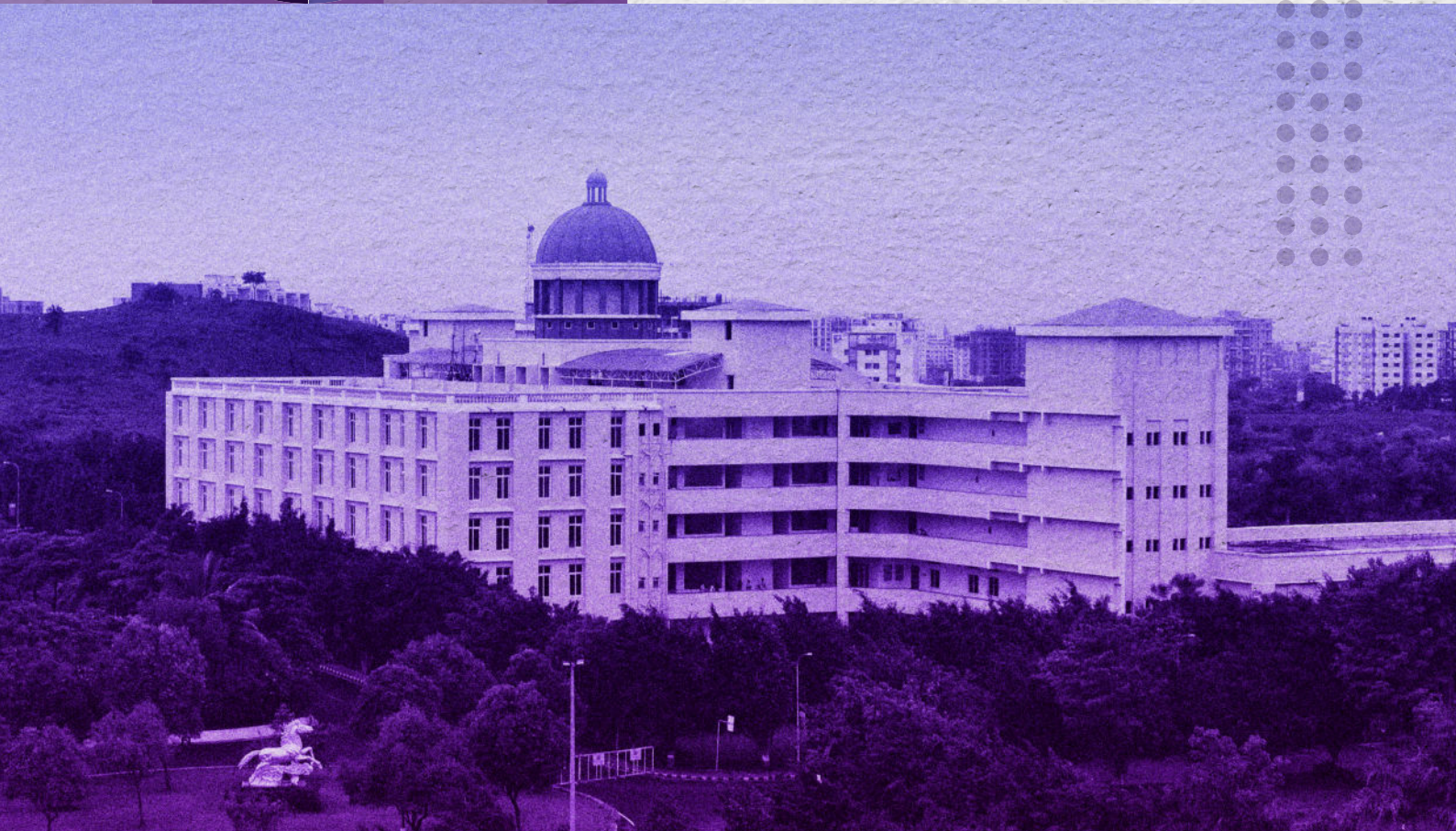
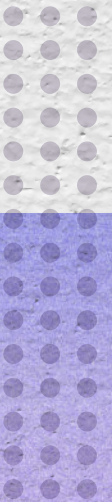


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## EDITORIAL MESSAGE

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Dear Readers,

As we wrap up the final pages of the calendar year, it brings us great joy to share the December edition of our newsletter. This month, our community was not only immersed in the usual flurry of academic activities and events but also came together to celebrate a significant milestone – Founder's Day.

