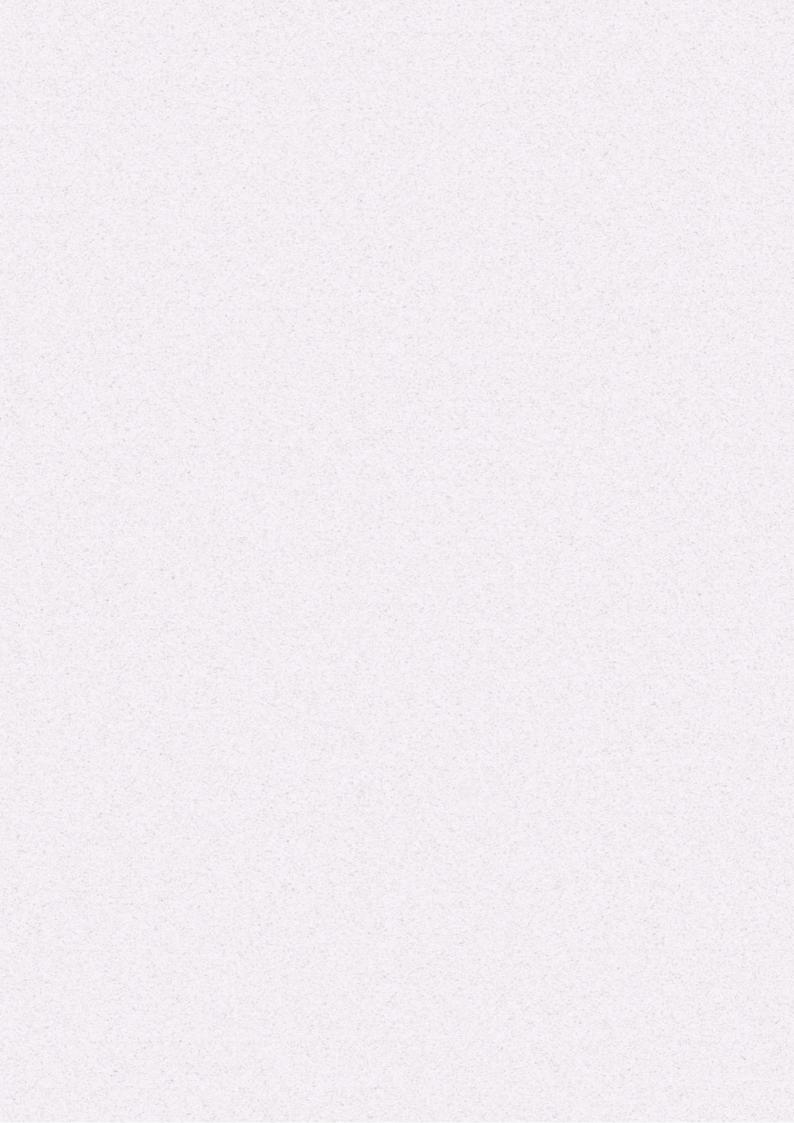




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Let's Talk

DIGITAL ARCHIVAL: A PRESSING NECESSITY



Consider the given scenario! Your paternal grandfather expired last year. While he was alive, you had the fortune of spending some unforgettable moments with him. He was knowledgeable, he was empathetic, he had a great sense of humour and above all he savoured your company. Suddenly, you have this urge of reliving some of the moments that you shared with him through photographs that you clicked. Unfortunately, though, you find out that the hard drive that contained all those photographs is not accessible anymore. A tragic but expository moment for you. You so wish now that you had online copies of all the photographs. But wishful thinking never helps. What does though is timely action!

Digital documentation is a contemporary necessity. It is even more important for people, who primarily deal with digital assets – both academics and students. All our works are usually saved in the form of soft copies – an article that we have written, a strategy document that we have prepared, a proposal that is ready for presentation, a photograph that we have clicked, a video that we have shot, research data that we have compiled and so on and so forth. Therefore, it is the need of the hour to devise a mechanism that would help us sort our digital resources and preserve it for posterity. Mind you, your work is not just important for you, it can prove to be a very valuable document to anybody in the future as well. While there are many tools to help us do that professionally and organizationally, let me discuss some basic dos and don'ts that can help us use our digital resources easily and in a more productive way.

- 1. **Buy Cloud Space:** *Google Drive, Microsoft OneDrive, Dropbox* there are scores of cloud storage providers. It significantly helps to buy a suitable cloud storage plan to store our critically important digital resources. You will be saved the tragedy of losing your resources when your hard drive or computer crashes. Most importantly, you can access the documents anywhere even if you do not have your portable devices handy. Also, these online drive spaces would not make a big hole in your pocket.
- 2. **Keep Two Offline Copies of All Your Digital Resources:** Never trust only your computer. Keep an external hard disk and keep a back-up of all your resources. You never know your computer might crash without giving a notice. Therefore, it is better to be safe than sorry.



- 3. Devise a Naming Convention for Your Files: Create a naming convention for the different kinds of files that you handle and make specific folders and sub-folders. This way, you will be spared the ignominy of not finding the right file when someone asks for it in a jiffy. While the 'search' option does help, it might not work at times. Hence, it is very important to be organized.
- 4. **Never Congest Your Desktop**: At times, we are tempted to save digital resources on our desktops, and we think we shall sort out the same later. However, it is a dangerous habit as it often leads to loss of valuable resources subject to unintentional deletions. Make it a habit of saving all your resources in the specific folders. Also, if possible, save it in the cloud space as well immediately.

While all these might seem trivial, they are not so. There have been countless episodes of valuable works being lost subject to poor archival policies. Indian culture has never been too mindful of saving and archiving. However, the trend needs to change. We need to be more vigilant about the value of our works. Remember, if we do not value our works, nobody would!

Stay safe, happy, and healthy!

