Joint Secretary, Shri Poona
Gujarati Kelavani Mandal"**

"It gives me immense pleasure to address the readers of HVDC Bulletin, the monthly newsletter of Haribhai V. Desai College, Pune (Autonomous), a vibrant academic institution under the aegis of Shri Poona Gujarati Kelavani Mandal. I am proud to share that the college has introduced a new undergraduate programme – Bachelor of Science (B.Sc.) in Cybersecurity – from the upcoming academic year.

This initiative is a significant step towards aligning our academic offerings with emerging industry trends and national priorities in digital infrastructure and cyber resilience. The need for well-trained cybersecurity professionals is growing rapidly, not only in India but across the globe.

As the global academic landscape evolves, it becomes essential for our educators to adapt to new paradigms of teaching and learning. The integration of technology in education is no longer optional—it is imperative.

I urge all faculty members to embrace innovative teaching methods, digital tools, and blended learning platforms to enrich the learning experience and stay relevant in a dynamic academic environment.

The Mandal remains committed to fostering such forward-looking educational practices and will continue to support initiatives that prepare our students for the challenges and opportunities of the future. Let us all work together to make Haribhai V. Desai College a beacon of progressive, technology-enabled, and value-based education."

Warm regards,

Shri Dilipbhai Jagad

Joint Secretary Shri Poona Gujarati Kelavani Mandal



Exploring the Unconventional: 'Hatke Career' Inspires Future Trailblazers

The Lokmanya Cultural Club, in collaboration with Haribhai V. Desai College and Maharashtra Times, organized a thought-provoking three-day career guidance event titled 'Hatke Career' at the college's Shantaben Hall. The event aimed to introduce students to unconventional yet impactful career opportunities across various sectors.

The inaugural session on April 28 was held in the esteemed presence of Dr. Parag Kalkar, Pro-Vice Chancellor, SPPU, and Shri Shridhar Loni, Resident Editor, Maharashtra Times, who shared their views on emerging media careers. The session was chaired by Principal Dr. Rajendra Gurao.

Throughout the event, distinguished experts provided deep insights into diverse and emerging fields. Shri Diggpal Lanjekar spoke on opportunities in the film industry, while Shri Dnyanesh Rathod discussed careers in the environmental sector. Shri Sangram Khopade highlighted the scope in radio broadcasting, and Shri Nirav Suratwala guided students preparing for competitive examinations.

The field of anchoring was brilliantly explained by Shri Rajesh Damle, and Shri Rajendra Awate offered a practical view of the evolving construction industry. Dr. Bhushan Kelkar delivered an eye-opening session on Artificial Intelligence, and Shri Abhijit Thite shared insights into tourism and heritage management. Students also got the chance to interact with faculty from Arts, Commerce, and Science and visited the Competitive Examination

Centre. The event concluded on an inspiring note with a motivational address by Prof. Yashodhan Mithare, who encouraged students to explore unconventional career opportunities specifically in the field of Commerce & Management. 'Hatke Career' proved to be a meaningful initiative, helping students reimagine their futures beyond conventional choices.

“Securing the Digital Future: Guest Lecture on Cyber Security”

To bridge the academic learning with real-world industry insights, the **Department of BBA (Computer Application)** organized a **Guest Lecture on Cyber Security on Saturday, 5th April 2025, from 9:15 a.m. to 11:15 a.m.** at the **Commerce Lab**. The session was led by **Mr. Pranav Auti**, a seasoned industry expert in the field of Cyber Security. The event was graced by the presence of **Vice Principal Dr. Archana Pandit**, who felicitated the guest and shared valuable insights with the students during her interaction. Students from **F.Y., S.Y., and T.Y. BBA(CA)** actively participated in this insightful session. The main objective of the lecture was to familiarize students with essential cyber security concepts, emerging threats, and the importance of digital safety in today's

interconnected world.

Mr. Auti highlighted real-world examples of cyber-attacks, shared his industry experience, and guided students on various **Cyber Security certifications** relevant for enhancing employability in the IT domain. His interactive approach and practical advice were well received by the students, who gained a clearer understanding of the significance of securing digital information.

