

## DYPIU Joins the IIRS-ISRO Outreach Network

D Y Patil International University (DYPIU) has been officially inducted as a Network Institute under the prestigious IIRS-ISRO Outreach Programme of the Indian Institute of Remote Sensing (IIRS), ISRO, Dehradun.



This significant achievement has been made possible under the visionary guidance of Hon'ble Vice Chancellor, Prof. (Dr.) Manish Bhalla, whose leadership and continuous

encouragement drive DYPIU toward excellence in advanced and emerging domains.

As a Network Institute, DYPIU students and faculty will now have access to high-quality

Distance Learning Courses in Remote Sensing

GIS, GNSS and Geospatial Technologies delivered directly by distinguished experts from IIRS-ISRO.

This collaboration strengthens DYPIU's commitment to fostering research, innovation, and skill development aligned with national space and geospatial priorities.

The credit for this goes to Nodal Officers Dr. Vandana Patil, Assistant Professor and

Dr. Keval Nikam, Associate Professor from SEMR for their dedicated efforts, meticulous coordination, and persistent follow-up, which played a pivotal role in achieving this collaboration.

Both of them have been appointed as the Nodal Officers to oversee and coordinate all IIRS-related activities at DYPIU.

### From Lab to Market:

## DYPIU and FITT Join Forces to Transform Academic Research into Innovation

D Y Patil International University (DYPIU), Pune has officially formalized a strategic collaboration with the Foundation for Innovation and Technology Transfer (FITT), IIT Delhi, through the signing of a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU).

THE partnership was established during an Intellectual Property Rights (IPR) Workshop titled "Bridging the Gap Between Research and IPR

Commercialization in Academia," where institutional leaders came together to discuss the critical intersection of academic research and commercial innovation.

This collaboration represents a significant step towards fostering a robust ecosystem that connects academia with industry stakeholders. The initiative is designed to accelerate innovation, facilitate the commercialization of research outcomes, and strengthen startup incubation efforts within the aca-

demic environment. By leveraging the expertise and resources of both institutions, the partnership aims to bridge the traditional gap between research institutions and the commercial sector.

The MoU underscores the growing recognition among educational institutions of the importance of translating academic research into tangible business opportunities, thereby contributing to economic growth and technological advancement.

## DYPIU Hosts 'Samarth Talks' to Promote Inclusivity and Accessibility

Shruti Sharma

D Y Patil International University (DYPIU), Akurdi, organised Samarth Talks, sponsored by Hyundai in partnership with Times Network, at the Shantai Auditorium. The event aimed at creating awareness among students about inclusivity, accessibility, and assistive technology, with a vision to build a more inclusive world for persons with disabilities.

The programme featured a series of engaging activities, including an interactive workshop, a Q&A session, the screening of short films on accessibility solutions, and an inspirational address by acclaimed para-athlete Bhavik Bharwad. Students were also invited to share their ideas for an

inclusive society through the 'I Wish' cards initiative.

As part of the initiative, the Samarth 'Design for Dignity' Challenge encouraged students to propose creative solutions that enhance dignity and independence for individuals with disabilities.

Speaking on the occasion, Prof.



Manish Bhalla, Vice Chancellor, DYPIU, stated, "At DYPIU, we are committed to fostering a world where every individual can contribute meaningfully. 'Project Samarth' aligns with our vision of cultivating a vibrant learning envi-

### PRECISION AND EXCELLENCE:

## Gold Medal for Himani

Ambika Singh

DY Patil International University marked a moment of distinction as Himani Puranik, a student of B. Tech CSE (I), secured the Gold Medal at the Inter-Group NCC Sports Shooting Championship held in Kolhapur.



Competing on behalf of the 36 Maharashtra Battalion, NCC Pune, Puranik demonstrated exemplary skill, focus, and discipline throughout the championship. Her outstanding performance not only elevated the reputation of the University, but also added significant honor to her battalion.

The University has expressed its sincere appreciation to the Hon'ble Vice Chancellor for his continuous encouragement and to

the Commanding Officer, 36 Maharashtra Battalion NCC, for providing essential guidance and support to the cadets.