Cheers!
Dr. Amrita Chakraborty
Editor
SLS Mirror







SLS SCHOOL OF LIBERAL STUDIES	August - September 2022	School of Liberal Studies, PDEU		
SI. No.	Date of the Event/Activity	Name of the Event/Activity	Number of Participants	Department
1	August 10, 2022	Induction of PG programme	62	School of Liberal Studies
2	August 26, 2022	One day field trip to Polo Forest	12	Language, Literature and Aesthetics
3	August 29, 2022	One day field trip to Photojournalism exhibition	40	Language, Literature and Aesthetics
4	September 20, 2022	Orientation session of Economic and Political Weekly Research Foundation India Time series	20	Social Science





INDUCTION FOR PG PROGRAMME (BATCH 2022)

Rapporteur: Dr. Udayprakash Sharma

10 August, 2022: The induction for Batch 2022 was conducted in hybrid mode on August 10, 2022. The induction day for MA and M.Sc. Programme Students began with registration and verification of documentation process from 9:00 am to 10:30 am which was coordinated and facilitated by Admin SLS. The students were welcomed by Dr Udayprakash Sharma, who also moderated the induction programme. The event began with an introduction about SLS given by Dr Sharma which was followed by showcasing of a PDEU Video Clip, giving an overall acquaintance to the new students about the University infrastructure and activities done by the SLS in the past.

Many students attended the induction program online and offline from the University Campus. The inaugural session was given by Professor Nigam Dave, Director of SLS. Prof. Dave engaged the students with his talk about the history of the School of Liberal Studies and its interesting journey. He encouraged the students to do well in academics and shared his academic experience with them.

Following sessions on Academic Rules and Guidelines & Graduate Attributes and Programme Outcomes at SLS were conducted by Dr Ritu Sharma, Dean, SLS, from 12:00 pm onward. She highlighted the relevance of academic rules and guidelines and how they aid students during their academic life at SLS. She also discussed the ever-changing field of academics and its positive aspects. The students got an opportunity to interact with the Director Dean and Faculty Members before the beginning of the formal induction programme. A welcome lunch was hosted by the School of Liberal Studies for the students from 1:00 pm to 2:30 pm in the University Mess.

The induction programme resumed at 2:45 pm onward in a blended mode. In the following session, Dr Sandeep Pathak, Assistant Librarian, Library and Information Centre, SLS, provided the students with important information about the SLS library and PDEU library resources utilization for the benefit of the students in their academic endeavours.

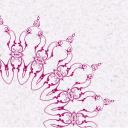
Another session was conducted at 3:05 pm by Dr Anurag Srivastava, Dr Sandeep Pathak and Dr Supriya Pal, Dr Prateek Singh, and Dr Akhilesh Shukla, Members of the SLS Timetable Committee. Dr Srivastava and the Team introduced the students to SLS Timetable and gave related useful information.

The next session was hosted by Ms Pooja Ajmera, Assistant Manager, Office of Student Activities, Involvement & Leadership (OSAIL) at 3:25 pm. Ms Ajmera introduced the students to various OSAIL-based activity groups at the University. The following session at 3:45 pm was conducted by the Audit Activities Team which was appreciated by the students. Students have been introduced to the audit activities archival presentation given by Dr Neeta Khurana and Lt. Khushali Purohit.

At 4:15 pm Introduction to the Office of International Affairs was given by Mr Maulin Shah, Manager-International Relations, OIR. The concluding session on Career Development Cell was conducted at 4:40 pm by Dr Tejas Dave and Dr Nausheen Nizami, who briefed the students about various career development opportunities at the University which can help the students in planning their careers.

The induction programme was concluded at 4:55 pm with a Vote of Thanks given by Dr Udayprakash Sharma. The students proceeded to enjoy a High Tea hosted by Admin SLS from 5:00 pm onward where they got another opportunity to chat with SLS Faculty, Dean, SLS, and Director, SLS.

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School of Liberal Studies					
Induction Schedule – PG Batch 2022 – 10th August, 2022					
Time	Details	Venue			
09:00 AM- 10:30 AM	Registration and Verification of Documents (Dushyant Dave, Manager, SLS, PDEU)	D-203			
10:30 AM - 11:00 AM	Inaugural Session, About SLS , Faculty & Staff Introduction (Prof Nigam Dave, Director, SLS, PDEU)	D-203			
11:00 AM- 12:00 AM	Registration and Verification of Documents (Dushyant Dave, Manager, SLS,PDEU)	D-203			
12:05 PM - 12:30 PM	Academic Rules and Guidelines-SLS Dr Ritu Sharma, Dean, SLS, PDEU	D-203			
12:35 PM - 01:00 PM	Graduate Attributes & Programme Outcomes-SLS Dr Ritu Sharma, Dean, SLS, PDEU	D-203			
01:00 PM - 02:20 PM	Lunch Break	Cafetaria			
02:20 PM - 02:40 PM	Library Facility Library Committee	D-203			
02:40 PM - 03:00 PM	Time Table Semester 1 Time Table Committee	D-203			
03:00 PM - 03:20 PM	OSAIL Team OSAIL	D-203			
03:20 PM - 03:40 PM	About Student Research Opportunities Team Research and Development	D-203			
03:40 PM - 04:00 PM	Introduction to Audit Activities Dr. Khurana & Lt. Khushali & Audit Team	D-203			
04:00 PM - 04:20 PM	Introduction to Office of International Relations Team OIR	D-203			
04:20 PM - 04:40 PM	Career Development Cell CDC team	D-203			
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04:40 PM - 04:55 PM	Vote of Thanks				















