

“What we are doing to the forests of the world is but a mirror reflection of what we are doing to ourselves and to one another.”  
- Mahatma Gandhi

Shri Harshvardhan Patil Emphasizes Future-Ready Education at TV9 Education Expo 2025



Pimpri Chinchwad University marked a significant presence at the TV9 Marathi Education Expo 2025, held in Pune, with its Chancellor, Hon. Shri Harshvardhan Patil, inaugurating the event as the Chief Guest.

Organized by the leading Marathi news channel TV9, the expo brought together a distinguished gathering of leaders from the educational and social sectors to deliberate on the evolving landscape of education in India.

In his keynote address, Shri Patil emphasized the urgent need for an education system that aligns with the changing global dynamics and equips students with skills relevant

to the future job market.

He highlighted that education today must be more than just degree-oriented, it must be employment-driven, inclusive, and innovative.

“We must now focus on how education can become a tool that ensures employability for our students,” he said, underlining the importance of adapting teaching methodologies to match the demands of growing competition and a rapidly transforming job market.

Reflecting on Pune’s leadership in the field of education, he noted with pride that the city has long been a hub for learners, not only from across India but from several

developed nations as well.

“The fact that students from rural Maharashtra and even from overseas are choosing to study in our institutions is a testament to the quality and global appeal of our educational ecosystem,” he added.

Shri Patil also stressed the importance of ensuring that students from rural areas are brought into the mainstream through sustained efforts and inclusive policies.

He expressed optimism that platforms like the Education Expo would help generate valuable ideas and initiatives that serve the interests of both students and institutions in the long run.

Also representing PCU at the expo was Mr. Jamir Mulla, Head of Marketing, who engaged with students, parents, and stakeholders, showcasing the university’s academic excellence and global vision.

His interactions further reinforced PCU’s commitment to transformative education, industry alignment, and student-centered learning.

The Education Expo served as a vibrant convergence of thought leadership, public engagement, and institutional innovation, positioning PCU as a forward-looking university rooted in regional pride and global ambition.

PCU Represented at NAFSA 2025 Annual Conference in the USA

In a proud moment for the Pimpri Chinchwad Education Trust (PCET) and Pimpri Chinchwad University (PCU), Dr. Girish Desai, Executive Director of PCET, has represented the institution at the prestigious NAFSA 2025 Annual Conference & Expo, held in San Diego, USA.

This global academic event brought together thousands of education leaders, policymakers, and international partners from across the world to discuss innovations, policies, and partnerships in higher education.

Dr. Desai’s presence at NAFSA marked a significant milestone in PCU’s journey toward becoming a globally recognized, research-driven university.

Through high-level dialogues and academic networking, PCU is expanding its global footprint and forging strategic alliances that will shape the future of education for its students.

His participation reinforced the institution’s vision of fostering global citizenship, future-ready learning, and international academic excellence.

At the conference, PCU show-

cased its commitment to research, innovation, and academic collaboration by engaging in discussions on cross-border partnerships, student exchange initiatives, and integrated learning models.

The goal is to open new avenues for collaborative research, dual-degree programs, international internships, and knowledge exchange that will benefit both students and faculty.

As PCU builds bridges with leading universities and institutions across the globe, it is actively working toward creating a globally connected ecosystem of higher education one that equips students not only with strong academic foundations but also with international exposure and diverse career opportunities.

This strategic participation at NAFSA 2025 reinforces PCU’s dedication to transforming education into a truly borderless experience.

With this global engagement, PCET and PCU continue to inspire and empower learners, educators, and researchers to lead with innovation and collaborate with purpose on the international stage.



GEC-2025: Shri Thanedar Inspires with His Journey from India to the U.S.

As part of the GEC-2025 series, Pimpri Chinchwad University hosted a powerful and thought-provoking session titled “Success Stories Unplugged”, featuring a special address by Shri Thanedar, a distinguished U.S. Congressman of Indian origin.

