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Moneta 2019

R. A. Podar College of Commerce and Economics is home to India's largest financial fest - MONETA. The fest which started a decade ago in 2009, is a Pan-India level inter-college event based on various aspects of the financial world.

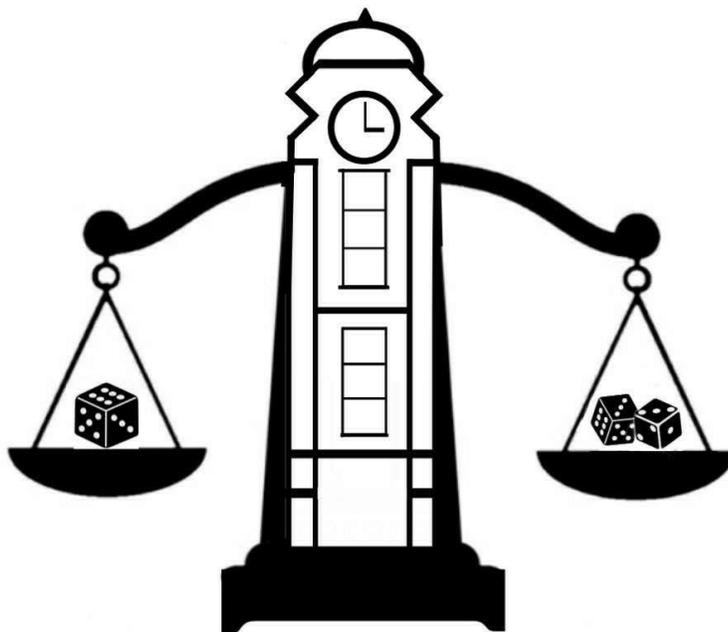
MONETA aims to inculcate a basic understanding of finance management, explore broader avenues of investment and help those interested in strategic planning through Competitions, Seminars and Workshops. As part of its goal of spreading financial literacy, several initiatives like Learn India, Moneta for Schools, Run for Financial Literacy and several other workshops and seminars were conducted.

Moneta 2019 was graced by multiple distinguished members of the professional and political and educational worlds such as Mr. Tang Guocai (Chinese Consul General), Mr. Kingshuk Chatterjee (Global Business Head at Godrej) and Mr Radhakrishnan Pillai (Founder of Chanakya Institute) to name a few.



Rapport 2019

Rapport 2019 was hosted by the third year students of the college from 22nd of December to 24th of December, 2019. The theme for this year was Rapport Realize, which stood to create the realisation of not making the same mistakes and remaining united till the end. The three day intra collegiate fest was a collection of over fifty events under various departments like cultural, sports, literary and informals. The teams are formed on the basis of the divisions of each respective batch. Each batch only competed within themselves and had their own trophies. The fest concluded with the Prize Distribution Ceremony in which the winning divisions were felicitated by college faculty Ms.Tejashree Patankar.



Rapport Realize

UTTUNG

Uttung is the socio-cultural fest of R. A. Podar's NSS Unit. It is organized by the NSS every year to provide a platform for the hidden talents of the underprivileged sections of society.

This year the theme of UTTUNG was to uplift children. The fest focused on the importance of education and family and on helping runaway children who fell into bad habits like addiction or criminal activities. The fest involved multiple intercollegiate competitions like poster making, dance, streetplay, photography, short film making and an open mic.

Over 30 colleges participated in this year's edition of Uttung in addition to the children from the Samatol Foundation. Mr Vijay Jadhav who was the first guest of the fest and the founder of the Samatol Foundation spoke about the social initiatives happening in the college surroundings. The next guest, Mr. S Hariharan who was a former runaway and is now a successful businessman gave the children some advice and served as a role model as he showed them that even someone in their situation could become successful.



'Diwali Lights' Celebration

Every year, the NSS Unit of our college celebrates 'Diwali Lights' by painting diyas and distributing them in the college's adopted village of Barhanpur. This year, about 30 volunteers from our college were involved in this initiative and 2000 beautifully hand-painted diyas as well as sweets were given out to spread the festive cheer. The volunteers put in a lot of hard work to bring happy smiles on the faces of the villagers. The clean-up drive was also conducted at Barhanpur to prepare for the festival of lights. 25 volunteers along with our teacher faculty Mrs. Vrushali Kaneri spent time and played games with school children in the village after distributing biscuits and diyas among them. This event allowed participants to express their creativity through diya painting and also showed them another perspective on life when they visited Barhanpur.



