

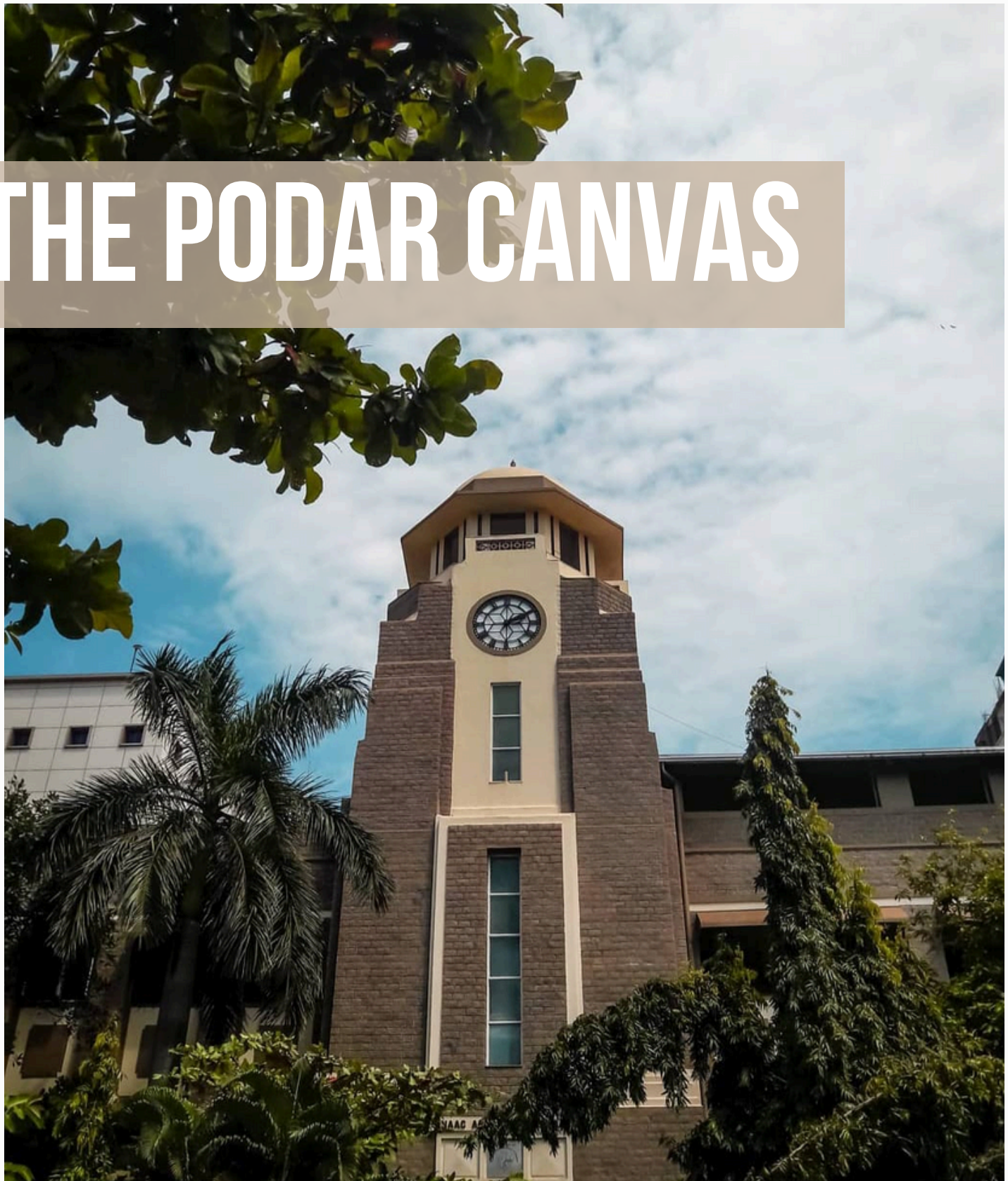


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# VOLTT

The Industrial Interface Forum (IIF) at R.A. Podar College of Commerce and Economics successfully organized VOLTT Fest 2024 on 30th November. This unique industrial-themed intra-college fest provided students with hands-on experience in critical industrial operations like manufacturing, logistics, and packaging through interactive events. The fest served as a platform for students to blend theoretical knowledge with practical skills, fostering creativity, teamwork, and problem-solving. With events ranging from horror escape rooms to creative packaging event, dynamic warehouse event and a logistics relay event, Voltt Fest 2024 saw remarkable participation, with 240 students enthusiastically competing across the four events.