The event turned into an unforgettable evening as Shri Thanedar shared his extraordinary life journey, rising from a modest upbringing in India to becoming an elected member of the United States House of Representatives.

With sincerity and humility, Shri Thanedar spoke about the critical role of perseverance, education, and entrepreneurship in overcoming challenges and creating meaningful change.

His story resonated deeply with the audience, especially students and aspiring entrepreneurs, as he emphasized dreaming big and striving beyond con-



ventional boundaries. He encouraged the youth to remain grounded in their cultural identity while fearlessly embracing global opportunities.

“Be fearless in your ambitions, visionary in your thinking, and ethical in your pursuits,” he said, leaving a profound impact on every aspiring changemaker present.

The event was further elevated by the presence of several esteemed dignitaries who joined Shri Thanedar on stage and contributed to the rich and dynamic dialogue.

Among them were Mr. Sachin Itkar, Vice Pres-

ident of the Maharashtra Economic Development Council (MEDC), Mr. Narendra Landge and Mr. Ajinkya Kalbhor, Management Representatives of PCET, Mr. Ganesh Nibhe, Chairman and Managing Director of Nibhe Ltd., Mr. Milind Joshi, President of the Maharashtra Sahitya Parishad, Mr. Sagar Babar, CEO of Comsense Technologies, and Mr. Madhav Dabke, an Innovation Strategist, BFSI Leader, and Mentor of Change.

Together, these thought leaders and visionaries brought diverse perspectives on leadership, innovation, and global engagement, making the session a well-rounded and inspiring experience for the attendees.

GEC Dubai 2025 Announced at Frankfurt: Global Platform for Innovation, Leadership, Entrepreneurship

Pimpri Chinchwad University and the Maharashtra Economic Development Council (MEDC), the official dates for the much-awaited Global Entrepreneurs Conclave (GEC) Dubai 2025 were announced in Frankfurt, Germany.

The event will take place on 16–17 August 2025 at the prestigious Hotel Conrad, Dubai, promising two days of impactful dialogue, networking, and global collaboration.

The announcement was made by Mr. Sachin Itkar, Convener of the GEC Dubai Conclave, Vice President of MEDC, and Governing Body Member of Pimpri Chinchwad University, in the presence of distinguished dignitaries from India and Europe.

The occasion was further elevated by the esteemed presence of Hon. Shri Uday Samant, Minister of Industries and Marathi Language, Government of Maharashtra, who led the Maharashtra Government Industry Department Delegation to Frankfurt.

Other eminent attendees included Shri P. Velarasu, CEO, MIDC; Mr. D.B. Mubarak, Consul General of India, Frankfurt; Dr. Ajit Ranade, President, Maharashtra Europe Business Forum; Shri Srikant Pulkundwar, Joint CEO, MIDC; and Shri Atul Shirodkar, President, MEDC.

GEC Dubai 2025 promises to be a landmark event uniting visionary leaders, global investors, entrepreneurs, and changemakers from across the world. With a dynamic lineup of speaker reveals, investor panels, and powerhouse networking opportunities, the stage is set for a meaningful exchange of ideas and actionable outcomes that drive global impact.

As the countdown begins, the excitement builds for this vibrant celebration of ideas, leadership, and opportunity in one of the world’s most dynamic cities. Stay tuned for more updates and announcements as the world converges in Dubai this August to shape the future of innovation.

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Book Recommendation:  
The Ministry for the Future  
-Kim Stanley Robinson

A masterpiece of the imagination, using fictional eyewitness accounts to tell the story of how climate change will affect us all. Its setting is not a desolate, postapocalyptic world, but a future that is almost upon us. With its emphasis on scientific accuracy and non-fiction descriptions of history and social science, the novel is classified as hard science fiction. It is also a part of the growing body of climate fiction.