Election Duty

Volunteers from NSS Unit assisted the Mumbai Police during the recent elections in their goal to motivate youngsters to vote. The volunteers also helped in crowd control activities by managing the crowd at the polling stations. They also helped senior citizens to reach their polling

stations and cast votes. All together 15 volunteers participated and were allocated to different stations in Sion and Matunga area. This event served to highlight the importance of voting and showed volunteers the complexities involved in an election.

Navaratri and Bhondla

On 19th October, 2019, the Gujarati Literary Circle and Marathi Literary Circle jointly organized Navratri Celebrations in the college auditorium. The venue was decked out with decorations & looked like a mini-Gujarat. The celebrations started at 11 am with a prayer to the Goddess and the aarti which was performed by our Principal Dr. Mrs. Shobana Vasudevan.

The festivities commenced with the Bhondla ceremony and dance performed by the students. They were later joined by the teachers and other students. This was followed by the Garba dance session at 12 noon, and was met with enthusiasm and involvement of both the students and the teachers. The students were dressed in traditional Gujarati attire and thoroughly enjoyed themselves, dancing to the music. Overall the whole event was a great success and brought a festive atmosphere to the college.



Food stalls for Navratri

On the occasion of Navratri, students of DLLE set up food stalls around the celebration premises. 22 students put up food stalls that spanned various cuisines and regional styles. Some of the bestselling stalls were cake, sandwich, chinese bhel, coke, cookies and nachos chat to name a few. These stalls served a dual purpose, they enhanced the Navratri celebrations in addition to testing the entrepreneurship spirit of the DLLE students. The highlight of the event was the fact that every stall earned a profit.

Debriefing Session

With the beginning of the First Final Placement Week, on 18th November, a debriefing session was organised for all the students sitting for placements to help them better understand the Placement Week and clarify all their queries. During the session, the first ever Debar Policy of the Placement Cell was introduced to the students. The policy outlined the circumstances under which a student may be debarred from the Placement Cell. An updated Placement Cell resume format was also introduced and explained to the students in detail. The students were also informed of the schedule of the First Final Placement Week.



Deep Utsav

Deep Utsav is a festival celebrated for small kids from schools by college students. Our volunteers arranged for fun games and activities to facilitate a healthy and warm interaction for the children. They were not just given books for donation, but also scholarships. With this experience, the volunteers learnt how to organise an event effectively to engage a crowd full of young minds.

Animal Bonding

Animal Bonding was a session conducted on 19th November by all the NSS volunteers to spread awareness on animals and the problems they undergo. The event taught them how to study animal behaviour and thus, learn to take care of them and learn to respond to their needs. Volunteers were able to form a bond with the animals through this experience.



Thanale Caves Trek

Podar Hikers club had organized a trek to Thanale caves, Pali on 20th October 2019. This trek was specially organized for junior college students and was thus not a physically challenging trek. The maximum height of the trek was only 2000 feet. The bus comprising of 80 junior college students set off from college at 7 am and reached base camp at 10:30 am. The students climbed up to enjoy the scenic vistas of waterfalls and appreciate the natural beauty of the Thanale Caves. After a fun filled day of activities, they returned back to college around 11 pm.

Run for Unity

On the birth anniversary of Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel and Rashtriya Ekta Diwas (National Unity Day), the NSS Cell in collaboration with the Mumbai University organized 'Run for Unity'. NSS volunteers and NCC cadets from many colleges actively participated in this event. Starting at Nariman Point, the run ended at the Grant Medical Gymkhana. The Chief Guests for the day were Mr. Devendra Fadanvis and Governor Mr. Bhagat Singh Koshyari. 25 volunteers from our college participated in the event with great enthusiasm. All volunteers together took a pledge for Unity. In addition to participating in the run, they also collected plastic trash from the surrounding locations.



Children's day

On account of Children's Day, NSS unit visited the Angel Express Foundation which works to provide education to underprivileged children from Wadala. An interactive session was arranged by the volunteers, where a friendly space was built for all the children. The volunteers then proceeded to play some games with the children and conduct activities for them. The celebration ended with a cake cutting for the children.

Info session of International University of Applied Sciences Bad-Honnef, Bonn

On 23rd November, the German Forum conducted an info session of International University of Applied Sciences Bad-Honnef, Bonn. The session was conducted by Ms. Shrutika Joshi, the country representative of the International University of Applied Sciences Bad-Honnef, Bonn. She gave the students a valuable insight on the courses available, accommodation and studying in Germany as a whole.