University officials stated that this achievement reflects the institution's commitment to nurturing talent and promoting excellence beyond academics. Puranik's success serves as an inspiration to the student community, reinforcing the values of perseverance, dedication, and leadership.

## Grades Don't Improve Under Stress, Clarity Does

Sunny Sharma

As the end-semester examinations approach, a noticeable rise in anxiety can be observed across campus. While academic pressure is an inevitable part of student life, excessive stress often becomes counterproductive. Instead of enhancing performance, it can significantly impair a student's ability to recall information, concentrate during long study hours, and think critically in the examination hall.

Studies have consistently shown that high stress levels interfere with cognitive functioning. When the mind is overwhelmed, it tends to shift into a "fight or flight" mode, causing memory lapses, reduced focus, and erratic decision-making. For students, this means that even well-prepared subjects may appear confusing during exams simply because the mind is fatigued.

Maintaining emotional and mental balance is therefore essential. Structured preparation, timely breaks, adequate sleep, and limiting distractions have been proven to improve retention and understanding. A calm mind is more receptive, more analytical, and better equipped to handle

exam pressure.

Ms Nutan Kanth, Senior Psychologist and Counsellor, explained that most stress begins with overthinking, which often develops from fear especially when students feel they have missed something. She emphasized that focusing on what is still doable and choosing to be a doer rather than a thinker helps break this cycle. She added that peers usually notice stress early, and open conversation and support can greatly reduce anxiety.

Equally important is avoiding unnecessary comparison with peers. Every student has a different learning pace, and constant comparison often leads to self-doubt rather than improvement. Approaching the exam season

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**Grades Don't Improve Under Stress**

with a composed mindset not only enhances performance but also protects long-term well-being.

According to Associate Professor, Dr Anu Dandona, "Stress is a natural response to pressure that can affect both mind and body." She highlights that simple strategies like deep breathing, time management, and positive self-talk help us handle challenges with greater confidence.

Examinations are a measure of academic readiness, not a reflection of personal worth. As the semester draws to a close, prioritising mental clarity may be the most effective strategy for achieving meaningful results. ■

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#### Samarth Talks

ronment and an inclusive society where everyone has the opportunity to think, thrive, and transform." He further added that the inspiring journey of para-athlete Bhavik Bharwad will motivate countless students through his courage and determination.

The event — Samarth Talks — organized in collaboration with DYPIU's NCC, NSS, and the Department of Sports, witnessed enthusiastic participation from both students and faculty, reaffirming the university's commitment to nurturing socially responsible and empathetic young citizens. ■

**DYPIU's Kabaddi team secures 2nd place in MIT WPU Summit**



**D**YPIU's Kabaddi team secured an impressive 2nd place in the MIT WPU Summit 2025- 26 National Level Kabaddi Tournament 2025-26. The final against MMCOE was a thrilling and highly competitive match, where we narrowly missed the title by just 6 points.

Throughout the tournament, our boys displayed outstanding skills, discipline, and true sportsmanship, making every raid and tackle count.

This achievement is a reflection of their hard work, dedication, and team spirit, along with the continuous support of our coaches and the University. ■

## Workshop held for Media students to adapt with AI

*Om Singh*

**Artificial Intelligence (AI) is here to stay and no field will stay untouched and Media and Journalism being no exception. To prepare our students for a future that will be created by AI tools and automation, DYPIU organized a day-long interactive session on 'The Use Of AI In Journalistic Writing'.**



**T**he workshop was conducted by Prof. Sunil Saxena, the Founder Director Of NOIDA-based AI Media Academy. The event was divided into six different sub sessions which covered various aspects related to AI and its use in great detail.

Everything right from the basics of prompt writing, news writing and editing using AI to the most important ethical dilemmas and considerations were taught to the students.

Various AI tools like ChatGPT, Gemini, Perplexity including editing tools such as Grammarly were demonstrated.

At the end of every session, a Question Answer session was held so that students could have one-to-one conversation and doubt clearing with the Expert.

Dr Arvind Kumar, Director of School of Media and Journalism and all the faculties from the Department played a key role in organizing the workshop. The participation from students was applaudable as they all had a day full of learning and brainstorming.

