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#### Vice Chancellor's Message



Dear ADYPU Community,

I take immense pleasure in welcoming you all to the August edition of our newsletter as we commence a new academic session at ADYPU.

The beginning of a new academic year is always a phase filled with excitement and possibilities. I extend a hearty welcome to the new students to our vibrant and dynamic academic community.

At ADYPU, we take pride in our commitment to providing high-quality academics that empower our students with knowledge, skills, and values to excel in their chosen fields. Our distinguished faculty, state-of-the-art facilities, and innovative pedagogical approaches are geared toward fostering holistic learning experiences that prepare students for the challenges and opportunities of the future.

As we commence this new academic session, let us collectively reaffirm our dedication to excellence and the pursuit

of knowledge. I encourage all our students to actively engage in the academic and co-curricular offers. opportunities that ADYPU Embrace every moment transformative journey, seek knowledge with diligence, and cultivate the skills and values that will shape you into well-rounded individuals and responsible global citizens.

faculty To our and staff. your unwavering commitment to the success and well-being of our students is truly commendable. At this juncture, I would like to urge you all to carry forward the spirit of resilience. adaptability, and innovation that has defined our university community its since inception. Let continue to rise to new heights of distinctions and achievements.

Wishing you all a fulfilling and successful academic year ahead.

Warm regards, **Hrridaysh Deshpande**Vice Chancellor
Ajeenkya DY Patil University



#### Editor's Message



Greetings, Dear readers,

As the August sun casts its warm glow on our campus, we are delighted to bring you another edition of the ADYP University Newsletter. With each passing month, we strive to encapsulate the vibrant spirit and remarkable achievements that define our university community.

In this issue, we delve into the latest developments, insightful stories, and noteworthy accomplishments that have graced our halls. From innovative entrepreneurship breakthroughs to inspiring student and faculty initiatives, our community continues to shine brightly.

As we navigate the realm of academia, we recognize that knowledge knows no bounds. This month, we explored the frontiers of interdisciplinary learning, where ideas from diverse fields converge to shape a holistic educational experience for our students. The fusion of arts and sciences, technology, and humanity, ignites a spark of creativity that propels us forward.

I extend my heartfelt gratitude to the contributors, writers, and photographers who have lent their talents to curate this edition. Your dedication is the driving force behind the stories we share and the voices we amplify.

Furthermore, I'd like to highlight that we had a fruitful Faculty Development Program (FDP), a critical component in enhancing the professional growth and excellence of our academic community. Our commitment to providing faculty members with the tools, knowledge, and support needed to excel in their roles remains unwavering.

As we venture into the heart of the semester, let us embrace every challenge as an opportunity for growth, and every success as a testament to our collective efforts. Together, we continue to foster a community where curiosity thrives, innovation flourishes, and knowledge finds its true purpose.

Wishing you an insightful read and a month filled with accomplishment and discovery.

Warm regards **Sukhvinder Multani**Editor
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## **Academic Highlights:**

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## Anubodhan: A Week-long Faculty Development Program at ADYP University

From August 7th to 11th, ADYP University hosted an insightful and enriching faculty development program known as "Anubodhan." This was organized by the IQAC department under the guidance of IQAC Director Dr Ashvini Sovani. This week-long program aimed to empower and nurture the academic growth of our esteemed faculty members.

Anubodhan provided dynamic а platform for faculty members to engage in meaningful discussions, share best practices, and enhance pedagogical skills. With a focus on fosterina excellence in teaching, research. and overall professional development, the program encompassed a diverse range of topics.

Throughout the week, faculty members immersed interactive were in workshops, enlightening seminars, and collaborative sessions led experienced educators and industry experts. These sessions not enriched the participants' knowledge base but also equipped them with innovative tools and strategies to enhance their teaching methodologies.

The Anubodhan program underscored University's commitment continuously elevate the standards of education and create a conducive environment for both personal and professional growth. As faculty meaningful members engaged in imbibed conversations and new insights, the program undoubtedly contributed to the enhancement of their roles as educators and mentors.

The week-long event encapsulated the essence of **Anubodhan - a journey of enlightenment and empowerment** for faculty members. With its comprehensive approach, the program reaffirmed the university's dedication to providing an exceptional learning experience.

Besides, it saw distinguished resource persons who were invited to share insights on different aspects of teaching learning.



## Ubodhan: Celebrating Excellence in Faculty Development

On the 11th of August, *Ubodhan*, the valedictory function for the Faculty Development (FDP) Program was organised. This event marked the culmination of an enlightening journey that aimed to enhance the skills and knowledge of faculty members.

The valedictory program, "Ubodhan," was a fitting tribute to the dedicated efforts put forth by the participants throughout the FDP. It was a celebration of their commitment to personal and professional growth, as well as their dedication to fostering academic excellence.

The event began with a warm welcome to the attendees, acknowledging their active engagement in the FDP. Distinguished speakers from various domains shared their insights on the significance of continuous learning and the transformative impact it has on both educators and students.

During the valedictory program, participants had the opportunity to reflect on their FDP journey, share their experiences, and highlight key takeaways. It was a platform for them to express gratitude to the organizers, mentors, and peers who contributed to making the program a resounding success.

The program also featured a felicitation ceremony to honor the dedication and commitment demonstrated by faculty members. Certificates of completion were awarded to the participants, symbolizing the culmination of their efforts and the newfound knowledge they had acquired.

"Ubodhan" not only marked the conclusion of the FDP symbolized the beginning of a new chapter in the participants' professional journeys of the faculty members. As they left the valedictory program, they with them carried renewed а enthusiasm and a wealth of insights that would undoubtedly shape their future endeavors as educators and mentors.



## Enlightening Guest Session on Hospitality Trends: A Recap

On August 25, 2023, the School of Hotel Management (SHM) organized a captivating Guest Session titled "Latest Trends in the Hospitality Industry." The session was conducted by the dynamic hotelier and entrepreneur, Mr. Chaitanya Adgaonkar.