The session witnessed an enthusiastic participation of **46 students**, accompanied by **Mrs. Anjali Kshirsagar**, Head of the Department, and faculty members. The event was effectively coordinated by **Mrs. Padmaja Deshpande** and **Mrs. Anjali Kshirsagar**, whose efforts ensured the successful execution of this department-level initiative.



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Cracking the Quantum Code: Students Compete on World Quantum Day

To commemorate **World Quantum Day (April 14th)**, the **Department of Computer Studies** conducted a **PPT Presentation Competition on “Quantum Computing”** on **16th April 2025** at the **Vijay Bhatkar Lab**. The event aimed to introduce students to the fascinating world of quantum computing and encourage them to explore its vast potential. A total of **28 students** from various classes participated, delivering insightful presentations on key quantum concepts such as **qubits, superposition, and entanglement**, as well as the technology's real-world

applications and challenges. Topics included **quantum cryptography, quantum algorithms, and the societal impact of quantum computing**. The competition successfully enhanced awareness of this emerging field, helping participants grasp the core principles of quantum mechanics and its future relevance across industries. It also fostered curiosity, critical thinking, and scientific inquiry among students. Coordinated by the department, this initiative reflected the institution's continued efforts to promote innovation.

Milestone in Research: Ph.D. Awarded Under the Guidance of Dr. Shradha Prasad



Day Adventists in India,” explores critical financial dimensions of non-profit healthcare institutions.

The research offers valuable insights into the financial sustainability and liquidity management practices within mission-driven hospital networks. This academic achievement not only adds to the scholarly contributions of the faculty but also enhances the institution's reputation for excellence in research and mentorship.

We extend our heartfelt congratulations to both the guide and the scholar for this remarkable accomplishment.

The college proudly congratulates **Dr. Shradha Prasad** for successfully guiding **Mr. Udaya Kumar Seeralan** to the completion of his **Ph.D. research work**. His doctoral thesis, titled **“Working Capital Structure and Liquidity Analysis of Non-Profit Organizations with Special Reference to Hospitals Run by Seventh-**



Igniting Innovation: Awareness Session on MIC Programmes and Schemes

To promote a culture of innovation and entrepreneurship among students, the **Institution's Innovation Council (IIC)**, in collaboration with the **Departments of BBA and BBA(CA)**, organized a thematic session on **MIC Programmes and Schemes** on **11th April 2025**. The session was conducted as part of the initiatives recommended by the **Ministry of Education's Innovation Cell (MIC)** and focused on familiarizing students with various government-led schemes that support startup development and innovative thinking in higher education institutions.

The highlight of the session was the **recorded address by Dr. Abhay Jere**, Chief Innovation Officer, Ministry of Education, which was streamed via YouTube. The content, officially shared by the **Ministry of Education**, provided deep insights into the multiple programmes, funding opportunities and mentorship schemes.

The entire session was efficiently **coordinated by Mr. Swapnil Sangore**, Head of the **BBA Department**, with support from **IIC members and faculty**. This initiative is a testament to the institution's commitment to aligning with national innovation frameworks and preparing students to be future-ready entrepreneurs and problem-solvers.

Targeting Talent: Summer Internship & Placement Drive for CA Aspirants

The Placement Cell of the college organized a Summer Internship & Placement Drive for Chartered Accountancy (CA) students on 24th and 25th April 2025 at Bharat Bhavan, Shukawar Peth, Pune, in collaboration with Sudhir Paithankar (CA).

The activity, coordinated by Dr. R.S. Dhobale, aimed to provide aspiring CAs with valuable internship and job placement opportunities, facilitating a smooth transition from academics to professional practice.

The two-day drive featured CV screening, interviews, and shortlisting of candidates based on academic preparedness, interest alignment, and communication skills. The initiative was part of a broader institutional effort to connect students directly with recruiters, offering real-time interaction and assessment.

Out of 8 participants, a few candidates progressed to the next stages of recruitment. The process highlighted varying levels of preparation, with outcomes ranging from interview shortlisting to waitlisting and application rejections due to incomplete or poor-quality submissions.

