

Career Guidance Forum



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The Career Guidance Forum of R. A. Podar College of Commerce and Economics has always functioned to guide the students toward their potential career choice.

Vision & Mission of CGF:

- Enlightening students about innumerable career opportunities.
- Determining students' aptitude & potential Matching the appropriate careers by the student's aptitudes.
- Increasing their knowledge, skills, and understanding in the area of career awareness & planning.
- Developing Life-Career-Management skills.
- Identifying occupational directions since they relate to career goals.

Webinar on Topic: The Secret to Stress Management: A Career Point of View.

Speaker: Mrs. Maithili Thanawala Kannabar

Date: 21st August 2021, Saturday.

'The Secret to Stress Management: A Career Point of View' webinar was organised by the Career Guidance Forum with Maithili Thanawala on 21st August

2021. The primary objective of this webinar was not only to help the participants to see past their stress but how to not let it get the best out of them. She

emphasised learning how to identify the problem and a few methods to solve them.

External Problems while changing career: Peer pressure, Pressure at home, Comparison, Overthinking and Time and Expectations.

Internal problems while changing career: Clueless about other options, Self-doubt and Lack of confidence.

Moving ahead we discussed the quote by Martin Luther - You don't have to see the entire staircase, just take the first step. Lastly the solutions for the problem can be found out by following the 4 strategies. Later we had a small question and answer session where the participants engaged in a candid conversation with the host. We received a wholesome response from the participants.

Webinar on Topic: Ultimate Guide to Resume Building and Online Interviews.

Speaker: Ms. Mukta Nagare

Date: 04th September 2021, Saturday.

The second webinar, 'Ultimate Guide to Resume Building and Online Interviews', was conducted on 04th September 2021 with Ms. Mukta Nagare. She captivated us with her knowledgeable and enthusiastic persona. And her experience in the field added to our knowledge. She broke down the main topic into 4 subtopics and then gave us a few insights about professionalism and how one must approach their work culture and then had a fruitful question and answer session.

Webinar on Topic: Understanding Civil Services: Exams, Challenges and Opportunities

Speakers: Dr Saurabh Sonawane; IAS officer, Ms Rujuta Bankar; ICLS officer, Mr Sarang Pofale; IIS officer, Mr Samarjit Mishra; Ex- Assistant collector and CA. Kaivalya Shimpi; EY- Government Advisory Services.

Date: 02nd October 2021, Saturday.

The Webinar started with Dr Saurabh Sonawane sharing his experience through the years and work profile. He also explained his current job position and how the government institutions work and briefed us about the Covid-19 scenario.

The virtual podium was later carried forward by CA. Kaivalya Shimpi who also is an Ex- Podarite. Kaivalya Sir started by quoting that Civil Services is about the

service of the people. Sir briefed about the 3 stages of the UPSC examination and also shared his personal experience in Podar which will be sought after by many young Podarities.

He also introduced Rujuta Bankar ma'am. She cleared her UPSC examination in 2019. She studied Law at Fergusson College in Pune. Ma'am explained about the placement of candidates and control of Union and state government in service allocations. Later she explained the management of various posts with the help of several real-life examples which helped us understand things better. She also spoke about her day to day responsibilities such as IPOs, CSR activities of Corporates etc.

The webinar was later carried forward by Sarang Pofale sir. He cleared UPSC in his second attempt. He briefed us about his work profile. Also shared his experience about being bound by the secrecy of various government decisions and the sensitivity especially when the lockdown was imposed. He shared real-life incidents and his work experience.

Kaivalya sir later introduced Samarjit Mishra sir who started with the experience of his graduation where he was advised by his brother to opt for UPSC services. Sir stated that to be empowered you need to have proper and sufficient information with you. He shared his job experience with the state civil services and suggested several exams to the students enlightening us with various opportunities. Sir has been teaching for the past 5 to 6 years. He also advised students to be clear about their career choices.

A question-and-answer session was followed by all the speakers sharing their experiences. We received active participation and positive feedback.

Mega Career Counselling fair

Speakers: CA. Nihar Jambusaria and CA. Motilal Oswal

Date: 19th December 2021, Sunday.

Mega Career Counselling fair webinar was organised by ICAI to guide students in their First or Second year of Junior college, Undergraduate, and postgraduate degrees. The keynote speakers addressed a few areas like which field to choose and what are career options after commerce.

Webinar on Topic: Let's Talk about productivity and procrastination.

Speakers: Ms. Mukta Nagare

Date: 19th February 2022, Saturday.

