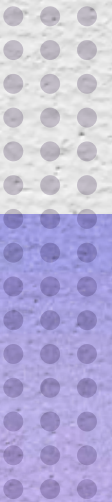


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EDITORIAL MESSAGE

Dear Readers,

In pursuit of our academic journey, the 8th Annual Convocation shines as a moment of achievement and joy. On 16 January 2024, this event marked a significant milestone for our graduating students.

Distinguished guests, including Chief Guest Shri Ramesh Bais, Honorable Governor of Maharashtra, alongside our respected leaders, Dr. Ajeenkya DY Patil, Ms. Pooja Patil, and Prof. Hridaysh Deshpande, graced the occasion, making it a memorable day for our university community.

The convocation was a lively celebration, filled with bright colors, caps, and academic gowns, showcasing the excellence of our graduates.

In this edition of the ADYPU newsletter, we invite you to explore the spirit of this celebration, a moment that brought together bright minds, proud parents, and esteemed guests. While

details of the convocation are shared in subsequent sections, we want to express our collective pride in the achievements of our graduates.

As we read through this newsletter, let's go back to the heart of the 8th Convocation Ceremony, recognizing the dedication and hard work that brought our students to this success.

Our sincere thanks go to all the organizers of the convocation event. Your careful planning, dedication, and tireless efforts ensured the seamless execution of this significant milestone.

Wishing our graduates continued success and a future filled with endless opportunities.

Warm regards,
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Convocation Special

Convocation 2024: A Celebration of Academic Excellence

Ajeenkya DY Patil University proudly presents the highlight of this month's newsletter - the grand celebration of academic achievements, the **8th Annual Convocation** held on January 16, 2024. This event marked a significant milestone in the academic journey of our graduating students, bringing together bright minds, proud parents, and distinguished guests.

Key Highlights:

Distinguished Guests: The ceremony was graced by the presence of Chief Guest **Shri Ramesh Bais**, Honorable Governor of Maharashtra, along with **Dr. Ajeenkya DY Patil**, President of ADYPU, **Ms. Pooja Patil**, Chairperson, Ajeenkya DY Patil Group, and **Prof. Hridaysh Deshpande**, Vice Chancellor of Ajeenkya DY Patil University.

Visual Spectacle: The convocation ceremony was a visual delight with vibrant colors, tassels, caps, and academic gowns, symbolizing the academic achievements of the graduating students.

Academic Achievements: A total of 852 students from various disciplines were conferred degrees, with 183 receiving postgraduate degrees, 664 obtaining

undergraduate degrees, and five Ph.D. scholars recognized. The ceremony also honored 159 toppers, including **56 Gold Medalists, 54 Silver Medalists, and 49 Bronze Medalists.**

Doctor of Letters (D.Litt.): Five eminent leaders were awarded the Doctor of Letters – Honoris Causa (D.Litt.) for their significant contributions across various fields. The recipients included **Mr. Bharat Amalkar, Mr. J Sai Deepak, Mr. Robert Walton MBE, Lt. Gen. Vinod Khandare (Retd.), and Mr. Vivek Ranjan Agnihotri.**

Inspirational Addresses: The ceremony featured impactful addresses by the Chief Guest Shri Ramesh Bais, Dr. Ajeenkya DY Patil, and Prof. Hridaysh Deshpande. Mr. Vivek Ranjan Agnihotri and Mr. J Sai Deepak shared valuable life lessons, encouraging the graduates to contribute meaningfully to society.

The Convocation Ceremony of Ajeenkya DY Patil University was a grand celebration, uniting bright graduates, proud parents, and distinguished guests in the spirit of academic achievement and excellence.





Academic Highlights

Introduction to 3D Printing and Career Guidance Seminar

In a recent workshop organized collaboratively by the Student Success Faculties and the Student Activity Committee, the School of Engineering delved into the exciting world of 3D printing. This unique event not only introduced participants to the captivating realm of 3D printing technology but also provided valuable career guidance in this rapidly evolving field.

Numerous students attended the workshop with guest speaker Mr. Tukaram B. Varak, Technical Director at Cadcambridge Pvt. Solutions. Together, they explored the fundamentals of 3D printing, gained hands-on experience, and discovered various career opportunities it offers. Mr. Varak, shared insights, tips, and real-world applications, empowering students to make informed decisions about pursuing a rewarding career in the dynamic field of 3D printing.