Movie Recommendation:  
Movie Name: “Before the Flood” (2016)

This documentary follows Leonardo DiCaprio as he travels the world to witness climate change firsthand. It dives deep into deforestation, fossil fuel use, melting ice caps, and rising sea levels — while offering hope through innovative solutions and global climate action.

PCU Shines at  
Lokmat Education Fair 2025 – Pune



Pimpri Chinchwad University (PCU) made a significant impact at the Lokmat Education Fair 2025, held at the Auto Cluster Exhibition Centre, Chinchwad, with an engaging two-day presence that inspired students, parents, and academic stakeholders alike.

The event served as a dynamic platform for PCU to showcase its globally relevant academic offerings, future-focused career opportunities, and strong industry linkages.

Day 1 of the fair saw a vibrant turnout, with hundreds of students and education enthusiasts interacting with the PCU team to learn more about its undergraduate and postgraduate programs in Engineering, Management, Design, and other cutting-edge disciplines.

Visitors explored the university’s diverse academic ecosystem, including details about international collaborations, placement support, global certifications, and smart campus infrastructure.

The university’s record of achieving a highest package of ₹61 LPA and association with

1000+ recruiters drew particular interest.

A major highlight of the day was the Special Keynote Address by Dr. Shitalkumar Rawandale, Dean – Centralised Placement Cell, PCET, who spoke on “Career Opportunities in Engineering & Management.”

His session was packed with valuable insights into emerging industry trends, employability skills, and career preparedness.

The address resonated strongly with aspiring professionals looking to align their academic paths with future job market demands.

Adding to the event’s academic depth, Dr. Sudeep Thepade, Pro Vice Chancellor of PCU, graced the occasion with his presence. His visionary interaction with attendees underscored PCU’s dedication to fostering academic excellence, innovation, and globally relevant learning experiences.

The success of Day 1 carried into the second day, where more expert-led sessions, personalised career guidance, and university engagement activities deepened the understanding of PCU’s transformative approach to higher education.

PCU’s participation in the Lokmat Education Fair 2025 reaffirmed its role as a forward-thinking institution dedicated to shaping career-ready, globally competent professionals.

HR Excellence Awards 2025  
A Grand Celebration of Visionary Leadership



The HR Excellence Awards 2025, hosted by PCET’s Pimpri Chinchwad University and PCET’s Pune Business School, concluded on a high note, marking a remarkable celebration of leadership, innovation, and outstanding contributions in the field of Human Resources.

The prestigious event was graced by eminent dignitaries from across industries and academia.

The highlight of the evening was the presence of Padma Shri Hon. Dr. (Smt.) Lila Poonawalla, Chairperson of the Lila Poonawalla Foundation, who honored the occasion as the Chief Guest.

Her inspiring presence and insights added immense value to the event.

Joining as Guests of

Honour were Hon. Shri Firoz Poonawalla, Founder Trustee of the Lila Poonawalla Foundation; Hon. Edgar Lee (Lee Ik Hyeon), Chairman of the Korean Association, Pune – India; and Hon. Shri Harshvardhan Patil, Chancellor of PCET’s Pimpri Chinchwad University, all of whom emphasized the importance of leadership with empathy and innovation in the HR domain.

The evening also witnessed the esteemed presence of Shri Narendra Landge and Shri Ajinkya Kalbhor, representing the PCET Trust, along with Dr. Girish Desai, Executive Director – PCET, and Dr. Sachin Itkar, Governing Body Member – PCU, who have played pivotal roles in steering the institution’s progressive vision.

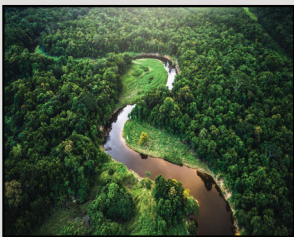
Dr. Ganesh Rao, Director – Pune Business School, and Dr. Minakshi Tyagi, Dean of Corporate Relations and Master of Ceremony for the event, led the evening with warmth and elegance.