Mr. Adgaonkar, an alumnus of the prestigious Indian Institute of Management, Ahmedabad. and co-founder of Centro Hotels, Chirp - Eat. Play. Work, Bloom - Events, and SARC Hospitality, shared his inspiring journey with the students. He embarked on his path by establishing a co-working space in 2016 and gradually ventured into managing Food & Beverage establishments, including the well-known Apna Adda the on Pune-Bangalore highway.

During the session, Mr. Adgaonkar emphasized the importance of promoting local food and beverage delicacies over Western cuisine. He shed light on the vast potential of the tourism industry in India, highlighting its advantages compared to neighboring countries. This vision led him to strategically open Centro Hotels in Pune, with plans for expansion into Nasik and Aurangabad in the near future.

The students were deeply engaged throughout the session, eagerly seeking insights into operational aspects of the hospitality industry. The event concluded with a heartfelt vote of thanks delivered by Mr. Subhasis Mandal, Deputy Dean of the School of Hotel Management, expressing gratitude for the enriching experience Mr. Adgaonkar had shared with the students.









## Delectable Delights: A Recap of the Bakery Workshop

On August 29, 2023, the School of Hotel Management organized a delightful bakery workshop titled "Baking Crinkle Top Brownies." The workshop was expertly facilitated by the talented Chef Disha Patel.

Chef Disha Patel, a dynamic pâtissier and proprietor of cloud kitchen known as "Bakelicious Magic," commenced the session by sharing invaluable practical insights into crafting eggless brownies from scratch. She provided detailed information about the recipe and the significance of each component in the brownie preparation process. Notably, students eagerly participated in the session, actively assisting Chef Disha in the preparation.

The workshop's highlight lay in the wealth of knowledge shared on various critical aspects, including precise ingredient measurements, tray setup, baking techniques, and the art of demolding brownies before serving. These insights promised to elevate the guest experience, offering a taste that was both exquisite and contemporary.







## Educational Court Visit: ADYPU School of Law Students Explore Shivajinagar Pune District Court







On August 24, 2023, a group of fifty students from Ajeenkya D Y Patil University's School of Law embarked on educational journey to the Shivajinagar Pune District Court. Maharashtra. located in Pune. Accompanied by their faculty members, including Assistant Professor Dr. Shaista Peerzada, Associate Professor Mr. Nihil Rote, Assistant Professor Mr. Gaurav Dhawan, and Placement Officer Miss Ashwini Wani, this visit was a valuable opportunity for students to gain firsthand insights into the legal proceedings.

Prior to the visit, the necessary permissions were obtained from the court authorities, ensuring a smooth and informative experience for the students. A brief orientation was also provided to the students, outlining the etiquette and decorum expected within the court premises.

During their visit, the students had the privilege to observe various court proceedings, listen to arguments, and absorb practical knowledge about the legal system. This immersive experience undoubtedly enriched their understanding of the legal field.



## Exploring Cyber Law: An Informative Guest Lecture









School of Law hosted a guest lecture on August 23, 2023, featuring Adv. Gokul Narayan from the Asian School of Law. The lecture, centered around cyber law and its implications, took place in the university's Moot Court Room.

The primary objective of this guest lecture was to enhance students' awareness of cyber law and provide insights into its potential advantages and disadvantages in the future. The lecture skillfully illustrated the intricate relationship between the internet and legal regulations, two seemingly contrasting and opposing domains, using real-life examples. The aim was to enlighten students about how these fields intersect and impact one another.



#### Typography Workshop Empowers Students in Design and Art Series

On August 20th, the Typography Workshop, part of the Design and Art Workshop Series, was conducted at Sourabh Design Studio in Nagpur. The workshop was led by Prof. Rupesh Gajbhiye.

The Design and Art Workshop Series aimed to raise design awareness among young aspiring students, particularly those interested in design education and its preparation. To achieve this goal, School of Design (SOD) targeted design studios and design coaching classes, primarily in Maharashtra and nearby states. All SOD faculty members

conducted design workshops based on their respective specializations at various locations.

During this, students were instructed in the fundamentals of typography, emphasizing its effectiveness in expression and communication. The workshop included hands-on demonstrations of typography techniques and interactive activities.





## Footwear Design Workshop Inspires Creativity in Design and Art Workshop Series

On August 20th and 27th as part of the Design and Art Workshop Series, Assistant Professor Vidyadhar Bhandare School of Design (SOD) led a workshop on Footwear Design at the Alag Angle Community Art Centre in Nagpur and Sangli respectively.

The Design and Art Workshop Series dedicated to raising awareness among aspiring students, especially those preparing for design achieve education. То this, targeted design studios and coaching classes in Maharashtra and nearby faculty states. with its members specialized conducting desian workshops at various locations.

During this workshop, Prof. Vidyadhar Bhandare visited the Alaq Community Art Centre in Nagpur and the Singing Line Design institute in Sangli and educated students on the industry, footwear footwear construction, foot ergonomics, and Through footwear anatomy. step-by-step demonstration of footwear sketching, he imparted the basics of footwear design sketching. The interactive session allowed students to sketch footwear designs and seek guidance. Mr. Tanul Vikamshi, the founder of Alag Angle, also participated in the workshop.





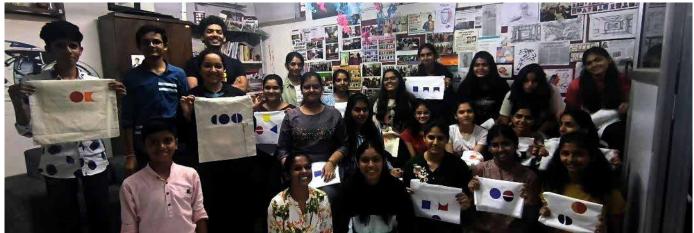
### Successful Workshop on Prints and Methods for Product Design Enhances Design Awareness in Design and Art Workshop Series

On August 27th, as part of the Design and Art Workshop Series, Assistant Professor Shehwar Mohibi conducted a workshop on Prints and Methods for Product Design at the Singing Line Design Institute in Ichalkaranji.

