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ENIGMA EXCELSIOR

Enigma is the annual cultural festival of R. A. Podar College of Commerce and Economics. The festival provides a platform to all its participants from over 30 colleges across Mumbai in the fields of dance, drama, literature, music and quiz.

The theme for the year was “Enigma Excelsior” which was based around an upcoming apocalypse with contingents as individual societies who would work towards saving the planet. The theme revolved around four prominent aspects of today’s society: technological advancements, societal reformation, environmental degradation and community awareness. The highlight events of Enigma 2019 was the Rap Battle and War of DJs.

S K Somaiya College of Arts and Commerce- Junior wing and Vidyavihar College emerged victorious and took home the trophy of this glorious fest.



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FINACC INTER

The fifth intercollegiate event of Accounts and Finance Circle of Podar, FINACC Inter was conducted on 3rd August, 2019. FINACC is an accounting and finance fest encompassing four events, namely, Quiz-o-ccounts, Esploro Presentado, Business Analyst and Etude De Cas. The fest was inaugurated by Mr. S Natarajan, Vice Principal of the College.

Mr. Sachin Seth (Partner & National Leader- Ernst & Young) was the Chief Guest for the event and he gave an insightful lecture on start-ups and fin-tech. Despite the heavy pouring in the city, FINACC saw the participation of 92 colleges from all over Mumbai. The event was a tremendous success and received very positive feedback from the participants.



MATHEMATRIX 2019

MATHEMATRIX 2019, an initiative by The Mathematics Association of Podar (MAP), was a two-day event conducted on the 26th and 27th of July 2019. The aim of this event is to change the general perception of Mathematics from a 'boring' subject to an 'interesting' one. The footfall for the fest was around 1200 students. With the excitement contained within everyone, the event began with the opening ceremony with Mr S. Natrajan, Vice Principle as the Chief Guest for the inauguration ceremony. The various events conducted over the two days were: Math Maniac, Numero Art, 4D Quiz, Move with Maths, The Battle of Bids.

The maths exhibition – the heart of Mathematrix – managed to carry forward the legacy established by the previous years. This year there was something special about the layout, the exhibits were arranged in a chronological order beginning with the “classical era” and culminating with the “Modern Era” .When travelling to the future era to the classical era, the exhibits decrease in their level of complexity, which helped us showcase our moto – “From Complexity to Simplicity!!”

The centre piece of the exhibition was the game ‘Tower of Hanoi’. While many found the challenges confusing, a few did manage to triumphantly solve the same.

Hologram, was the flagship exhibit for Mathematrix 2019 and turned out to be a great success and was appreciated by many visitors who attended the hologram show. A Hologram is an image that appears to be three dimensional and which can be seen with the naked eye. At Mathematrix two different kind of Hologram were made, Trapezoid Hologram and the Ghost Pepper Hologram.

Mathematrix 2019 was wrapped on a very pleasant note where in hard work of each and every member paid off. All the college alumni and the graduation year students wished the juniors good luck to meet the set benchmark next year.

MONEY MATTERS

On 5th July, the Innovation Cell attended the "The Union Budget 2019-20" at Jaihind College. The session was conducted by Mr. H.P Ranina. It was very insightful and enlarged the understanding of the key features of the Union Budget. They learnt about the Budget highlights such as: the vision to become \$5 trillion economy, disparity in the purchasing power of India and other countries, scheme of faceless electronic tax assessment

This session provided useful insights for various research and policy purposes for the students. It was very enlightening indeed!

SNAP STORIES

Amidst technology becoming omnipresent, the Innovation Cell took a leap and conducted its first event for the year – Snap Stories. The event was initiated by Dr. Amitha Sehgal. A briefing on the Innovation Cell and its objectives was also discussed with the students. The event commenced with Ruchi Parekh, Secretary, giving out instructions to the participants. Dr. Amitha Sehgal and Mrs. Mamta Sharma were the judges for the event. The students were divided into groups of five and were shown a set of five pictures on a projector screen. The students had to rack their brains to weave a story of the images in the stipulated time. The event concluded with creative minds explored and ear to ear smiles.