The drive had several key impacts such as enhanced student professionalism, ensured better candidate-role alignment, and also highlighted the importance of preparation and communication in placement success.

Overall, the placement drive successfully identified promising talent while also highlighting areas where students can improve. It reinforced the importance of preparation, domain focus, and professionalism in achieving successful career outcomes.

Staff of H.V. Desai College Celebrate Dr. Rajendra Gurao's Birthday with Warmth and Camaraderie

On April 5, the staff of Haribhai V. Desai College came together for a lunch to celebrate the birthday of Dr. Rajendra Gurao. The event was filled with warm wishes, cheerful conversations, and a spirit of togetherness. Dr. Gurao thanked everyone for their heartfelt wishes, making the celebration a memorable moment for the entire college family.

Honouring a Visionary: H.V. Desai College Celebrates Birth Anniversary of Mahatma Jyotiba Phule

On April 11, 2025, Haribhai V. Desai College commemorated the birth anniversary of social reformer Mahatma Jyotiba Phule with great reverence and enthusiasm. The program highlighted Phule's immense contribution to social justice, education, and equality.

The event was graced by the presence of Joint Secretary Shri Dileep Bhaijagat Sir, who served as the Guest of Honour. In his address, he emphasized the relevance of Mahatma Phule's ideals in contemporary times and

urged students and faculty to carry forward his legacy of social upliftment and inclusive education.

The college community paid floral tribute to Mahatma Phule and participated in speeches and reflections on his life and mission. The celebration served as a powerful reminder of the values of equality, empowerment, and education for all—principles that continue to inspire generations.

Academic Exposure to Advanced Instrumentation: Visit to CIF, SPPU



The Department of Microbiology (PG) organized an educational visit to the Central Instrumentation Facility (CIF) at Savitribai Phule Pune University (SPPU) on 17th April 2025, with the objective of enhancing students' understanding of advanced analytical instruments utilized in scientific research.

A total of 38 M.Sc. Part I students, accompanied by two faculty members, participated in the visit. Students were introduced to sophisticated equipment such as Nuclear Magnetic Resonance (NMR), Field Emission Scanning Electron Microscopy (FESEM), Liquid Chromatography-Mass Spectrometer (LCMS), Gas Chromatography-Mass Spectrometer (GCMS), Atomic Force Microscopy (AFM), and X-ray Diffractometer (XRD).

Technical experts provided insights into the principles, construction, and operational mechanisms of these instruments. The visit proved to be highly beneficial in strengthening students' conceptual clarity and practical orientation, thereby supporting their ongoing and future research endeavors.

Listening to Voices: IQAC Conducts Feedback Survey Across All Faculties

In its ongoing commitment to academic excellence and institutional development, Haribhai V. Desai College conducted a comprehensive feedback survey across all faculties in April 2025. The initiative was spearheaded by the Internal Quality Assurance Cell (IQAC) as part of its quality enhancement measures and was efficiently coordinated by Associate Professor Almas Shaikh.

The survey gathered structured feedback from students, faculty members, and other stakeholders on various aspects such as teaching effectiveness, curriculum relevance, infrastructure, support services, and overall learning environment. This initiative reflects the college's dedication to maintaining transparency, inclusivity, and continuous improvement in all its academic and administrative functions.

Associate Prof. Almas Shaikh ensured the smooth execution of the entire process, right from questionnaire design to data collection and compilation. The IQAC will now analyze the feedback to identify strengths and areas for enhancement, which will guide future planning and policy decisions.

This exercise not only reinforces the participative approach adopted by the college but also strengthens its vision of being a learner-centric institution focused on quality and innovation.

Saluting the Architect of Modern India: College Celebrates Dr. Babasaheb Ambedkar Jayanti

Haribhai V. Desai College equality, and education. He commemorated the birth anniversary of Bharat Ratna Dr. Babasaheb Ambedkar with great respect and solemnity. The program was organized to honor the legacy of the chief architect of the Indian Constitution and a champion of social justice.