The HR Excellence Awards 2025 stood as a powerful platform to acknowledge HR leaders who are shaping the future of work through innovation, inclusivity, and strategic vision. The success of the event reflects PCU and PBS’s commitment to recognizing excellence and building strong industry-academia linkages.

A heartfelt thank you to all dignitaries, awardees, partners, and attendees who contributed to making this event a grand success.

ARE YOU AWARE?

The Amazon Rainforest, often referred to as the “lungs of the Earth,” is responsible for producing approximately 20% of the world’s oxygen through the process of photosynthesis. It plays a vital role in absorbing carbon dioxide and regulating global climate. However, this crucial ecosystem is being destroyed at an alarming rate — every second, an area equivalent to a football field is lost due to deforestation, illegal logging, mining, and agricultural expansion. This destruction not only threatens biodiversity but also accelerates climate change and disrupts rainfall patterns across continents.



Recycling one ton of paper can have a remarkably positive environmental impact. It saves about 17 mature trees, which are essential for maintaining air quality and soil health. It also conserves 26,000 liters of water, a resource becoming increasingly scarce in many parts of the world. Additionally, it prevents the emission of 4,000 kilowatt-hours of energy — enough to power an average household for up to six months. Beyond just saving resources, recycling paper helps reduce landfill waste and greenhouse gas emissions, making it a small but powerful step toward sustainability.

Every single minute, the equivalent of one garbage truck full of plastic waste is dumped into our oceans, causing irreversible harm to marine ecosystems. If this trend continues unchecked, it is projected that by 2050, plastic could outweigh fish in our oceans by mass. This plastic pollution not only kills marine life through ingestion and entanglement but also enters the human food chain via microplastics. From coral reefs to coastal communities, the effects are devastating. Urgent global action — from reducing plastic production to improving waste management — is essential to reverse this crisis.



PCU’S INSIGHTS

PCU’s School of Pharmacy Organizes Industrial Visit to Saived Pharma Pvt. Ltd., Jejuri



In a significant stride towards experiential and practice-based learning, the School of Pharmacy at Pimpri Chinchwad University (PCU), Sate Maval, Pune, under the aegis of Pimpri Chinchwad Education Trust (PCET), organized an industrial visit to Saived Pharma Pvt. Ltd., Jejuri. This enriching initiative was aimed at bridging classroom knowledge with real-world application, offering students vital exposure to the operational and regulatory dynamics of the pharmaceutical industry.

The visit was thoughtfully de-

signed to provide students a firsthand look into the manufacturing processes followed in the pharmaceutical sector. It offered deep insights into Good Manufacturing Practices (GMP)—a cornerstone of quality and compliance in pharmaceutical production. Students witnessed the step-by-step workflow of production units, gaining clarity on how theory translates into action in a live industrial setting.

From understanding the integration of modern technologies in production lines to observing the stringent hygiene and safety pro-

ocols in place, the visit enabled students to absorb the core principles that govern pharmaceutical manufacturing. It not only helped demystify complex industrial processes but also inspired students to envision their future roles as professionals in a highly regulated and impactful sector.

This meaningful engagement was made possible by the visionary guidance and continued encouragement of Dr. Girish Desai, Executive Director – PCET, Dr. Sudeep Thepade, Pro Vice Chancellor – PCU, and Dr. Rajesh Patil, Head of the School of Pharmacy. Their commitment to providing holistic, industry-aligned education continues to shape the future of pharmacy students at PCU.

Special recognition is due to Ms. Ankita Jatale and Dr. Sagar Kore, along with the dedicated faculty members of the School of Pharmacy, whose efforts ensured the visit was both educational and inspiring.

Inspiring young leaders at Sakal Youth Summit

The Sakal Youth Summit 2025, powered by PCET’s Pimpri Chinchwad University (PCU), concluded on a high note at Balgandharva Rangmandir, Pune, with an energetic and insightful gathering of changemakers, thought leaders, and dynamic youth from across Maharashtra.

