

Chancellor Visits Pimpri Chinchwad University



In a moment of inspiration and direction, the Chancellor of Pimpri Chinchwad University recently paid a significant visit to the campus, engaging in a thoughtful and forward-looking interaction with the university's faculty and staff.

The visit served as an opportunity to reaffirm the university's commitment to excellence

in education, innovation, and holistic development.

Addressing the gathering, the Chancellor articulated the broader vision and mission of Pimpri

Chinchwad University, emphasizing the institution's role in shaping future-ready professionals and socially conscious citizens.

He shed light on the university's short-term objectives, including curriculum advancement, interdisciplinary research, and enhanced student engagement, as well as its long-term

goals of establishing global academic collaborations and becoming a hub of innovation and entrepreneurship.

During the session, the Chancellor also outlined the university's key performance targets for the coming academic year, encouraging faculty members to align their efforts with the strategic growth roadmap.

He expressed deep appreciation for the dedication and hard work demonstrated by the teaching and non-teaching staff, particularly in the areas of academic innovation, student mentorship, and campus development.

The interaction concluded on a high note, with the Chancellor motivating the team to continue striving for excellence and contribute proactively to the university's rising reputation in the higher education landscape.



Dr. Girish Desai Honoured with 'Visionary Academic Leadership Award'



Pimpri Chinchwad Education Trust (PCET) and Pimpri Chinchwad University (PCU), Pune, are proud to share a moment of great pride and inspiration.

Dr. Girish Desai, Executive Director of PCET and PCU, has been conferred with the esteemed "Visionary Academic Leadership Award" at the Maharashtra Education Icon 2025 event. The award was presented by Hon. Shri Chandrakant Patil, Minister of Higher and Technical Education, Government of Maharashtra, in recognition of Dr. Desai's exemplary contributions to the field of education.

This prestigious honour stands as a testament to Dr. Desai's unwavering commitment to fostering student-centric, value-driven, and innovation-led education.

His leadership has been instrumental in positioning PCU as one of Maharashtra's most forward-thinking institutions, dedicated to not just academic excellence but also holistic student development.

Under his guidance, PCU has emerged as a dynamic educational ecosystem where students are empowered to become skilled profes-

sionals, responsible citizens, and future leaders.

The award recognizes more than just administrative success, it celebrates a vision.

Dr. Desai has championed an educational philosophy where values, global perspectives, industry readiness, and inclusive learning converge.

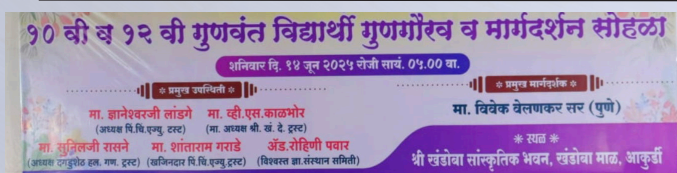
From strengthening faculty development and research culture to expanding industry-academia collaborations and promoting entrepreneurial thinking among students, his leadership continues to shape a transformative learning environment.

Adding to this honour, Dr. Desai has also been nominated as a member of the Maharashtra State Think Tank, a prestigious panel that will actively contribute to shaping educational policy at the state level.

His inclusion reflects the government's trust in his vision and experience and reinforces PCU's role in influencing progressive reforms in higher education across Maharashtra. The Think Tank aims to ensure that students' needs, aspirations, and future challenges remain central to policymaking.

This dual recognition is not just a personal milestone, it is a celebration of PCU's collective journey toward excellence. It echoes the institution's founding mission: to nurture minds, ignite curiosity, and prepare students to thrive in a competitive and ever-evolving world.

Honouring Academic Brilliance: PCET and PCU Felicitate Meritorious Students



In a heartfelt celebration of dedication and academic excellence, Pimpri Chinchwad Education Trust (PCET) and Pimpri Chinchwad University, in collaboration with Khandoba Mandir Trust, Akurdi, proudly felicitated students of Classes 10th and 12th who achieved over 85%, with special recognition to top scorers who surpassed 99% in their board examinations.