Dr. Rajendra Gurao graced the occasion as the Chief Guest. In his address, he highlighted Dr. Ambedkar's monumental contributions to democracy, urged students to draw inspiration from Babasaheb's life and to stand up for justice, knowledge, and progress. The event included a floral tribute, speeches, and reflections by faculty and students. The celebration was a heartfelt tribute to one of India's greatest visionaries and a reminder of the enduring relevance of his ideals in shaping an inclusive and progressive society.

Boost to Fitness: H.V. Desai College Secures ₹10.5 Lakh Grant for Gymnasium

The College has received a grant of ₹10,50,000 from the District Sports Department through the Planning Department of Maharashtra for the development of its gymnasium. This significant support will enhance the college's sports infrastructure and promote fitness among students.

Pride of HV Desai College: Alumnus Nitin Pavle Honoured with Shri Chhatrapati Award

Haribhai V. Desai College is proud to announce that its distinguished alumnus, Mr. Nitin Pavle, has been conferred with the prestigious Shri Chhatrapati Award by the Government of Maharashtra.

The award was presented at the august hands of the Honourable Chief Minister and Governor of Maharashtra, recognizing Mr. Pavle's outstanding achievements in the field of sports. His success brings great pride to the college and serves as an inspiration to the student community.

Empowering Research: Mrs. Monali Patil Publishes Paper in Scopus Journal

Mrs. Monali Patil, Assistant Professor in the Computer Science Department of Haribhai V. Desai College, has added another feather to the college's academic cap by publishing a research paper in a Scopus-indexed journal. The paper, titled *"Literature Review of Disease Prediction And Detection systems Using Machine learning Techniques For Banana Industry"* was published on 5th April 2025

Her work reflects a significant contribution to the interdisciplinary field of healthcare and technology, and brings pride to the institution's commitment to research excellence.

State Topper from Haribhai V. Desai College: Pratiksha Dudhade Shines in Tribal Development Exam



State Topper from Haribhai V. Desai College: Pratiksha Dudhade Shines in Tribal Development Exam In a remarkable achievement, Pratiksha Dudhade, an alumna of Haribhai V. Desai College of Arts, Science & Commerce, Pune, has secured the first rank across Maharashtra in the recruitment examination conducted by the Tribal Development Commissionerate, Government of Maharashtra. The competitive examination was held for the direct recruitment of 611 posts across 17 designations in the Tribal Development Department. Pratiksha emerged as the state topper in the written examination for the post of Warden (Female) under the office of the Additional Commissioner, Tribal Development, Nagpur. A graduate in Political Science

from Haribhai V. Desai College, Pratiksha attributed her success to the academic support and guidance she received during her undergraduate studies, especially acknowledging the mentorship of Prof. Dr. Neeta Bokil, Head of the Department of Political Science. Congratulating her on this exceptional accomplishment, Dr. Rajesh Shah, Chairman of the Poona Gujarati Kelvani Mandal, Shri. Hemant Maniar, Secretary of the Poona Gujarati Kelvani Mandal and Dr. Rajendra Gurao, Principal of the College, expressed immense pride in her achievement, calling it a moment of great honor for the institution. Pratiksha's success stands as a testament to the college's commitment to academic excellence and student empowerment.

Nitin Pavale Strikes Gold at National Yoga Championship in Delhi

Haribhai V. Desai College takes immense pride in announcing that our distinguished alumnus, Nitin Pavale, has secured the Gold Medal at the National Level Yoga Championship held in Delhi. His exceptional performance and unwavering dedication to the art of yoga have brought laurels not only to himself but also to the college. This achievement highlights the strength of our alumni community and inspires current students to pursue excellence in every field.

The Department of Commerce at Haribhai V. Desai College (Autonomous) has taken a significant step forward in academic innovation by preparing and unveiling the newly designed syllabus for B.Com. Semester III and IV under its autonomous status. Crafted with a vision to bridge traditional knowledge with contemporary trends, the revised curriculum emphasizes industry-relevant skills, digital competencies, and holistic student development. The syllabus reflects a dynamic blend of foundational commerce subjects and emerging areas such as digital business tools, forensic accounting, corporate social responsibility, and enterprise management systems.