

PCU Hosts Global Entrepreneurship Conclave (GEC) 2025 in Dubai



as a powerful platform for idea exchange, meaningful dialogue, networking, and collaborations aimed at shaping the future of business and innovation.

The Conclave was inaugurated with Keynote Remarks by Shri Harshwardhan Patil, Chancellor of Pimpri Chinchwad University and Former Minister, Government of Maharashtra. In his address, Shri Patil emphasized the role of entrepreneurship, innovation, and global collaboration in building a sustainable and prosperous future. His words set the tone for the Conclave, inspiring participants to work collectively toward impactful solutions for global challenges.

One of the highlights of the Conclave was a Dialogue Session on “The Future of Science and Technology for the Advancement of Human Civilization”, led by Dr. Sundeep Waslekar, President of the Strategic Foresight Group and author of A World Without War. Dr. Waslekar shared thought-provoking insights on how science and technology can drive sustainable progress,



strengthen global cooperation, and

accelerate human advancement. His session resonated deeply with the Conclave’s vision of uniting change-makers for a better tomorrow.

The Conclave also featured an inspiring session by Mr. Prataprao Pawar, renowned industrialist and Chairman of Sakal Media Group, Pune. Speaking on “AI in Agriculture and the Project ‘Farm of the Future’,” Mr. Pawar outlined how Artificial Intelligence can transform agriculture by enhancing efficiency, im-



Pimpri Chinchwad University (PCU) successfully hosted the Global Entrepreneurship Conclave (GEC) 2025 at Hotel Conrad, Dubai, bringing together visionary leaders, entrepreneurs, policy-makers, academicians, and innovators from across the world. The three-day event served

PCU Celebrates Independence Day



Pimpri Chinchwad University celebrated India’s 79th Independence Day with great zeal, unity, and patriotic fervour.

The campus was adorned in the spirit of freedom as students, faculty, and staff came together to honour the nation’s legacy.

The celebration was led by Hon’ble Chancellor Shri Harshavardhan Patil, who unfurled the national flag and delivered an inspiring address. He reminded the gathering that independence is both a gift and a responsibility, urging everyone to uphold unity, re-

spect, and inclusiveness while contributing to the progress of the nation.

Students from all schools took a pledge to act responsibly and sensitively towards society, reaffirming their commitment to dignity and harmony. A disciplined flag marching parade reflected respect for the nation, while vibrant cultural performances of patriotic songs, dances, and skits showcased creativity and pride in India’s cultural diversity.

The event also highlighted PCU’s social responsibility initiatives. Anti-Ragging Week was observed

with students pledging to stand against ragging, reinforcing the university’s commitment to a safe and inclusive environment.

A Poster Design Exhibition further expressed themes of freedom and social responsibility, earning appreciation from Shri Patil.

With enthusiastic participation from leadership, faculty, and students, the celebration became a proud homage to India and a showcase of PCU’s creativity, talent, and unity.



Book Recommendation:
Anandamath
-Bankim Chandra Chattopadhyay

First published in 1882, Anandamath is a landmark novel in Indian literature and nationalism. Set against the Bengal famine and the Sannyasi Rebellion, it narrates the struggle of ascetic warriors fighting against colonial rule. The novel introduced the patriotic song Vande Mataram, which went on to inspire generations during India's freedom movement.



PCU'S Bhashyam

Movie Recommendation:
Movie Name: Movie – Haqeeqat (1964)

Directed by Chetan Anand, Haqeeqat is a poignant war drama based on the Sino-Indian War of 1962. Known for its realistic portrayal of soldiers' sacrifices and its soul-stirring music, the film beautifully captures themes of patriotism, love, and loss, making it one of Indian cinema's most iconic war films.

PCU Observes Anti-Ragging Week 2025 with Awareness, Engagement, and Commitment



Pimpri Chinchwad University (PCU) successfully observed Anti-Ragging Week 2025, reaffirming its strong commitment to creating a safe, inclusive, and respectful campus environment in line with the directives of the University Grants Commission (UGC).

