



F.Y.B.Com. Students Win Third Prize at National Research Competition

Three First Year B.Com. students from our college—**Bhavana Rathod, Chetana Rajpurohit, and Supriya Ekbote**—have brought laurels to the college by securing the **Third Prize** at the **National Level Research Paper Presentation Competition** organized by **Garware College of Commerce, Pune**. Their research paper, titled **“Impact of E-Commerce on Retail Businesses in East Pune,”** was highly appreciated for its analytical depth and practical insights. The trio was awarded a **cash prize of ₹2,000**, recognizing their academic rigor and teamwork.

The competition witnessed participation from students across the country, and the team’s performance stood out for its clarity, relevance, and well-structured presentation. Faculty members and fellow students have congratulated them on this commendable achievement.

This accomplishment highlights the potential and research capabilities of undergraduate students and encourages a spirit of inquiry and innovation in higher education. Principal Dr. Rajendra Gurao appreciated the students.



Igniting Ideas, Fueling Futures: IIC Hosts Power-Packed Innovation Session

The **Institution Innovation Council (IIC)** of **Haribhai V. Desai College** recently organized an enlightening and engaging **guest lecture** by **Dr. Jayant Pawar**, Assistant Director of Innovation, Incubation, and Entrepreneurship at **Krishna University, Karad**.

The session, centered on the theme **“Process of Innovative Development, Technology Readiness Level, and Commercialization of Technology and Tech Transfer,”** offered students and faculty a comprehensive understanding of how ideas evolve into market-ready innovations. Dr. Pawar expertly broke down complex concepts into relatable examples, making the lecture both informative and inspiring. The session not only deepened participants’ knowledge of innovation and technology transfer but also **sparked creative thinking and a strong startup mindset** among attendees.

This initiative reflects the college’s ongoing commitment to **nurturing a culture of innovation and entrepreneurship**, empowering students to be future-ready and enterprise-driven. The event was coordinated by **Dr. Mukund Ambawade**.



Celebrating Marathi Legacy: Faculty Participates in World Marathi Literary Conference

On February 1 and 2, all faculty members enthusiastically took part in the prestigious **World Marathi Literary Conference** held at **Fergusson College**. The event, conducted under the guidance of **Mr. Shailendra Deolankar**, Director of Higher and Technical Education, Government of Maharashtra, served as a remarkable platform to celebrate Marathi literature and culture.

The conference featured insightful discussions, literary sessions, and interactions with eminent writers, fostering a deeper appreciation for Marathi heritage. Faculty members actively engaged in various sessions, enriching their knowledge and contributing to the intellectual discourse.

This participation reinforced the institution’s commitment to language, literature, and lifelong learning, leaving faculty members inspired and motivated.

Tech for Tomorrow: E-Waste Collection Drive Promotes Digital Sustainability

In a significant step toward environmental conservation, Haribhai V. Desai College, in collaboration with the '2025 Joint Initiative,' actively participated in an E-Waste Collection Project aimed at promoting environmental responsibility and digital sustainability. The event was organized by the Department of Computer Science to mark the occasion of Sant Gadge Baba Jayanti, reflecting the values of cleanliness, responsibility, and community service that the saint stood for. With enthusiastic participation from both students and faculty, the initiative focused on spreading awareness about the proper disposal of electronic waste and its long-term impact on the environment. A substantial amount of e-waste was collected and responsibly processed, reinforcing the college's commitment to eco-friendly practices. The drive not only highlighted the importance of responsible recycling but also encouraged the community to adopt sustainable digital habits. It served as a reminder that small actions can lead to meaningful change, especially when it comes to protecting our planet for future generations.



Bridging Classrooms and Boardrooms: 'Corporate Interface Week' Equips Students for the Future

Haribhai V. Desai College successfully hosted 'Corporate Interface Week', a dynamic and insightful event designed to bridge the gap between academia and industry. The event was meticulously coordinated by Prof. Shubhada Litke and Prof. Reshma Nagawade, and featured a series of impactful sessions led by industry experts.

The week commenced with an inspiring inaugural session by Mr. Rohit Dubey Patil, who spoke on 'Industry-Academia Association', highlighting the significance of collaboration between educational institutions and the corporate sector. Following this, Mr. Balkrishna Kapse conducted an engaging session on 'Group Dynamics and Team Building', encouraging students to develop teamwork and leadership skills essential in today's professional world.