Exploring the Potential of Generative AI: Google Cloud GenAI Unveiled

A workshop was organized on January 24th which explored the captivating world of artificial intelligence, focusing on the intricacies of generative models and their applications across various industries. This hands-on session was designed to simplify the complexities of Generative AI, providing participants with a practical understanding of how these models generate creative content, solve complex problems, and drive innovation. The session by our guest speaker, Mr. Vijaykumar Jangamashetty from Google, India, offered valuable insights, broadening the knowledge

and proficiency of students in the transformative field of Generative AI.



Tech Mahindra Visit: Bridging Classroom Knowledge with Real-World Tech Innovation

Embarking on an industrial visit to Tech Mahindra offered a valuable experience that extended beyond conventional learning boundaries. As a global leader in digital transformation and information technology services, Tech Mahindra stands out for its innovative practices. This visit presented a unique opportunity for students to connect theoretical knowledge with real-world applications, gaining a deeper understanding of the operations of a prominent tech conglomerate. Through interactive sessions, demonstrations, and interactions with industry professionals, students acquired valuable insights into the dynamic landscape of technology and its

influence on the global business ecosystem. The industrial visit to Tech Mahindra aimed to be an immersive exploration, cultivating a profound comprehension of the industry and motivating the next generation of tech enthusiasts.



Industrial Visit Expo - SIAT Expo 2024

School of Engineering visited the **Pune International Exhibition and Convention Centre (PIECC)** which was an eye-opening experience, revealing Pune's diverse industrial landscape. The expansive halls of PIECC showcased cutting-edge advancements through exhibitions and conferences, fostering collaboration and innovation among industry leaders. Guided tours and interactions with professionals offered insights into the world of trade shows, emphasizing PIECC's pivotal role in boosting economic vibrancy. This visit underscored the collaborative spirit and the essential role of exhibition and

convention centers in driving business growth and fostering innovation within the community.



Director's Actor Workshop Conducted by School of Film and Media

The School of Film and Media hosted a workshop titled **"Director's Actor,"** featuring the acclaimed filmmaker and theater enthusiast Sameer Patwardhan. This workshop, specifically designed for BSc Film Making students, aimed to explore the intricacies of collaborations between directors and actors, leveraging the extensive experience of the guest. Focusing on storytelling mastery, global exposure, advertising expertise, OTT platform experience, and production planning. The workshop saw the active participation of 24 students from Semester II and Semester IV of the Film Making program. The event took place on January 18th and 19th.



Wind Instruments Recording Workshop Conducted by School of Film and Media

The School of Film and Media organized a workshop titled **"Recording Wind Instruments"** on January 19th for BSc Sound Engineering students. A total of 45 students from both Semester II and Semester IV participated in this insightful session. The workshop focused on offering comprehensive insights to sound engineering students, aiming to enhance their understanding of capturing and producing high-quality audio from wind instruments. Given the unique challenges posed by wind instruments, including dynamic range, tonal

variations, and acoustic characteristics, the workshop aimed to equip students with the knowledge and practical skills necessary for successful recording.



Media and Psychology Workshop Bridges Journalism and Psychological Insights

The workshop on **"Media and Psychology"** aimed to connect the areas of journalism and psychology, offering journalism students a deeper understanding of the psychological aspects associated with media consumption, production, and societal impact. The objective was to enrich their comprehension of how media shapes human behavior, emotions, and perceptions. Successfully providing valuable insights, the workshop delved into the intricate relationship between media and psychology, empowering journalism students with the knowledge to approach their field with a more informed and ethical

perspective. Through a combination of theoretical discussions, practical exercises, and expert insights, the workshop, held on January 25, 2024, proved to be a comprehensive and enriching experience for the 7 participating students.



Film Editing Achievement by SFM Faculty in Marathi Film

Aashay Gatade, a faculty member in the School of Film and Media's Film Making department, served as the editor for the Marathi movie **“Baplyok.”** The film premiered in theaters on September 1 and was available on the OTT platform Prime Video on January 24, 2024. Directed by Makarand Mane and produced by Nagraj Manjule, the film showcases the editing expertise of Aashay Gatade from the SFM faculty.