VAATO NA VADA

The flagship event of Gujarati Literary Circle for the year 2019-2020 was "Vaato Na Vada". It was conducted on 29th July. This is a creative event aimed at spreading the language and literature of Gujarat along with the concepts of story making amongst the students in a creative way.

The participants were given randomly coloured ribbons students with the same coloured ribbons were paired up. Further, each pair had to spin a story out of the photos that were flashed on a screen. The judge for the event was Mrs. Karishma Khadiwala. The event saw the participation of around twenty students. Throughout the proceedings of the event, the students showed utmost enthusiasm and vibrancy.

ONE TREE HILL

The Podar Hikers' Club organized its first trek of the year to One Tree Hill, Karjat, on 21st July 2019. The hike had a footfall of nearly 100 students. The students reached the village base by 9:30am and were welcomed by the smell of idli wada wafting in the air. After an arduous climb of nearly three hours, the hikers surmounted the hill to get the view of that ONE TREE.

The team hesitantly descended as they could not get enough of the view. Though tiresome, the trek was a learning experience.

THE BEAUTY OF GRATITUDE

On 30th July, Ms. Trupti Vyas from Chinmaya Mission volunteered to conduct a Gratitude Workshop in our college. During the workshop, there was a discussion on the various meanings of gratitude. Ms. Trupti also explained the miracles being grateful to simple pleasures of life entails. She told the student that something as elementary as maintaining a gratitude diary can change your life in many aspects. This workshop gave the students an entirely different perspective on how to enjoy the basic activities we undertake.

ORIENTATION SESSION

On August 6th, 2019, as tradition dictates, the Group Discussion Cell & Speakers' Academy conducted a joint orientation session. The orientation guided the newly inducted undergraduate and junior college students in the art of public speaking and informed them of the various public speaking opportunities available to them here at R. A. Podar. The session was graced by Mr. Jeetendra Khilnani, an alumnus of Podar and our guest speaker for the day. Along with college faculty: Mrs. Kavita Jajoo (Vice-Principal), Mrs. Karishma Khadiwala (Faculty-In-Charge of GDC) and Mr. Suryakant Pagare (Faculty-In-Charge of Speakers' Academy).

Students bore witness to the mock Group Discussions and Debates and were then invited to join in themselves for a Group Discussion session. The new students rose to the occasion and performed marvelously.

Our Hon. Principal, Dr. Mrs. Shobhana Vasudevan, gave a heartfelt speech to the new students guiding them about the challenges that they will face in life and how the art of public speaking is the need of the hour for students. Finally, Mr. Jeetendra Khilnani presented his feedback to the participants of the day. He also delivered his opinion on how students should take advantage of the opportunities provided to them in public speaking.

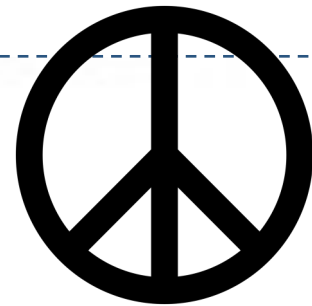
CUT, COPY, PASTE

The English Literary Circle's first event of the year, Cut Copy Paste was held on 8th August. The event required participants to make something funny and creative out of a randomly provided newspaper. Submissions ranged from topical submissions that talked about the recent Kota incidents to relatable submissions that referenced college life and the struggles of daily train commutes. Overall, the event was very well received by the participants and served to show the new students of FYJC and FYBCOM what the English Literary Circle is all about.

PEACE RALLY

On 6th August, the Mumbai NSS Units, Sarvodaya Mandal Mumbai, SNDT University and the peace loving citizens of Mumbai joined hands to pay respects to the victims of the Hiroshima Nagasaki bombing on International Peace Day a.k.a. Hiroshima Day.

The rally began with peace slogans being sung. It lasted for an hour. This event signified the importance of harmonious and peaceful living in our communities.