Founder's Day, celebrated on the birthday of our esteemed Chairman, Dr. Ajeenkya DY Patil, serves as a cherished moment in our calendar. It is a time to reflect on the vision and dedication of those who laid the foundation for our institution. It is a celebration of our shared journey, the milestones we have achieved, and the countless lives we have touched over the years.

The festivities were not merely a commemoration, they were a manifestation of the vibrant spirit that defines our community.

Amidst the celebrations, it was inspiring to witness the collective pride and gratitude felt by every member of our community. Founder's Day

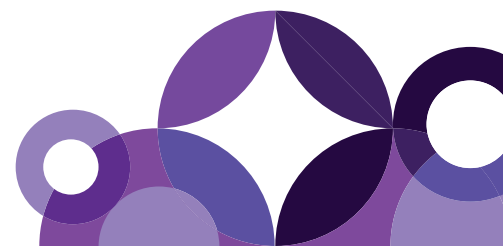
is not just an event, but it is a reminder of our commitment to the values that guide us and the collective responsibility we bear to carry the torch forward.

In addition to Founder's Day, December was abuzz with a multitude of academic pursuits and extracurricular engagements. Our students excelled in various competitions, our faculty continued their groundbreaking research, and the collaborative spirit of our community shone brightly in every endeavor.

As we embrace the upcoming year, let's carry the spirit of Founder's Day with us – a spirit of resilience, unity, and a commitment to the noble ideals that define us. Together, let's continue to build on the legacy of our founders and create a future that echoes their dreams.

Wishing you all a joyous new year filled with prosperity, growth, and shared accomplishments.

Warm regards,  
Newsletter Editorial Board





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## ACADEMIC HIGHLIGHTS



In a captivating session held on December 18, 2023, the D Y Patil School of Architecture hosted a Guest Lecture on **"City Design for Better Urban Life."** Renowned keynote speaker Stacey Swearingen White and esteemed architect Ar. Sanjeev Vidyarthi shared their insights during this enlightening event. The speakers delved into the distinctive city planning and design legacy of Chicago, showcasing key features that contribute to its urban excellence.

## Student Initiative for World AIDS Day



In honor of World AIDS Day, students from Biomedical and Medical Biotechnology visited the National AIDS Research Institute (NARI) in Pune. Students actively participated in NARI's community outreach program, distributing pamphlets, conducting awareness sessions, and dispelling misconceptions about HIV/AIDS. This hands-on experience heightened their global awareness. The successful collaboration emphasizes students' commitment to contributing toward ongoing efforts against HIV/AIDS.

## Takaneekie Highlights - Founder's Day Tech Workshop

As part of Founder's Day celebrations, the School of Engineering hosted **"Takaneekie,"** a Technology Awareness workshop. The event aimed to inspire aspiring engineering students with automation project demonstrations. Attended by notable SOE faculties, the workshop's objectives were to spark curiosity, nurture innovative thinking, and promote Atma Nirbhar Bharat.

### Projects showcased included:

- Smart Dustbin
- Solar Mobile Charger
- Water Level Indicator
- Emergency Light
- Earthquake Detection System

This initiative heightened awareness of technology's scope and innovation, aligning with the School of Engineering's commitment to fostering self-reliant minds.



## Superhero Character Design Workshop - Bhopal, December 3, 2023



The captivating world of superhero character design was explored in a workshop organized by Design Aspirants in Bhopal on 23 December. Led by Prof. Rupesh Gajbhiye (Faculty of Visual Communication) and Prof. Mashaal Mahasoum (Faculty of Transportation Design), the workshop delved into the intricate process of crafting iconic figures that blended imagination, symbolism, and visual aesthetics. Participants had the opportunity to explore the narrative depth and visual artistry that goes into creating enduring superhero characters.

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## ***Entrepreneurship Journey Talk and Footwear Design Workshop***



Professor Vidyadhar Bhandare (Faculty of Transportation Design with SOD) was invited to Alag Angle Studio's annual Art Fest at Nagpur ON 2 December 2023. He delivered an inspiring talk on his entrepreneurship journey with Earthen Tunes Designs Private Limited and conducted a hands-on workshop on footwear design. Professor Bhandare's innovative designs, focusing on comfort and functionality during fieldwork, drew active participation from diverse attendees.