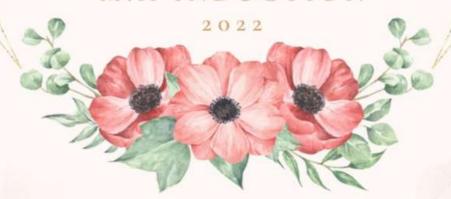




















Wednesday, August 10th 2022 | 09.00 AM

D-203 - Second Floor, D- Block, Pandit Deendayal Energy University

ONE-DAY FIELD TRIP TO POLO FOREST – HIMMAT NAGAR

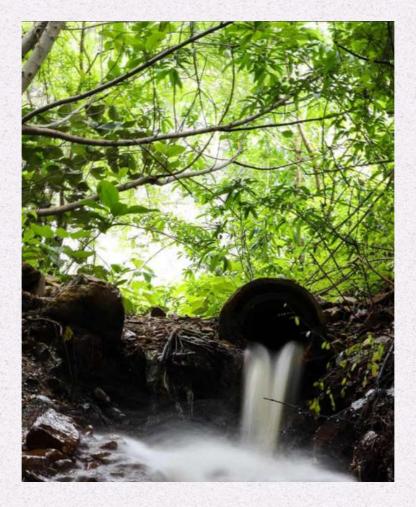
Rapporteur: Dr. Sandesh Mahajan

26 August, 2022: The School of Liberal Studies and the mass communication department organized a one-day photography walk on August 26, 2022, as a part of the curriculum for the mass communication students. The HOD, Professor Dr. Pradeep Malik, Dr. Sandesh Mahajan along with studio coordinator Rajendra Thakore accompanied the students in a fruitful photography session. At Polo Forest, students gained an understanding of the basics of photography, the principles of photography, and photo composition. Students acquired skills in landscape photography and street photography. Dr. Sandesh Mahajan guided the students through the camera settings while clicking a good picture, things one should take care of like framing, lighting, posing(as a model, for model photography), and so forth. Prof. Mallik explained the details about the importance of photojournalism and how a good photo can provide a significant impact on the overall news report. Further, he added that a photo walk is a fantastic way to encourage people to explore your destination, capture a unique perspective and share their experiences. Students of mass communication had an insightful practical experience.













ONE-DAY FIELD TRIP TO PHOTOJOURNALISM EXHIBITION

Rapporteur: Dr. Sandesh Mahajan

29 August, 2022: As the quote says 'A picture is worth a thousand words' photography leads to a world of experiences. The world of experiences opened new possibilities for the students of the PDEU on August 29, 2022 during the photojournalism exhibition held at Ravi Shankar Kala Bhavan, Ahmedabad by the Photojournalists Association. A total number of forty students participated. The photographers captured various frames, including natural beauty, traditions, and human sensibilities. The exhibition was divided into two parts where one entire section was dedicated to the Covid pandemic, healthcare workers, and the common man's struggles. The photographer narrated the story of agony and despair, and the helpless people suffering during Covid-19.

The second part was dedicated to the culture and tradition of India. Students were accompanied by Prof. Nigam Dave, Prof. Pradeep Mallik, and Dr. Sandesh Mahajan. The whole experience was highly beneficial for the students of Mass Communication as it taught them the importance of photojournalism and life as a photographer. In the end, an interactive session with acclaimed photojournalists enlightened the students to pursue their careers as a photojournalist and the challenges related to it.









ECONOMIC AND POLITICAL WEEKLY RESEARCH FOUNDATION INDIA TIME SERIES

Rapporteur: Dr. Sandip Pathak

20 September, 2022: A one-hour orientation session was organized by the Library and Information Center, SLS, for the purpose of providing exposure to faculties and students about the EPWRF Database subscribed by the library and its usefulness in research. Dr. Bipin, Deputy Director, EPWRF, visited the SLS and PDEU campuses to conduct the orientation session for the SLS students and faculties. Dr. Sandip Pathak welcomed the speaker and introduced him to the audience.



The session began with a general discussion on the broad indicators used in economics, finance, and other social sciences and the frequency of their availability in the public domain. Thereafter, Dr. Bipin spoke about the indicators and variables whose database exists in the EPWRF India Time Series, which comprises of the following heads:

- i) Employment Statistics
- ii) Annual Survey of Industries
- iii) Labour Statistics
- v) Economic Census
- v) Employment Exchange Statistics
- vi) Wage rates in rural India
- vii) Agricultural Wages in India
- viii) Price Indices



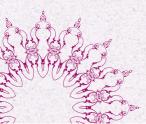


The speaker demonstrated how to access a database for different frequencies and requirements for selected variables based on the general discussion. The demonstration was done for a number of variables, including financial markets, money markets, insurance markets, consumer data, industrial data, stock markets, energy statistics, macroeconomic variables like GDP, price indices, etc. The speaker demonstrated how to import the downloaded data into Microsoft Excel.

Towards the end of the session, queries were raised related to the accessibility and availability of specific data based on the research requirements of the general audience, which were satisfactorily addressed. Dr. Nausheen Nizami (Faculty, Economics Area) gave the vote of thanks and concluded the event.



Dr. Bipin Deokar (third from left) poses for a group photo with members of the SLS faculty and staff.





INDEPENDENCE DAY CEREMONY

Rapporteur: Audit Team

15 August, 2022: Independence Day ceremony was organized for the Exposure to NCC Program under the Audit Course, a special program offered to the First-Year students of SLS who are not part of the Core NCC. It started with an inaugural speech, followed by the welcoming of our Chief Guest, Dr. S. Sunder Manoharan, DG, PDEU who hoisted the tricolor along with Prof. Nigam Dave, Hon. Col. and Director SLS. It was followed by the Ceremonial Parade carried out by the NCC core cadets. The university allowed students to be a cadet and get trained by senior officers. The NCC core girls are part of the very first girls' battalion of Gujarat for that the university is very proud, especially our SDs representing nine Gujarat battalions. Lt. Khushali Purohit, Dr. Anil Markana, and ANO Girls and Boys encouraged the students throughout.

The students had practice sessions before the ceremony, which gave them time to get polished, and were also given proper training by senior under officers. It was that time when they all practiced for the big day in unison. Later, the respected Chief Guest gave a speech and mentioned how the students are engaged in different kinds of devotional activities and how much they have evolved over the last few years. The ceremony ended with an NCC song and the success of the ceremony was payable to the collective efforts of the entire faculty coordinators of SLS and all the students who participated in this event and made it memorable. Indians celebrate this special day with lots of joy and love all around the world. Everyone was enthusiastic about being a part of the event and gave their best to outshine on a ceremonial day.