Unique Mocktail Workshop: School of Hotel Management's Outreach Event at Wisdom International High School, Nashik

On January 25, 2024, the School of Hotel Management conducted its first outreach event of 2024 at Wisdom International High School in Nashik. The workshop, organized by the Marketing Department and led by Prof. Ashwani Dvivedi, showcased an innovative mocktail preparation approach using tea as a main ingredient. Participants, including 11th and 12th-grade students, were fascinated by the remarkable taste of the new drink, expressing enthusiasm and positive feedback.



Campus Highlights - News and Events

National Girl Child Day

The School of Engineering observed Girl Child Day, a dedicated event to emphasize the empowerment and upliftment of young girls. On January 24th, faculty members participated in meaningful discussions, shared inspiring stories, and took part in interactive workshops to foster a supportive environment for the girls. The goal was to raise awareness about the distinct challenges faced by girls, advocating for gender equality to secure a brighter and more equitable future for every girl.



SFM Excels at University Convocation: School of Hotel Management Shines in VIP Guest Services

On January 16, 2024, the University hosted the prestigious Convocation event, where the School of Hotel Management played a key role in planning, preparing, and serving refreshments to VIP guests. A dedicated week of trials and service practices was undertaken, marking the first time involvement of 1st-year students in serving VIP guests. This provided invaluable experience in elaborate service offerings and protocols, and the students excelled in their roles.



The menu featured global tea selections like Jasmine Tea, English Breakfast Tea, and herbal teas, complemented by a variety of coffees and freshly made juices, including Colombian Coffee, French Roast, and Guava Juice. The students' baking skills shone through with items like Melting Moments, Naan Khatai, and other cookies, earning appreciation from all guests.

The overall experience was enchanting for the students, who thoroughly enjoyed their participation. The key takeaway was the development of planning and organizing skills, along with the joy of serving VIP guests.

Overseeing the entire event were:

- **Chef Shailesh Nigawale – Kitchen Department**
- **Chef Nitin Zanzane – Bakery Department**
- **Mr. Ashwani Dvivedi – Food & Beverage Service**
- **Ms. Pranali Thorat – Band Management**
- **Mr. Prashant Adsule**

School of Hotel Management Launches YCYW Challenge to Recognize Young Chef and Waiter Talent

On April 18, 2023, SOHM introduced the "**Young Chef Young Waiter**" (YCYW) Challenge in Mumbai, joining hands with the iconic challenge that has been honoring the best young chefs and waiters since 1979 in Western countries. SOHM in partnership with YCYW, now holds the opportunity to participate in the global challenge. Under this collaboration, the School of Hotel Management (SOHM) will organize events and challenges nationwide to identify the best chef and waiter talents from across India. YCYW serves as a platform for young hospitality enthusiasts worldwide, instilling confidence, competence, creativity, and knowledge in the next generation of culinary and service professionals. The launch event witnessed the

participation of eminent hospitality association bodies and Hotel General Managers.



Orientation Session on Mental Health and Suicide Prevention by Outlive

On the 23rd of January, the Research Department, with valuable support from SSD, organized an orientation session on mental health and suicide prevention for students.

The event was titled "**In the Shadows of Hope: Charting Paths to Mental Wellness and Suicide Prevention**," took place at the Mini Auditorium from 2:30 to 3:30 pm.

The purpose of this orientation session was to address and promote mental health and suicide prevention among students. The session aimed to unfold the essence of our collective journey, towards mental health and wellness emphasizing the importance of our gathering. It sought to provide insights into the innovative Outlive project, explore avenues for active student participation, underline the crucial role

each individual plays in mental well-being and suicide prevention, and offer a preview of the exciting activities awaiting everyone at ADYPU. The overarching goal was to create awareness, foster a supportive community, and empower students with the knowledge and resources needed to contribute to their mental wellness and prevent suicides.



Research Milestones



Dr. Ali from SOE has published a conference paper titled **"Using Smart Wearable Devices to Monitor Social Distance in Smart Cities"** in IEEE Xplore. Additionally, he authored a book chapter titled **"AI Business Boost Approach for Small Business and Shopkeepers: Advanced Approach for Business"** in IGI Global Publications.



Dr. Raj Gaurav Mishra, a faculty member at SOE, recently published and edited a book titled **"Crossroads of Engineering: Multidisciplinary Approach"** in collaboration with other talented faculty members from the School of Engineering. This accomplishment adds to his recognized contributions in the field of research and engineering, establishing him as an integral part of the SOE team. Contributors to the book include Dr. Ipsita Swain, Prof. Khushbu

Tiwari, Dr. Shankar Khade, Dr. Samina Waglawala, Dr. Debanjali Roy, Dr. Anil Maheshwari, Prof. Abhishek Shroff, Dr. Vinay Patil, and Dr. Susanta Das.