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## ***Footwear Design Workshop at Urmi's Art Forum***



Professor Vidyadhar Bhandare also conducted a workshop on footwear design at Urmi's Art Forum coaching Institute Vile Parle, Mumbai on 8 December 2023.

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## ***Design Workshops by Go School***



Go School organized a series of Design Thinking workshops at NESCO, Mumbai, from 15-17 December 2023. Led by Prof. Rupesh Gajbhiye (Faculty of Visual Communication, SOD), the workshops covered diverse topics such as designing a dream school, playful learning spaces, future cities, mystery board games, floating cities, and virtual museums.

These workshops provided an exciting and interactive learning experience for school children, introducing them to creativity, problem-solving, and innovation through Design Thinking principles.

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## ***School of Law Explores Legal Realities with Visit to Yerwada Central Jail***



On November 4, 2023, School of Law, arranged a visit to Yerwada Central Jail, Pune, for LLB and BALLB students from SEM I to IX. The visit aimed to provide students with insights into the functioning of the Central Jail, enhancing their legal knowledge about the operations of the jail and the lives of the incarcerated. A group of 70 students, accompanied by four faculty members—Adv Abhilasha Mane, Prof Swati Raja, Prof Rajaram Garud, and Ashwini Wani—participated in the visit.

## ***Inauguration of Ajeenkya DY Patil Judicial Training Academy and Legal Aid Clinic***



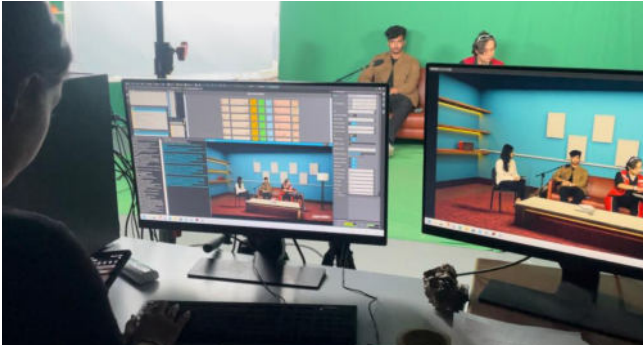
On the auspicious occasion of Honorable Dr Ajeenkya DY Patil's birthday on December 22, 2023, which is celebrated as Founder's Day, the School of Law unveiled the **Ajeenkya DY Patil Judicial Training Academy and Ajeenkya DY Patil Legal Aid Clinic**. The Judicial Training Academy aims to provide law students with training for judicial examinations, while the Legal Aid Clinic is established to offer free legal services to the underprivileged, including Yerwada jail prisoners who are unable to appoint lawyers for their cases.

## ***Machine Makers Workshop Highlights***



On November 30, 2023, a workshop was organised for Journalism and Media Production students emphasizing the significance of research in journalism. Led by Mr. Hari Shanker, founder and managing director, and Hiya Chakrabarti, Associate Editor of Machine Makers, the session explored evolving news styles, outreach strategies, and the role of research in establishing a unique business. Machine Makers focuses on in-depth research, producing impactful stories, and advocating for women in challenging fields. The students engaged in learning about goal setting, the path to success, and leveraging digital journalism for effective storytelling.

## Expert Workshop: Live Show Software



Renowned industry expert, Mr. Naman, specializing in set design software and live streaming elements, led a two-day workshop at the School of Film and Media on December 5th and 6th, 2023. Focused on the integral role of live show production in journalism and media, students were instructed in virtual set design, perspective, and element ratios. Collaborating with Mr. Naman, students applied their knowledge to create a live end-term project, incorporating oximetry software and linking it seamlessly with Open Broadcasting Software (OBS). The workshop culminated in the successful live show, Media Buzz, streamed on YouTube on December 18th, 2023.

## CAMPUS HIGHLIGHTS

### Founder's Day Extravaganza



Founder's Day, celebrated on Dr. Ajeenkya DY Patil's birthday, was marked by a series of engaging programs across various schools. In SOE, the **Start-up Summit**, the Faculty awareness session on **Deepfake**, and the **commissioning of the Entrepreneurship Innovation Cell** took center stage. SFM created a lively atmosphere with a Gaming zone featuring **VR glasses and PS4 experiences**. SOHM orchestrated a **Kitchen orchestra and inaugurated a bakery room**. SOD hosted a students work exhibition and initiated the

**commissioning of the Innovation and Clay Studio**. SOM focused on **Financial Awareness**, while SOL introduced the **ADYPU Judicial Training Academy and the ADYPU Legal Aid Centre**. The Training and Placement cell organized a dynamic **Job Expo 2024**. SOA contributed with a **Donation Drive** and **Let's Make India Healthy initiative**. SSD organized a **Cricket match**, and the Media team added excitement with **games**, while the **Melody Makers Orchestra** brought musical charm to the celebration.