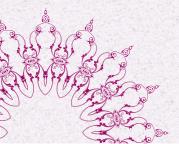
SESSION DATE: GROUP 1,2,3,4: August 29, 2022

SESSION PHOTOS:









CAMPAIGN BY AUDIT TEAM

Rapporteur: Audit Team

15 August, 2022: An informative banner with legal guidelines for hoisting and folding the national flag was circulated to all the students on campus by the Audit Team under the supervision of Dr. Neeta Khurana and Lt. Khushali Purohit, wishing them a Happy Independence Day. National Flag is a symbol of freedom, pride, nationalism, and history. In addition to it, the flag also reflects the country's identity and personality through its form and color. A movement called "Har Ghar Tiranga" as part of Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav headed by our honorable Prime Minister to get people to carry the Tiranga home and hoist it to commemorate India's 75th anniversary of independence is a unique tribute to the national symbol. Students were informed about the Code of Conduct issued by the government of India through the mail for the same. Bringing the flag home or at the workplace as a nation in our 75th year of independence symbolizes both our dedication to establishing a better country and our act of personal connection with Tiranga. As an effort to care for the Flag post celebrations, a banner was circulated among the students of PDEU so that they all pledge allegiance to the Flag and the Republic, for what it stands for, one nation, indivisible, with liberty and justice and take care of it.





INTRODUCTION TO NCC

Rapporteur: Audit Team

The School of Liberal Studies offers an Audit Course program, which has a vertical of Exposure to the NCC Program. On Friday, August 26, 2022, the first session for Exposure to NCC took place for the 2022 batch of SLS, which was followed by certificate distribution in the second half. The certificates were distributed by Dr. Neeta Khurana and Lt. Khushali Purohit, faculty coordinators for the Audit Course. The session was hosted by Harshita Trilokani and Krisha Pathak and was managed by the Audit Team. The session began with a basic introduction to Exposure to NCC, its goals, objectives, and benefits. The key features of Core NCC were explained to students. They were shown photographs of the prior events and activities of Exposure to NCC to give them a better idea about the course. Students were driven by the flow of patriotism and were encouraged to develop a sense of responsibility. The response received from the students was tremendous throughout the session. It was observed that the majority of students were taking interest in joining the NCC Core and were motivated to serve our nation. The students were given a better understanding of what the course provides and the benefits that they will receive. In the second half of the session, the certificates were distributed to the students who participated in the Ceremonial Parade that took place on August 15, 2022, for Independence Day on the University ground. The students were congratulated and appreciated for their efforts in the Ceremonial Parade. Photographs of the same were taken.

The session turned out to be extremely interesting and informative. It was concluded by motivating and encouraging students to participate in the course with utmost enthusiasm and dedication.

SESSION DATE: Group 1,2,3,4: August 26, 2022

Testimonials:

Saakshi Patel (22BABBA009): As I am an NCC aspirant, the session was informative for me as it cleared all the basic doubts that I had regarding NCC. Looking forward to joining NCC core.

Harshika Jain (22BABBA234): This session was very informative. It provided necessary details about the Exposure to NCC program and we were taught the difference between the NCC core and Exposure to NCC.

Harshita Dhupya (22BABBA206): It was interesting to know that we'll earn ourselves a khaki uniform if we get into NCC core. Going on treks and camps seems like adventures and fun to me. Looking forward to making the best memories.



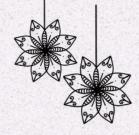
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AWARENESS CAMPAIGN ON 4R's (REFUSE, REDUCE, REUSE, RECYCLE)

Rapporteur: Audit Team

"By treating the waste as a resource, the reader will save money and better the environment." -Lillian and Dave Brummet

Most documents are discarded, making them a waste of time. This is why we generate 85 million tons of paper garbage each year. The 4Rs are a quick but effective technique to help us think about the things we acquire, use, and discard. We can take into account a variety of significant factors about our consumption when we choose to pause and reflect on each of the 4Rs. everything we purchase, the amount we consume, the amount that can be reused, and the final disposal method.

4 R's

- REFUSE: Refusing to use products that can cause harm to our environment and are non-recyclable. We all have the right to make a choice and refuse wasteful and polluting products. For too long, we have been buying products that have been packaged in a way that can cause environmental harm once we dispose of plastic wraps, boxes, and cartons.
- REDUCE: The only way to reduce waste is to reduce unnecessary purchasing. It requires us to be more mindful when we make a purchase. We should think about reducing the use of waste.
- REUSE: Reusing waste is about considering what all products can be used more than once and can help in reducing what we purchase. Reusing not only means reusing what we have, but we can also buy products that are reused for different purposes.
- RECYCLE: When it comes to waste management, recycling items is the final option and the final R as we look at the importance of the 4Rs. Recycling is the most effective way which can help us in waste management. While disposing of waste we should always consider what can be recycled and used until the end of its useful life.

By learning more about and understanding the effects our actions have on the environment, we can make better decisions about where to go and what to do. Lack of awareness and responsibility has led to pollution of the land, water, and air pollution. We manage waste without considering the environment, and we generate a lot of disposable things to keep up with demand.

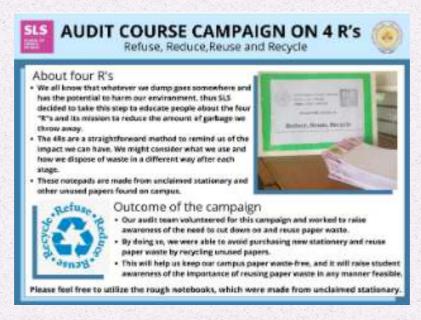


The SLS's Audit team volunteered for the 4R awareness campaign and worked to raise awareness of the need to cut down on and reuse paper waste. They made notepads out of leftover papers that can be utilized later. SLS decided to take this step to educate people about the four "R"s and its mission to reduce the amount of garbage we throw away.

By doing so, it allowed them to avoid purchasing new stationery and reuse paper waste by recycling unused papers. This will help in keeping the campus paper waste-free, and it will raise student awareness of the importance of reusing paper waste in any manner feasible.