The Design and Art Workshop Series had a clear goal: to foster design awareness among young, aspiring students, especially those preparing for design education. To achieve this objective, SOD targeted design studios and coaching classes in Maharashtra and nearby states, with all its faculty members conducting specialized design workshops in various locations.

During this particular event, Prof. Shehwar Mohibi visited the Singing Line Design Institute in Ichalkaranji and students taught how to express themselves using geometric shapes like circles, squares, triangles, and more. They learned how to create designs by arranging these shapes and printing them on fabric using stencils. Through a step-by-step demonstration of fabric printing. she imparted knowledge about colors, shapes, arrangements, printing skills, and more. The interactive workshop allowed students to create their own designs and print them on fabric tote bags.





### Design and Art Workshop Series Expands Horizons with Workshop on 'User In Design'

On August 27th, Assistant Professor Shrirang Powar conducted a workshop on "User In Design" as part of the Design and Art Workshop Series. The event took place at Colour King Design Classes in Nashik.

The overarching objective of the Design and Art Workshop Series was to instill design awareness among young, aspiring students, particularly those preparing for design education.

During this specific workshop, Prof. Shrirang Powar enlightened students about user-centric design principles, emphasizing the significance of user studies during the research phase and its impact on the design process. In this interactive workshop, students shared their understanding of users and created designs tailored to their preferences and needs.







### Design and Art Workshop Series Achieves Success with Book Cover Design Workshop

On August 27th, Assistant Professor Manjit singh Pardeshi led a workshop on Book Cover Design as part of the Design and Art Workshop Series. The workshop was conducted at Singing Line Design Institute branches in Belgaum and Kolhapur.

The overarching objective of the Design and Art Workshop Series was to nurture design awareness among young, aspiring students, particularly those preparing for design education.

During this particular workshop, Prof. Manjit singh Pardeshi visited Singing Line Design Institutes in Belgaum and Kolhapur. He imparted knowledge about the fundamental elements of design and design principles to the students. In this interactive workshop, students applied these design basics to create book covers with an Indian Culture theme, showcasing their creativity and understanding of design principles.







#### Episode 27 & 28 of De Talk Session: A Fascinating Conversation on Design-Led Communities

On August 15th, Episode 27 of the Monthly De Talk Session, was hosted on ADYPU Instagram Page. The session was facilitated by Professor Rupesh Gajbhiye and featured Miss Miti Desai, the Founder and Creative Head of Miti Design Lab, as the guest speaker.

During the session, Miss Miti Desai engaged in a discussion about design-led communities, in conversation with Prof. Karthikeyan.



#### Episode 27 of De Talk Session:



On August 29th, Episode 28 of the Monthly De Talk Session was hosted. Professor Shrirang Powar hosted the session, with Mr. Gaurav Thombre, a Photographer and Filmmaker, serving as the guest speaker.

During the session, Mr. Gaurav delved into the significance of automotive photography in the realms of magazines and advertising, engaging in a conversation with Prof. Shrirang.

These initiatives showcased ADYPU's commitment to providing students with diverse opportunities for personal and professional development.

## SOD Announces the Formation of Two Student Clubs at ADYPU

On August 25th, as part of the ADYPU Clubs for the Academic Year 2023-24, the School of Design (SOD) introduced two student clubs:

**PurrPaws Pet Club:** Faculty In charge: Prajakta Rokade, Vidyadhar Bhandare

About Pet Club: The PurrPaws Pet Club is a passionate and dedicated community of pet enthusiasts initiated for all the animals. The club's mission is to foster a harmonious bond between humans and their furry, feathery companions. The club believes that pets enrich our lives in countless ways, and their work aims to create a brighter, safer, and happier world for all living beings.

**Take 2 Film Club:** Faculty In charge: Pallavi Choudhari, Rupesh Gajbhiye

About Film Club: Students were encouraged to form a cluster that could take on responsibilities in various domains. including acting. music. dancing, screenplay, and more. The club's objective is to create and produce short films and documentaries, with the possibility of submitting entries to state, national, and international film festivals. Additionally, students could utilize the Take 2 platform to participate in intercollege competitions and in the Purushotam Karandak. This initiative also opened doors potential to partnerships with OTT platforms. offering opportunities to showcase students' work and create valuable experiences.







## SOD Enhances Prototyping Facility with the Addition of a New 3D Printer Lab

On August 16th, School of Design (SOD) took a significant step in upgrading its prototyping facility. The faculty in charge oversaw the addition of the Zortrax M300 Plus, a user-friendly 3D printing device.

This state-of-the-art printer boasts a 300 x 300 x 300 mm build volume and has the capability to work with various materials, including ABS, Z-FLEX, Z-GLASS, Z-HIPS, Z-NYLON, Z-PCABS, Z-PETG, and Z-PLA. Notably, it also features an inbuilt failsafe response system to enhance operational safety. Real-time monitoring during the 3D printing process is made possible through a built-in camera.

To ensure that the design faculties are well-versed in utilizing this new addition, a special orientation session was conducted at the Faculty Hub within SOD.









## **Campus Life:**

## News, Events and Activities

## Induction Program 2023: School of Management Welcomes **RAPTORS** Class of 2023

The inaugural session commenced on 1st August 2023 with a warm welcome from Prof. Darshana Parekh, who extended her greetings to Vice Chancellor Prof. Hrridaysh Deshpande, Registrar Mr. Raymond Paul, Dean Dr. Latha Krishnan, esteemed Chief Guests Mr. Meher Mullapudi, Mr. Venkatesh Bharadwaj, Mr. Bhuwan Mahajan, and all attending students.

Dr. Latha Krishnan, the Dean (SOM), addressed the students, underlining ADYPU's identity as an innovation-driven university at the forefront of change. She highlighted the inclusive range of programs offered, including BBA, MBA, and B Com, showcasing ADYPU as a pioneer in this respect. With a global outlook, ADYPU stands as an ever-evolving force in the technological landscape, epitomizing

the concept of a "Global Landscape" with its transformative impact on technology and the metaverse.