DYPIU is committed to well prepare its students for the upcoming era and will continue to organize such workshops and training sessions in the future as well. ■

## Rotaract Club of DYPIU marks Children's Day

**Rotaract Club of DYPIU marked Children's Day with a heart-warming celebration at Shivshakti Foundation - Spandan Bal Ashram, Thergaon, Pune on 15 November 2025, bringing joy, laughter, and inspiration among kids.**

**T**he event was a beautiful blend of learning and compassion, reflecting the club's commitment to community service and child welfare, said Dr. Sunita Patil, Faculty Coordinator, Rotaract Club of D Y Patil International University. ■

It could be possible due to valuable support of Hon'ble VC Prof. Manish Bhalla, Registrar Prof. Beeraan Moidin, Director SEMR Dr. Anupama Patil and Associate Director student welfare, Mr. Maan Bardhan Kanth. ■



## BIOLOGY MEETS TECH...

# BioSpark Hackathon 2025 Igniting Innovation at DYPIU

*Kumari Kriti & Om Singh*

**The Biospark Hackathon was organized by The School Of Biosciences And Bio Engineering (SBB) in collaboration with the LEAF Club, DYPIU. The Program was held with the motive of providing innovative minds a platform to present their solutions for the challenges and complications faced by the Healthcare industry.**



**T**he event was a dynamic 24-hour innovation challenge bringing together brilliant young minds from across disciplines.

Students from all Engineering backgrounds were invited to participate in the Hackathon. Both, Hardware and Software Solutions were brought into focus. Students identified problems and presented Tech Solutions as a method to deal with the complication.

Students from MSc Medical Biotechnology, BTech Bioengineering and BTech CSE and PHD Candidates formed the major tribe of participants.

With 40+ participating teams, students showcased groundbreaking ideas tackling real-world problems in healthcare, sustainability, and biotechnology.

After an intense Round 1, evaluated by Dr. Debasish Nath, Mr. Prabir Das, and Ms. Shubhangi Patil, 14 finalist teams advanced to the final presentation round.

The final judging panel included Prof. Ramendra Pati Pandey, Director, School of Bio-

sciences and Bioengineering & Deputy Dean (R&D), Prof. Shashi Singh, Senior Professor, School of Biosciences and Bioengineering and Mr. Mayur Patil, Embedded Systems Expert.

The event was held under the guidance of Dr. Surabhi Sonam, HoD, School of Biosciences and Bioengineering, with incredible efforts from the LEAF Club team.

"The motive behind organizing The Hackathon was to find Solutions for Healthcare as there are a lot of issues associated with Healthcare Development in India and we wanted students to focus on building solutions for such kind of burning issues," said Prof. Surabhi Sonam, Associate Professor and Head of Department of Bioengineering.

"The aim was to cater to the development of Critical Thinking among students so as they can Identify which problem needs attention and then to propose our Solutions for the problem", she added. ■

## College Briefs

### NSS unit donates a Desktop Computer to Primary School

The NSS Unit of DYPIU proudly donated a Desktop Computer to the District Council / Zilla Parishad Primary School in Sathesai Village, Taluka Mulshi, District Pune.

This initiative is part of DYPIU's ongoing commitment to supporting digital learning and enhancing educational facilities in rural areas.

### Interactive Session with Mr. Suraj Juneja, Start-up Specialist

An interactive session with Mr. Suraj Juneja was success-

fully conducted at the J Block Seminar Hall, DYPIU.

The session was highly insightful, offering students practical perspectives on entrepreneurship, innovation, and startup challenges. The Q&A segment was very engaging, and student feedback has been extremely positive. ■



# Spooky Success

Ananya Kumari & Aiman Ali

**DY Patil International University** celebrated Halloween with an electrifying event that successfully blended spooky fun with competitive energy. The campus creatively transformed with eerie decor and costumed students for an evening of entertainment and treats.

**H**on'ble VC, Dr. Manish Bhalla was the Chief Guest for the event. The highlight of the event was the high energy Dum Charades. The intense competition, filled with hilarious miming and unexpected guesses, kept the audience roaring with laughter. There were treats available for students adding a sweet pay off to the festive atmosphere.