The week-long campaign, coordinated by the Registrar's Office and the Department of Student Development & Welfare under the leadership of Dr. Anju Bala, featured a blend of awareness drives, cultural activities, competitions, and interactive sessions that engaged students across the campus.

The campaign commenced on 12th August 2025 with an inaugural ceremony graced by Mr. Kumar Ramchandra Kadam, Inspector, Vadgaon, Pune, as the Chief Guest. De-

living a thought-provoking address, he outlined the legal framework and consequences of ragging, emphasizing that it is punishable under the Indian Penal Code (IPC) and UGC Regulations with penalties including imprisonment, expulsion, and cancellation of admission.

He further highlighted the role of the Anti-Ragging Committee and Squad, the availability of a 24x7 helpline, and the significance of counseling and pledge ceremonies in building awareness.

The ceremony was attended by PCU dignitaries including Dr. Girish Desai, Executive Director, PCET; Dr. Govind Kulkarni, Vice Chancellor; and Dr. Sudeep D. Thepade, Pro Vice Chancellor, whose presence



reinforced the university's zero-tolerance policy towards ragging.

Special acknowledgments were extended to Dr. R.G. Bidarad, Director – Outreach Admissions & HoD, and event coordinators Mr. Mahesh Jagtap and Mr. Vinod Yadav for their efforts in ensuring the success of the ceremony.

Throughout the week, social

media campaigns featuring informative graphics, videos, and student testimonials were launched to extend the reach of anti-ragging awareness beyond campus, connecting with students, parents, and the larger community. On-campus, creative and interactive events highlighted the importance of fostering mutual respect and empathy.



A Nukkad Natak (street play) performed in the campus courtyard vividly portrayed the emotional, psychological, and academic consequences of ragging. Using placards, slogans, and dramatic expressions, the performers delivered a strong message: "Ragging is not fun—it's a crime. Stop it, Report it, Prevent it."

The week also featured a Debate Competition at the Moot Court, where students engaged in structured arguments and counter-arguments, offering constructive solutions to address ragging.

A Poster Making Competition further showcased students' creativity, as impactful posters with messages like "Say No to Ragging" reflected the collective voice of the youth against intimidation

and harassment.

On 15th August 2025, coinciding with India's 79th Independence Day celebrations, the university organized a collective Anti-Ragging Pledge Ceremony immediately after the flag-hoisting. Students, faculty, and staff took a solemn pledge to uphold the values of dignity, equality, and respect, reaffirming PCU's mission to nurture a ragging-free academic ecosystem.

The Valedictory Function marked the conclusion of Anti-Ragging Week, formally acknowledging the contributions of students and faculty while reinforcing the university's ongoing commitment to creating a secure, supportive, and inclusive campus environment.



PCU'S INSIGHTS

PCU Faculty Gain Hands-On Training in Advanced HPTLC Techniques



A Faculty Training Program on High Performance Thin Layer Chromatography (HPTLC) was successfully conducted at Anchrom Enterprises, Mulund East, Mumbai, offering PCET's Pimpri Chinchwad University (PCU) faculty a valuable opportunity to explore advanced analytical techniques and their real-world applications.

The full-day program saw the active participation of eight dedicated faculty members from the School of Pharmacy, PCU, who engaged in an intensive, hands-on

learning experience. Designed to bridge the gap between academia and industry, the training focused on the latest trends in HPTLC analysis with applications across drugs, dyes, phytoconstituents, cosmetics, and food.

The workshop provided in-depth exposure to instrumentation, advanced techniques, and emerging trends in HPTLC, equipping faculty members with practical knowledge to enhance teaching, research, and innovation in the pharmaceutical sciences.

The program was coordinated by Asst. Prof. Ms. Deeksha Chaskar with the constant support and guidance of Prof. Rajesh Patil, Dean & HoD, School of Pharmacy.

With this training, the School of Pharmacy at PCU continues to strengthen its academic and research excellence, ensuring its faculty and students stay aligned with global industry practices and innovations.

