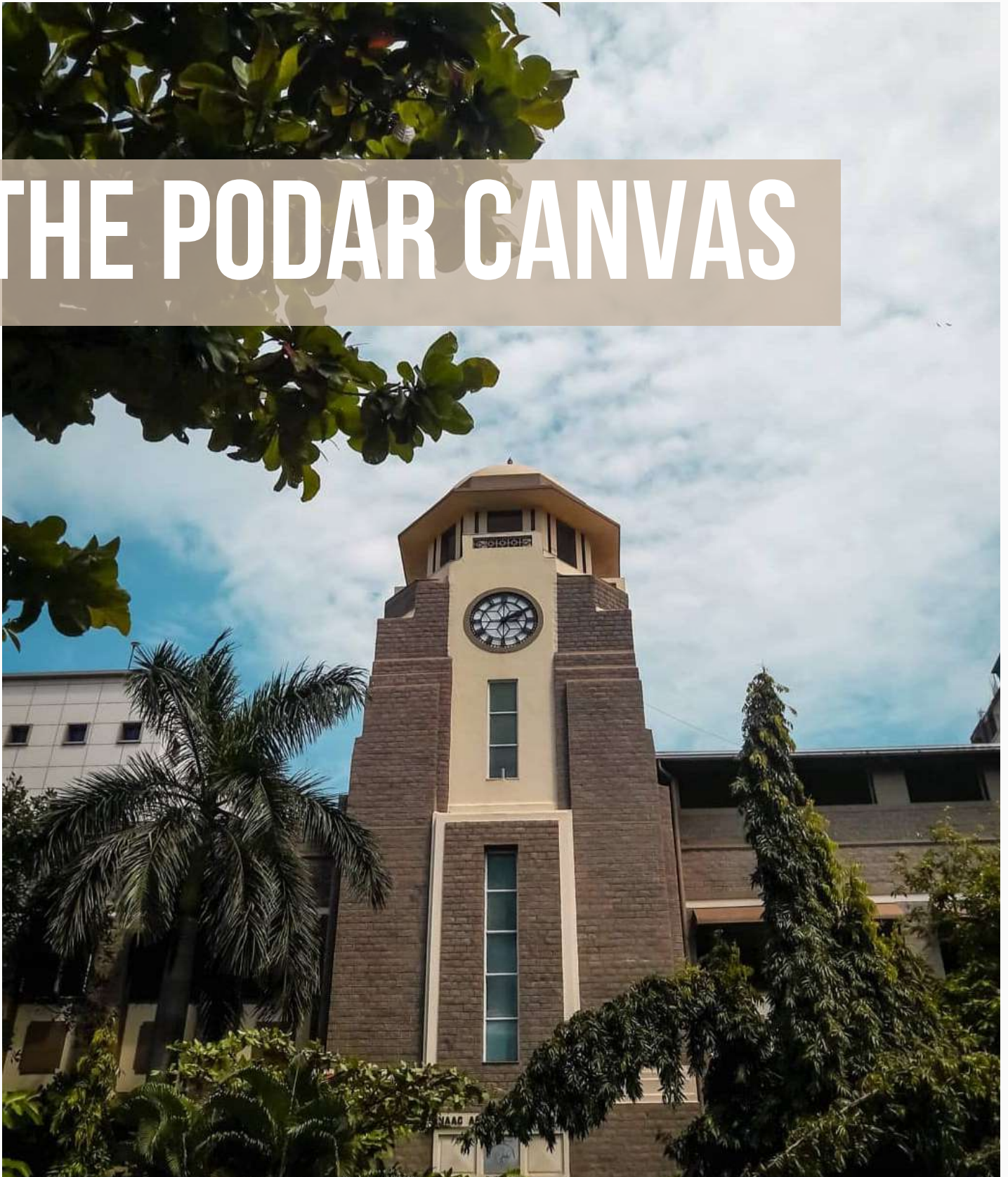




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SEPTEMBER TO DECEMBER EDITION

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ANVIKSHANAM 2025

The Research and Development Cell at RA Podar College of Commerce and Economics recently organised the event : “Anvikshanam” The event was held from August 1 2025 to August 3 2025. The event was centered around the idea of Convergence — the meeting point of disciplines, dimensions, and discoveries. The event received huge response with almost 2000 participants from schools and colleges across Mumbai and Pune. The event aimed to foster a spirit of inquiry among students, encouraging them to challenge conventional wisdom and explore topics of personal interest through research.