The Startup Summit 2023-24 focused on Climate, Green Innovation, and Sustainability. Held on Founders' Day, December 21, this event proved to be a dynamic and insightful gathering of aspiring entrepreneurs, industry experts, and investors. The program kicked off with keynote addresses from seasoned entrepreneurs, who shared success stories and insights into overcoming the challenges of launching a business.

Throughout the day, participants engaged in workshops and panel discussions covering various entrepreneurial aspects, including idea generation, funding strategies, and market trends. In essence, the Startup Summit on Founders' Day acted as a catalyst for innovation and networking, nurturing a vibrant entrepreneurial spirit within the community.



## ***"Hope Renewed" - Founder's Day Visit to Orphanage and Old Age Home***



The Student Action Committee (SAC) and National Service Scheme (NSS) joined hands for a compassionate initiative during Founder's Day celebrations on 21 December 2023. Volunteers distributed essential groceries to residents, addressing basic needs and ensuring vulnerable members of the community. This act exemplifies SAC and NSS's commitment to making a positive impact on the lives of individuals in orphanages and old age homes through practical assistance.

## ***Founder's Day EIC Cell Announcement***



The Entrepreneurship and Innovation Cell (EIC) inauguration marked a significant milestone, symbolized by a ribbon-cutting ceremony. Distinguished guests, including entrepreneurs and faculty, shared inspiring insights, emphasizing the importance of fostering creativity and business acumen. The event showcased EIC's vision through interactive sessions, workshops, and demonstrations, providing students a glimpse into exciting opportunities.

## ***Portfolio Session featuring Mr. Abuzar Modi***

### **Practice Verdict Panel : Portfolio Review**

18 DECEMBER, 2023

10 AM TO 5:30 PM

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**TRANSPORTATION DESIGN**

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The School of Design (SOD) hosted Mr. Abuzar Modi, a renowned Transportation Designer at Initia, for a portfolio session. During the session, he reviewed the final-year student projects and provided valuable guidance. His industry insights are expected to significantly enhance job opportunities for final-year students.

## ***World Mental Health Day Walk***



Organized by Connecting Trust in collaboration with Students of Liberal Arts (SOLA), the World Mental Health Day Walk aimed to raise awareness and combat the stigma surrounding mental health. The event, held on 8 December at Sambhaji Maharaj Park in Shivajinagar, brought together students from various colleges in Pune and mental health advocates.

The walk featured impactful posters and slogans, creating a visually striking demonstration of solidarity. Students from the Liberal Arts (Psychology) department actively participated, organizing skits and a dance performance centered around mental health. Interaction with psychologists and mental health community members fostered a supportive community.

## ***Electoral Literacy Club Celebrates 74th Constitution Day***



On 22 November 2023, the Electoral Literacy Club marked the 74th Constitution Day, honoring India's foundational document. Led by Prof. Kedar Naik, the event included Dr. Sunny Thomas, Dean of the School of Law and School of Liberal Arts, and Prof. Sambhaji Mohite, head of the Legal Aid Committee at ADYPU. Constitution Day, or National Law Day, commemorates the adoption of the Indian Constitution on November 26, 1949, and its enactment on January 26, 1950. The celebration aimed to promote the Constitution's significance and the ideals of Dr. Ambedkar.

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## ***National Constitution Day Pledge: A Shared Commitment***



On this significant day, Ms. Priya Abraham, Dean of the Student Services Division, extended a warm welcome to students and faculty members, urging them to participate in the Constitution pledge. As both students and faculty members articulated the words, it became a collective commitment of loyalty to our nation.

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## **RESEARCH MILESTONES**

### ***Patents Published***



Dr Biswajeet Champaty, Dean School of Engineering published a patent titled **“Lot Based Wearable Device for Personal Healthcare”**

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Dr Aishwarya Dash, the Program Lead for Biomedical Engineering in SOE published a patent titled **“Design and Development of Reusable Toothbrush with Sanitization”**.