The summit brought together an inspiring confluence of ideas, experiences, and ambitions, focused on youth leadership, innovation, and purposeful progress. Hon’ble Dr. Sudeep Thepade, Pro Vice

Chancellor of Pimpri Chinchwad University, was invited as the Guest of Honour and delivered a thought-provoking address to a packed auditorium of students, educators, and youth leaders.

In his speech, Dr. Thepade spoke passionately about the role of education in empowering future-ready professionals. He emphasized innovation, critical thinking, and ethical leadership as pillars for success in a rapidly changing world. His presence not only added academic gravitas

to the summit but also reinforced PCU’s commitment to nurturing young minds and fostering transformational leadership.

The summit commenced with a grand lamp-lighting ceremony, setting a tone of inspiration and unity. Esteemed dignitaries who inaugurated and led the early sessions included Shri Dattatray Bharné, Minister for Sports & Youth Welfare, Minorities Development & Aukaf, Government of Maharashtra; Dr. Shitalkumar Rawandale, Dean of Placements,



PCET; and others

These leaders offered diverse perspectives on the importance of youth engagement in driving societal and economic transformation.

The summit’s closing ceremony was equally powerful, with an inspiring address by Hon. Murlidhar Mohol, Min-

ister of State for Civil Aviation. Joining him on stage were prominent figures including Dr. Thepade, social activist Mr. Shekhar Mundada, former MLA Mr. Ravindra Dhangekar, and Pune Police Commissioner Mr. Amitesh Kumar and others.

Top Placements of the Month

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Mr. Aditya Halkude	Ms. Shweta Gangawane	Mr. Yatan Sharma
Mr. Sharad Pawar	Mr. Vaibhav Kirtane	Mr. Harsh Shrivastav
Mr. Samadhan Mandlik	Ms. Khushi Gupta	Ms. Jahnnvi Srivastav
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Mr. Jayesh Khairnar Ms	Mr. Viraj Kholne	Mr. Himanshu Mittal
Laveena Borade	Mr. Vaibhav Hande	Mr. Jagat Kuda
Ms. Varsha Mali	Mr. Mayur Bandpatte	Mr. Yash Yengade
Mr. Aniket Alai	Mr. Shreyas Shejal	Mr. Anuradh Nair
Mr. Onkar Kale	Mr. Shubham Kshirsagar	Ms. Kishori Chavhan
Mr. Hamiddin Chamanshaikh	Mr. Anshuman Pawar	Ms. Akansha Natak
Mr. Niranjana Nare	Mr. Vikas Singh Mali	
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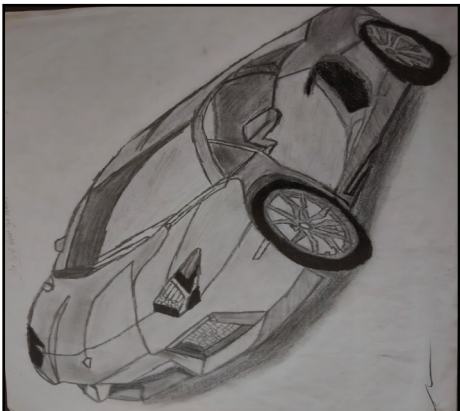
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PCU is Proud of You



“The environment is where we all meet; where we all have a mutual interest; it is the one thing all of us share.” -Lady Bird Johnson,

“Do not wait for extraordinary  
“One of the first conditions of happiness  
is that the link between man and nature  
shall not be broken.”  
-Leo Tolstoy