Please use the rough notebooks made from unclaimed stationery close to the printer. Reference:- https:

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Poster made for 4 R's campaign



ROAD SAFETY AWARENESS CAMPAIGN

Rapporteur: Audit Team

September 9, 2022: The Audit team organized a Road Safety Awareness campaign to spread awareness among young people because they are more prone to be involved in auto accidents owing to careless and inattentive driving—about 35% of adolescent drivers involved in incidents are speeding. Male teenagers are especially prone to fatal reckless driving incidents. Other risky driving behaviours include street racing, tailgating, and making inappropriate lane or turn changes. Around 1214 road crashes occur every day in India. Two-wheelers account for 25% of total road crash deaths. 20 children under the age of 14 die every day due to road crashes in the country. 377 people die every day. When we drive, whether in a city or on a road, we are travelling at a specific pace next to other vehicles and environmental factors. The higher the speed, the blurrier we see everything. Furthermore, we are unable to see anything beyond what is directly in front of us. A lowered speed of less than 50 km/h results in a 104-degree viewing angle. The so-called tunnel effect starts to occur when the speed reaches 60 km/h. The viewing angle is reduced to 70 degrees at 65 km/h.

Outcomes of the campaign

- To provide information about new or modified laws.
- To improve knowledge and/or awareness of new in-vehicle systems, risks, etc., and the appropriate preventive behaviours.
- To change underlying factors known to influence road-user behaviour.
- To modify problem behaviours or maintain safety-conscious behaviours.
- To decrease the frequency and severity of accidents.



AUDIT COURSE CAMPAIGN ON ROAD SAFETY AWARENESS



BETTER LATE THAN NEVER!



- When we drive, whether in a city or on a road, we are traveling at a specific pace next to other vehicles and environmental factors. The higher the speed, the blurrier we see everything. Furthermore, we are unable to see anything beyond what is directly in front of us.
- Speeding poses a serious risk to one's safety on the road due to psychological factors as well as impaired visibility. Fatigue sets in more quickly and distraction risks rise exponentially at speeds of over 120 km/h.



 The audit team organised a campaign to spread awareness among young people because they are more prone to be involved in auto accidents owing to careless and inattentive driving—about 35% of adolescent drivers involved in incidents are speeding. Male teenagers are especially prone to fatal rockless driving incidents. Other risky driving behaviours include street racing, tailgating, and making inappropriate lane or turn changes.

Through this campaign, we intended

- · To alert people of new or altered laws.
- · To alter basic elements that are known to affect how drivers behave.
- To after risk-taking habits or uphold safety-conscious ones.
- To lessen accident severity and frequency.
- To increase knowledge of modern in-vehicle systems, dangers, etc., and/or consciousness of them

Poster made for the road safety awareness campaign



NAAC INTRODUCTION & DRESS DISTRIBUTION

Rapporteur: Audit Team

A session for Exposure to NCC was conducted on September 9, 2022, for which the session was divided into two parts, the first session included the introduction of NAAC and its importance and in the second session, the dress distribution took place. Higher Education Institutions in India are evaluated and accredited by the National Assessment and Accreditation Council (NAAC), a government agency (HEIs). NAAC accreditation identifies the quality of the institute in terms of its education, research, faculty, infrastructure, etc. It gives an institution immediate credibility and boosts enrollment. The students were given a brief rundown of the Inspection Council's procedures. This was done to let students know about the most recent work that PDEU has been doing for NAAC. The facilitator of the event, Krisha Pathak, assisted students with their inquiries and advised on the topic. Followed by that, the students were informed about the next session of adventure camp training that is going to take place in October. Students appeared enthused and interested in the Exposure to NCC-provided required camp training. The two-day camp in Bakor will reveal many of the children's hidden talents and will be a fantastic learning experience for them. The students were then asked to collect their uniforms which they are required to wear for all the practical Exposure to NCC sessions which is a symbol of pride for them. Overall, the session was productive and excellent participation was observed. Students were excited about the upcoming trip. It concluded on a positive note.

SESSION DATE: GROUP 1,2,3,4: September 9, 2022

TESTIMONIALS:

Nitisha Sharma (22BABBA047): It was a great session and we got to know about NAAC. I have a great liking for trekking and stuff so I'm very excited to go on my first trek.

Harsimran Khalsa (22BABBA264): I had a lot of doubts regarding the NAAC program which were cleared. I am an NCC aspirant so I'm looking forward to joining core.

SESSION PHOTOS:







The Audit Course is held and managed by the faculty, mentors, and volunteers of the Audit Team:

DIRECTOR SLS

PROF. NIGAM DAVE

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INTERNATIONAL EXPOSURE PROGRAMME AT THE UNIVERSITY OF BIRMINGHAM

Rapporteur: Dr. Amrita Chakraborty

11 September, 2022: As a part of the International Exposure Programme, 32 students from the School of Liberal Studies (SLS), PDEU went to attend the Birmingham International Academy (BIA) summer internship programme at the University of Birmingham in Birmingham, United Kingdom from August 14, 2022 to September 11, 2022.

The students were accompanied by Dr. Amrita Chakraborty, Assistant Professor of SLS and Mr. Maulik Shah, Manager of the office of International Relations (OIR), PDEU. The course was designed with classroom training and field visits to understand the culture and heritage of Birmingham. The performance of the students was evaluated based on their day-to-day class performances and project preparation. The officers from SLS, PDEU also arranged for multiple sight visits along with the entire group of students.

The programme ended with certification ceremony which was coordinated by Mr. Ian Martin, the Programme Coordinator of BIA. Dr. Amrita Chakraborty, Assistant Professor of Pandit Deendayal Energy University delivered the vote of thanks. All the faculty members and coordinators of the programme were felicitated with a shawl and a prospectus of PDEU by Dr. Amrita Chakraborty and Mr. Maulik Shah. Finally, all the students were awarded their certificate of the Birmingham International Academy (BIA) Programme.









Students at Birmingham City Center



Students went for Go Carting as a part of Social Activity



Tour on the canals of Birmingham with cruise



A group of students went for boating on the canals of Birmingham. The boat was boarded at the Birmingham City Center along with Dr. Amrita Chakraborty.