The felicitation ceremony was graced by a host of distinguished dignitaries, including

Shri Dnyaneshwar P. Landge, Chairman, PCET; Shri Vithal S. Kalbhor, Secretary, PCET; Shri Shantaram D. Garade, Treasurer, PCET; and Shri Sunil Rasne, Chairman, Shrimant Dagdusheth Halwai Ganpati Trust, Pune.

Also present were Smt. Adv. Dr. Rohini Pawar, Shri Vithal R. Kalbhor, Member of Khandoba Mandir Trust, and Dr. Sudeep Thepade, Pro Vice Chancellor, PCET's Pimpri Chinchwad University.

Dr. Thepade encouraged

the young achievers to pursue higher education with purpose and passion, highlighting how strong academic foundations can lead to meaningful and impactful careers.

Renowned career coach Shri Vivek Vengurlekar also addressed the gathering, offering insightful advice on how students can make informed choices when selecting courses and universities after their board exams.

This event was more than a recognition ceremony—it was a celebration of perseverance, potential, and the promise of the future.

The collaboration between PCET, PCU, and the Khandoba Mandir Trust reflected their shared commitment to nurturing talent and guiding students toward success through the right academic and career pathways.

Renowned Actor Dr. Amit Behl Visits Pimpri Chinchwad University

Pimpri Chinchwad University had the privilege of hosting renowned film, theatre, and television actor Dr. Amit Behl as a special invitee to the Academic Council Meeting of the university.

The visit marked a significant moment in the university's journey to strengthen its academic ecosystem and foster deeper industry-academia collaboration.

With a career spanning over three decades, Dr. Amit Behl is not only celebrated for his versatile performances in Hindi, Marathi, and international projects but is also widely respected as an arts advocate, educator, and voice for the

acting community.

During his interaction at PCU, Dr. Behl shared valuable insights on bridging the gap between the entertainment industry and academic institutions. He also praised the university's commitment to interdisciplinary learning and innovation.

The Academic Council of Pimpri Chinchwad University expressed sincere gratitude for Dr. Behl's constructive suggestions and visionary outlook.

This collaborative exchange reinforced PCU's vision of cultivating an academic culture deeply rooted in practical relevance, creativity, and global engagement.



Book Recommendation:
The Sixth Extinction: An Unnatural History
-Elizabeth Kolbert
Winner of the Pulitzer Prize, this compelling book explores how human activity is dramatically altering the planet and accelerating the loss of species. Kolbert blends science, storytelling, and journalism to highlight the urgency of environmental conservation and the impact of our choices.



Movie Recommendation:
Movie Name: “Tomorrow” (2015)
This uplifting French documentary takes viewers on a global journey to explore real-world solutions to the world’s environmental, economic, and social challenges. From urban farming and renewable energy to alternative education and sustainable communities, Tomorrow showcases inspiring stories of people and initiatives creating a better future—very much in tune with the yogic values of harmony, mindfulness, and balance with nature.

Empowering Career Choices: Lokmat Career Mantra Seminar Held in Nashik

The Lokmat Career Mantra seminar held in Nashik in collaboration with Pimpri Chinchwad Education Trust (PCET), proved to be a resounding success. The event aimed to guide students and parents on emerging career opportunities



and provide expert perspectives on how to navigate life after Class 12. The seminar featured insightful sessions by a distinguished panel of educators including Dr. Amit Patil from Pimpri Chinchwad University (PCU), Dr. Ketan Desale from Pimpri Chinchwad College of Engineering (PCCoE), Dr. Chandrakant Kokane and Prof. Ajay Sonawane from NMIET, and Mr. Sushant Salvi from PCU. The event hall was filled to capacity, reflecting the overwhelming interest from students and parents. The expert talks focused on choosing the right academic path, aligning interests with industry demands, and preparing for a dynamic and tech-driven job market. A key highlight of the session was the engaging question-and-answer segment, where participants raised relevant career-related queries. Dr. Ketan Desale and Dr. Amit Patil addressed the questions with detailed responses, offering clarity and motivation to aspiring students. The event concluded on a high note with positive feedback from attendees. It was a valuable experience for all, reinforcing PCET’s continued commitment to empowering the next generation through meaningful career guidance.