# TARIFF TRIVIA ( QUIZZERS X ENIGMA)

The "Quizzers x Enigma Ekatva" quiz event was held on October 1, 2024. This event focused on international trade and attracted a diverse pool of participants from different colleges. Structured into three challenging rounds—eliminations, semifinals, and finals—the event aimed to provide an in-depth understanding of global trade dynamics while fostering a spirit of healthy competition. The event engaged students with questions ranging from foundational trade principles to intricate aspects of contemporary economic policies and trade alliances.





# 5 RING RIDDLES (QUIZZERS X ENIGMA)

The "Quizzers x Enigma Ekatva" quiz forum at Podar conducted a vibrant inter-college quiz event on September 30, 2024. The event was centered on the Olympics, with three rounds designed to test both historical and contemporary knowledge of the Games. The event brought together participants from different institutions, fostering a spirit of friendly competition and intellectual curiosity. The quiz comprised three rounds: eliminations, semifinals, and finals. While the initial two rounds drew questions from the Beijing Olympics, emphasizing its historical significance, the final round challenged contestants with insights into the Paris Olympics 2024, encouraging them to stay updated on the latest developments in the Olympic landscape.





# NSS EVENTS

## SWACHHATA HI SEVA - BARHANPUR

The visit to Barhanpur village, Palghar organized by the National Service Scheme (NSS) under the aegis of RUSA 2.0 was held on September 20, 2024. The primary objective behind this visit was to promote health, hygiene, and environmental awareness among the village residents. A cleanliness rally was organized to raise awareness about the importance of keeping the village clean, followed by a village-wide cleanup drive. Informative brochures on cleanliness and hygiene were distributed to villagers,

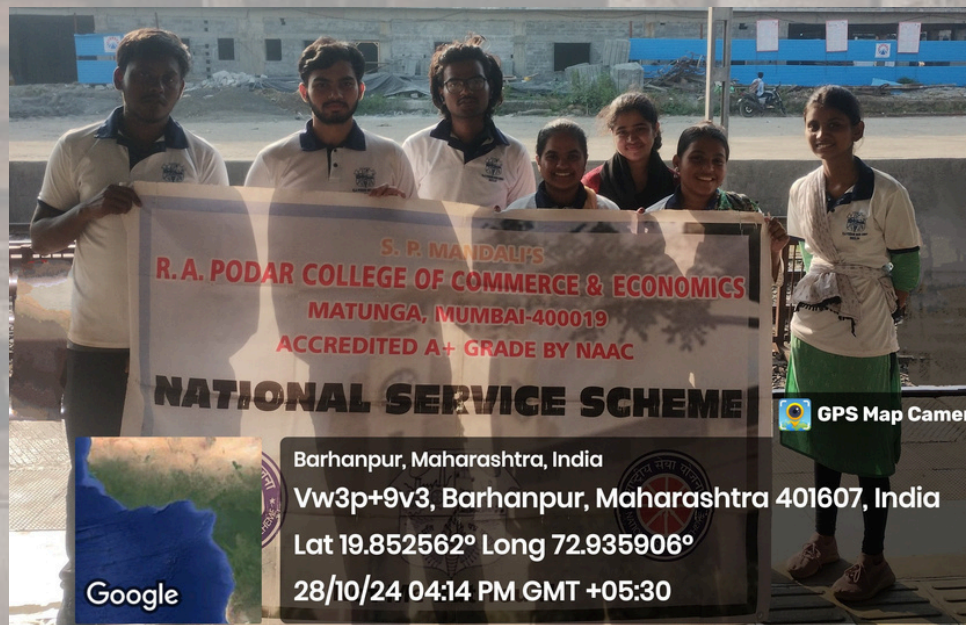




# NSS EVENTS

## DIYAS AND STATIONARY DONATION (BARHANPUR)

The donation drive conducted by NSS was held on October 28, 2024 in Barhanpur, Palghar. Through the donation of handmade diyas, snacks for kids and essential stationery items, the activity intended to foster a sense of cultural heritage, environmental consciousness, and support for students' educational needs within the village. This initiative marked a successful step in bridging cultural and educational support within rural areas.