She has authored a book titled **"Advanced Image Processing Techniques"** and recently concluded a 5-day Faculty Development Program focused on **"Neurorehabilitation and Stroke Management."**

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Assistant Professor Dr. Deepak Kumar Singh from the School of Engineering (SOE) recently authored a paper titled **"Numerical Analysis of Linear Wave Behavior Around a Moving Thin Plate in the Surging Direction in Intermediate Water."** This article has been published in the SCI-indexed journal, International Journal of Modern Physics C (IJPMC).

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Assistant Professor Dr. Syed Ibad Ali from the School of Engineering (SOE) recently authored a research paper titled **"Marketing Policy in Serving Enterprises Using Deep Learning Method,"** which has been published in the International Journal of Intelligent Systems and Applications in Engineering. Additionally, Dr. Ali played a crucial role as a reviewer in the 6th International Conference on Recent Trends in Engineering and Technology organized by VIIT, Pune.

He has also published an article titled **'Causal Convolution Employing Almedia-Pineda Recurrent Backpropagation for Mobile Network Design'** in the 'ICTACT JOURNALS' under UGC care.

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Assistant Professor Dr. Hari Kumar Palani from the School of Engineering (SOE) has recently contributed to two research papers in well-regarded SCOPUS-indexed journals. The first paper, titled **"Enhancing Wireless Mesh Network Performance Through AI-Based Routing Algorithms,"** explores advancements in wireless mesh network performance. The second paper, titled **"AI-Powered Predictive Analysis for Pest and Disease Forecasting in Crops,"** delves into the application of artificial intelligence for predictive analysis in agriculture. Both these papers were presented at the esteemed IEEE Conference Pune Section.

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Dr. Amol Kasture, Associate Professor at SOE, has been appointed as a member of the Editorial Board for the International Journal of Science, Technology, and Society (IJSTS), published by the Science PG Group.

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Unveiling Brilliance: Join Us for the Grand Faculty  
**BOOK LAUNCH**

An initiative of Research Department in association with IQAC  
Join us for a captivating evening as we launch the latest Books by our faculty members!

7 December 2023 | 4:00 pm onwards  
Mini Auditorium

**Green Banking and Challenges in Modern Scenario**  
- Dr Sunny Thomas

**Beyond Borders: Sociological & Anthropological Perspectives in Global Context**  
- Dr Sameena Zahoor Mir

• Unveiling the Books • Engage with authors in a thought Provoking Q&A session

Dr. Sunny Thomas, the Dean of the School of Law (SOL) and the School of Liberal Arts (SOLA), published his book titled **"Green Banking and Challenges in the Modern Scenario."** Dr Sameena Mir, Assistant Prof SOL published a book titled, **"Beyond Borders Sociological Perspectives in Global Context"**. This significant academic contribution was celebrated in a book launch event organized by the Research Department, in collaboration with IQAC, on 7 December 2023. Notably, this marked the first initiative undertaken by the Research Department.



In our latest academic achievement, Prof. Shiba Prasad Mohanty, Assistant Professor of SOM, has successfully published a research paper titled, **"Do Efficiencies Really Matter? Analyzing the Housing Finance Sector and Deriving Insights Through Data Envelopment Analysis"** in Cogent Economics and Finance, a SCOPUS indexed journal.



Dr. Kirti Dang Longani, Professor SOM has been selected by the Editorial Board to serve on the International Advisory Editorial Boards and as a reviewer for **Profetik: Jurnal Komunikasi**, an open access and peer-reviewed international journal.

## CULTURAL CHRONICLES

### Founders Day Celebration at School of Architecture



Celebrating Founders Day the School of Architecture hosted special programs on December 17 and 22.

On December 17, a mesmerizing classical dance drama featuring the Kaishiki Nriyabhasha Charitable Trust occurred at Phoenix Mall. The performance skillfully blended contemporary and Odissi music, captivating students, and faculty from D Y Patil School of Architecture. Continuing the festivities on December 22, a thoughtful initiative unfolded as the school collected clothes, books, grains, stationery, and toys. These items were then graciously handed over to an orphanage.

