

# Entrepreneur Development Cell

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The Entrepreneur Development Cell (EDC) at R. A. Podar College of Commerce and Economics is dedicated to fostering the entrepreneurial spirit among students. Established with the vision of encouraging innovation and enterprise, the EDC strives to equip learners with the knowledge, skills, and opportunities required to thrive in today's competitive business environment.

The cell focuses on motivating students to explore opportunities in startups or family businesses, empowering them to expand and modernize their ventures to meet global standards. Through various initiatives, collaborations, and experiential learning opportunities, the EDC provides students with a platform to develop business acumen, leadership abilities, and innovative thinking. By encouraging creativity and practical exposure, the cell aims to nurture future entrepreneurs capable of navigating the complexities of the modern economic landscape.

## *Pitch Right 2.0*

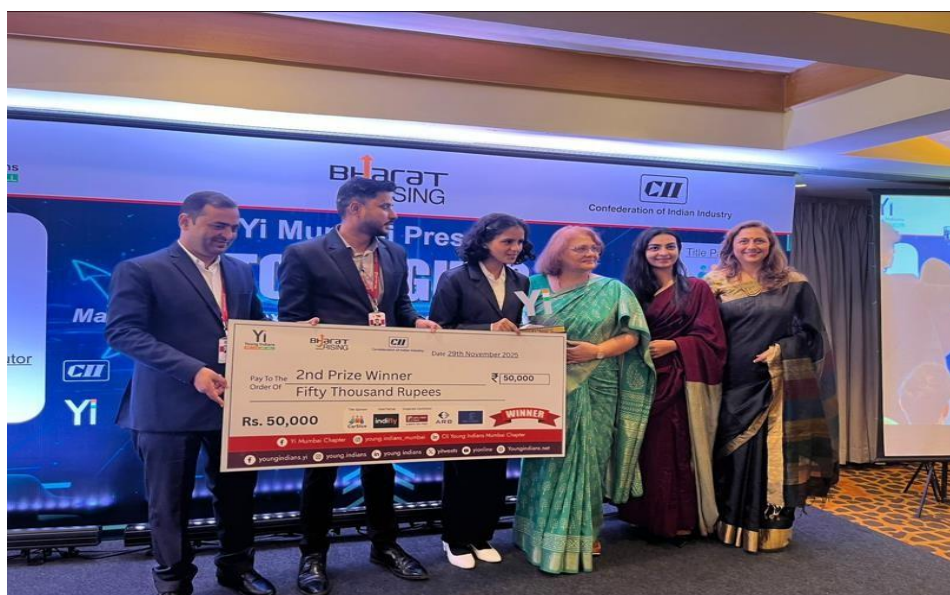
The flagship event of the EDC for the academic year was Pitch Right 2.0, organized on 21st November 2025 in collaboration with Young Indians and Confederation of Indian Industry.

The event brought together young aspiring entrepreneurs from across India who presented innovative startup and business ideas spanning sectors such as technology, finance, food, marketing, artificial intelligence, and healthcare. Participants had the opportunity to pitch their ideas before an esteemed panel of judges and receive valuable feedback to refine their business models.

The distinguished panel of judges included Ms. Hanisha Vaswani, CA Piyush Agarwal, CA Nishant Mehta, Mr. Mohit Gulati, and Mr. Karan Khetarpal.

The event was also graced by the presence of the esteemed Principal of the college, Mrs. Vinita Pimpale, along with the Professor-in-Charge of EDC, Mrs. Divya Lalwani.

During the event, Mrs. Vinita Pimpale delivered a motivating address, encouraging students to pursue innovative ideas and develop the confidence to build successful entrepreneurial ventures. In recognition of their support and contribution to student development, both Mrs. Vinita Pimpale and Mrs. Divya Lalwani were felicitated by the Confederation of Indian Industry (CII).



Participants were evaluated on various criteria including innovation, feasibility, scalability, and business potential. The competition showcased highly promising entrepreneurial ideas, and the winners were awarded cash prizes amounting to up to ₹1,00,000. Notably, the second prize winner was a student from R. A. Podar College, highlighting the entrepreneurial potential within the institution.

## *Coffee Table Brochure Release at MONETA® 2025*

In December 2025, during MONETA 2025 — India's largest financial market-based event organized by the college — the EDC released a Coffee Table Brochure celebrating the entrepreneurial legacy of the institution.

The brochure featured over 50 alumni of R. A. Podar College who are successful entrepreneurs across various industries. These alumni shared insights into their entrepreneurial journeys, experiences, and the role that the college played in shaping their professional paths.

The EDC team undertook extensive efforts to collect and compile this information through structured online survey forms and alumni outreach, eventually curating and publishing the brochure. This initiative served as a source of inspiration for current students by highlighting real-life entrepreneurial success stories emerging from the institution.

## *Industry Exposure through CII*

Through its collaboration with the Confederation of Indian Industry, students from various academic programs were given the opportunity to volunteer as well as attend corporate events, conferences, and seminars organized by the organization.

These events provided students with valuable industry exposure, enabling them to interact with professionals from diverse sectors, gain insights into corporate practices, and expand their professional networks.



## *Internship Opportunities*

As an extension of this collaboration, selected students were offered internship opportunities with the Confederation of Indian Industry (CII). Based on their academic background and professional interests, students were assigned to relevant departments that aligned with their profiles.

This experience allowed students to gain practical exposure to industry operations while developing professional skills that contribute to their overall career growth and development.

## *Conclusion*

The Entrepreneur Development Cell continues to play a significant role in nurturing entrepreneurial thinking among students of R. A. Podar College. Through its initiatives, collaborations, and industry engagement, the EDC provides learners with meaningful opportunities to explore entrepreneurship and develop practical skills. The activities conducted during the academic year 2025–2026 have further strengthened the culture of innovation, leadership, and enterprise within the institution, inspiring students to pursue impactful ventures and contribute positively to the business world.