# FORUM ACTIVITIES

## DURGABHANDAR FORT

The Podar Hikers Club organized an exhilarating trek to Durgabhandar Fort from 30 November to 1st December 2024 offering students an adventurous experience exploring history, building camaraderie, and connecting with nature in the scenic Sahyadri ranges. The trek allowed the participants to explore the historical significance of Durgabhandar Fort, enhance their knowledge of Maratha heritage, and increase awareness of nature conservation.





# CONSULTING 101

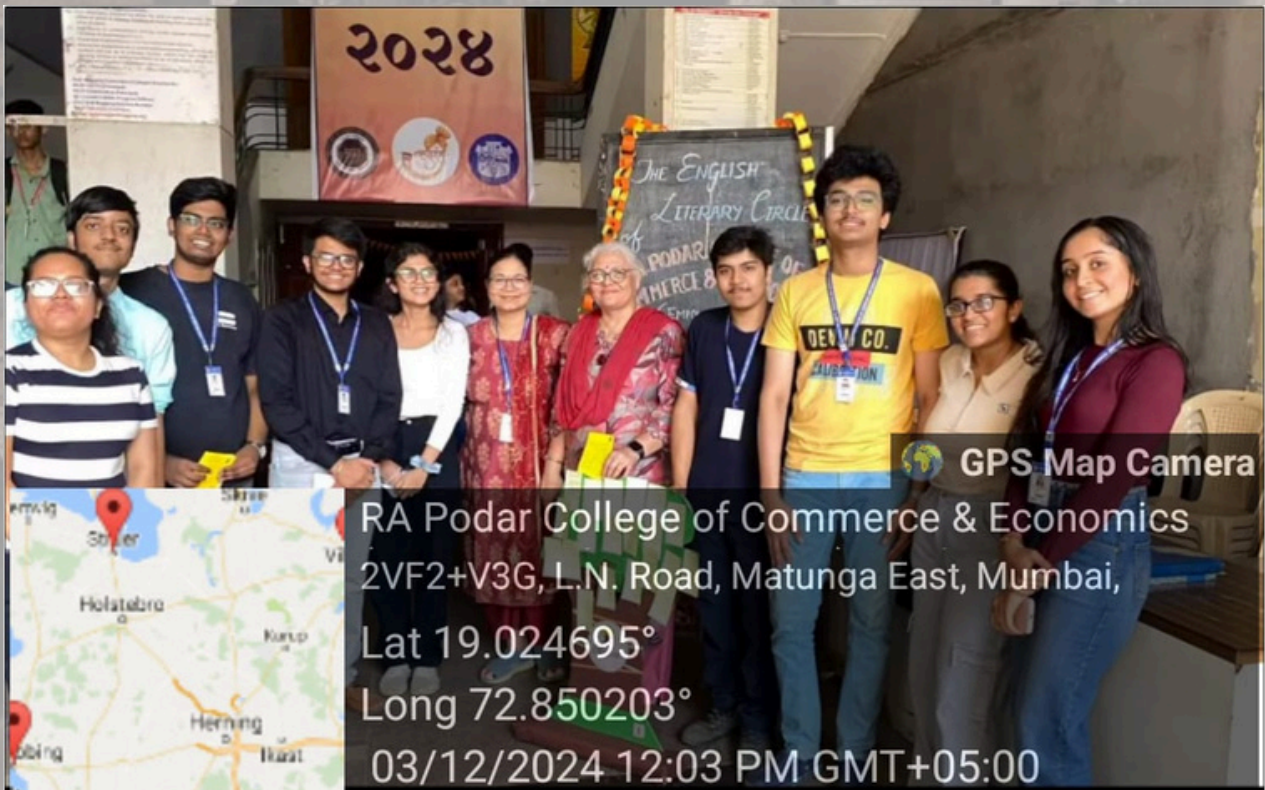
On 20th September 2024, the Consulting Club which is under the Planning Forum & Economics Association hosted the "Consulting 101" session led by Ms. Chitra Parameswaran, an experienced consultant. Ms. Parameswaran offered an overview of various consulting domains, from strategy to operations, and discussed the skills necessary for success in the field. An interactive Q&A segment allowed students to ask questions about consulting interviews, resume building, and career progression.