This seamless event was a testament to the hard work behind the scenes.

Sri Gayathri Vedula, Assistant Professor, School of Design,



which had organized the event, said, "This is something very special because faculty and students were working hard till night for the success of the event."

Dr. Sunil C. Talekar (Director) and Prof. Aziz Poonawala from School of Design supported the event and encouraged the students. The college faculty team, worked late into the night to ensure that the logistics, safety and technical setup were flawless.

## LUMINAH MUN XXV unveiled at DYPIU

"LUMINAH MUN XXV" a Concordia's club event hosted at DYPIU on 8th and 9th Nov 2025 was unveiled in the University campus on 07-11-2025.

Around 142 participants from DYPIU and other institutions attended the event and most of the participants were from external institutions.



Student organizers devoted countless hours to planning, coordination and executing the impressive visual design.

Ms. Prianjali (2nd year student, School of Design) said, "This was one of our first events of its own kind and everyone cooperated with one another's idea which made everything possible."

Keyur Nartam (2nd year student, School of Design) said, "I'm playing a role of a murderer, who kills people with a hammer."

Revati Aurora (3rd year student, School of Design) said, "Everything was

pulled in one night, but we managed everything quite well."

Siddhi Pandey (Student of PHD, 1st year) was singing and Tushar Jhadav (2nd year student, School of Design) played keyboard.

The combined efforts truly brought the spooky spirit to life, making this year's Halloween Celebration a memorable display of community and dedication.



## FROM CLASSROOM TO NEWSROOM

### SMJ Students visit 'Navabharat' Press

Siya Soral & Anushka Jha

**First-Year journalism students visited Navabharat Press in Pune to experience the workings of a modern newsroom and interact with editors and staff, deepening their understanding of print media and journalistic practice.**

**T**HE educational trip was organized for the BA Journalism and Mass Communication cohort, featuring a guided tour of the editorial and production floor at Navabharat Press, one of Pune's most prominent Hindi [Navabharat] and Marathi [Navrasht] dailies. Students wit-

nessed how stories evolve from initial reporting to their published form, gaining insights into the daily editorial hustle and the critical role of regional journalism. During their visit, students participated in an interactive Q&A session with editors which included SSR case, Sheena Bora murder case and they also shared practical perspectives on ethics, news curation, and the responsibilities of students to grasp the nuances of deadline pressures, fact checking, and teamwork among reporters, sub-editors, social media team and layout designers.

"Journalism is a field driven by passion and public service

rather than financial gain" said Mr. Shailendra Singh, Editor of Navabharat [Hindi] to motivate the students.

"Marathi news is not a mere report, it is the voice of our soil, carrying in every word the heartbeat and conscience of Maharashtra" said Aniket Joshi, Editor of Navarashtra.

"Walking into a real newsroom shifted my entire perspective. The hum of busy journalists and the sound of news being typed and edited made me realize that every article has a story behind it, not just in the words, but in the effort it takes to bring it to life," shared one student, reflecting on the immersive environment of the Press.

## School of Biosciences and Bioengineering organize a hospital visit



**T**HE School of Biosciences and Bioengineering organized a hospital visit on 15th November, 2025, for the final-year biomedical track students.

The biomedical engineer in charge of MIMER hospital has demonstrated the equipment, and students have a pleasant experience during discussion with her.

Dr. Debasish Nath and Mr. Prabir Das, faculty from SBB, were with the students during this visit.

## IDEATHON 2025



**T**he IET Student Chapter at D.Y. Patil International University, Akurdi, successfully completed the "Ideathon 2025" competition, held on 14th November 2025.

This inspiring event provided a platform for students to pitch innovative project ideas addressing sustainability challenges in alignment with key IET focus areas. The event was based on the themes like 'Tech for Social Innovation' and 'Tech for Rural Development'.

They also celebrated an enthusiastic response with a total of 37 registrations from DYPIU as well as other reputed colleges—reflecting the growing spirit of innovation across institutions.