Career Mantra Akola Edition Empowers Students with Clarity on Life After Class 12

“What after 12th?”—a question that resonates in the minds of countless students and parents each year—took centre stage at the Career Mantra seminar in Akola.

The event, jointly organised by Lokmat, Pimpri Chinchwad University (PCU), and Pimpri Chinchwad Education Trust (PCET), provided much-needed guidance and direction to students preparing for one of the most critical transitions in their academic journey. The seminar witnessed enthusiastic participation from hundreds of students and parents eager to explore diverse career pathways, understand the rapidly changing landscape of higher education, and get expert insights into admission procedures, future-ready programs, and evolving professional opportunities. The afternoon unfolded



with a dynamic lineup of sessions by experienced academic leaders and motivational speakers who helped demystify the post-HSC phase. Prof. Vijay Navale, a renowned career counsellor from Pune, provided practical and thought-provoking insights into career options beyond conventional streams, encouraging students to think beyond the expected. Dr. Sandeep Patil, Associate Dean of PCET’s PC-CoE, spoke on the importance of aligning personal aptitude with futuristic academic programs to remain relevant in the fast-evolving job market. Dr. Mayur Jakate, representing PCET’s PCU, made complex profes-

sional choices in engineering and higher education easier to understand, especially in the context of emerging technologies and innovation-driven industries. Prof. Deepika Paranjape, Assistant Professor at PCET’s NMIET, inspired students to pursue their passions with purpose, reinforcing the idea that a fulfilling career begins with choosing what truly excites you. Adding a powerful dose of motivation, Prof. Sachin Burghate, an internationally acclaimed motivational speaker, energized the audience with real-life stories of transformation and resilience, urging students to believe in their potential. Together, the panelists created a rich and empowering learning experience that helped young attendees build a clear and confident roadmap for their academic and professional futures.

Are you Aware?

Originating in ancient India, yoga is one of the oldest and most comprehensive systems of physical, mental, and spiritual development known to humanity. It traces its roots to the Indus Valley Civilization, with references found in ancient scriptures like the Rigveda, Upanishads, and later, the Yoga Sutras of Patanjali. Far beyond being just a form of exercise, yoga was traditionally a holistic lifestyle encompassing ethical living, breath control, meditation, and self-discipline aimed at achieving harmony between the mind, body, and soul. For thousands of years, it has helped individuals seek balance, inner peace, and union with the universe.



Trees play a vital role in maintaining ecological balance and improving the quality of life on Earth. A single mature tree can absorb up to 22 kilograms of carbon dioxide each year, helping to reduce greenhouse gases and combat climate change. At the same time, it releases enough oxygen annually to support two human beings, making trees essential for the survival of all living beings. In addition to carbon capture, trees act as natural filters absorbing harmful pollutants such as nitrogen oxides, ammonia, sulfur dioxide, and ground-level ozone, thereby purifying the air we breathe. Beyond air purification, trees provide crucial ecosystem services. Forests and urban tree cover help regulate temperature by offering shade and releasing moisture into the atmosphere.



The International Day of Yoga is celebrated on June 21, aligning with the Summer Solstice, the longest day of the year in the Northern Hemisphere. This day holds deep symbolic meaning in yogic tradition it represents awakening, clarity, and illumination, both in nature and within the self. In yogic culture, the Summer Solstice marks the beginning of the spiritual journey toward inner transformation, making it a fitting day to honour yoga’s universal message of unity and well-being. This global celebration, recognized by the United Nations in 2014, aims to promote the ancient Indian science of yoga as a path to physical health, emotional stability, and global harmony.