# POETREE

The English Literary Circle hosted Poetree event on November 30, 2024 from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. in the foyer in front of the multipurpose hall, where students could request personalized poems on themes of their choice. Forum members crafted unique pieces on the spot, covering topics like friendship, love, nature, and motivation. The event was met with enthusiastic participation, with students and teachers lining up to receive their personalized poems.





# "CAMPUS FRANCE" EVENT

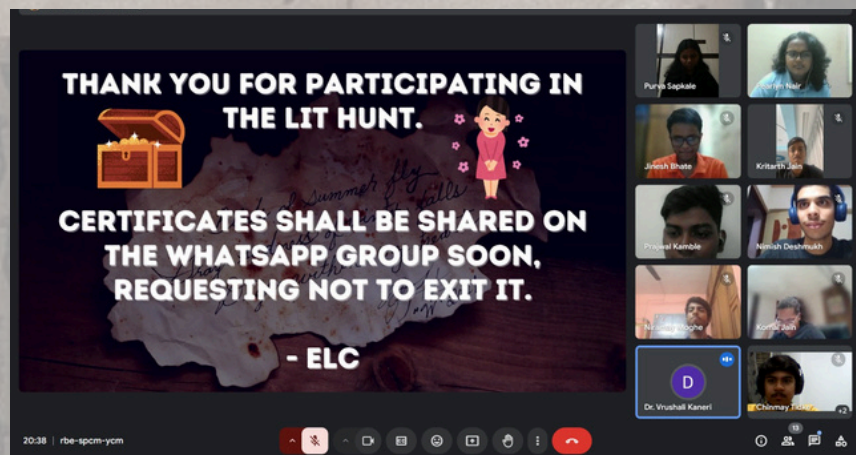
The Career Guidance Forum in collaboration with the Hobby Circle of Podar held a Campus France event on October 4th, 2024 from 11:00 am to 12:00 pm in the G1 classroom. This seminar aimed to guide students through the journey of pursuing higher studies in France, covering all aspects from selecting the right program to settling in a new country. It provided valuable insights into the educational ecosystem, scholarship opportunities, and pathways to a global career.





# LIT HUNT

The English Literary Circle successfully organized an online quiz event named LIT HUNT on 18th of December from 8:00 pm to 9:00pm, attracting enthusiastic individual participation from students. The event aimed to enhance literary knowledge, creativity, and problem-solving skills through an engaging series of challenges. Participants tackled riddles, trivia, and creative tasks. The answer to these riddles being everyday objects which the participants had to decipher.





# THE STRATEGY SHOWDOWN: A LIVE CONSULTING CASE INTERVIEW WORKSHOP

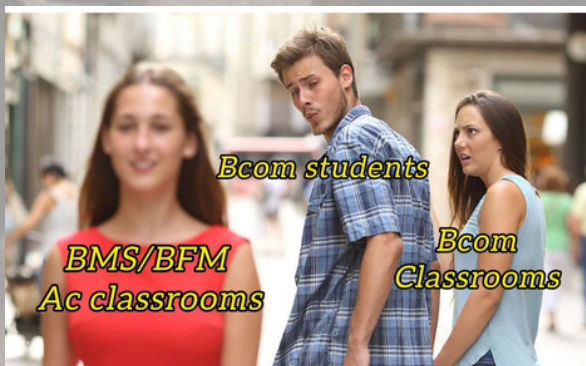
The The Strategy Showdown: A Live Consulting Case Interview Workshop was held by the Consulting Club (Planning forum & Economics Association) on 18th December 2024 in the G1 classroom. The workshop featured Mr. Jitendra Khilnani, a consultant from BCG and Podar alumnus. He explained case interview structures, guided students through a live problem-solving exercise, and shared actionable advice on consulting careers. The session was a resounding success, with active participation from 49 students, making it an enriching experience for all attendees.





# CUT COPY PASTE

The English Literary Circle (ELC) conducted a competition titled "Cut Copy Paste." This was a meme-making event designed to inject fun and creativity into the participants' daily routines. This event aimed to offer students a platform to showcase their humour, imagination, meme-making skills, and encouraged students to break free from their monotonous schedules and engage in a lighthearted activity. The submission window was from 10th of September to 30th of September, giving the participants more than enough time to make the most of their creative juices. The competition garnered an overwhelming response of more than 60 memes.