Dr. Bharat Kale, Director R&D, Pimpri-Chinchwad University; Emeritus Scientist; Former Director General & Scientist-G, C-MET, was the Chief Guest of the event.

## DYPIU teams win First Ideation Challenge!

**D**YPIU teams, "Whey Volution" (BioEng) and "Cypher Tech" (CSE), just won the First Ideation Challenge!

The felicitation was held at VIT-AP and the teams were honored by the CEO of FYRSTGEN (UK). A huge moment for the participants!

This collaboration is setting up a great future for our students! Thrilled!

## Mandscape Club Champions Mental Health Awareness

The Mindscape Club of D Y Patil International University (DYPIU) hosted a vibrant and enriching Mental Health Awareness event at Swagat Plaza. Designed to open meaningful conversations around emotional well-being, the initiative reaffirmed the University's commitment to nurturing a supportive and mentally healthy campus culture.



THE event was thoughtfully organized by Dr. Anu Dandona, Associate Professor, along with the club's mentor, Ms. Nutan Kanth, Psychologist and Counsellor at DYPIU. Their efforts, strengthened by the enthusiastic participation of student volunteers, directors, faculty members, and other supporters, created a warm and inclusive environment for dialogue, reflection, and community bonding.

A standout moment of the event was the interactive "Life

Line" and "Sticky Note Reflection" activity. Participants were invited to express their personal strengths and challenges through colorful sticky notes displayed on a collective board. The resulting visual "emotional map" beautifully captured the highs and lows of life—symbolizing that both joy and struggle are essential elements of personal growth. This simple yet powerful exercise promoted introspection, empathy, and emotional openness among attendees. ■

Mandscape Club volunteers played a pivotal role in guiding the activity and ensuring every participant felt comfortable and supported. Another engaging component was the "Bite Session," where volunteers conducted quick interviews with students and faculty to gather their thoughts on mental health. These candid reflections highlighted the importance of resilience, compassion, and the need to normalize conversations about mental well-being.

The event concluded with a shared sense of connection, understanding, and emotional clarity. It not only encouraged participants to embrace their inner experiences with honesty but also helped strengthen the relationship between students and faculty.

Overall, the Mental Health Awareness event was a meaningful success. Through creative activities, thoughtful conversations, and a compassionate approach, the Mindscape Club continues to lead the way in cultivating a more open, empathetic, and mentally resilient community at DYPIU. ■

## Rashtriya Ekta Diwas



D.Y. Patil International University (DYPIU), Akurdi, Pune, observed Rashtriya Ekta Diwas on 31st October 2025 with great solemnity and enthusiasm. Students, faculty members, and staff members came together to take the Rashtriya Ekta Diwas Pledge, reaffirming their unwavering

commitment to the values of national unity, integrity, and security.

The observance of Rashtriya Ekta Diwas commemorates the birth anniversary of Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel, the Iron Man of India, whose remarkable leadership and vision led to the unification

of the nation. The year 2025 holds special significance as it marks the 150th birth anniversary of Sardar Patel.

On this occasion, participants reflected upon Sardar Patel's enduring contribution towards building a united India and strengthening the spirit of "Unity in Diversity." The pledge ceremony emphasized the importance of maintaining the nation's sovereignty, peace, and integrity, aligning with the values that Sardar Patel stood for throughout his life.

The event inspired all participants to uphold the ideals of harmony, inclusiveness, and collective responsibility, reinforcing the message that national unity remains the cornerstone of India's strength and progress. ■

## E-Waste Collection Drive

Anushka Jha

DYPIU hosted e-waste collection drive on the campus from 1st to 7th November as part of its sustainability initiative. To encourage students for responsible disposal of electronic waste, e-waste bins were placed at Swagat Plaza, Chintan Plaza and 5th floor.

Faculty, staff and all the students were requested to contribute by depositing unused or damaged electronic items such as old phones, chargers, keyboards, etc.

Students and faculties actively participated in this initiative and made this event successful one. The co-operation and enthusiasm shown by students and faculties alike made this event a one to be inspired from. ■

## Monali Chaurasia Brings Industry Insights

The School of Media and Journalism hosted Ms. Monali Chaurasia for an enlightening session under the "Voice of the Industry" lecture. Speaking on Public Relations (PR) from the Industry's Perspective, Ms. Chaurasia drew from her 22 years of experience in Journalism and Public Relations, offering students rare, practical knowledge directly from the field.