# Expressions Beyond Words



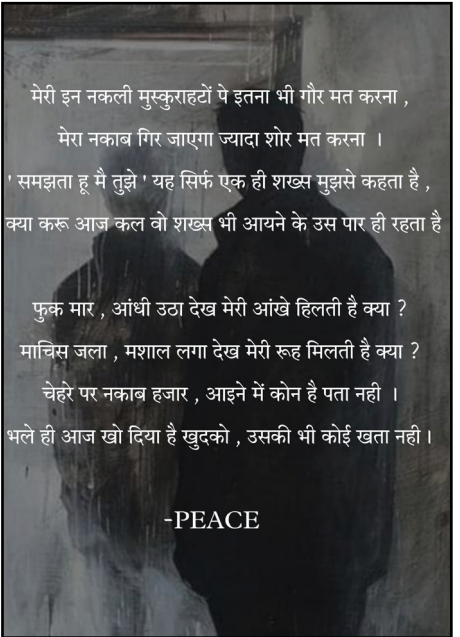
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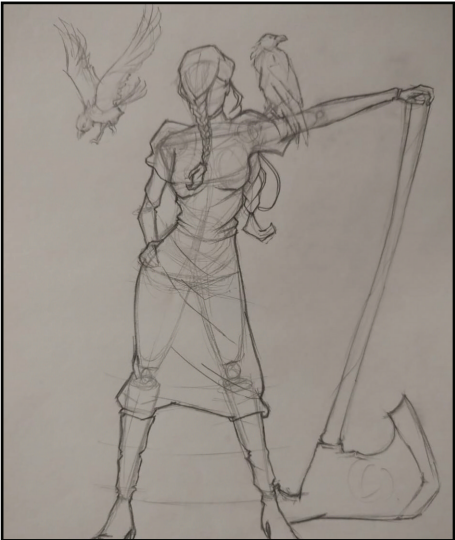
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चेहरे पर नकाब हजार , आइने में कौन है पता नहीं ।  
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-PEACE



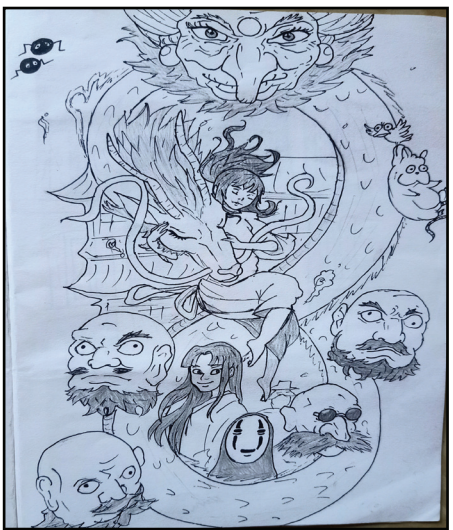
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## Caring for Nature Is More than Saying No to Plastic



- Prof Pooja  
Dolas

In recent years, the conversation around environmental care has become increasingly focused on the issue of plastic.

While the dangers of plastic pollution are real and urgent—choking rivers, harming marine life, and entering our food chain—reducing the narrative of ecological care to just “saying no to plastic” is both limiting and misleading.

Caring for nature is far more layered. It begins with awareness—an understanding that the natural world is not separate from us.

Forests, rivers, soil, air, and the countless species we share this planet with form an interconnected system that sustains life. When we speak of environmental responsibility, it should mean protecting this delicate balance in every possible way.

Plastic is a symptom of a deeper issue: overconsumption and disconnection. Our lifestyles today often promote speed, convenience, and disposability. Whether it's plastic, fast fashion, or over-reliance on fossil fuels, the real problem lies in our consumption habits and a growing alienation from the natural rhythms of the Earth.



Real ecological sensitivity requires us to slow down and observe. It means preserving biodiversity, protecting green cover, conserving water, and reducing waste in all forms—not just plastic. It means engaging with local ecosystems and understanding how urbanization, industrialization, and careless development disturb them.

Caring for nature also means acknowledging traditional wisdom. Indigenous communities and rural societies often have a more integrated relationship with

the land. Their sustainable practices, rooted in centuries of observation and respect, offer valuable lessons. Yet, these voices are often excluded from mainstream environmental discourse.