INTERNATIONAL YOGA DAY

On occasion of International Yoga Day, NSS and NCC came together to organize the Yoga Day Workshop. The workshop was opened with a speech by our Principal, Dr Mrs. Shobana Vasudevan. Divya Foundation conducted the workshop and performed demonstrations of various yoga asanas and explained the importance of yoga in our daily lives. Overall, the workshop was a success and motivated everyone to start living healthier lives.



COLLEGE CLEAN UP

The NSS conducted a college clean-up and NSS Room clean-up activity on 13th and 14th August. Volunteers cleaned the entirety of the college campus including the Lata Kunj, Green Gym, White Benches and Climbing Wall. The aim of this event was to inculcate responsibility towards our surroundings. Volunteers participated with great gusto in this clean-up and also worked on spreading awareness among the rest of the student body.

AASWAAD

'Aaswaad' the flagship event of the Gujarati Literary Circle was held on 21st August. A food festival that celebrates Gujarati cuisine, the event featured dishes like Thepla, VaatiDhokla, and SevKhamni to name a few. Drinks like Masala Chaas and Jaljirapaani rounded out the menu. The best selling dishes were Khakra Pizza and KhaastaKachori.



FRENCH QUIZ

The Second Event of the French Forum: French Quiz was conducted on 30th August. The quiz began with elimination rounds to select the top three teams who would battle it out in the finals. The team of Nandini Shah and Khushi Mehta emerged victorious in the finals and took home the trophy. The quiz was themed around the culture, media and language of France.



GANPATI GADAD TREK

Podar Hikers Club had a great experience in their trek to Ganpati Gadad. A four hour drive from Mumbai, students reached the base village of Sonavale at 11 am. From there, they were led by a local guide. After climbing over 3000 ft, students stopped to have their lunch in a cave while enjoying the magnificent view. This trek was truly a bonding experience for students and served to be a break from the hectic polluted city life.

SADHBHAVNA DIWAS

On account of 20th August, Sadhbhavna Diwas, the NSS organized an event for all the non-teaching staff of our college. The event was to give appreciation to all the non-teaching staff. The NSS performed a short cultural program which was followed by refreshments. The winners of the poster making competition were felicitated by the non-teaching staff.



STARTUP LAUNCHERS

The Innovation Cell conducted the event 'Startup Launchers' where students were encouraged to present their startup ideas. Chief guest Mr. Rajiv Ranjan spoke about his experience of starting Paisadukan and was the judge for the event. Our Principal, Dr Mrs Shobana Vasudevan also graced this event with her presence and spoke to the students about the importance of innovation and coming up with fresh new ideas.

VAN MAHOTSAV WEEK

Van Mahotsav day was celebrated in our college by the NSS. NSS volunteers participated in activities like poster making to spread awareness regarding importance of trees and making of paper bags. Around 400 paper bags were made using waste papers. The main activity was the tree plantation program with Ashwamedh Upvan at Titwala. In total, volunteers planted around 105 trees. Other activities included a rally and a street play performed at Matunga Station.

INDEPENDENCE DAY

On account of 73rd Independence day NSS unit and NCC unit celebrated by holding an event in the college Auditorium. The event began with a powerful parade by NCC cadets. The flag hoisting was performed by Principal Dr. Shobana Vasudevan. The pledge to conserve and fight for good causes, and to be a good citizen of India was taken by all the cadets and audience members. The event also included a cultural program where students sang a beautiful patriotic song.

VOTER REGISTRATION

NSS volunteers conducted a Voter Registration Drive on 28th August. The event was held in association with Project Mumbai and the State Election Commission. Over 37 students were registered as new voters through this drive. The drive encouraged students to vote and take an active interest in their government.