The conversation delved into the profound influence of AI, accentuating a contemporary array of remarkable advancements in the field of automation. The discussion extended to the future of work, encouraging students to discover their personal aspirations and envision their paths for the next two and ten years.

Mr. Bhuwan Mahajan, Co-founder of Edmyst, shared his insights with the aim of enhancing students' Employability Quotient. He emphasized leveraging individual strengths and mentoring students to become job-ready, aligning with his vision to prepare students for a successful career journey.





#### Student Induction: Building Pathways for Excellence at ADYPU School of Engineering

A warm and spirited welcome awaited the First Year students at Ajeenkya DY Patil University. The vibrant Induction Program from July 25th to 27th, 2023, ushered in a new chapter in their academic journey. The Induction Program aimed to familiarize students with specific programs, Program Leads, course outlines, and faculty members.

August brought forth a lively atmosphere as classes commenced, and students embraced discipline and punctuality. Amidst the pursuit of excellence, the realm of SCOPUS and research also flourished, with remarkable achievements by faculty members.

Acknowledging the strength of unity, the School of Engineering welcomed new faculties while recognizing the dedication of existing ones. The collaboration between faculty and students has been integral to the school's progress.

program aimed acquaint The to students with the university's academic fabric. facilitated and cultural lt integration into campus life, fostering relationships with staff and peers. Keynote speeches and activities provided insights into the engineering curriculum, academic policies, available resources.

The Student Induction Program blended education with engagement, offering students clarity and knowledge. Each day saw students leaving with enhanced understanding of the academic and cultural environment. The success was a result of dedicated participation from School Engineering faculties and expert speakers. Special recognition goes to Dean Dr. Biswajeet Champaty for his visionary approach.

Students gained insights into the curriculum, academic expectations, and support resources, fostering familiarity with the institution's offerings. The program also encouraged peer connections, establishing a platform for mutual support throughout their university journey.

Induction - Round 2: Following the university-level induction, the School of Engineering conducted а concise one-day program on August 2nd, 2023. Exclusively for first-year engineering this students. event featured introductory speeches by Dean. Dr. Biswajeet Champaty, and program leads.



#### **Highlights:**

Dean Dr. Biswajeet Champaty's inspiring speech emphasized academic protocols, research, and innovation, offering real examples of successful alumni.

Prof. Sameer Agrawal outlined academic essentials, including using official student emails and utilizing the ERP portal for student-related information.

**Dr. M. M. Kulkarni, Program Lead** (Mechanical Engineering), shed light on program specifics, future technologies, skill-building, and interdisciplinary learning.

**Dr. Aiswarya Dash, Program Lead** (Biomedical Engineering), clarified curriculum and career prospects, addressing student queries.

**Dr. Ipsita Swain, Program Lead** (Robotics), guided students through the Robotics journey, including core lab facilities and industry collaborations.

**Dr. Shankar Khade, Program Lead** (Biotechnology), provided insights on academic procedures and industry connections.

**Dr. Raj Gaurav Mishra, Program Lead** (Computer Science and Engineering), focused on program outcomes, internships, and technology exposure.

**Prof. Uttam Kumar, Foundation Year Faculty Advisor,** ensured a smooth transition, embedding academic procedures into students' minds.

The comprehensive Induction Programs exemplify ADYPU School of Engineering's dedication to nurturing confident, well-rounded engineers prepared for a dynamic future.















# Leading the Way: A Dynamic Session on Incubation and Entrepreneurship Lights Up Campus

On 8th August, Campus witnessed a dynamic Orientation Session on Incubation and Entrepreneurship.

There were two distinguished resource persons leading the way:

**Mr. Sunil Dhadiwal,**CEO of AIC-PINNACLE Pune

#### **Dr. Anil Maheshwari,** NAAC ADYPU

With their expert insights, they illuminated the path to thriving in the world of startups and innovation.

**Sukhvinder Multani,** Deputy Dean – Research, took the initiative of organizing this transformative session with the vision to foster a vibrant startup and innovation culture on campus.

This session was organized for faculty members from diverse schools, coming together to fuel the flames of entrepreneurship and innovation among students.



### Empowering Tomorrow's Entrepreneurs: Nurturing Vision into Successful Ventures

ADYPU's Entrepreneurship and Incubation Cell (EIC) recently took a proactive step in fostering entrepreneurial spirit by organizing student orientation sessions across various schools. The primary objective of these sessions was to cultivate a culture of innovation and entrepreneurship among students, with the ultimate aim

of nurturing a thriving ecosystem of student-led startups.

Under the guidance of Sukhvinder Multani, Deputy Dean-Research, these sessions aimed to inspire and guide students through the entire entrepreneurial journey, from ideation to successfully establishing their

ventures. These sessions served as a wellspring of motivation, offering valuable insights into the dynamic world of entrepreneurship.

During these sessions, Ms. Multani covered an array of topics, equipping students with the knowledge and tools needed for their entrepreneurial pursuits. She underscored the myriad benefits of entrepreneurship, including personal growth, financial independence, and the opportunity to make a meaningful impact in the business world.

Furthermore, Ms. Multani provided a comprehensive overview of the entrepreneurial process, emphasizing critical elements such as market research, business planning, and effective execution strategies.

Additionally, students were introduced to various workshops and hands-on experiences designed to provide practical exposure and real-world insights, enabling them to apply their newfound knowledge directly to their entrepreneurial journeys.

These sessions left students not only inspired but also well-prepared to embark on their entrepreneurial path with confidence and competence. ADYPU's Entrepreneurship Incubation Cell remains steadfast in its commitment to supporting and facilitating the realization of students' entrepreneurial aspirations. The journey has only just begun, with the EIC serving as a guiding light for the budding entrepreneurs of tomorrow.



## **Research Milestones:**

## Publications and Patents

Patent Announcement: On August 11, 2023, Prof Prashant from SHM achieved a significant milestone by securing a patent for "Utilizing Machine Learning for Talent Assessment and Identification within Organizations."