Pune School of Sciences Conducts Study Camp on Wellness for MBA Students



The Pune School of Sciences, in collaboration with Rahat Diet and Wellness Clinic, organized a dynamic Study Camp at IFEEL, Lonavala for First-Year MBA students.

The event focused on promoting holistic well-being by addressing both mental and physical health, combining scientific assessments with engaging wellness activities.

The camp began with mental wellness assessments using DASS-21 (Depression, Anxiety, and Stress Scale) and the Big Five Personality Tests, enabling students to gain insights into their psychological strengths and areas for improvement.

This was followed by a series of health check-ups, including Body Composition Analysis (BCA), glucose testing, and blood pressure monitoring, all aimed at increasing awareness of personal health indicators. Students also benefited from personalized diet consultations, helping them understand the importance of nutrition in managing lifestyle and enhancing overall productivity. The day concluded on a high-energy note with a lively Zumba session,

where students came together to experience the joy of movement, relaxation, and fitness. The activity not only boosted enthusiasm but also reinforced the importance of incorporating regular physical activity into daily routines.

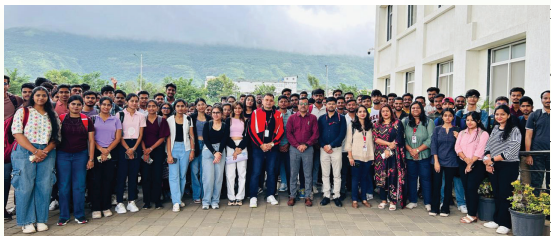
Speaking about the initiative, faculty members highlighted that the camp was designed to empower students with knowledge, self-awareness, and practical tools for maintaining mental and physical well-being, which are essential for future leaders navigating demanding academic and professional environments.

Exploring Management in Nature's Lap – A Grand Success!

The School of Management at Pimpri Chinchwad University, Pune, successfully organized an Outdoor Management Activity at the scenic Sneh Resort.

The event provided students with a unique opportunity to step out of the classroom and immerse themselves in experiential learning amidst nature.

Throughout the day, students engaged in a series of thoughtfully designed activities that combined management concepts with



hands-on challenges. Team-building sessions encouraged collaboration and trust, while leadership exercises inspired participants to take charge with confidence.

Strategic problem-solving challenges tested their ability to think critically under

pressure, while fun-filled adventure games ensured that learning was balanced with joy and enthusiasm.

The serene setting of Sneh Resort added immense value to the experience, allowing participants to reflect, connect, and grow in a refreshing environ-

ment. Students not only gained practical managerial insights but also built stronger bonds with their peers, creating memories that will last beyond the classroom.

The activity proved to be a meaningful step in shaping future managers with skills rooted in teamwork, strategy, and leadership.

The School expressed gratitude to the supportive team at Sneh Resort for their contributions in making the event a success.

SOET Hosts FDP on "Unlock the Power of AI in Education and Research"

The School of Engineering & Technology (SOET), First Year Engineering Department, Pimpri Chinchwad University (PCU) successfully organized a two-week Online Faculty Development Programme (FDP) on the theme "Unlock the Power of AI in Education and Research."

The event received an overwhelming response with around 1,200 registered participants from across India, representing diverse academic and research backgrounds.

The FDP featured expert-led sessions offering valuable insights into the transformative role of Artificial Intelligence (AI) in both teaching and research. Participants were introduced to the Outcome-Based Education (OBE) framework, with discussions on how AI can support each stage of the OBE process,

ensuring a future-ready and learner-centric approach to higher education.

In the education segment, the sessions highlighted how AI is revolutionizing pedagogy, institutional practices, and learner engagement. Faculty explored ethical AI integration while promoting critical thinking, fairness, and accountability.

Demonstrations of cutting-edge tools such as ChatGPT, Edu-Aid, Canva, Mentimeter, and Google Copilot showcased practical ways of personalizing learning, streamlining assessments, and engaging Gen Z learners.

Key themes included NEP 2020 alignment, T-shaped professionals, interactive pedagogy, and prompt engineering.