Anushka Jadhav

MONALI Chaurasia is the Founder and CEO of Vantage Point Communications, a leading PR and Communications consultancy, and Co-Founder and Director of Dataneers, a company specializing in custom-built data management solutions. The session came just three months after Vantage Point Communications (her firm) signed an MoU with DYPIU to strengthen academia-industry collaboration.

She was accompanied by SMJ alumna Ms. Ciya Nimbarmunde, who has spent five months working at Vantage Point Communications. Ms. Nimbarmunde shared her experiences, learnings, and the realities of working in the PR industry as a young professional.

She connected the dots of PR in everyday life throughout the lecture by reminding students that "every career requires PR knowledge." Ms. Chaurasia broke down the basics of what PR really is,

## Sandeep Dongare selected for International Training Programme



Sandeep Dongare, an Assistant Professor in the School of Media & Journalism at DYPIU has been selected for the prestigious international course "Film Preservation and Restoration Workshop India", jointly organised by the International Federation of Film Archives (FIAF), Belgium, and the Film Heritage Foundation (FHF), India, with the collaboration of the Government of Odisha.

THIS year marks the 10th edition of the workshop. Mr Dongare was selected for Prestigious International Film Preservation Programme.

The workshop was held at Kala Bhumi Crafts Museum, Bhubaneswar, Odisha from 12th November to 19th November, 2025.

This intensive training programme focuses on the cultural and historical importance of film and audio-visual material, film preservation techniques, restoration processes, digitisation of film, and case studies of national and international film conservation.

World-class experts from across the globe conducted the training sessions. Only 60 participants from India are selected for this prestigious workshop each year. Indian cinema is an invaluable part of the nation's cultural and historical heritage, and its preservation is crucial.

The Film Heritage Foundation, India—supported by FIAF—has been conducting this course for the past 10 years in part-

nership with the Central and State Governments. The programme's brand ambassador is Amitabh Bachchan, and several renowned Indian filmmakers and scholars are associated with it.

Earlier, Mr Dongare was also selected for the Film Research Fellowship at the Satyajit Ray Film and Television Institute (SRFTI), Kolkata, where he presented research paper on the film posters created by Solapur-based Yalla Dasi. He continues to work extensively on Indian cinema, film history, and contemporary cinematic studies.

This new selection marks an important milestone in his research journey and will enable him to contribute meaningfully to the field of film preservation and restoration in the future. He believes that preserving the precious legacy of Indian cinema is critically important, especially in today's digital and AI-driven era. He has been consistently working towards creating awareness and conducting research in this domain for many years. ■



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ladders, emerging specialisations, and future possibilities that exist in the PR domain.

The session wrapped up with advice to budding PR professionals, therefore leaving the students in a better position about the line of thought on industries and growing opportunities. ■

# DYPIU SCM launches Newsletter 'The Strategic Scroll'

The School of Commerce & Management (SCM) at Dr. D. Y. Patil International University (DYPIU), Akurdi, has taken a significant step in nurturing the next generation of business leaders with the launch of its innovative initiative, 'The Strategic Scroll'. The newsletter aims to provide students and faculty with insightful articles, research highlights, industry trends, and academic updates, fostering a culture of learning, curiosity, and strategic thinking.



THE launch of this newsletter was initiated under the guidance of Dr. Sheetal Bansude Bura, with the vision of providing students a structured platform to develop, document, and showcase their strategies, ideas, research, and projects. This milestone was made possible with the constant support and encouragement of our Dean, Dr. Madhavi Deshpande, and the unwavering motivation from our Vice-Chancellor, Dr. Manish Bhalla, who have always inspired the entire newsletter team.

'The Strategic Scroll' is not merely a compilation of students' work; it is a living repository of creativity, knowledge, and profes-

sional growth. It captures the essence of learning by doing, allowing students to bridge the gap between academic concepts and real-world applications. By encouraging students to contribute their insights, case studies, and entrepreneurial ideas, the Scroll positions DYPIU as a hub of innovation, critical thinking, and leadership development.