## **Cultural Chronicles:**

# Cultural Events and Campus Clubs

## Singing Competition: Pre-Independence Day Celebration

A spirited Pre-Independence Day celebration unfolded on August 14, 2023, hosted by the School of Law (SOL) and all other schools participated enthusiastically.

The competition witnessed active participation from students, reflecting their eagerness to be part of this special occasion. Distinguished judges, including Mrs. Kavita Thappa, Mrs. Priti Lambat, and Ms. Shehwar Dure Mohibi, were invited to assess the performances.

Dr. Sunny Thomas, Dean of the School of Law, extended heartfelt gratitude to all those who graced the event with their presence on this day. The formal Vote of Thanks was delivered by Dr. Samadhan, and the program culminated with all attendees reciting the National Pledge, uniting in patriotic fervor.



# ADYPU Initiates Student Clubs for Model United Nations (MUN), Sports, and Entrepreneurship.

## On August 22nd, several exciting initiatives took place at ADYPU:

The inception of the Model United Nations (MUN) Students Club marked a significant step forward in promoting lessons in diplomacy and global This club came into awareness. existence through а productive meeting that brought together a group of over 30 students, in collaboration with Professors Akanksha Kulkarni, Pradhnya Bhakre, and Dushyant Somvanshi.

In addition to the MUN Club, another vibrant addition to the campus was the **Badminton Club.** With a similar gathering of over 30 enthusiastic

students, this club was established in collaboration with Professor Ketan Deore, aiming to foster a love for sports and physical fitness among the student body.

Furthermore, the establishment of the INCUBATION Club provided a platform for nurturing entrepreneurial spirit and innovation among students. This initiative was launched through a meeting with Professor Sukhvinder Multani, the Deputy Dean of Research, ensuring that students were provided with guidance and resources to explore their entrepreneurial ideas and ventures.

### ADYPU Traditional Day: A Cultural Extravaganza

The Student Services Division was excited to unveil a colorful celebration of cultural diversity through our annual event, the **ADYPU Traditional Day.** The Students, staff, and faculty members across all schools celebrated the cultural diversity of our university community and promoted a sense of unity and tradition.

They Participated enthusiastically and embraced the spirit of the event by wearing a wide range of traditional outfits, including sarees, sherwanis, and other culturally significant attire.



## ADYPU Clubs 2023-24: A Year of Passion, Skill-building, and Community Growth

The Academic Year 2023-24 at Ajeenkya DY Patil University (ADYPU) is set to be an exciting one with the launch of various clubs, providing students with a platform to explore their passions, enhance their skills, and connect with like-minded individuals. The ADYPU Clubs aim to foster a sense of community and personal growth among students.

Joining an ADYPU club is not just an opportunity, it's an experience. Students who participate in these clubs will benefit in the following manner: Discover their passion, Develop leadership skills, Network with students from various schools and

## acquiring practical skills beyond academic curriculum.

To kick off the club activities for the year, a Club Festival was organized on 25th August 2023. Club mentors were present to guide and provide information about each club. ADYPU Clubs offer a unique opportunity for students to enhance their university experience.

Ms Priya Abraham, Dean of Student was instrumental in organizing the club festival.





## **Career Pathways:**

# Development, Placements, and Internships

## Drawing Wisdom from Industry Pioneers and Alumni

ADYPU. education transcends conventional textbooks. We are strong advocates of gleaning insights from those who have previously journeyed down the same path. It has been an honor for us to welcome esteemed alumni such as Anushree Chaurasia. Akash Pathak, Parul Gandhe, Nikhil Srivastava, and а host of other accomplished individuals.

Their mentorship and perspectives on effective placement strategies, personal anecdotes, curriculum vitae construction, and the nuances of interviews have proven to be priceless for our students. Through these interactions, a distinctive and invaluable opportunity has emerged to absorb wisdom from real-world trailblazers.









#### Rigorous Training Initiatives:

Our unwavering commitment has been to equip our students for the rigorous challenges posed by campus placements. To achieve this objective, we had orchestrated a sequence of all-encompassing training initiatives in collaboration with esteemed entities such as AICTE. Smartways, and Gyanteerth. An expansive training was organised encompassing more than 70 hours. This intensive curriculum spans

aptitude enhancement, technical skill fortification, and meticulous interview preparation, scheduled from July 21st to August 5th. Furthermore, AWS training, which spanned over 40 hours, has endowed students with hands-on expertise in cloud computing—an indispensable proficiency in today's technology-driven milieu.







## Collaborations with Industry and Prospects

Our committed cohort of coordinators, including Kaustaubh, Aniket, Ali, Tejal, Chetan, Snail, and Rushikesh and Vatsal, demonstrated relentless dedication by working closely with our Dean of Training, and Placement Officer. This concerted endeavor has yielded productive alliances, connections, and openings with renowned companies such as ZS Associates, Barclays, Wipro, and others. These engagements serve as gateways to internships, placements,

and valuable mentorship opportunities, guaranteeing exposure to the finest career pathways.

ADYPU has also formalized Memorandums of Understanding (MOUs) with numerous organizations, including Epam, JBM Group, and KPIT. These agreements significantly augment the channels available to foster professional growth.









#### **Ongoing Placements Phase 2024**

As we embark on the initial stages of the placement season, the placement process for the class of 2024 2023. July commenced in and witnessed an impressive launch. Day 0 drive on August 9th, 2023, featuring Veritas, proved to be an outstanding triumph. Notably. three students secured placements, boasting remarkable offers of 12 LPA. Subsequently, on August 20th, 14 students secured positions with Societe Generale, securing packages of 5.4 LPA. Furthermore, on August 21st, two students celebrated their success in securing positions at Metro Global Shared Services, accompanied by a competitive package of 9 LPA.

Several students are currently making headway in the selection process for eminent companies like Accenture, KPIT, ITC Infotech, Renault Nissan, and Josh, having triumphed in the initial rounds. To date, more than 20 companies have graced our campus, aiming to tap into the exceptional potential of our student body.

This marks only the inception of the journey—multiple company drives are meticulously scheduled for the upcoming months.