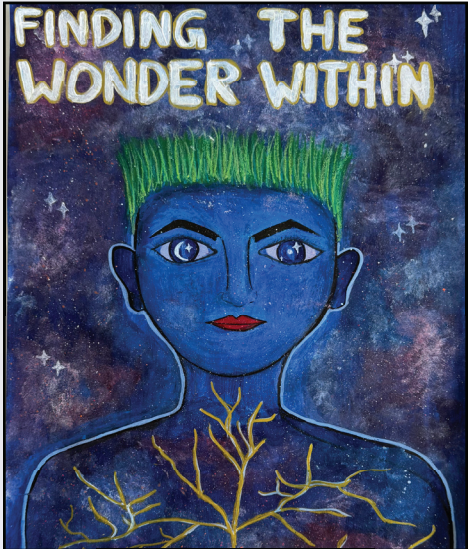
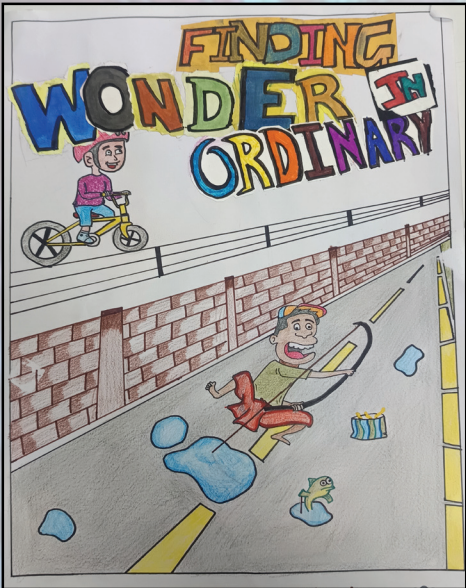
“Patriotism cannot be our final spiritual shelter; my refuge is humanity. I will not buy glass for the price of diamonds, and I will never allow patriotism to triumph over humanity as long as I live.” - Rabindranath Tagore

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bhashyam

“Society grows great when old men plant trees whose shade they know they shall never sit in.”
- Greek Proverb

Expressions Beyond Words



Institution's Innovation Cell Hosts Poster Design Competition 2025

The Institution's Innovation Cell (IIC) of Pimpri Chinchwad University successfully organized the Poster Design Competition 2025, which witnessed enthusiastic participation and remarkable creativity from students.

A total of 37 teams representing the Schools of Engineering, Management, Pharmacy, Design, and Media Sciences showcased their talent in this vibrant event.

The competition revolved around two stimulating themes; “Human-Machine Fusion” and “Finding Wonder in the Ordinary.” Participants interpreted these concepts with imagination, sensitivity, and innovation, resulting in thought-provoking and visually striking posters.

The event was inaugurated by Dr. Vijay Patil, President of IIC, in the presence of Dr. Neeru Malik (Vice President IIC and Associate director, centre for innovation and entrepreneurship), Dr. Archana Rathore (Director, Faculty Development and Welfare), Mr. Abhishek Choudhary (Dean, Applied Arts). Ms. Pooja Dolas (Co-Coordinator, IIC), Mr. Matlub Ali Khan (Deputy Librarian), Ms. Sannidhya Misal (Mem-

ber, IIC), Ms. Nidhi Wairagade (Member, IIC).

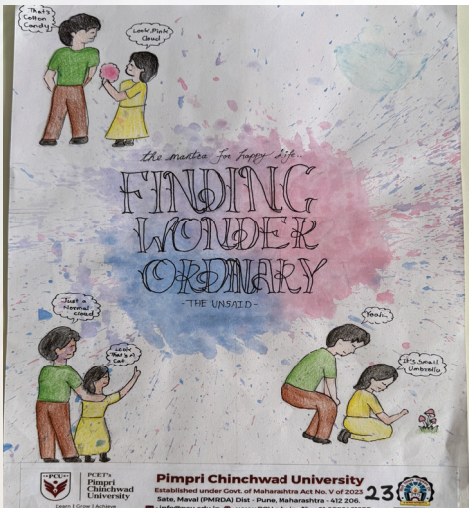
The Central Library served as the creative hub where students brought their innovative ideas to life.