# GROUP DISCUSSION AND PERSONAL INTERVIEW TRAINING SESSION

The placement cell held a Group Discussion and Personal Interview training session on September 24, 2024 from 12:00 pm to 4:00 pm in the college auditorium. The objective of this event was to groom and prepare the students to have a professional approach while appearing for the on-campus placements. This event focused on personality development focusing on communication skills, CV building, Interview questions and dressing tips. The event concluded with 2 mock interviews and a Q&A round.





# UNLEASHING CREATIVITY WITH DIGITAL PHOTOGRAPHY

The Photography Club successfully conducted a Basic 5 Day Photography Workshop from 20th to 24th September 2024. The workshop was conducted in a hybrid format, with online sessions held from 20th to 23rd September on MS Teams, where participants gained theoretical insights into the fundamentals of digital photography. Under the guidance of Mr. Pranath Soares, an experienced photographer, students were introduced to critical concepts like exposure, ISO, aperture, shutter speed, and the basics of camera handling. The final day of the workshop, held on 24th September in the college auditorium from 9:30 AM to 4:00 PM, was a hands-on practical session. The workshop concluded successfully, with participants expressing a greater appreciation for photography as both a technical skill and a form of creative expression.





# SEMINAR ON HOW TO FACE AN INTERVIEW

The Career Guidance Forum held a seminar on “How to Face an Interview” on December 19, 2024 from 11:00 am to 12:00 pm in G1 Classroom. The seminar, organized as part of the career guidance initiatives, was conducted by an experienced professional in the field. It covered key aspects such as resume presentation, understanding employer expectations, handling challenging questions, and demonstrating a positive attitude. Participants engaged in interactive sessions, mock interviews, and role-playing exercises to simulate real-life scenarios.





# CREATIVE CANVAS

The Hobby Circle of Podar held the Creative Canvas event on December 17th, 2024. The workshop featured a hands-on bottle art session led by an experienced artist. Participants transformed ordinary bottles into art pieces using various techniques. Participants gained confidence in their artistic abilities and learned new bottle art techniques. The event concluded with an exhibition of their creations





# SHABDO NI RAMATGAMAT

The event started with a brief introduction covering topics on the Gujarati language and the importance of preserving it. Fun games such as tongue twisters, heads up and game of dares were held making this event fun filled. This event helped them gain confidence, attain knowledge about the language and improved their vocabulary of the Gujarati language.





# TAVLI PEAK TREK

The Podar Hikers Club organized a trek to Tahuli Peak, on November 17, 2024 offering students a thrilling adventure through scenic trails, fostering camaraderie, and nurturing a deep connection with nature in the breathtaking Sahyadri ranges. The event promoted adventure and physical fitness through trekking to Tahuli Peak and encouraged appreciation for the natural beauty of the Sahyadri range.





# THE ONES WHO BROUGHT US GLORY THIS SEASON

Hearty Congratulations to the team of students from our College who stood as the WINNERS of the overall competition at the 32nd International Economics Convention. The topic for the year 2024 was 'Flowing Forward: Global Strategies For Water Security And Sanitation' , with Brazil as the country assigned. The Faculty Coordinators were Prof. Akshay Shingare and Prof. Sunita Panja. The team consisted of Mr. Dhananjay Thakur (TY B.Com), Ms. Madiha Surve (TY B.Com), Ms. Riya Patil (TY BMS), Ms. Shreya Raul (FY B.Com), Ms. Sharvari Gengje (FY BFM) and Ms. Amruta Nair (TY BMS). We are delighted to announce that the team received several honours like - Best Overall Performance, Best Presentation, Best Research Paper, Best Question And Answer, Best Innovative Solution (1st Runner Up), Best Logo And Title (2nd Runner Up). In addition to this, one of the team members, Ms. Sharvari Gengje, received the 2nd Runner Up award for 'Best Overall Speaker' and also was declared as the 'Best Speaker of the Team' and Ms. Madiha Surve won the award of 'Best Outstanding Contributor To The Team'.

# CONGRATULATIONS!!



# THAT'S ALL *folks*

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