STEM CELL DONATION

On 30th August, The NSS organized a voluntary Peripheral Blood Stem Cell Donation Camp (PBSC) in association with Marrow Donor Registry of India. The chief guest, Dr. Pravin from S.L Raheja Hospital was present at the camp to explain the importance to stem cells and increase awareness of such donation programs. He explained that the main aim of such programs was to help give someone a second chance at life at no cost. The nearly 63 student donors walked away from this camp with a sense of satisfaction at being able to contribute to such a noble cause

FIRST TRAINING SESSION

On the 16th and 20th of August, the DLLE conducted their first training session. The session opened with a speech by faculty in-charge who introduced both the forum and the student managers. Students were then told about the three projects that would be conducted by the forum with last year's projects being used as examples. The annual festival of the forum 'Udaan' was also described to them. The training session ended with a talk by the Field Co-ordinator from Mumbai University.

'JAKOB: DER LÜGNER'

The Deutsch Literary circle screened 'Jakob: der Lügner' aka Jakob: the liar on 29th August. The screening had an audience of around 35 students and had English subtitles for greater inclusivity. The two hour movie was set during the World War II, where an ordinary inhabitant of a ghetto faked news about Allied offensives to inspire hope in other victims of the Nazi regime.

BLOOD DONATION CAMP

The NSS Unit organized the Blood Donation Camp in association with Wadia Hospital. A total of 45 donors graciously donated their blood to this noble cause. Additionally, college staff and teachers also participated in this event. This camp aimed to increase awareness for blood donation among the students and for them to learn the importance of donating blood.

WORKSHOP ON EMOTIONAL WELLBEING AND MUSIC

On 13th August, The Life Enrichment Cell conducted a workshop on emotional wellbeing and music. The speakers for the workshop were Ms.Rynelle Oliver and Mr.Samuel Berlie from Mpower Minds. The event was inaugurated by our Principal who spoke about the importance of maintaining our mental health. The speakers proceeded to guide the students on mental health practices which could be applied in their daily lives. The workshop was then followed by a musical performance.



STUDENT INDUCTION PROGRAM

The student induction program was conducted for the newly admitted FYBcom students of our college between 10th and 17th July 2019.

The event was split into two parts. The first consisted of a brief explanation about the Bcom grading system and various other amenities of the college to the parents and students in attendance. The second part was solely for the students and was an icebreaker session. In this session students were split into random teams to perform various team building exercises and games. The aim of this session was to inculcate values in the students.

ENGAGEMENT SESSION - KPMG

On August 19th, Mr. Sahil Nayar, Senior Associate Director- Human Resources, KPMG conducted a session on campus to help the students understand the nuances of Campus to Corporate Transition. He shared insights on how to prepare for interviews from a campus placement perspective.

A total of 124 undergraduate students from BMS and B.Com attended the interactive session. They had the opportunity to ask questions and discuss topics relevant to their career opportunities and recruitment procedures in their dream companies. The session was concluded with a question answer session.

BOTTLES4CHANGE

The NSS in collaboration with Bisleri International Pvt Ltd organized a workshop regarding the awareness of plastic and its recycling. As an extension of this workshop, the NSS unit conducted a plastic bottle collection drive with the Enigma socials department. The drive collected a total of 41 kgs of plastic bottles.

CINEPHILIA

The Innovation Cell hosted the event 'Cinephilia' on 30th August, wherein the movie 'I am Kalam' was screened for the students. The movie is about a young boy who gets influenced by Dr. APJ Abdul Kalam and decides to change his life for the better. The movie was preceded by a talk by faculty member Dr. Amitha Sehgal who spoke about the importance of innovation.



READING GERMAN MINDS

Reading German Minds' was held on 30th September. The event was a story reading session of an excerpt in English from the novel 'After the Wall' by Jana Hensel. After the reading, there was an indepth discussion which was lead by Forum-in-charge, Mr. Milind Sant. Through this event, students were exposed to the social and economic situation before and after the Fall of the Berlin Wall in East and West Germany.