Moreover, emotional connection plays a crucial role. Children need to be exposed to the outdoors not just through textbooks but through direct experience. Adults need to reclaim a sense of wonder and responsibility toward the environment—not out of guilt, but out of belonging.

Ultimately, the shift we need is not just technological but philosophical. Nature is not an “issue” to be solved—it is a living presence to be respected. We must move beyond token gestures and adopt a deeper ethic of care: one that guides our choices, challenges our conveniences, and reminds us that to harm the Earth is to harm ourselves.

## India Takes the Lead: Plastic Elimination Efforts Intensify Preparatory to World

- Dr.Amruta Desai

As the world celebrates World Environment Day 2025, a central focus is on plastic pollution, clearly one of the most significant environmental issues we face today. The phrase, “Eradicate Plastic: Innovate, Educate, Activate” reflects India's recent milestone toward a new plastic-free world, and in the past two years, India has positioned itself as a regional leader in eradicating plastic pollution. India's approach highlights an integrated framework to tackle the full scope of plastic pollution through policy change, citizen engagement, new innovations, and industrial partnerships.

India was the first major country to prohibit single-use plastics like cutlery, straws, and packaging films, which made headlines in July 2022. Nonetheless, what was significant is the force created in the years 2023–2025. In 2023, the Ministry of Environment launched the “Meri Plastic Mukht Zindagi” (My Plastic-Free Life) campaign. More than 10 million citizens participated in various activities, including clean-up drives, segregation camps, and school awareness activities.

In 2024, a new Plastic Credit Trading Scheme was launched. It allows firms to offset their plastic by supporting verified collection and recycling initiatives, serving as a quasi-extended producer responsibility for India. In 2025, the government launched the National Plastic Waste Management Innovation Fund. It promotes regional entrepreneurs to establish biodegradable alternatives, place reverse vending machines, and make plastic-free packages.

**Innovate, Adapt, Impact****State-Level Innovations:**Innovation and local policies have produced innovation leaders: Kerala, Sikkim, and Maharashtra. Kerala has removed plastic carry bags from the public distribution system; the use of cloth and jute is required. Sikkim, located in the Himalayas, promotes plastic-free tourism in an appreciative culture of eco-consciousness. And evidence reflects it. A report authored by the Central Pollution Control Board in 2025 documented a 28% reduction in visible littering of plastics in urban India. The report also found organized recycling capacity of plastics across India increased by

46%. Momentum for plastic reduction is increasing – India is on track to become a global leader ahead of World Environment Day 2025.

Where India Can Improve Although there appears to be some progress made, problems remain. The informal waste workers still control most of the collection and recovery of plastics and lack safety and recognition. Microplastics (of <5 mm) are seeping throughout our water bodies, enforcement is challenging, animals are suffering, and awareness is limited in rural communities. Experts regularly cite the issues of a lack of data transparency, eco-labeling standards, and international access to data and coordination related to the international trade in plastics.

**A Model for the Global South Today** India's approach of combining bottom-up initiatives with top-down regulation is being examined by nations in Asia and Africa. “India demonstrated that eliminating plastic is not purely about banning plastic, it is more about systems change and mind-set change,” says environmental economist Dr. Ananya Iyer. “It demonstrates that developing countries may leapfrog innovation, rather than imitation.”

**The Future:** As the country celebrates World Environment Day, the optimism is rising. With the people, companies, and society taking a collaborative approach, India is doing more than fighting plastic: it is imagining a world without it. **Fast Fact:**By UNEP estimates, India has diverted an estimated 360,000 tonnes plus of single-use plastic consumption per year by 2025. Even with this progress, challenges remain. Most collection of plastic is still done informally by waste workers, without any safety equipment or recognition. Microplastic is still contaminating waterways in India, and there are still complications with enforcement in rural areas. Experts have called for the need for better transparency in the data; eco-labeling policies, and international cooperation to track the flow of plastic.