MATHEMATRIX 2025

Mathematrix is a state-level academic event conducted at both school and college levels to make mathematics engaging, practical, and enjoyable. Through interactive competitions and problem-solving activities, the event promotes logical reasoning, analytical thinking, and the application of mathematical concepts beyond the classroom. It encourages participants to view mathematics as a dynamic and creative subject while fostering collaborative learning and intellectual exchange. The event helps remove common misconceptions about mathematics and builds confidence among students. Participants develop critical thinking, decision-making, teamwork, and time-management skills, while gaining a deeper appreciation for the relevance of mathematics in everyday life.



NSS EVENTS

BEACH CLEAN UP DRIVE

On the occasion of International Coastal Cleanup Day on 20th September 2025, a Beach Cleanup Drive was organized at Silver Beach, Juhu by Bhumi NGO in collaboration with VFS Global. From R.A. Podar College, seven volunteers - Mohit, Isha, Chitrang, Tanvi, Namita, Komal, and Stuti - enthusiastically participated in the event held from 7:00 AM to 9:00 AM. The drive focused on removing plastic waste, protecting marine biodiversity, and spreading awareness among citizens about the importance of keeping beaches clean and sustainable. By the end of the activity, approximately 20 bags of waste was successfully collected overall, contributing to a cleaner and healthier coastal environment.



MARITIME WEEK

As part of Maritime Week celebrations, NSS volunteers of R.A. Podar College of Commerce and Economics (Autonomous), Matunga, attended a Maritime Exhibition aimed at creating awareness about India's maritime heritage and advancements. The exhibition featured ship models, port operations, marine safety equipment, and modern technologies used in shipping and coastal management. Volunteers interacted with experts and officials, gaining valuable insights into maritime careers, environmental sustainability, and India's contribution to global trade. The visit enhanced their understanding of the maritime sector and encouraged awareness about ocean conservation, making the experience both educational and inspiring.



NSS EVENTS

PROJECT GRAMODGATI

On 18th September, the NSS Unit of R.A. Podar College of Commerce and Economics visited the adopted village Barhanpur, Palghar under the project "Gramodgati - A Step Towards Rural Upliftment." The initiative focused on environmental conservation and community engagement through plantation, campsite cleaning, and sapling care. Volunteers also interacted with villagers to spread awareness about cleanliness and sustainability. Ten students participated actively, working in teams. The visit resulted in a cleaner, greener campsite and helped instill teamwork, social responsibility, and environmental awareness among the volunteers.

TEACHER'S DAY CELEBRATION

The NSS Unit of R.A. Podar College of Commerce and Economics celebrated Teachers' Day on 5th September 2025 at 9:30 AM to honor teachers' contributions. Volunteers created a "Wall of Fame" standee where students wrote heartfelt messages, while teachers signed as a mark of their influence. Teachers were also greeted with flowers and chocolates. Students actively participated, showcasing creativity with eco-friendly materials. The event fostered gratitude, strengthened teacher-student bonds, and reflected NSS values of appreciation, unity, and community engagement.

FORUM ACTIVITIES

1ST TERM TRAINING SESSION

The 1st Term Training Session of the Department of Lifelong Learning and Extension (DLLE), University of Mumbai, oriented students on extension activities and community projects. It introduced key initiatives like Career Project, Anna Poorna Yojana, Survey Research, and the Udaan Festival, highlighting practical learning and skill development. Students gained clarity on project requirements and participation. The session enhanced confidence, teamwork, and leadership, effectively preparing them to contribute to community development while achieving personal growth and university recognition.



FINANCIAL MARKETS LITERARY ART FORUM (A BFM INTIATIVE)

Capital Connections is a unique BFM initiative that brings together Podar alumni and current BFM students on a common platform. The event provides students with valuable insights into the finance industry, emerging trends, and practical knowledge beyond the classroom. Alumni share their professional experiences, challenges, achievements, and key skills that contributed to their success. The session fosters meaningful interaction, strengthens the BFM network, and encourages lasting connections, while celebrating the bond between the institution's past, present, and future generations.

A.D. SHROFF ELOCUTION COMPETITION

The A. D. Shroff Elocution Competition (Elimination Round) was held on 11th November 2025 at R. A. Podar College of Commerce & Economics. Eleven participants delivered well-prepared speeches, demonstrating confidence, critical thinking, and effective communication skills. The event was judged by Ms. Rucha Naik, who evaluated the speakers on content, clarity, delivery, and presentation. Her valuable feedback enriched the experience for participants. The competition concluded successfully, showcasing students' oratory talents and providing a strong foundation for the upcoming final round.