STREET PLAY FOR PLASTIC FREE INDIA CAMPAIGN

On 24th September, the Student Members of Department of Lifelong Learning and Extension prepared and executed a street play on the topic 'Plastic Free India' as a part of 'Plastic Waste Free Campaign (Swachha hi Seva 2019)'. The street play's aim was to serve as an awareness program to reduce plastic use. The title of the street play was 'Score kay Aahe?' (What is the Score?) The play was performed in basic Marathi so as to facilitate widespread understanding of the core message. The street play was performed near the College Premises and in the St. Paul's Convent High School, Dadar.



MODEL YOUTH PARLIAMENT

The Planning Forum & Economics Association hosted the annual Intra-collegiate Model Youth Parliament on Monday, 9th September, 2019. This event was conducted to induce awareness about parliamentary proceedings as well as to hone students' public speaking skills. Two bills were discussed during this competition, 'National Education Policy, 2019' and 'DNA Technology (Use & Application) Regulation Bill, 2019'. The competition was overseen and judged by Dr. Harshad Bhosale from Department of Political Science of Kirti M. Dongursee College. Dr Harshad also guided the students as to how they can improve their skills to be able to perform better in future competitions.



TREASURE HUNT

On 21st September, English Literary Circle conducted the 'Treasure Hunt'. The event took place across all 3 floors of the college campus. The event began with an elimination to select the 16 finalists for the treasure hunt. The treasure hunt included minigames along with clues throughout the hunt. The event saw a turnout of over 80 students with participants ranging from FYJC to TYBCOM/BMS.



POSTER MAKING AND ESSAY WRITING COMPETITION

Under the governmental Swachata-Hi-Seva (SHS) initiative, Podar Nature Club and DLLE Forum of our college conducted a Poster Making Competition and Essay Writing Competition on 24th September. The topic for both competitions was 'Plastic Free India'. The poster competition was held first during which students showcased creative and unique ideas through their posters. The main goal of these competitions was to create awareness and interest in students regarding hygiene and cleanliness of their surroundings.

ÉTUDE DE CAS

The Accounts and Finance Circle of Podar (AFCP) conducted the first event of its intra collegiate series 'Étude de cas' on 14th September. Étude de cas was a case study based event, where the participants were given business problems in the form of a case study and were tasked to come up with innovative solutions. Participants were then judged on how well they understood the case studies, team work and the solutions given by them.



OVERNIGHT HIKE TO KOHOJ FORT- PALGHAR

Podar Hiker's Club set off from college on 14th September at 11 pm for their overnight hike to Kohoj Fort. Upon reaching the base village, they were guided up the route by a local guide. On the top of the mountain they were met with the ramparts of the fort along with a rock formation that is believed to have been carved by the wind. They also encountered a temple to Lord Shiva on the way to the top. The group was met with moderate rains as they descended and returned home by 9 pm.

NSS DAY CELEBRATION

On 24th September 2019 National Service Scheme(NSS) completed 50 years. The NSS unit celebrated this day with great enthusiasm. The program began with a motivational speech by Principal Dr. Mrs Shobana Vasudevan. Both teaching and non-teaching staff of the college was also in attendance during this event. The NSS song was sung by all NSS volunteers in remembrance of U.U Bhat and NSS day.



THE FLIP BOOK COMPETITION

On 19th September, Hobby Circle conducted its first event of the year, The Flip Book Competition. A creative event with a twist, participants were tasked to create flipbooks on the topic "Trapped" within an hour. The flip book art style for this competition was inspired by the movie "Tare Zameen Par". Participants came up with various new and interesting ideas for their flipbooks.

STREET PLAY

On 11th September, using the platform of Ganpati festival NSS volunteers performed a street play on importance of trees and on women's empowerment. The aim of these street plays was to create understanding and acceptance regarding these issues and create protected and evergreen communities.



CROWD CONTROLLING

On 12th September, NSS volunteers supported and helped the local police force in managing the huge Ganpati visarjan crowds. Volunteers assisted Mumbai Police in crowd control from Ruia College to Dadar TT circle from 4 pm to 8pm. This activity led to volunteers learning how to manage and lead people even in chaotic situations

HIV AIDS AWARENESS SEMINAR

The NSS Unit organized the seminar on HIV/AIDS awareness under Red Ribbon Club associated with MDACS (Mumbai District AIDS Control society) on 19th September. The speaker for the seminar was Mrs. Karude from MDACS. The seminar focused on how to handle such diseases occurring in the society. It was an interactive seminar to ensure volunteers truly understood AIDS awareness.



