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"A Beacon of Knowledge: Celebrating the Success of HVDC Bulletin" Message from Dr. Rajesh Shah, Chairman, PGKM



On behalf of the Poona Dr. Rajendra Gurao, whose progress, reflecting the it gives me immense pride Internal Quality Assurance Cell of Haribhai V. Desai College on the remarkable launch of its newsletter, HVDC Bulletin not only 'HVDC Bulletin'.

This milestone testament the institution's commitment to fostering excellence and innovation in education. I appreciation to Principal

Gujarati Kelavani Mandal, visionary leadership and values and aspirations of unwavering and joy to congratulate the have been instrumental in My best wishes to the inspiring transformative initiatives.

> reflects the academic vitality of the college but a also serves as a platform to engage, empower, enlighten students stakeholders alike.

May newsletter Dr. beacon of knowledge and Kelavani Mandal

dedication our esteemed institution. such IQAC team and the college for continued success in their journey of academic distinction.



Warm regards, Shaha continue to shine as a Chairman, Poona Gujarati



Pinnacle Event of the month "Trade Fair Triumph: Department of **Commerce Integrates Business and Learning**"

experiential learning academic curriculum, Department of Commerce at Fair on 5th February 2025. The event provided students with scenarios. hands-on experience business operations, showcase Beverages, skills, understand market dynamics in etc. The event was coordinated Rajendra

Pune, 5th February 2025 – In a a real-world setting. The Trade by significant effort to integrate Fair was inaugurated by Mrs. with Anuja Salot, Principal of ASDB the Dadawala Junior College, who praised the initiative Haribhai V. Desai College providing students with the Ms. Kajal Mokal, Ms. Tejasvini organized an engaging Trade opportunity to apply classroom Kolekar, Ms. Shivani Mehta knowledge

an invaluable platform to gain The stalls set up by the ensured in students included Food And execution of the fair. The event Mehandi, and Pots, Jewellery, Greeting Cards expert guidance of Principal Dr.

Dr. Vidya Mithare, Associate Dean, Dr. Shradha Prasad, Dr. Kavita Vaswani, Dr. Rashmi Dhobale, Dr. Shraddha Sankla, Ms. Vandana Mankar, practical and Ms. Aishwarya Nimbalkar whose meticulous planning the seamless Clay was conducted under the whose

leadership continues to inspire transformative initiatives at the college.

The Trade Fair has been lauded as an outstanding success, offering students a platform to showcase their entrepreneurial capabilities while important skills for their future careers.



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

Three First Year B.Com. students from our college—Bhavana Rathod. Chetana Ekbote—have Rajpurohit, and Supriya 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 Council (IIC) of Haribhai V. Desai making College recently organized an informative and inspiring. enlightening and engaging guest session lecture by Dr. Jayant Pawar, participants' Incubation, and Entrepreneurship but at Krishna University, Karad.

The session, centered on the theme **mindset** among attendees. "Process of Development, Level, Readiness and Commercialization comprehensive understanding of coordinated how ideas evolve into market- Ambawade. ready innovations. Dr. Pawar expertly broke down complex

Innovation concepts into relatable examples, the lecture both The not only deepened knowledge Assistant Director of Innovation, innovation and technology transfer also sparked creative thinking and a strong startup

Innovative This initiative reflects the college's **Technology** ongoing commitment to **nurturing** a culture of innovation and of entrepreneurship, empowering Technology and Tech Transfer," students to be future-ready and offered students and faculty a enterprise-driven. The event was by Mukund

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.



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. 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.

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

In a significant step toward initiative environmental Desai College, collaboration with **'2025 Ioint** aimed at environmental responsibility and digital eco-friendly practices. sustainability.

by the Department of of responsible recycling Computer Science to mark but also encouraged the the occasion of Sant Gadge community Baba Jayanti, reflecting the sustainable digital habits. responsibility. community service that the to saint stood for.

With participation from both future generations. students and faculty, the

focused spreading awareness conservation, Haribhai V. about the proper disposal in of electronic waste and its the long-term impact on the Initiative,' environment. A substantial actively participated in an amount of e-waste was E-Waste Collection Project collected and responsibly promoting processed, reinforcing the college's commitment to

The drive not only The event was organized highlighted the importance cleanliness, It served as a reminder and that small actions can lead meaningful change. especially when it comes to enthusiastic protecting our planet for



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 Western Ghats and Its the 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 longserving 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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