At Cadbury World in Bournville Village



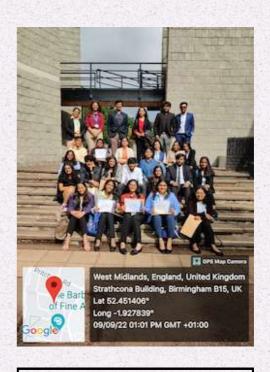




London tour



Manchester tour



Official group photo of the students after the certification ceremony







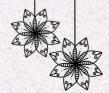
Official group photo of the students after the certification ceremony



Faculty Members of the BIA Programme were felicitated by the PDEU Officials







PROF. (DR.) NIGAM DAVE

Prof. Nigam Dave was invited as an expert Speaker for the Faculty Development Programme organized by Ganpat University on September 20, 2022.







FACULTY DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME
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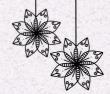
Day Date	Session I 10:00 - 11:15	Session II 11:15 - 12:30	Session III 13:30 - 14:45	Session IV 15:00 - 16:15
Day 1 19* Sep, 22	Inauguration: Introduction to Instructional Social Responsibility and Community Engagement Expectations and Outcomes Experiential Learning Remarks Building	Hentoring Institutional Social Responsibility Case Discussion	Facilitation for Community Engagement Base PlayFPT Presentations/Experience Sharing	Pacification for Community Engagement Idealgorisons (SAD Institutional Equational Analysis)
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DR. NEETA KHURANA

Dr. Neeta Khurana represented the University at the Two-Day National Workshop on Rural Management and Rural Engagement on July 29, 2022 and July 30, 2022at Mahatma Gandhi Antarrashtriya Hindi Vishwavidyalaya Wardha, Maharashtra for Curriculum Development of Social Work & Management and contribute towards integration/inclusion of Rural Management and Rural Engagement into the Curriculum of Higher Education Institutions.

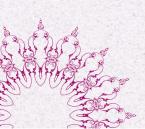






DR. NAUSHEEN NIZAMI

Dr. Nausheen Nizami published a research paper, "Transforming Skill Gap Crisis into Opportunity for Upskilling in India's IT-BPM Sector", in the Indian Journal of Labour Economics, a Scopus-indexed journal, in Volume 65, of Issue 3, dated September 2022, ISSN: 0971-7927.





AAKANKSHA CHERIAN

19BABBA060

Aakansha Cherian, BA/BBA, final year student of Human Resource Management (19BABBA060), completed an amazing journey of 3 months from May 16, 2022, to August 16, 2022, in Byteridge which improved her academics and gave insight into many operational HR practices and functions which contributed to her behavioral knowledge. It included determining payroll, creating survey forms, hosting webinars, posting on socials, making vendor agreements, etc. This tenure taught her how to think out of the box, be quick and constantly develop problem-solving skills and be creative. It also helped her improve her technical skills at a very large level.

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Experience Letter

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This is to certify that Aakansha Cherian was employed with Byteridge Software Private Limited as an 'Intern – People Function Department' from May 16th, 2022 to August 16th, 2022.

She has been relieved from the services of the company with effect from the closing hours on Tuesday, August 16th, 2022.

During her tenure with the company, we found her to be sincere, honest, and dedicated to her work. We thank her for her contributions to Byteridge Software Private Limited's growth.

We wish her all the very best for all her future endeavours.

With Regards,

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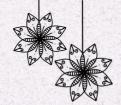
21MAPA03

Shreya Dave, MA student (21MAPA03), participated and secured the first position in Sanskrutotsav 2022, which is an Inter-University Solo Sanskrit Stotram Singing Competition organized by Sanskrit Sahitya Academy (Gujarat Sahitya Academy) and Gujarat State Sanskrit Board – Sanskrit Bharti organized on August 30, 2022 in IITE (Indian Institute of Teacher Education, Gandhinagar). The prize distribution ceremony was held late on September 22, 2022 in Government Commerce College, Gandhinagar.





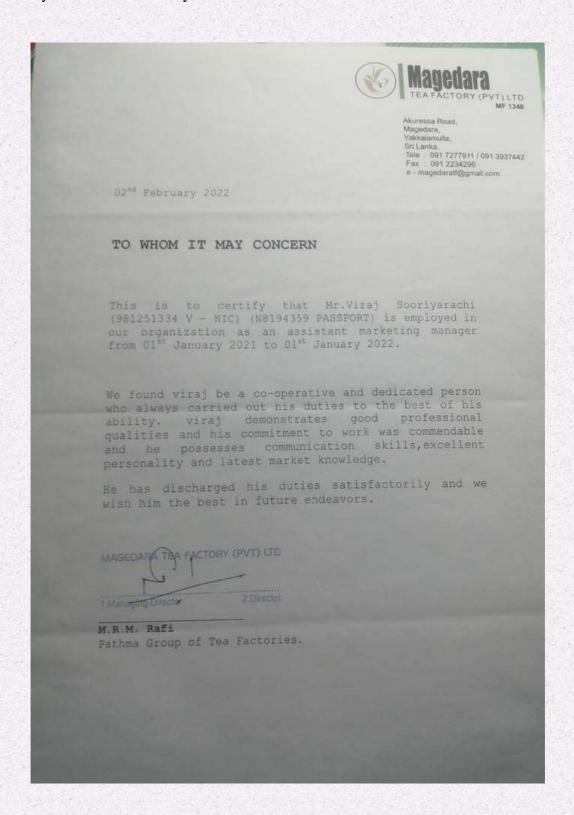




VIRAJ SOORIYAARACHCHI

19BCO118

Viraj Sooriyaarachchi, B.com student (19BCO118), completed his internship at Magedara Tea Factory, Sri Lanka, from January 1, 2021 to January 1, 2022. He completed this internship alongside his studies which were in online mode. He has worked as an assistant marketing manager for the firm and worked with international buyers and the tea factory.