## Purpose and Vision of the Strategic Scroll

The Strategic Scroll was conceptualized with a clear vision: to empower students with the tools and opportunities to think strategically, act decisively, and reflect meaningfully. Its objectives include:

- Fostering Innovation and Creativity: Students are encouraged to ideate, strategize, and develop unique solutions to business challenges.
- Building Leadership and Teamwork Skills: Collaborative projects in the Scroll hone leadership qualities, teamwork, and effective communication.
- Bridging Academia and Industry: By linking theoretical knowledge with practical applications, the Scroll prepares students for corporate life, entrepreneurship, and global opportunities.
- Encouraging Reflection and Documentation: The initiative instils the importance of recording achievements, analysing outcomes, and continuously improving professional competencies.

## Mentorship and Guidance

The initiative thrives under the expert mentorship of Dr Sheetal Bura, whose guidance ensures that every contribution aligns with industry standards and academic rigor. She has been instrumental in encouraging students to think beyond textbooks, apply concepts creatively, and document their work meticulously. It is more than a record of work—it is a roadmap to their professional growth and a reflection of the university's commitment to shaping future leaders.

The Strategic Scroll offers a multitude of benefits:

- Student Development: Enhances problem-solving abilities, analytical thinking, research skills, and entrepreneurial apti-

tude.

- Professional Readiness: Prepares students for placements, internships, and industry challenges by showcasing practical insights.
- Visibility and Recognition: Highlights student achievements and innovative projects, positioning DYPIU and the SCM Department as leaders in academic excellence.
- Skill Enhancement: Promotes communication, leadership, teamwork, and strategic planning skills among students.
- Knowledge Sharing: Acts as a repository of best practices, case studies, and innovative approaches for the benefit of current and future students.

- Students' Section – A Platform for Voices and Ideas

• A unique feature of the Strategic Scroll is its Students' Section, dedicated entirely to student contributions. This section includes:

- Research projects and business case studies
- Entrepreneurial ideas and start-up concepts
- Reflections from industry interactions and workshops
- Social impact initiatives and community service projects

The Students' Section empowers students to express themselves, share insights, and document achievements, giving them a sense of ownership and pride in their work. It also enables the SCM to showcase the collective talent and creativity of its students to the broader academic and professional community.

## Contribution to Society and

## Future Prospects

Beyond academic development, the Strategic Scroll has a broader societal impact. By encouraging students to engage with real-world problems, document solutions, and innovate responsibly, the initiative cultivates ethical, visionary, and socially conscious leaders.

The launch of the Strategic Scroll marks a significant milestone in DYPIU's mission of "Empowering Youth, Transforming Futures". With its focus on strategic thinking, practical learning, and student empowerment, it is poised to become a benchmark for academic innovation in the region.

The Strategic Scroll exemplifies DYPIU's commitment to holistic education, skill development, and student empowerment. With the mentorship of Dr. Madhavi Deshpande and Dr. Sheetal Bura, and the active participation of SCM students, this initiative is not just a publication; it is a movement towards nurturing future leaders, innovators, and change-makers.

Looking ahead, The Strategic Scroll is set to become an annual tradition, inspiring students to continually innovate, document their achievements, and contribute meaningfully to their communities and professions.

The team thanks Dean, Dr. Madhavi Deshpande, Vice-Chancellor, Dr. Manish Bhalla, faculty members, the technical support team, and the entire newsletter team for their guidance, encouragement and contributions, that made this launch possible. ■

## Dr. Vaishali C. Kulloli Defends her Ph.D



Dr. Vaishali C. Kulloli has defended her Ph.D. (Computer Science and Engineering) Viva Voce exam on 17/11/25 under the Guidance of Dr. Maheshwari Biradar.

Her Ph.D topic was "Iris Liveness Detection using quality metrics for Biometric Authentication".

She has implemented Machine Learning, Deep Learning Algorithms, performed Iris Video Reply attack detection and created 115 Real Iris Video Dataset and 115 Fake Iris Video Dataset.