Prof. Anant More, Assistant Professor, SOE published a research paper titled **"Analysis and Synthesis of Image Dehazing Using Deep Learning Algorithm."** This exemplifies the ability to maintain a balance between professional and academic responsibilities and highlights how a research-oriented mindset continually excels in exploring nuances in the field.

School of Engineering Partners with BVG Apprenticeship for Enhanced Student Opportunities



The School of Engineering has signed an MoU with BVG Apprenticeship, enhancing student opportunities by fostering collaboration between academia and industry. This strategic partnership will facilitate placements, internships, and skill development programs for our engineering students. BVG Apprenticeship, known for its expertise in various engineering sectors, will actively engage with students, providing practical exposure. Facilitated by Prof. Anant More, this collaboration aligns with our mission to bridge the gap between theoretical knowledge and industry requirements. The MoU signifies a shared dedication to nurturing talent, promoting innovation, and facilitating a smooth transition to successful engineering careers.



Dr. Sukhada Khandge, a faculty member in the Journalism department at the School of Film and Media, delivered a research paper titled "**Analytical Study of Sanchari Bhav in Maharashtra's Traditional Dance Lavani**" during the International **ŚĀRṄGADĒVA SAMAROH** Conference in Aurangabad. Specializing in Traditional Media, she focuses her research on Folk Media as a means of communication.



Prof. Shiba Prasad Mohanty, Assistant Professor at SOM, has become a member of the Editorial Board for the '**Financial Statistical Journal**' (ISSN: 2578-1960). In this capacity, he will serve as a section editor, leading the new project focused on Stress Testing and Risk Integration in Banks

Students Corner

Sambhav Prathamshetty Secures Gold Medal in 5 KM Marathon at Fergusson College

Sambhav Prathamshetty won a gold medal in the 5 KM marathon held on Sunday, January 14, 2024, organized by Vivekananda Run at Fergusson College, Pune.



SFM Band 'Horizon Ice' Clinches First Runner-Up Prize in 'Battle of the Bands' at Sympulse 2024

The SFM band, named Horizon Ice, achieved the runner-up position in the Battle of the Bands competition hosted at "**Sympulse 2024**" in Symbiosis University. The event took place on January 18, 2023.



School of Hotel Management Shines at 'National Budding Hospitality Challenge'

Participating in the prestigious **"National Budding Hospitality Challenge"** at Auro University, Surat, the School of Hotel Management showcased its prowess in an intercollege competition that attracted major colleges nationwide.

The events unfolded as follows:

23rd January 2024:
Global Grab n Go, Design Your Room

24th January 2024:
Mood: Taste of Bharat, Mocktail Delight,
Top of the Morning, Idea Innovation

This competition provided invaluable opportunities for our students to:

- Network with industry stalwarts
- Gain exposure to the work of other schools
- Generate new ideas
- Discover emerging concepts in the industry.



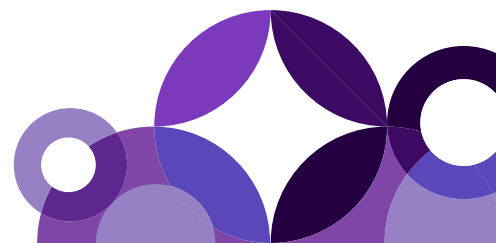
Young Debaters from School of Management Shine in 'SPEAK FOR INDIA' Competition

The debate competition, conducted in partnership with "SPEAK FOR INDIA," Federal Bank, Times of India, and Maharashtra Times, provided a platform for young minds to express their opinions on various general topics. The team from the School of Management, comprising Rohan Jurisinghani, Vaidehi Bhumar, and Jesita Carvalho, participated in the event. Notably, Rohan Jurisinghani was chosen to advance to the Zonal level.



Media & Outreach

Our University experiences a moment of immense pride as Novos ADYPU gets showcased in the Republic Day 2024 edition of the Times of India newspaper under their Brands of Pune segment.



Career Pathway & Placements

In January 2024, the School of Design celebrated the success of its students through various placements. The talented individuals secured internships and placements in reputable companies and studios across different design domains.