Stigma shrinks, psychology on top of minds of students & recruiters

After Covid Peak, Discipline Gets More College Seats, Avenues

Bharat Yagnik & Parth Shastri ITNN

Ahmedabad: At a time when colleges are grappling with vacant seats in technical courses such as BE, MBA and MCA, for the first time Guiarat University has received applications to increase seats in psychology and English courses. Jayesh Solanki, admission coordinator at GU, said the university has received applications from more than half a dozen colleges to increase intake by at least 25 seats each. "More than 95% of 1,758 seats for psychology courses have already been taken in the first round itself," he said.

cants and recruiters, which has triggered demand for more seats. Experts say the average pay package has also improved in the past few years.

Dr J M Vyas, vice chancellor of National Forensic Sciences University (NFSU) said new horizons are opening for psychology students, raising demand. "This year, we recruited about 10 faculty members to cater to the rise in student numbers," he said.

Ravikesh Tripathi, assistant professor in the School of Behavioural Science of NFSU, said the institute has increased seats from 25 to 75 in three years due to demand. One of the main reasons is the wide scope the discipline now offers, namely rehabilitation, clinical psychology, forensic psychology, mental health, counselling of school and college students, he said.

"After Covid, many companies are recruiting inhouse psychologists who work with the HR department. This trend has grown in the last few of years."

Mahipatsinh Chavda, principal of LD Arts College, said psychology is the subject **PSYCHED OUT!**

 Majority institutions record
 2-3 fold rise in number of psychology seats in past three years

 Apart from clinical psychology, newer avenues for students include industrial psychology, digital psychology, child and adolescent psychology, personality assessment, career guidance based on aptitude test, HR functions

 Psychometric tests, employee emotional support and interface design for app/ games emerge as newer

functions

 Average entry-level salary rises from Rs 20-40K to Rs 60K-1L per month depending on profiles

The trend favouring psychology is apparent in institutions such as Ahmedabad University, National Forensic Sciences University, Pandit Deendayal Energy University, among others which have witnessed nearly twofold rise in the seats for psychology in the past three years.

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of choice for students headed abroad for higher studies. "A background in counselling and clinical practice improves chances of finding work in the US and Europe," he said.

At Ahmedabad University, all 45 Master of Psychology students were absorbed during placements this year, said Urmi Nanda Biswas, professor of psychology at the School of Arts and Sciences of the university. "Psychometric tests and surveys have become an integral part of most organizations. The corporate sector is also hiring psychology graduates in HR departments to understand organizational behaviour, interpersonal problems, carry out recruitment and exit interviews and employee

counselling," she said.

Sameer Parikh, a city-based HR consultant, said several MNCs and Indian corporates established employee well-being cells during the pandemic where psychology graduates are absorbed. "Their role in the core human resources management (HRM) is also increasing—masters students get almost the same opportunities as MSW, MBA and MHRM de-

gree holders," he said.

Ritu Sharma, professor of psychology and dean of the School of Liberal Studies at PDEU, said most of the graduates from the school have opted to work in health and education, "We have seen growing demand in both UG and PG courses with a high number of applications for the past couple of years. The applications have diversified in the past couple of years, too. With our collaborations with international institutions, we found interdisciplinary choice to be a growing trend where students opt for the course with majors such as finance or HR," she said.

Dr SL Vaya, director of School of Criminology and Behavioural Science of Rashtriya Raksha University (RRU), said psychology has been an ever-evolving, all-encompassing branch that responds to the challenges of society. "Covid is the biggest example. It's an attempt to understand human nature and behaviour and in contemporary times, the field has found its niche," she said.

(With inputs from Parag Dave)

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'DRESSING NOT REQUIRED FOR A LONG PERIOD, NO SIDE-EFFECTS'

PDEU team develops nanotech patches for burns, wounds

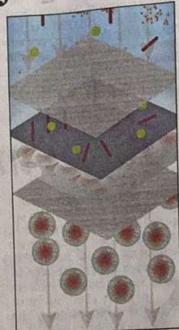
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Ahmedabad: Burns, especially over a part of the body, are hard to manage with a greater risk of sepsis and frequent infections. As they also leave scars, they take a long time to heal.

A team from Pandit Deendayal Energy University (PDEU) has tried to address these problems with a hydrogel-based nano scaffolding. The team has multiple patents for this along with two other innovations that are also based on nanotechnology.

The team of Prof SSManoharan, DG of PDEU along with Dr Sivaraman Dhanasekaran and Dr P S Pradeep, both assistant professors at PDEU, has developed 'Nanosol' for treating burns, NanoHyFi to treat hard-to-heal wounds, and Penta Nanoplast to treat pain at certain spots. All three are based on nano-scaffolding technology, which uses millions of nanofibres in a patch infused with medicines such as antibiotics and analgesics.

All three projects have been identified by central government entities such as the ministry of education and the



The patch with nano scaffolding prevents entry of virus, bacteria and fine dust through multiple layers of nanofibre

department of science and technology (DST) for funding and support. Nanosol got development funding of Rs 49.7 lakh under the Scheme for Transformational and Advanced Research in Sciences (STARS). Prof Manoharan said their aim is to provide affordable Made in India alternati-

ve to patients and medical practitioners. The size of the global market for wound care is about \$11.2 billion.

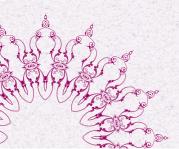
"This is our attempt to use nanotechnology for real-life issues by reducing the risk of reinfection. The patches are made such that dressing is not required for a long period. Most importantly, they are devoid of side effects including scar formation due to the sustained drug release," he said, adding that the innovation will also help reduce dependence on medical technology imports.