After her presentation, the floor was opened for student questions about the courses.



First Final Placement Week

The First Final Placement Week was conducted from the 25th of November, 2019 to 10th of December, 2019. This year, 10 companies participated in the recruitment drive. The companies included esteemed companies like Deloitte, KPMG, and PwC. Some companies came on-campus for recruitment and a few went off-campus too. The process of recruitment included appearing for an Aptitude Test, followed by a Group Discussion Round and Personal Interview Rounds.

Dance Therapy

Life Enrichment Centre conducted a Dance and Movement Therapy Workshop on 26th and 27th November. During this workshop, instructors Ms. Alisha Pinto and Ms. Manjusha taught how small body movements could enable us to develop peace and connect emotionally to one's individual self.

Through games and activities, they taught the students how to recognise their personal traits. A soothing tone was played to en-

courage everyone to groove to their individual steps. The workshop included forming groups of students and having them showcase their dance moves and learn from their team mates.



Mixed Luck

On 4th December, the French Forum conducted Mixed Luck, a variety event that included a multiple games and activities. The overall theme for the event was French culture. Combining the theme along with unique twists and surprises in the games lead to participants having fun while also learning about various aspects of France like its geography, culture, lifestyle, etc.

The Business Analyst

The Accounts and Finance Circle of Podar (AFCP) conducted the second event in the FINACC Intra series: The Business Analyst, on 14th September, 2019.

This event was a test of entrepreneurship skills and talents. Our college professor, Prof. Sonam Singh, acted as the judge and mock venture capitalist for this competition. The participants were asked to present a revenue model, capital structure, business valuation and tactics to increase their market share of their proposed business.



The 55th A.D.Shroff Elocution Competition

The A.D Shroff competition has been conducted since 1965 in memory of the late Mr. A. D. Shroff. The competition's objective is to encourage college students to think and speak on the economic and related subjects in addition to enabling them to hone their speaking abilities.

This year, the topics for the competition were

- A. Quest towards inclusive growth in India
- B. Healthy for all: Reforming national health policy
- C. Role of a model citizen in Indian Democracy

Mr. Jitendra Khilnani and Ms. Varsha Srinivasan were the judges for the intra-Podar level of the competition. The winner from this event went on to represent Podar at the city-wide level of the A. D. Shroff Competition.

ONES WHO BROUGHT US GLORY THIS SEASON

Extra curricular achievements

1. Heartiest Congratulations to contingent of our college who participated and won Metamorphosis 2019 organized by Mumbai Educational Trust (MET), Bandra on 5th, 6th, and 7th December 2019
2. Congratulations to Madhur Tike and Namrata Shah for bagging the first Runners-up position during the fest- Synergy Avana at Sathaye College, Vile Parle
3. Congratulations to Madhur Tike and Aditya Shetye for bagging the First Runners-up position at the fest Influx at IIM Indore-Mumbai Campus
4. Congratulations to Komal Vijay Kadam from FYBCom for receiving the "Shankar Rao Modak Puraskar" award for scoring the highest marks in Visharad Purna Exam (Mumbai division).
5. Hearty congratulations to our college contingent, team Bihu, who participated in Nrityavishkar'19 which was held at D.Y.Patil University, Navi Mumbai on 12th October 2019.



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Sports

1. Hearty congratulations to Mr. Parth Zambre of TYBCom for winning the first place in Table Tennis at Spectrum Fest (Mulund College of Commerce) and Synergy Fest (Sathye College).
2. Hearty congratulations to Mr. Bhupen Lalwani of TYBCom for scoring 269 (not out) against Assam and 112 (not out) against Baroda representing Mumbai. He is now at the 1st position among the highest run makers of BCCI's CK Naydu Trophy.
3. Hearty congratulations to Sampada Sanjay Sampada Phalke of TYBCom for being a medalist at the Junior National Judo Championship held at Lucknow, Uttar Pradesh from 1st to 5th Dec 2019.
4. Hearty congratulations to the winning basketball team.
5. Hearty congratulations to Chaitanya Ajaykumar Deshmukh who secured 5 medals, 3 gold and 2 silver at Zonal Level Artistic Competition which was held at BPCA College, Wadala on 18th October 2019.



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that's all folks!

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