Janhavi Gandhe (Product Design Sem-8) secured a Design Internship at UST.



Maithili Hedao is a User Experience Design Intern for ADYP multi-specialty tertiary care hospitals.



Sanskruti Jagdale is a User Experience Design Intern for ADYPU multi-specialty tertiary care hospitals.



Anushree Lad is a Fashion Design Intern with ST Studio.



Esha Mujumdar is a Graphic Design Intern at Studio Zhuzh.



Ankit Kortikar was placed at Idea Studio World

Internship & OJT Update: Placements and Noteworthy Engagements

A total of 29 students embarked on their Internship & OJT journeys from the School of Hotel Management. They secured placements in prominent companies, including Sheraton Grand Bund Garden Hotel Pune, Hyatt Pune, Ibis Pune, Conrad Pune, Radisson Blu Kharadi, Veena World, Agrawal Tours and Travels, Westin Pune, and Jalanta Wellness Retreat Resort.

It's worth highlighting that the highest stipend offered for OJT stands at ₹12,000/month. It is crucial to note that these engagements are training opportunities and not job placements.

In a notable achievement, two of our students, Bhushan Wakhare & Shyamili Dashmana, are interning at prestigious resorts in Mauritius – LAGOON ATTITUDE & ANELIA RESORT & SPA.



Accolades and Achievements

Achievements in Idea and Innovation: Award-Winning Students

In the Idea and Innovation Competition, our students, Ms. Esha Borkute (FY MSc HA) and Ms. Akansha Nair (FY BSc HHA), clinched the 1st Prize with their project proposal on the **"Tourist Ranger App."** This innovative concept focuses on enhancing the safety and security of all tourists visiting Indian tourist destinations.

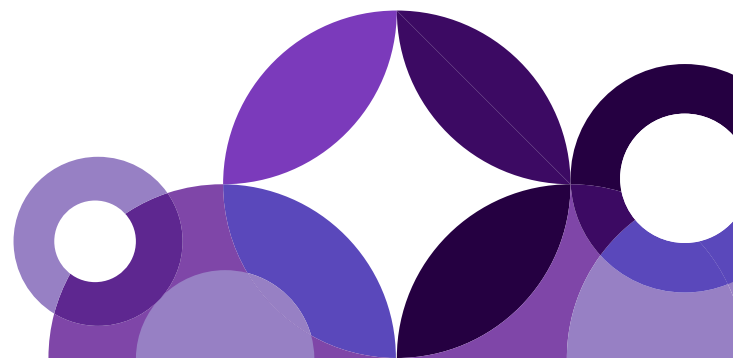
The competition, adjudicated by distinguished personalities from Gujarat Tourism, General Managers of Marriott Hotel, and others, recognized the exceptional potential in our students' proposal.



SOM Student Shines in National Financial Literacy Quiz-2024

Ritwik Sangawade, an MBA-I student, took part in the National Financial Literacy Quiz-2024, a collaborative effort by the Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) and the National Institute of Securities Markets (NISM). Professor Shiba Prasad Mohanty, Assistant Professor at SOM, provided guidance to the students during the competition.

The **'SPEAK FOR INDIA'** Debate Competition, in collaboration with the Federal Bank, Times of India, and Maharashtra Times, provided a platform for young minds to express their views on diverse general topics. Representing the School of Management, students Rohan Jurisinghani, Vaidehi Bhumar, and Jesita Carvalho participated in the event. Notably, Rohan Jurisinghani secured a place at the Zonal level.



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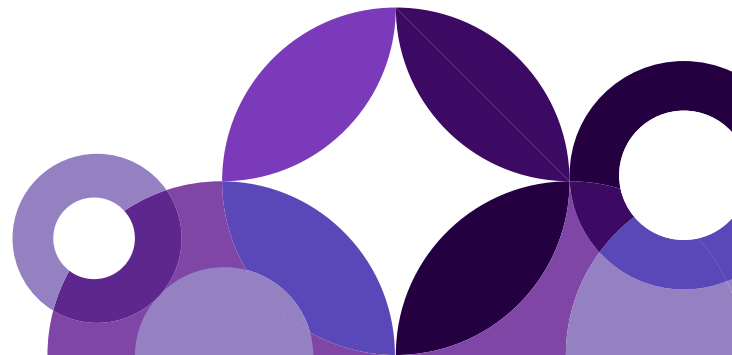
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