PCU’s Insights

PCU Participates in Samruddh Maharashtra: Visionary Conclave

Pimpri Chinchwad University had the honour of participating in the prestigious “Samruddh Maharashtra” summit organized by News18 Lokmat. The event was held at ITC Grand Central, Mumbai, and brought together some of the most prominent political leaders, policymakers, entrepreneurs, and cultural icons from across Maharashtra. It served as a dynamic platform to discuss the state’s roadmap for inclusive and sustainable growth. Representing PCU, Dr. Girish Desai, Executive Director of PCET and PCU, was specially invited to attend the gathering. His presence at the summit highlighted PCU’s active role in contributing to the state’s education ecosystem. As an Associate Partner of the event, PCU proudly aligned itself with the larger vision of a pro-



gressive and prosperous Maharashtra. The summit witnessed the presence of key state leaders including Chief Minister Shri Eknath Shinde, Deputy Chief Minister Shri Devendra Fadnis, and several other cabinet ministers and dignitaries such as Shri Uday Samant, Shri Girish Mahajan, Smt. Meghna Bordikar, and Shri Shrikant Shinde. The event also saw participation from renowned political figures, industrial leaders, and celebrated personalities from

the fields of cinema, business, and civil society including Aditya Thackeray, Mahesh Manjrekar, Kedar Shinde, Om Raut, Shaina NC, and many others, creating an atmosphere rich with ideas, collaboration, and vision. Dr. Desai took the opportunity to connect with several of these influential personalities, sharing insights into PCU’s rapid growth as one of India’s top emerging universities. He emphasized PCU’s commitment to research, innovation, and industry-aligned education that is helping to shape future-ready graduates. The university’s focus on experiential learning, entrepreneurial thinking, and global engagement was well received by attendees, reinforcing PCU’s relevance in today’s fast-evolving knowledge economy.

Guiding Futures: Career Seminar in Dhule Inspires Students to Make Informed Choices

In its continued commitment to guiding young minds across Maharashtra, Pimpri Chinchwad University (PCU), Pune, in collaboration with Lokmat Career Mantra, hosted a highly engaging Career Guidance Seminar in Dhule. The seminar drew a remarkable turnout of students and parents, all eager to explore opportunities and direction after Class 12th. The event featured a panel of esteemed academic leaders who shared crucial insights on choosing the right career path and staying fu-



ture-ready in an evolving job market. Dr. Shitalkumar Rawandale, Dean of the Centralised Placement Cell at PCET, spoke on aligning academic decisions with long-term career objectives. His practical strategies

and deep understanding of industry trends helped students understand how to plan their education for meaningful employment outcomes. Dr. Pranav Charkha, Professor at PCU Pune, highlighted how the university’s forward-think-

ing curriculum and emphasis on research and innovation help produce future-ready graduates. He emphasized the importance of skill development alongside academic excellence. Dr. Shahuraj Sable, Associate Professor at NMIET Pune, addressed the audience on the rapidly changing tech landscape, focusing on the value of adaptability and continuous learning. He encouraged students to embrace technology and remain open to multidisciplinary skill-building. Mr. Abhishek Chaud-

hary, Head of the School of Media and Communication at PCU, captivated students with exciting insights into careers in media, journalism, and digital storytelling. He discussed how creativity, communication, and digital fluency are becoming powerful tools in the modern job market. The session was filled with inspiration, interactive discussions, and valuable takeaways, leaving the audience better informed and more confident about navigating their career choices.

Top Placements of the Month

Ms. Palak Bhuwal (MBA)	Janjire	Choudhary
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
Mr. Gaurav Jadhav	Ms. Sakshi Raut	Mr. Gunjeshkumar Singh
Mr. Jayesh Khairnar	Mr. Viraj Kholne	Mr. Himanshu Mittal
Ms. 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. Niranjan Narole	Mr. Vikas Singh Mali	
Mr. Shashank Mali	Mr. Shishir Mule	
Ms. Sakshi Bhosale	Mr. Rohan Jadhav	
Ms. Aditi Nagle	Mr. Sanket	
Ms. Vaishnavi		