HINDI DIVAS

The Hindi literary circle celebrated its annual event 'Hindi divas ' with great enthusiasm on 14th September. Students opened the event with performances of the Hindi Rashtrabasha song along with two melodious Kawalis. Next, there was a poetry recitation and story telling session. The festivities concluded with chief guest, Vice Principal Mrs Lata Shetty speaking about the importance of Hindi language in our college. The event was then concluded with the birthday celebration of the chief guest.

PICTIONARY

On 11th September, Department of Lifelong Learning and Extension (DLLE) conducted a Pictionary event. The event was organized by the management team which consisted of DLLE members and student volunteers.



BEACH CLEAN UP

Post Ganpti Visarjan, on 13th September, NSS volunteers organized a beach cleanup of Dadar Beach from 8 am to 10:30 am. Volunteers collected Ganesh idols from the coast to prevent them from harming the sea. The volunteers also proceeded to collect garbage from the beach as a part of their beach clean-up initiative.

US GLORY THIS SEASON

Co – curricular achievements

1. Hearty Congratulations to Mr. Umang Gupta who secured the AIR 3rd position in CA Final . Proud Podarite.
2. Hearty congratulations to Mr. Prathmesh Katkar (SYJC-E), Ms. Shreya Durve (SYJC-E) and Mr. Amey Mhaskar (SYJC-F) who have got fully paid scholarship to participate in German international camp in Sri Lanka next month. They were selected on the basis of their performance in the international Fit in Deutsch A1 examination. They will participate in the language camp organized by the Goethe Institute.

Extra curricular achievements

1. Heartiest Congratulations to contingent of our college who participated and won Best College trophy for "Black Swan - An Unpredictable Labyrinth" fest organised by Department of Economics and Dè Planning Forum of Thakur College of Science and Commerce, Kandivali, on 9th March 2019.
2. Podar was declared as the overall winners of the 51st Youth Festival.
3. Heartiest Congratulations to the contingent of R. A. Podar College of Commerce and Economics for winning prizes at NK College’s ARTH-UTSAV conducted on 9th August.
4. R. A. Podar College of Commerce and Economics being felicitated as - “Best Cultural College” for the academic year 2018-19 by the honourable Vice Chancellor Prof. Suhas Pednekar on 15th August, 2019.
5. Felicitations of Mr. Sumant More from TYBCom- F by the University of Mumbai for Representing Maharashtra State and University of Mumbai in 70th National Republic Day, New Delhi.
6. Hearty Congratulations to Kenisha Birwadkar from FYJC H for winning first place in the Sir Rustom P Masani Elocution Competition held at K R Cama Oriental Institute on 28th September.



ONES WHO BROUGHT US GLORY THIS SEASON

Sports

1. Hearty Congratulations to Rudransh Mishra, who secured 3 Gold, 3 Silver & 1 Bronze Medals at Inter-collegiate swimming competition and was felicitated by Arjun award winner Smt. Digvikar Madam and Dr. Amrule Sir. Proud Podarite.
2. Hearty Congratulations to Rudransh Mishra, Aryan Kedare, Alvin Alex & Soham who secured First place at Inter-collegiate swimming competition. Proud Podarites.
3. Hearty Congratulations to Junior college Boys team Winner's and Girls team who secured Runners-Up at the Inter-collegiate DSO Badminton tournament. Proud Podarites.
4. Hearty congratulations to the Junior College Volleyball Girls Team who secured III rd Place at Inter-Collegiate DSO tournament.
5. Hearty congratulations to Hridaya Hemant Gupta who won the gold medal in DSO Under 17 girls shooting competition.



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that's all folks!

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