## Introducing Platform POD: Elevating Student Placement Journey

In the pursuit of enhancing the placement experience for students, we are thrilled to present the revolutionary platform known as POD. cutting-edge platform functions as a comprehensive solution, offering a centralized repository of information about forthcoming recruitment drives, coupled with a seamless registration process. With POD, our intent is to provide absolute transparency throughout the placement journey. This facilitates the convenience of accessing all pertinent details and updates through a single, integrated

platform, guaranteeing students to remain well-informed and empowered.

Placement Cell Training and has consistently served as a hub for fostering opportunities, acquiring knowledge. and establishina connections. The unwavering focus remains on nurturing the growth and the students. of accomplishments achieved thus far fills us with immense pride and anticipates future marked by even remarkable achievements.

## **Global Connections:**

# Collaborations and Partnerships

### Exploring Synergies: ADYPU School of Hotel Management and Novotel Pune Nagar Road Forge a Fruitful Partnership

On the 2nd of August 2023, a significant collaboration took place between ADYPU's School of Hotel Management and Novotel Pune Nagar Road. During this meeting, attended by Deputy Dean Mr. Subhasis Mandal and Training and Placement Officer Mr. Nikhilesh Dusane from ADYPU, along with Ms. Purnima Sehgal, Learning & Development Manager at Novotel Pune Nagar Road. several key points were discussed with a positive outlook.

The primary objective of this meeting was to establish a robust association with the hotel, with a focus on enhancing academic support, fostering student learning and development, and seeking valuable guidance from various departmental managers within the hotel. The goal is to create a conducive platform that aligns with hospitality standards, providing students with practical insights and experiences.

Specifically, the discussion revolved around the following areas:

**Student Training & Placement Opportunities:** The partnership aims to open doors for students to gain practical experience and secure placement opportunities within Novotel Pune Nagar Road.

**Resource Exchange for Guest Lectures:** Both parties expressed interest in sharing resources to facilitate guest lectures, enriching students' knowledge.

Student Site Visits and Live Projects:

Plans were discussed to organize site visits for students to gain firsthand experience in the hospitality sector and participate in live projects within the hotel.





**Personalized Guidance:** Students will benefit from one-on-one interactions, especially during assessments, receiving valuable insights and support.

**Future Career Prospects:** Exploring job and career opportunities within the Accor Brand, of which Novotel is a part, to provide students with a clear path for their future endeavors.

This strategic partnership holds immense promise, aligning the academic rigor of SHM with the practical expertise and resources of Novotel Pune Nagar Road, ultimately benefitting the students in their pursuit of excellence in the field of hospitality.

#### Collaboration

On August 23rd, an important meeting took place with Mr. Mark Hertlein, the Global Engagement Head City University of London, UK. The meeting served as a platform to explore and discuss potential collaborations between the institutions, opening doors to a world of exciting opportunities.

The momentum of international collaboration continued on August 24th, with the initiation of a joint international conference in Japan. This significant endeavor led to the announcement of the 13th International Conference on

Software Technology and Engineering (ICSTE 2023), which is scheduled to take place in the vibrant city of Osaka, Japan. This conference promises to be a remarkable gathering of professionals and experts in the field, fostering knowledge exchange and innovative discussions on software technology and engineering.



## Media & Outreach



## Rising above challenges setting new benchmarks for education

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### **Faces of Inspiration**

Faculty Spotlight: Dr. Biswajeet Champaty: The Engineering Visionary Transforming ADYPU's School of Engineering



Dr. Biswajeet Champaty, the esteemed Dean of Ajeenkya DY Patil University's School of Engineering, is not just an individual who holds an engineering degree and ventured into education. Instead, his journey is a testament to over 15 years of relentless dedication to research, education, and multifaceted pursuits, all of which contribute to his remarkable achievements today.

His academic journey includes the attainment of a distinguished Ph.D. degree from NIT Rourkela and post-doctoral research at IIT Kharagpur. From the outset, his career has been

exclusively focused on engineering education.

Dr. Champaty possesses a deep-rooted interest in the realm of medical electronics and instrumentation. His specialization lies in designing biosignal-controlled intelligent human-computer interface systems. Notably, he holds 16 patents, both Indian and international, in the field of biomedical engineering. Furthermore, he has authored 12 books on biomedical instrumentation and medical devices.

As an educator, Dean Champaty approaches his role with a profound commitment to creating an educational environment that empowers students to become critical thinkers, lifelong learners, and responsible global citizens. His teaching philosophy revolves around student-centered learning, cultivating critical thinking skills, and emphasizing experiential and practical learning.

His contributions have not gone unnoticed in the academic community. Dr. Biswajeet Champaty received the ISER-Young Scientist Award from the International Society for Engineers and Researchers in Vienna, Austria, in

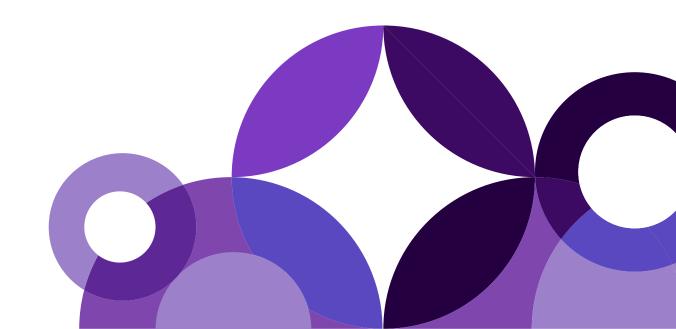
recognition of his contributions to the field of "Human-Computer Interaction."

Beyond academia, he holds the title of an ISO-certified Lead medical device auditor, conducting audits at government hospitals and medical colleges such as SGPGI and AIIMS, as well as for prominent companies like Siemens, Johnson & Johnson, and Bosch.

Dr. Champaty's presence has been a transformative force at Ajeenkya DY Patil University, making significant and positive contributions across various dimensions. His unwavering dedication, innovative leadership, and tireless

commitment to research have led to advancements in both academic and administrative aspects of the institution. His influence extends to the facilitation of industry-oriented programs, enhancing the university's reputation, particularly within the Engineering domain.