Adding to the academic depth, Prof. Aditya Abhyankar shared his insights on industry expectations and technological advancements, helping students align their learning with current market needs. Mr. Shrikrishna Kulkarni then addressed the topic of 'Corporate Culture', emphasizing workplace ethics, discipline, and professionalism. The week concluded with an informative session by Mr. Tushar Vednikar on 'Recent Trends in IT and Validity', offering students a glimpse into emerging technologies and their relevance in modern industries.



'Green College - Clean College' Recognition
The college secured the third position in the prestigious *Green College - Clean College* competition among institutions in Pune and Pimpri-Chinchwad.



Celebrating Curiosity: National Science Day Sparks Innovation and Inquiry

On February 28, the college celebrated National Science Day with a series of engaging activities that sparked curiosity and scientific thinking among students. The event featured an enlightening lecture by Prof. Anil Lachake, a renowned retired scientist from NCL, on 'Discovery, Invention, and Innovation,' emphasizing the role of creativity in scientific progress. Another insightful session was delivered by Dr. Rani Bhagat from Balaji Gholap College, who spoke on 'Biodiversity of the Western Ghats and Its Conservation,' highlighting the urgent need for environmental protection. Prof. Lachake also inaugurated the poster presentation competition, which saw enthusiastic participation from BBA and BCA students, showcasing their innovative ideas and research. The celebration successfully ignited scientific curiosity, fostering a spirit of inquiry,

Campus Buzz

Triumph in Intercollegiate Box Cricket Championship

For the first time, the college organized an intercollegiate box cricket tournament and emerged victorious. This remarkable achievement was covered by the newspaper *Punya Nagari*.

Institution Innovation Council (IIC) Planning Meet

On February 3, the IIC meeting was held to strategize activities for the upcoming month. The session was led by Council Convener, Dr. Shradha Prasad.

National Conference on 'Empowering Youth for Viksit Bharat@ 202-45'

The Department of Commerce organized a National Conference on 'Empowering Youth for Viksit Bharat@ 202-45' in Association with St. Vincent College, Pune on 28 February 2025.

Expressing Condolences

The college extends heartfelt condolences to Dr. Neeta Bokil, Student Welfare Officer and Head of the Political Science Department, on the sad demise of her mother.

Launch of CET Assistance Center

To assist students in navigating the admission process for AICTE-affiliated BBA and BCA programs, the college established a CET Assistance Center. The inauguration was conducted by Chairman Dr. Rajesh Chokhawala, who encouraged parents across Pune to make use of this facility.

Alumni Shining in Public Service

Prajakta Torankar, a 2019 batch English graduate, has been recruited by the Maharashtra Revenue Department. The English Department and the college extend their congratulations.

Interactive Session of PGKM Trustee, Mr. Mohanbhai Gujarati with faculties.

On February 11, an engaging session titled Samvad was held at Shantabai Hall, featuring an interaction with esteemed Gujarati Kelavani Mandal trustee, Shri Mohanbhai Gujarati.

Honoring Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj Jayanti

The college took part in the Jai Shivaji - Jai Bharat grand foot march, organized by the Government of India and Maharashtra. A captivating rangoli was created at the Fergusson College gate, and student volunteers performed a weightlifting

demonstration, earning accolades from the District Sports Directorate.

Insights into Innovation and Technology

The Institution Innovation Council (IIC) organized a guest lecture by Dr. Jayant Pawar on Process of Innovative Development, Technology Readiness Level, and Commercialization of Technology and Tech Transfer. The event was coordinated by Dr. Mukund Ambawade.

Academic Excellence in Research

Professor of Practice, Dr. Dattatray Late, published a research paper in a reputed journal, showcasing the college's academic contributions.

NET Success Story

Ms. Janhvi Nimbarte, A 2019 batch student from the Department of English cleared the NET examination on her first attempt. Congratulations!

ISRO Project Recognition

ISRO Project Associate, Mr. Amey Mahadik received an award for his poster presentation at the Savitribai Phule Pune University's Physics Department. The project's Principal Investigator, Dr. Sagar Jagtap, and Co-Investigator, Dr. Joshi, were also congratulated.

Enthusiastic Olympiad Participation

Twenty-four students from the college registered for the Startup Olympiad competition organized by Savitribai Phule Pune University.

Industry Interface Week: Meet the Stalwart

As part of Industry Interface Week, sixty students and faculty members attended Meet the Stalwart at Ganesh Kala Krida Kendra, organized by Janseva Foundation. Industrialist Arun Firodia was interviewed by Mr. Prataprao Pawar in the presence of esteemed guests.

Farewell to a Dedicated Library Staff Member

On February 28, 2025, Mr. Ramesh Chavan, a long-serving non-teaching staff member of the library, retired after years of dedicated service. The college extends its best wishes for his future endeavors.

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