GROUP DISCUSSION AND PERSONAL INTERVIEW (GDPI) TRAINING SESSION

The session focused on enhancing participants' Group Discussion (GD) and interview skills. The speaker explained techniques for communicating with clarity and confidence, developing presence of mind, and performing effectively in group discussions. A mock GD was conducted and evaluated to provide practical insights and constructive feedback. The session also covered CV preparation, emphasizing the importance of presenting qualifications professionally. Participants were guided on researching a company before an interview and were introduced to appropriate dressing etiquettes. Frequently asked interview questions were discussed, followed by a mock interview evaluation. The session successfully improved students' confidence, communication, and employability skills.

BHONDLA



Bhondla, a traditional Maharashtrian festival celebrated during Navratri, was enthusiastically observed in our college. The event brought students and teachers together to celebrate friendship, unity, and cultural heritage. Participants dressed in traditional attire and gathered around the Bhondla image, singing traditional songs, dancing, and playing games. The celebration was filled with joy, laughter, and active participation from all. Fun activities and riddles added to the excitement and engagement. The final Bhondla was celebrated on Dussehra, followed by the distribution of sweets and festive greetings. The event beautifully showcased Maharashtrian culture and community spirit.

150TH ANNIVERSARY OF VANDE MATARAM

The 150th anniversary of Vande Mataram was celebrated at R. A. Podar College of Commerce and Economics on 7th November 2025 in the college auditorium. The programme began with the Principal's address, emphasizing the historical and cultural importance of Vande Mataram. This was followed by a soulful rendition of the song by the college musical team, inspiring patriotism and national pride among the audience. The event concluded successfully, fostering a spirit of unity, respect for the nation, and appreciation of India's rich heritage.



LEADERSHIP SESSION (DELOITTE INDIA)

The session was conducted by Ms. Sampada Narvankar, Audit Partner at Deloitte and a proud alumna of R.A. Podar College. She shared her valuable insights on career development, elaborating on articleship and internship opportunities at Deloitte. Also, providing a detailed overview of the roles and responsibilities under Audit and Assurance.

Pre-placement Talk - RA Podar
28:16 44 attendees



5700+
Professionals

2100+
New hires in 2023-24

45% women
Diversity ratio

Over 94%
Millennial and GenZ ratio

3000+
Clients

Samir Shah
Audit Leader

Anthony Crasto
Assurance Leader

Key highlights

Offerings:

- Audit – External Audit, IT, Data & Analytics Audit
- Assurance – Accounting & Reporting, Controls, and Sustainability & Emerging Assurance

Marquee Clients

Purpose driven

Culture of Care and Connect and a truly performance driven rewards and recognition organization

A Responsive and Responsible audit and assurance practice that delivers high on Quality focus and differentiated learnings

Shaping the board room agenda for corporate India

Bhandare, Jyoti

POETREE

Poetree, an intra-college poetry writing event organized by the English Literary Circle and Life Enrichment Centre, challenged participants to compose poems based on two surprise prompts. Despite time constraints and an unexpected twist, students showcased creativity, spontaneity, and expressive writing skills, making the event a memorable celebration of poetry and imagination.

ARTICLESHIP WEEK

The Placement Cell of R.A. Podar College organized Articleship Week (May) 2025-26 to connect CA aspirants with reputed firms. Participating firms offered opportunities in audit, taxation, and investment banking. The event facilitated interviews and placements, enabling many students to secure articleships and gain valuable exposure for their professional careers.

RANGELO NAVRATA

Rangeelo Navratra, organized in our college, was a vibrant celebration of India's cultural heritage and traditions. The event featured colorful decorations, traditional music, and enthusiastic garba and dandiya performances. Students actively participated in ethnic attire, cultural dances, and various competitions, creating a festive atmosphere. The celebration highlighted the spiritual and cultural significance of Navratri, promoting values of devotion, positivity, and unity. It also encouraged teamwork, leadership, and cultural awareness among students, successfully fostering inclusivity and a strong sense of community on campus.