“The activist is not the man who says the river is dirty. The activist is the man who cleans up the river.” - Ross Perot

# PCU's Bhashyam

“The greatest threat to our planet is the belief that someone else will save it.”  
-Robert Swan

## PCU Marks World Environment Day 2025 with Inspiring Session on Environmental Action

Pimpri Chinchwad University's Institution's Innovation Council (IIC) commemorated World Environment Day 2025 with a thought-provoking session held on 5th June 2025. The event brought together students and faculty for an engaging dialogue on ecological responsibility and sustainability.

The session featured two dynamic speakers from the university community who offered distinct yet complementary perspectives on environmental conservation.

Dr. Amruta Desai, Molecular Biologist from the School of Sciences, shared scientific insights into the urgent need for preserving biodiversity and mitigating environmental damage through informed actions and sustainable practices.

She emphasized the need to stop the use of single-use plastics and the long-term impact they leave on the environment. Dr. Desai also shared success stories of various ventures from across the world that have been working for the cause.

She stressed that it is not just one sector that can eradicate plastic pollution; rather,

every industry and every individual plays a vital role in eliminating plastic waste from the planet.

Adding an experiential lens to the conversation, Prof. Pooja Dolas, a snake rescuer and faculty member from the School of Media & Communication, captivated the audience with real-life stories of snake rescue. She highlighted the importance of coexistence and sensitizing society toward lesser-known yet crucial components of our ecosystem.

Prof. Dolas shared information about various snake species commonly found around us and demonstrated appropriate actions to take when encountering a snake.

She also debunked several myths and superstitions that persist in society regarding snakes, advocating for awareness and informed response over fear.

The event successfully ignited awareness and encouraged attendees to become active participants in environmental protection. It served as a reminder that impactful change begins with informed minds and compassionate action.



Through such initiatives, PCU continues to champion sustainability and environmental responsibility at the heart of education.

## PCU Hosts TCS Region Head: A Promising Step Towards Industry-Academia Synergy



In a major step toward fortifying industry-academia collaboration, Pimpri Chinchwad University (PCU) had the privilege of hosting Mr. Hrishikesh Dande, Region Head – Tata Consultancy Services (TCS), on campus. This visit marked a pivotal moment, laying the foundation for meaningful partnerships with one of India's most respected IT organizations.

The interaction focused on building long-term collaborative frameworks aimed at developing future-ready talent, aligning academic curricula with evolving industry demands, and jointly exploring opportunities for internships, skill development, and innova-

tion-driven initiatives.

Mr. Dande shared valuable insights on the shifting technological landscape and highlighted the vital role educational institutions play in bridging the gap between academic learning and real-world application.

Discussions centered around enhancing employability through joint training programs, research projects, and campus engagement models that could prepare students for dynamic industry environments.

Mr. Dande emphasized that universities must now serve as catalysts for innovation and adaptability, and appreciated PCU's commitment to shaping such an ecosystem.

The visit was facilitated under the strategic leadership of Dr. Sudeep Thepade, Pro Vice Chancellor; Dr. Shitalkumar Rawandale, Dean – Industry Institute Interaction & Central Placement Cell, PCET; Pandit Balachandra Vidyasagar, Former Vice Chancellor, SRTM University, Nanded; and Dr. Girish Desai, Executive Director – PCET. Their consistent support and vision have been instrumental in fostering PCU's strong industry orientation.

The event was hosted by Ms. Sangeeta Ingle from the PCU Training and Placement Cell, who ensured the seamless coordination of this impactful engagement.

This interaction signifies more than just a visit; it marks the beginning of a strategic alliance between PCU and TCS. With a shared focus on employability, innovation, and academic excellence, PCU continues to bridge the gap between campus and corporate, creating new opportunities for students to thrive in a competitive and ever-evolving professional world.

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