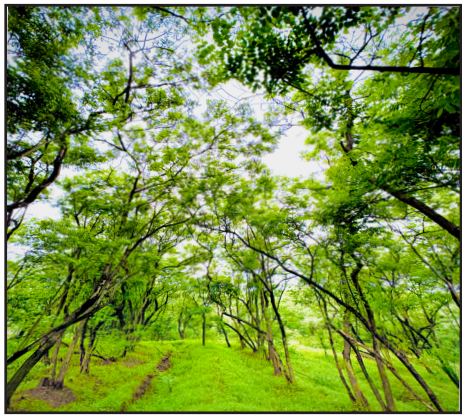
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“In every walk with nature
one receives far more than he seeks.”
- John Muir

PCU's bhashyam

“What is this life if, full of care,
We have no time to stand and stare.”
- W.H. Davies, Leisure

Expressions Beyond Words



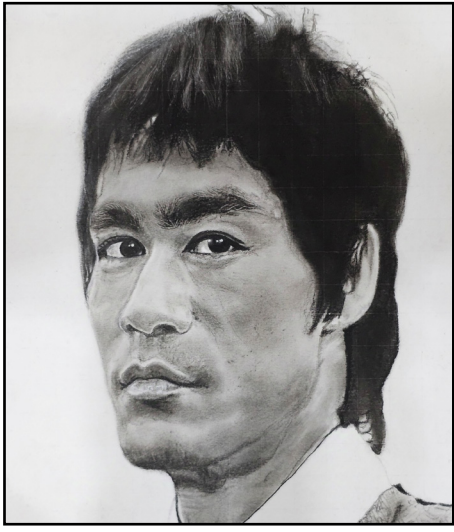
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PCU Celebrates International Day of Yoga with a Message of Wellness and Sustainability



Pimpri Chinchwad University (PCU), Pune, joyfully marked the International Day of Yoga 2025 with a powerful celebration centered around this year's global theme “Yoga for One Earth, One Health” as declared by the Ministry of AYUSH, Government of India.

The celebration, held on the university campus, reflected PCU's deep commitment to the holistic development of its students, faculty, and the environment.

The morning began with an invigorating yoga session led by Dr. Manisha Sonawane, a seasoned yoga practitioner and wellness guide.

The session brought together students, faculty members, and university staff in a collective expression of mindfulness and physical well-being.

Participants practiced a series of asanas, breathing techniques (pranayama), and guided meditation aimed at nurturing inner calm and improving mental clarity. The entire campus was filled with a serene, positive energy as the PCU family embraced the ancient wisdom of yoga in unison.

Adding a meaningful



layer to the celebration, the session concluded with a Tree Plantation Program, where participants planted saplings across the campus.

The act symbolized growth, gratitude, and a commitment to environmental sustainability—reinforcing the message that while yoga nurtures the inner self, trees nurture the Earth. This beautiful synergy between yoga and nature served as a re-



minder that our health and the planet's health are deeply interconnected.

The 2025 theme, “Yoga for One Earth, One Health,” underscores a growing global awareness of the unity between human well-being and environmental balance.

As climate change, lifestyle diseases, and mental health challenges continue to rise, yoga has emerged as a universal tool to foster resilience—physically, emotionally, and spiritually.

Celebrating this day is not merely about stretching muscles; it is about expanding awareness and reinforcing responsibility toward ourselves, society, and the environment.

For students especially, yoga offers a powerful means to manage stress, enhance focus, and build emotional intelligence in a high-pressure academic world. In his address, university leadership encouraged students to



adopt yoga not just as a physical routine but as a lifelong practice that enhances personal growth, empathy, and ethical living.

They highlighted that PCU's vision of education goes beyond textbooks and classrooms it includes nurturing compassionate, conscious, and well-rounded individuals who are prepared to lead in a complex and interconnected world.

By combining ancient wellness practices with environmental stewardship, PCU's celebration of International Day of Yoga 2025 served as a model for how educational institutions can lead the way in promoting sustainable, healthy, and mindful living.

It was a day of collective transformation—where every breath, every pose, and every sapling planted symbolized hope, balance, and a brighter future.