The competition highlighted the diversity of talent across disciplines. First Prize was awarded to Trupti Salve, Komal Tambe, and Purva Kalkute from the School of Engineering.

The Second Prize went to Tejaswini Suman, also from Engineering, while Shashank Kumar from the School of Management secured the Third Prize. Consolation prizes were presented to Anushka Singh, Aditi Shinde, and Sayli Shinde from the School of Pharmacy, along with Pranali More from the School of Engineering.

The winners were felicitated on Independence Day by Chancellor Mr. Harshavardhan Patil, and their artworks were proudly displayed at the Poster Design Exhibition on the same day.

The event not only celebrated innovation and design thinking but also reflected the creativity and vibrant spirit of PCU students.



“We are not merely individuals, but threads in the fabric of society; when one is torn, the whole is frayed.”

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“The love of one's country is a splendid thing. But why should love stop at the border?”
-Pablo Casals

PCU Signs Landmark MoU with UGC–MMTC for Faculty Development and Academic Excellence



Pimpri Chinchwad University (PCU) has taken a significant leap in its journey of academic innovation and excellence by signing a landmark Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with UGC–Malaviya Mission Teacher Training Centre (MMTC), Human Resource Development Centre (HRDC).

The collaboration marks a milestone in strengthening faculty development, promoting multidisciplinary learning, and fostering a future-ready academic ecosystem.

The MoU was formalized in the presence of Prof. (Dr.) Rajesh Kumar Dubey, Director, UGC-HRDC, who commended PCU's remarkable progress. He remarked, “What takes two decades, PCU has achieved in two years. This reflects PCU's clarity of purpose and visionary leadership.”

Through this partnership, PCU will be empowered to organize UGC-sponsored National Faculty Development Programs (FDPs), creating vital opportunities for educators across disciplines to engage in academic exchange,

curricular innovation, and interdisciplinary dialogue. The initiative strongly aligns with the vision of the National Education Policy (NEP) 2020, which emphasizes faculty empowerment and holistic

learning.

Speaking on the occasion, Dr. Girish Desai, Executive Director, PCET, highlighted that this collaboration resonates with PCU's ethos of collaboration, inclusivity, and academic rigor, strengthening its commitment to building a vibrant academic community.

Vice Chancellor Dr. Govind Kulkarni emphasized the role of such alliances in connecting academic aspirations with national development missions like Viksit Bharat and Make in India, while Pro Vice Chancellor Dr. Sudeep Thepade reiterated PCU's dedication to industry-oriented programs, global collaborations, and holistic education for both students and educators.

This MoU stands as a proud milestone for Pimpri Chinchwad University, reinforcing its mission of driving academic excellence, empowering faculty, and contributing to the nation's educational and developmental goals.

Students Gain Global Exposure through International Study Tour to Dubai

The School of Management at Pimpri Chinchwad University (PCU) recently organized an International Study Tour to Dubai, giving students a unique opportunity to broaden their academic and cultural horizons.

The tour combined industry exposure with cross-cultural experiences, ensuring that students not only learned beyond the classroom but also developed skills essential for becoming future-ready global leaders.

During the visit, students engaged in interac-

tive learning sessions and gained valuable insights into international business practices. They explored how global enterprises function in dynamic markets, observed innovation-driven industries, and understood the nuances of leadership in a multicultural environment.

These experiences helped them appreciate the importance of adaptability, teamwork, and strategic thinking in a globalized economy.

Alongside academic learning, the study tour offered students a chance

to immerse themselves in Dubai's rich cultural diversity.

Interactions with peers, industry experts, and mentors enabled them to build confidence and enhance their networking abilities, while also fostering collaborative growth.

The tour proved to be a transformative journey, equipping students with new perspectives, practical knowledge, and lifelong memories. PCU extended its gratitude to the mentors, coordinators, and industry partners who made this initiative possible,



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