## Global Recognition for Outstanding Scientific Contributions: Karmaveer Chakra Medal and Rex Karmaveer Global Fellowship Awarded to Professor Ramendra Pati Pandey.

Professor Ramendra Pati Pandey, Deputy Dean (R&D), and In-Charge Director of the School of Biosciences and Bioengineering, has been selected to receive the esteemed Karmaveer Chakra Award 2025-26 and the Rex Karmaveer Global Fellowship for his exceptional contributions to scientific research. The award is instituted by iCONGO in partnership with the United Nations (UN).

The Rex Karmaveer Chakra Awards celebrate real-life heroes who embody the spirit of 'Be the Change.' These awards spotlight individuals who take bold, innovative paths to inspire and bring about meaningful change. All the awardees are dubbed Noble Laureates. The award is a tribute to the former honorable president of India, Dr. A.P.J. Abdul Kalam, who had offered to be the ambassador for the awards.

Dr. Pandey has been very actively engaged in promising studies in basic and mycobacterial immunology. His work has shown for the first time that Foxo1 acts as a key transcription factor in the biology of Th9 and IL-9-producing T cells: Foxo1 was required for the induction of IL-9 with concomitant suppression of IL-17; inhibition of AKT enhanced the Foxo1-mediated development of Th9 cells. Given the proinflammatory functions of Th9 cells in allergic inflammation, autoimmunity, and tumor immunity, the identification of Foxo1 as a key transcription factor that dictates the development and effector functions of Th9 and IL-9-producing T cells could prove beneficial in designing targeted therapies aimed at alleviating the course of autoimmune diseases and anti-cancer therapy.

Professor Ramendra Pati Pandey has also been honoured with the NESFAS Fellowship of the Year Award 2025.

The National Environmental Science Academy (NESFAS), one of the prominent academies in the country with its headquarters in New Delhi, has selected Prof. Ramendra Pati Pandey for the NESFAS Fellowship of the Year Award 2025 for his contribution to the health science research.

## DYPIU students visit Cytiva India Pvt. Ltd

Final-year students from the School of Biosciences and Bioengineering, accompanied by faculty members, visited Cytiva India Pvt. Ltd.'s manufacturing facility in Hinjawadi Phase II, Pune.

The industrial exposure provided valuable insights into contemporary biopharmaceutical production practices and quality control procedures.

Students observed real-world manufacturing operations and engaged with industry professionals, gaining practical understanding of bioprocess engineering. This experiential learning opportunity bridged the gap between theoretical knowledge and workplace application, equipping students with relevant industry experience.

The visit exemplifies the institution's commitment to fostering strong academic-industry partnerships and preparing students for professional roles in the biopharmaceutical sector.

## Film by DYPIU Faculty wins laurels



The film 'Gulabo Sapera – The Dancing Wind of Change', made by DYPIU Faculty Mr Ketan Deore, has made a clean sweep at the Jaipur National Cine Awards 2025.

The film won in four major categories — Best Director, Best Actor, Best Music, and Best Editing!

A heartfelt tribute to the indomitable spirit of Gulabo Sapera, celebrating art, resilience, and the power of change.

# The Great Diwali Bash

DYPIU always believes in its entire staff and faculties as one united family and hence it keeps organising events apart from various academic activities.

Keeping this in view, the University organised a Diwali get-together on the eve of Diwali.

The dress code of the event was 'Traditional attire'. The staffs were spotted wearing colourful traditional attire.

DYPIU's Hon'ble VC, Dr Manish Bhalla and the Registrar, Dr Beeran Moidin BM inaugurated the event by lighting of Diyas. It was followed by celebrations.

Dance and musical performances by the staff and faculty added colour to the celebration. A host of games and other activities were held which were participated by the staff and faculties as well.

Mr Amit Kumar Om, an Assistant Professor, hosted the event along with a research scholar, Ms Siddhi Pandey.

All the winners of various contests, which were conducted on the occasion, were given prizes. All the staff and faculties were given away Diwali Gifts and sweets by the hands of the Hon'ble VC.

Here is the story in pictures.