In essence, summarizing Dr. Champaty's qualifications and contributions is a formidable task, but if one were to encapsulate it in a single phrase, he can undoubtedly be described as a "One Man Army" for ADYPU's School of Engineering.



### Student Spotlight: Vatsal Saxena (SOE)



In the vibrant academic landscape of Ajeenkya DY Patil University, students names are synonymous to dedication, ambition, and entrepreneurial zeal. Vatsal Saxena, is one such student. Currently in his 7th semester, he embodies the spirit of someone who dares to dream and act upon those dreams.

Vatsal's academic journey testament to his unwavering passion for Computer Science. His academic pursuits are not merely a means to an end but a continuous exploration of a subject that deeply resonates with him. He approaches every coursework with a thirst for knowledge and a commitment to excellence, setting a high standard for himself and inspiring his peers along the way.

### **YUVAZER: From Vision to Reality**

However, Vatsal's story doesn't stop at academics alone. He is not just a student but a dynamic entrepreneur. He has taken the bold step of founding his startup, YUVAZER, a venture that reflects his innate drive for innovation and leadership. This endeavor showcases his ability to transform ideas into tangible realities and solidifies his position as an emerging entrepreneur to watch.

#### **Excellence in Academics**

Vatsal's academic achievements are nothing short of remarkable. His impressive CGPA of 9.3 until his 6th semester is a testament to his academic rigor and consistency. While many students are content with average grades, Vatsal consistently strives for excellence in his studies, setting a benchmark for academic performance.

### A Leader in the Making

Beyond academics and entrepreneurship, Vatsal actively contributes the university to community. He currently holds the esteemed position of Lead Student Placement Coordinator, a role that showcases his leadership acumen. In this capacity, he plays a pivotal role in shaping the career trajectories of his fellow students, providing them with guidance and opportunities for growth.

### **Certifications Galore**

Vatsal's pursuit of knowledge extends well beyond the confines of the classroom. He has earned certifications in cutting-edge technologies such as **AWS** and JAVA. showcasing his versatility and expertise in the field. These certifications not only add to his academic repertoire but also position him as а competent and forward-thinking professional.

#### A Member of GDSC

Vatsal is an active member of the Google Developer Student Club (GDSC), an in-house club at ADYPU dedicated to exploring the latest advancements in technology. His involvement in GDSC underscores his commitment to staying at the forefront of technological innovations, which is a quality highly valued in today's dynamic world.

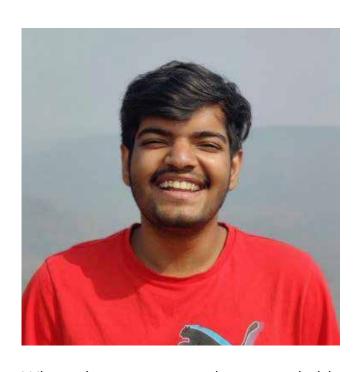
### Internship at BHEL

In addition to his academic and extracurricular pursuits, Vatsal is currently undertaking an internship at Bharat Heavy Electricals Limited (BHEL), gaining practical experience that complements his academic knowledge. This internship provides him with a holistic understanding of the industry and further enriches his skill set.

In summation, Vatsal Saxena is an extraordinary student of Ajeenkya DY Patil University. His unwavering dedication to his academic pursuits, his enterprising spirit as an entrepreneur, and his active contributions to the university community make him a role model for his peers. His journey is a testament to the power of ambition, dedication, and a resolute commitment to excellence, inspiring us all to reach for the highest standards of achievement and innovation.



# Alumni Achievement: Pranay Narang (SOE) - Shaping the Future of Health Tech with Azodha



When it comes to the remarkable students that have graced the halls of ADYPU School of Engineering (SOE), the institution can proudly claim a legacy of excellence. Over the years, SOE has been privileged to nurture some of the brightest minds, making it quite a challenge to single out one individual from such an outstanding pool. However, among these exceptional individuals, Mr. Pranay Narang's journey shines brightly as an inspiring example of entrepreneurship, innovation, and leadership.

During his time at ADYPU, Mr. Pranay Narang showcased his exceptional talents, embodying the spirit of a dynamic and enthusiastic student. His dedication and intellectual prowess were evident in both his academic pursuits and his extracurricular endeavors. His commitment to excellence did not go unnoticed by the faculty and peers, making him a standout among his peers.

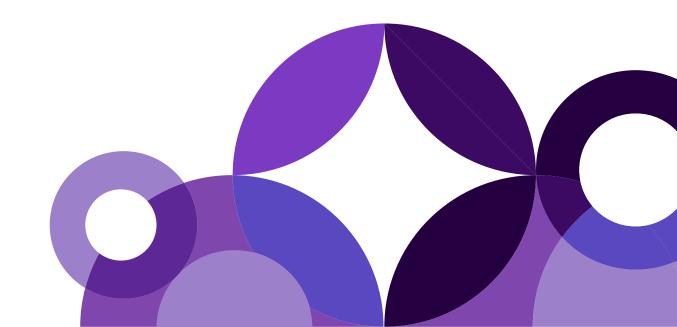
Mr. Narang's journey into the professional world began even before he graduated. As an ambitious and proactive student, he worked as an engineer at esper.io, gaining hands-on experience and insights into the tech industry while still in college. However, his thirst for innovation and a passion for entrepreneurship led him to take a bold step after graduating. Teaming up with like-minded friends, he co-founded the startup Azodha.

At Azodha, Mr. Narang assumed a leadership role, guiding both the product and engineering teams. Azodha is a beacon of innovation in the health tech space, offering B2B SaaS solutions. With a dedicated team of 20 skilled professionals, Azodha is creating meaningful impact by revolutionizing healthcare through technology.

The journey of Azodha didn't go unnoticed by investors and stakeholders. In a testament to their potential, the startup secured an impressive \$200,000 in a pre-seed funding round. This infusion of capital has enabled the team to expand their vision and amplify their efforts toward advancing healthcare solutions. Azodha's influence presence and

extend beyond borders, actively serving a substantial customer base of over 20,000 users in both the United States and Singapore.