The Career Guidance Forum organised ‘Let’s Talk about productivity and procrastination,’ with Ms Mukta Nagare. To begin with, Ms Nagare explained to us the basic concept and correlation between productivity and procrastination. Then she explained why one tends to procrastinate and how that affects our day-to-day life.

Later she gave practical tips on how to avoid procrastination, follow a schedule and make habits.

Webinar on Topic: One day Webinar on ‘Intellectual Property Rights.’

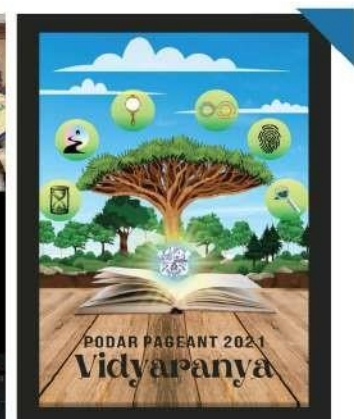
Speakers: Dr Annama Samuel, Mr Nikhil Reddy, Ms Isheta Batra, Ms Varnika Bains.

Date: 02 March 2022, Wednesday.

One day Webinar on ‘Intellectual Property Rights’ was organised by Career Guidance Forum in collaboration with DPIIT IPR Chair, Gujarat National Law University.

The first session was hosted by Ms Isheta Batra, Founder, IP & Media counsel who explained to us Copyright law 101 – Basics of Copyright law. Followed by Ms Varnika Bains, who is a manager at CIPAM, and she introduced us to The Patent system in India. Later, Ms Batra explained to us the concept of Trademark and a practical perspective on it. Later, Mr Nikhil Reddy, KNS partner shared his knowledge of Industrial designs. Lastly, Mr. N. Subramaniam enlightened the participants about the Government Initiatives and CIPAM.

College Magazine



“The Annual Magazine of Podar”

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Podar Pageant, the Annual College Magazine, is a platform for budding writers, poets, artists, photographers, and thinkers of our College. In the academic year 2021-22, for the first time since the inception of the Podar Pageant, six sub-themes were introduced under the umbrella theme of **Vidyaranya**.

Vidyaranya is the forest of knowledge and it depicts our passage through the tumultuous journey of self-discovery and self-improvement through the learning process. This expedition through the exceptionally dense Vidyaranya can be divided into six main phases which are covered by our sub-themes, **Yugen, Querencia, Advitiya, Amartya, Kairos and Reflections**.

Apart from all the sections showcasing the artworks, poetry and prose submitted by the students and staff of the College, Podar Pageant 2021 also contained a special theme-based section named Reflections where the contributors shared with us their inner thoughts as diary entries.

This year, a fun new section named **Podar E-Katta** was introduced, which is an extension to the Meme section that has been in the Magazine for the past two years. This section was specially created for Podarites missing the College Katta and the fun and games due to the ongoing pandemic. This section included a Crossword, Maze, recommendations for books, movies and T.V. shows and music playlists. This section has the Meme corner as well as a Start Ups section, which spotlights a few of the many students of our College who started their own small businesses during the Pandemic. This section is a platform for them to share with everyone their entrepreneurial journey, which would definitely prove inspiring to our budding future entrepreneurs.

The team also curated an audience engagement program on Instagram #FavouritesonFridays, where the participants shared their favourite songs, movies, podcasts, trends, and shows that they enjoyed while at home during Lockdown. With the #WednesdayWisdom series, the team hand-picked quotes by famous authors and posted them on our Instagram stories for our followers.

On the 9th of August, we celebrated Book Lover's Day on Instagram by asking our 350 followers to share with us their favourite books. The responses received for all the three programs have been compiled into a video and screened during the Magazine Launch.

The Podar Pageant Photo Blog was carried forward this year as well, considering the overwhelming response from our budding photographers. The Podar Pageant

Photo Blog is a one-of-a-kind platform to showcase aesthetic photos clicked by the budding photographers of Podar. The Blog was launched on 13th of April.

The team has made a launch video explaining the main theme and sub-themes for this year by reading out excerpts from various articles and poems featured in the magazine. This is available on our Instagram page after the launch.

Since the world is shifting to the online space, we decided to launch Podar Pageant 2021 not only through physical copies but also as an e-book just like last year. The Magazine and ebook were launched on 13th of April 2022 by the Principal of our college Dr. Mrs. Shobana Vasudevan and the Vice Principal (Degree College) Mrs.

Kavita Jajoo in the presence of the teachers and the members of the Magazine Committee. The e-book is hosted on its own website (<https://rapodarpageant.wixsite.com/mysite>) designed by the team and is also accessible through the Home Page of the College Website.