As the university continues its journey toward excellence and responsibility, the message remains clear: Let us carry forward the wisdom of yoga and the commitment to sustainability—not just on Yoga Day, but every day.

Empowering Young Minds Career Guidance Seminar Held in Latur

Continuing the mission to guide students across Maharashtra, Pimpri Chinchwad University (PCU), in collaboration with Lokmat Career Mantra, hosted yet another impactful Career Guidance Seminar—this time in Latur.

The event witnessed an overwhelming response from students and parents who filled the venue with energy, enthusiasm, and a thirst for knowledge.

Prof. Vijay Navale, renowned career counsellor and motivational speaker, delivered an uplifting session encouraging students to make confident and well-informed career choices. He inspired the audience to follow their passion with clarity and purpose.

Prof. Dr. Ramdas Biradar, Professor

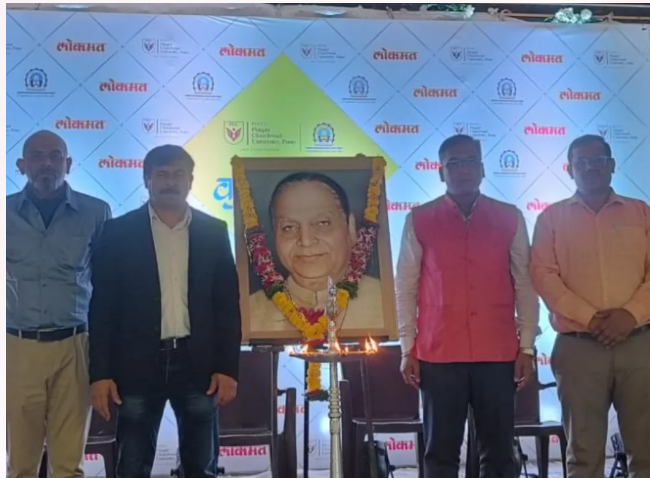
at PCU Pune, provided key insights into industry-relevant programs and emphasized how institutions like PCU are shaping future-ready professionals through innovative academic practices.

Prof. Sagar Deshpande, Associate Professor at NMIET, spoke on the importance of adaptability and lifelong learning in a fast-changing, tech-driven world.

He stressed the need for students to embrace evolving technologies and stay ahead of industry trends.

The seminar sparked engaging discussions and meaningful questions from the audience, creating a truly electrifying atmosphere of learning and motivation.

Empowering Students with Future-Ready Insights at Nandurbar



With its aim to guide young minds across Maharashtra, Pimpri Chinchwad Education Trust (PCET), in collaboration with Lokmat, hosted a highly engaging Career Guidance Seminar in Nandurbar.

The event attracted a large audience of students and parents eager to understand the academic and professional possibilities that lie ahead after Class 12.

The seminar served as a comprehensive platform to address common questions about career planning, course selection, and industry trends—bringing

much-needed clarity and direction to hundreds of participants.

Dr. Shitalkumar Rawandale, Dean & Director (Training & Placement), PCET, provided valuable guidance on how to choose the right institute and academic stream to ensure long-term career success. His advice encouraged students to make informed decisions based on aptitude and future opportunities.

Dr. Pranav Charkha, Professor, School of Engineering & Technology, Pimpri Chinchwad University (PCU), spoke about the ris-

ing demand for careers in Computer Engineering, Artificial Intelligence & Machine Learning (AI & ML), and AI & Data Science (AI & DS).

He emphasized the need for students to develop relevant technical skills and stay aligned with future industry trends.

Dr. Amol Badhe, Professor at PCET's NMIET, addressed the audience on the importance of adapting to a technology-driven world and preparing for a dynamic, innovation-led job market.

One of the highlights of the event was the personalized counselling session for students who scored 75% and above in their Class 12 exams.

These students received expert advice tailored to their strengths, helping them take confident steps toward their chosen careers.

The seminar concluded with a highly positive response from both students and parents, who appreciated the expert insights and practical takeaways.

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