## STUDENT'S CORNER

### Student Success at Band War



In a notable achievement this month, the Sound Engineering students from the School of Film and Media showcased their talent at Symbiosis College's fest. The band 'HORIZON ICE,' comprising Shivanayan Sumesh, Rohan Nagpal, George Faria, Sahil Wanikar, and Shreyash Mane, participated in a band war contest, securing an impressive third place. Their electrifying performance stood out among inter-college bands, bringing honor to the university.

### Investiture Ceremony



The University's Internal Student Council Cell organized an Investiture Ceremony on November 28, 2023, emphasizing the promotion of personal responsibility among students. The Honorable Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Hridaysh Deshpande administered the oath, to selected members, who then took the pledge. Following the pledge, Dr. Deshpande shared insightful thoughts.

### The role holders are as follows;

Student Name	Designation
Mr. Indrajitsingh Rajput	President
Ms. Muskan Goyal	Vice President
Mr. Aaditya Rana	Secretary
Mr. Yash Somani	Social Outreach Representative
Ms. Esha Borkute	Student representative for other than General Category
Mr. Sahil Parmar	International Student Representative
Ms. Komal Thakur	Sports Activities Head
Mr. Devashish Sharma	Sports Activities Head
Ms. Amruta Yadav	Cultural Activities Head
Mr. Devesh Pandey	Cultural Activities Head

## MEDIA & OUTREACH

A notable quote from Dr. Latha Krishnan, the Dean of the School of Management has been highlighted in prominent e-papers, including Economic Times, Ei Samay, Maharashtra Times, Nav Bharat Times, Nav Bharat Samay, Times of India, and Vijay Karnataka.

This recognition emphasizes her impactful insights reaching a wide audience and contributing to academic discourse.

## CAREER PATHWAY & PLACEMENTS



Sakshi Singh, a student of School Of Design, was offered a Visual Communication Designer spot at Maxval Technology even before graduation.

### December Placements : Student's Active Participation in Various Drives



December witnessed active participation from our students in diverse campus placement drives. Notable mentions include the Aficionado, ongoing Neeyamo, and Carls Zeiss Role 2 drives, where six students secured positions. Infinity Infrastructure, Renault Nissan, Coditas, ISA, Siemens Mechanical, Medtronics, Exide, Tata Power, and SSC Fintech drives are in progress, offering multiple opportunities for our students.

Number of confirmations received in the month on November:

Organisation	No. of Students Placed
Global Steps	3
Carls Zeiss	5
Planet Spark	2
Dharma Consulting	2
Anlyser	1
Flex	6
Persistent	1
AGD	11
Royal Enfield	3
Renault Nissan	1
Unominda	7
Carls Zeiss role 2	6
Siemens	1
Hexaview	1
Infinity Infrastructure	1

## ACCOLADES AND ACHIEVEMENTS

VFX Wizardry: Tendulkar Statue by Kamal Srivastav at Wankhede





Prof Kamal Srivastav of VFX contributed to the creation of Sachin Tendulkar's bronze statue at Wankhede Stadium with a stunning 3D design. His artistic skill and commitment brought the cricket legend to life in an exquisite form, honoring Tendulkar's greatness and showcasing exceptional talent. This installation stands as both a tribute to sporting history and a testament to Kamal Srivastav's remarkable contribution to the art world.

## Shweta Sharma Excels at Wheebox Education Summit, IIT Delhi



Dean of placements, Shweta Sharma's case study from Ajeenkya DY Patil University received the Wheebox New Code of Education Summit 2023 award at IIT Delhi on November 24th. Among 1000 applicants, her innovative practices stood out, earning recognition from a distinguished jury. With just 8 case studies acknowledged, her achievement is truly special. The award was presented by Dr. RS Sharma, former Secretary of the Government of India. The event also featured a panel discussion on the impact of the National Education Policy (NEP) on higher education, with Dean Shweta Sharma participating.

## Founder's Day Job Expo - a success!



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INDIAN INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY - DELHI

On December 22nd, Ajeenkya DY Patil University, in collaboration with Talenleo, hosted a successful Job Expo 2023 during the Founder's Day celebration. With over 3000 active participants from various parts of Maharashtra, the event showcased 20+ renowned companies, including Tata Capital, TCS, Flipkart, and more. The seamless execution, thanks to dedicated teamwork, made it a pivotal step for students towards fulfilling their career aspirations. The positive outcomes reflect the commitment and collaborative spirit of everyone involved in making this expo a success.

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