SPEAK FOR INDIA, MAHARASHTRA EDITION 25-26

NCC cadets of R.A. Podar College attended the Speak for India - Maharashtra Times event hosted by R.N. Ruia College. The programme featured an engaging debate and inspiring speeches by distinguished personalities, including actor-director Prasad Oak, IAS officer Ashwini Joshi, and Lt. Gen. D. S. Khushwah, AVSM, SM. Cadets also had the opportunity to interact with Lt. Gen. Khushwah. The event enhanced their leadership, communication, and public speaking skills while inspiring discipline, integrity, and a stronger sense of national responsibility.

THE ESCAPE ROOM



The Planning Forum and Economics Association successfully organized "The Escape Room," an interactive event designed to enhance critical thinking, teamwork, and problem-solving skills. Participants worked in teams to solve puzzles, decode clues, and overcome challenges within a fixed time limit. The activity tested logical reasoning, communication, leadership, and the ability to perform under pressure. The event received an enthusiastic response, with students demonstrating strong collaboration and analytical skills. Overall, The Escape Room provided an engaging learning experience and successfully promoted strategic thinking and teamwork.

CONSTITUTION DAY

The Department of Lifelong Learning and Extension (DLLE), in collaboration with NSS and NCC, organized a Constitution Day seminar on 26th November 2025 under the theme "Social Change, Youth, and the Constitution." The session, conducted by Ms. Rahee Shruti Ganesh, highlighted constitutional values, civic responsibility, and the role of youth in strengthening democracy. With 27 students participating, the seminar encouraged awareness of constitutional rights, duties, and democratic principles. The event successfully promoted social awareness, national values, and active citizenship among students.



Galaxy S24 Ultra
26 November 2025 12:33 pm

UNIVERSITY-LEVEL SECOND TERM TRAINING SESSION OF EXTENSION WORK ACTIVITIES

The Department of Lifelong Learning and Extension (DLLE) organized a University-level Second Term Training Session on 03rd December 2025 at R.A. Podar College of Commerce and Economics (Autonomous). Attended by 300 participants from 100 colleges, the session provided guidance on DLLE activities, roles, planning, and implementation, strengthening coordination and community engagement.

PUNE INDUSTRIAL VISIT

An industrial visit was organized for students of R.A. Podar College on 24-25 November 2025. Students visited Amul Satellite Dairy and Morde Foods Chocolate Factory, gaining practical exposure to food manufacturing, quality control, and industrial operations. The visit enhanced their understanding of production processes and real-world industry practices.

DLLE SECOND TERM TRAINING SESSION

The Department of Lifelong Learning and Extension (DLLE) conducted its Second Term Training Session on 19th December 2025 in Room F8. Attended by 25 members, the session provided guidance on upcoming activities, member responsibilities, and program implementation. It enhanced understanding of DLLE operations and encouraged active participation in extension activities.

FIRST FINAL PLACEMENT WEEK

The Placement Cell of R.A. Podar College organized First Final Placement Week 2025-26 with the objective of connecting students to reputed firms for their future career. The aim was to provide practical exposure and ease the placement process for students. Multiple firms participated, offering roles across audit, logistics, and Tech Risk. The Cell handled everything from resume collection to interview coordination, ensuring a smooth and professional experience for both students and companies. The event saw active participation and 19 successful selections. It helped students gain clarity, confidence, and a strong start to their professional careers.

ARTICLESHIP WEEK (SEPTEMBER)

The Placement Cell of R.A. Podar College organized Articleship Week (September) 2025-26 to connect CA aspirants with leading firms. Opportunities were offered in audit, taxation, and investment banking. Through efficient coordination of applications and interviews, the event enabled many students to secure articleships and strengthen their career prospects.

THE ONES WHO BROUGHT US GLORY THIS SEASON

- Hearty congratulations to Ms. Swati Gode, Faculty member, Junior College who has been honored with this year's (2025) National Model Teacher Award.
- Hearty congratulations to our Students' Team: Raashi Shah -FYBFM (A) Janhavi Dhamdhare - FYBCOM (B) Harsh Jakkan - FYBCOM (C) Neev Madlani - SYBCOM (E) Adil Hassani - FYBAS (A) Sharvari Gengje - SYBFM (A) who are the Winners at the 33rd International Economics Convention.
- Hearty congratulations to Sampurna Shivshankar of F.Y. BCom F division for securing AIR- 19th ranking in the CA Foundation Examination.
- Hearty congratulations to Ms. Kashish Gade from TYBSc(Data Science and Analytics) who participated in Shodh Anvesham 2025 organised by Thakur College on 20th September 2025 and the Best research paper award.

CONGRATULATIONS!!

THAT'S ALL *folks*

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