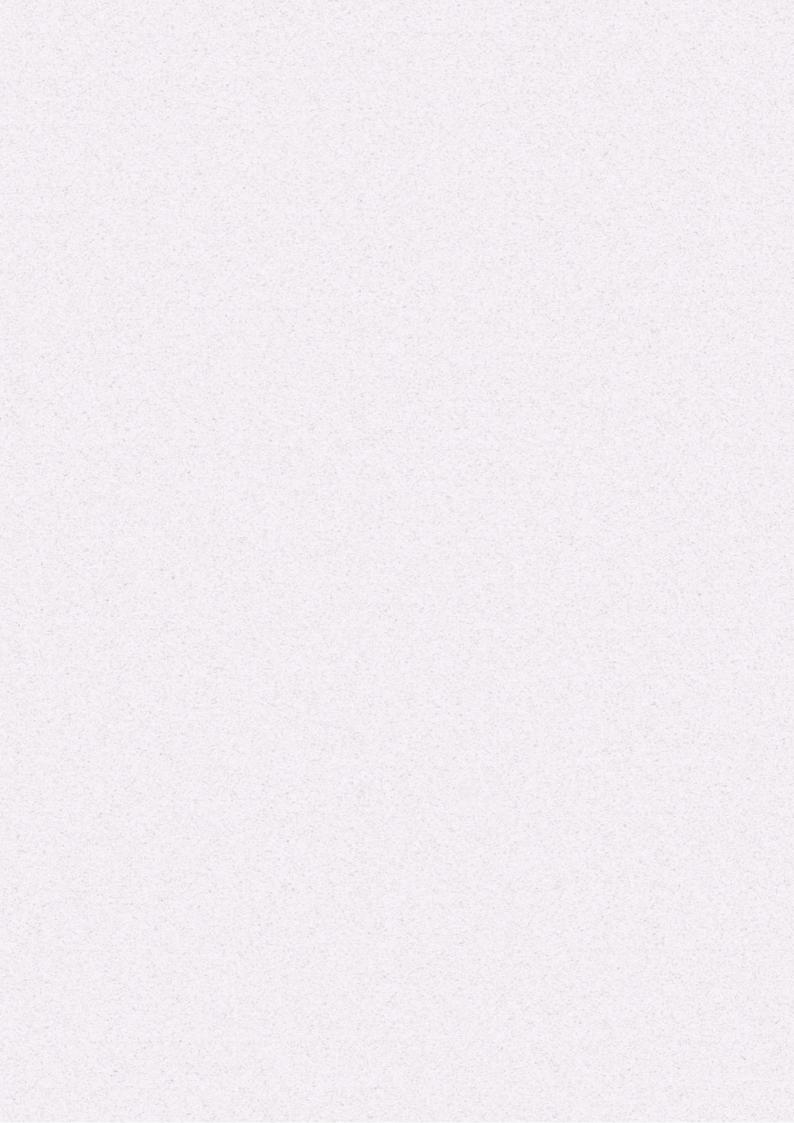
Dr Pradeep said NanoHyFi is aimed at surgical wounds and those developed by persons with diabetes. "Encapsulating millions of antibioticloaded nanoparticles in hydrogel derived fibres has the dual advantages of delivering the drug on one side and restricting the entry of germs (viruses and bacteria) on the other,'

"Asthename suggests, penta nanoplast has five medicines that help management of pain, swelling and spasms. Compared to oral pain relievers, they are directly released into the muscle concerned and provide faster relief," said Dr Sivaraman.

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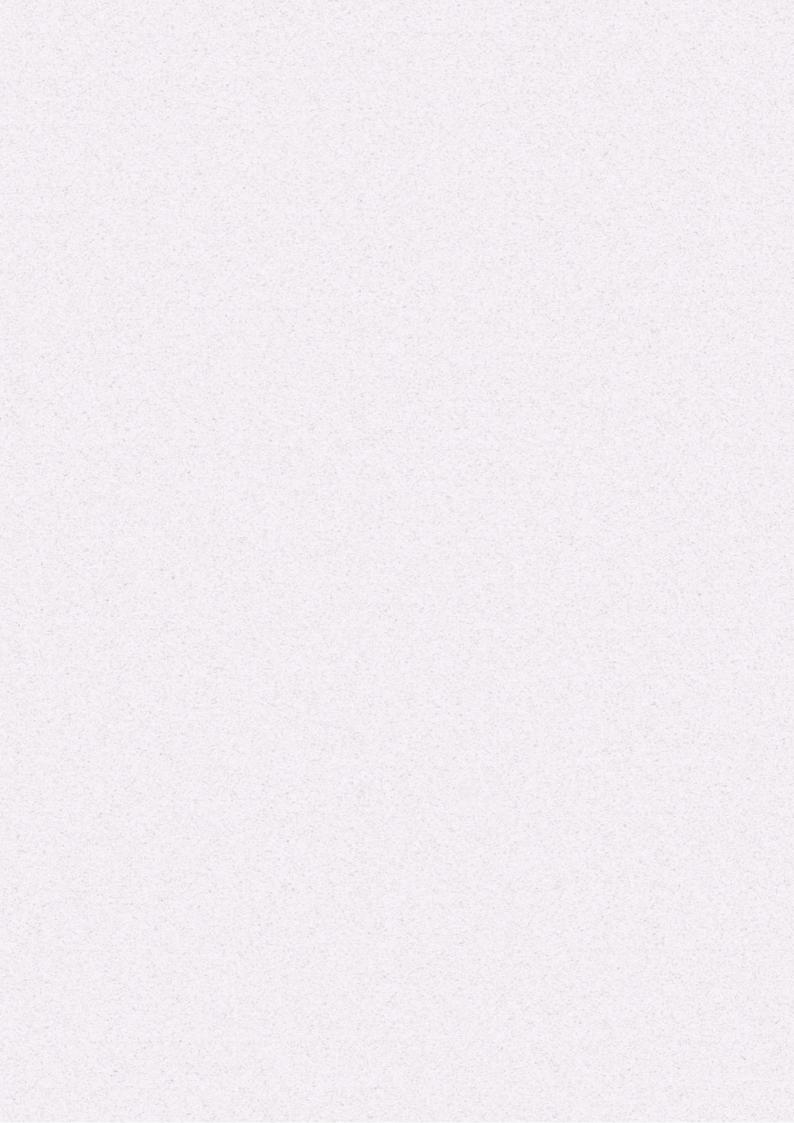
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