Mr. Pranay Narang's story encapsulates the essence of ADYPU SOE's commitment to nurturing exceptional talents that shape industries and make a difference. His journey from a dedicated engineering student to a visionary entrepreneur showcases the potential that emerges from the intersection of education, passion, and innovation. As Mr. Narang continues to lead Azodha on its path of growth and impact, his story stands as an inspiration to current and future students, reaffirming the limitless possibilities that lie ahead for those who dare to dream and work relentlessly to achieve their goals.



# Accolades & Accomplishments

### SOE Faculty Achievements and Appreciation Event: Celebrating Excellence and Dedication

The faculty members at ADYPU-SOE not only impressive qualifications for imparting knowledge but also showcase their prowess in the realm of research endeavors. Illustrating this notion is the accomplished Dr. Shital Solanki, a senior faculty member, who recently achieved a significant milestone by publishing a research paper titled "Cographic Splitting of Graphics Matroids Using a Set with Three Elements" in the esteemed and Combinatorics journal, Graph renowned for its SCOPUS and SCIE indexing.

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Prof. Solanki's remarkable accomplishment stands as a testament to the faculty's expertise in their respective fields of study and their unwavering commitment to research pursuits.





Dr. Amol B. Kasture, a dynamic and enthusiastic member of our faculty, achieved recently the Global International Certification as an "Oracle Cloud Infrastructure 2023 Certified Foundations Associate," accredited by Oracle. This accomplishment underscores our faculty's commitment to staying current with industry trends, demonstrating their dedication going above and beyond in their field.



Kumar's Dr. Raniit exceptional contributions led to his nomination by the Maharashtra Government as a Guest Lecturer at Maharashtra University of Health Sciences (MUHS), Nashik, for medical students pursuing postgraduate studies. Dr. Kumar's willingness to share his expertise with other students from universities highlights his outstanding dedication to education.



Dr. Hari Kumar Palani, who recently earned his Ph.D. from Anna University, Chennai, with dissertation titled "An Integrated Framework for Secure and Optimized Data Placement in Multicloud to Avoid Vendor Lock-in," also presented an IEEE Conference Paper titled "Recipe Recommendation using Image Classification."





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Dr. Susanta Das achieved the esteemed title of "R10 Ethics Champion" by scoring 70% on the IEEE R10 Ethics Super Power Challenge Assessment. This recognition signifies his unwavering commitment to ethical practices and serves as a badge of honor for his achievements.

Knowledge is Power Ethics is Super-Power

These remarkable faculty achievements are a testament to the relentless dedication and pursuit of excellence exhibited by every member of the ADYPU faculty.



## Faculty Recognition and Engagement at SOE:

In addition to providing a conducive and joyful work environment, the School of Engineering is renowned for its policies promoting faculty appreciation and rejuvenation. Under the leadership of our esteemed Dean, Dr. Biswajeet Champaty, we organized a faculty get-together event on August 14, 2023.

The event was graced by Dr. Hrridaysh Deshpande, the Vice-Chancellor of ADYPU, and Mr. Raymond Paul, the Registrar of ADYPU.

Numerous faculty members were recognized for their outstanding academic contributions throughout the year, and new additions to the SOE family were warmly welcomed with mementos. Here are some of the event's highlights:

Dr. Biswajeet Champaty welcomed and acknowledged each faculty member with his inspiring words, leaving a lasting impression. His friendly hosting style contributed to the event's success and interactivity.

Dr. Hrridaysh Deshpande, actively engaged with the gathering, further enriching the evening.

Subsequently, Dr. Deshpande felicitated each faculty member for their exceptional contributions and services.











### Dr. Kirti Longani Honored with Vidya Ratna Award at Singapore Conference on Sustainable Strategies and Global Transformation

Dr. Kirti Longani Assistant Professor School of Management, received a prestigious accolade, the **Vidya Ratna Award,** at the Singapore International Conference on Sustainable Strategies & Global Transformation in the Context of Industry 4.0.

This remarkable recognition took place during the India ASEAN Countries and Global HR Meet, an event jointly organized by the Global Research & Training Forum and Blue Ocean Steel in collaboration with Oerlikon Metco Singapore PTE LTD. The event unfolded on the 11th and 12th of June 2023 in Singapore.

Dr. Longani's outstanding contributions and expertise in the field garnered this esteemed award, which was presented as a testament to her dedication and influence in promoting sustainable strategies and global transformation within the context of Industry 4.0.



Furthermore, Dr. Longani played a pivotal role in the conference by moderating a panel discussion. The discussion centered on the crucial topic "Bilateral **Trade** & **Business Opportunities** with Sustainable Strategies in Turbulent Times" within the ASEAN Countries. Her leadership and insights added significant value to this dialogue, contributing to the exploration of innovative and resilient approaches to trade and business in an ever-changing global landscape.







### Assistant Professor Pearl Lobo Honoured by Manish Malhotra for LFW Contribution

Assistant Professor Pearl Lobo, a faculty member at ADYPU School of Design, received a prestigious award in Mumbai. Fashion designer Manish Malhotra presented her with this accolade in recognition of her remarkable achievement – the presentation of her Autumn/Winter 2020 collection at the London Fashion Week (LFW) in February 2020.

During LFW in February 2020, Ms. Lobo had the honor of closing the show. Her collection received the expert touch of celebrity stylist Joseph Toronka and was captured by the acclaimed fashion photographer Adrain Mott. This invaluable international exposure has positioned her to mentor students aspiring to reach similar heights in the fashion world.













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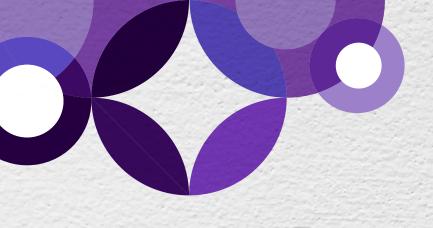


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