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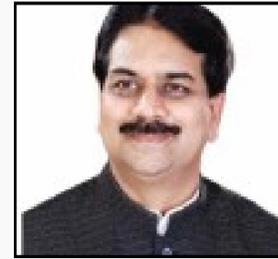
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Samvaad Overseas Editorial

It is with great pleasure that the Dean International Relations Office and the Students International Relations Cell at PCCOE present to you volume 2, issue 2 of "Samvaad- Overseas", under the esteemed guidance of our honourable Director, Dr. Govind N. Kulkarni.

In "Samvaad-Overseas" our aim is to highlight PCCOE's global engagement endeavours, partnerships with universities or organisations worldwide, collaborative initiatives, academic exchanges, and research engagements that enhance cross-border knowledge sharing.

This newsletter showcases academic and research exchange opportunities, highlights international conferences, guest visits, and celebrates faculty and student achievements on the global stage. It also covers key events that enhance our institute's global presence and foster international collaboration. We hope Samvaad-Overseas is both informative and inspiring as we strengthen global ties. Thank you for your continued support and encouragement.

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PCCOE Team Engages with Industry Stalwarts

Pimpri Chinchwad College of Engineering (PCCOE) had the honor of hosting Mr. Vinod R. Jadhav, Chairman of SAVA Healthcare (Dubai, UAE), and Dr. Makrand Jawdekar, Former Director (Portfolio Management) at Pfizer Inc. (USA). The visit fostered insightful discussions on industry trends, technological advancements, and academic collaborations.

The esteemed guests were warmly welcomed by PCET trustees, including Chairman Shri. Dnyaneshwar P. Landge, Vice Chairperson Smt. Padma M. Bhosale, Secretary Shri. Vitthal S. Kalbhor, Treasurer Shri. Shantaram D. Garade, Trustees Shri. Harshwardhan Patil, Shri. Ajinkya Kalbhor, Shri. Narendra Landge, and Executive Director Dr. Girish Desai.

Mr. Jadhav shared insights on global healthcare trends, emphasizing research, innovation, and Dubai's growing role in the sector. Dr. Jawdekar provided an in-depth perspective on pharmaceutical portfolio management, regulatory challenges, and the importance of interdisciplinary skills.

The discussions highlighted potential collaborations between PCCOE and industry, focusing on research projects, internships, and skill development. The guests commended PCCOE's efforts in bridging academia and industry, inspiring students to pursue excellence.

The interactive session concluded on a high note, leaving students and faculty enriched with valuable industry insights and motivation to excel in their fields.



Seminar on Employment Opportunities in Japan

The International Relations Cell and Japan Facilitation Centre of Pimpri Chinchwad College of Engineering (PCCOE) successfully organized an insightful seminar on "Employment Opportunities in Japan." The event featured Mr. Hiro Ishida, CEO and Founder of Mosaïque Pvt. Ltd., Bangalore, as the keynote speaker.

Mr. Ishida shared valuable insights into career prospects in Japan, covering essential topics such as job market trends, industry demands, and pathways for students and professionals seeking opportunities abroad. He emphasized the significance of cross-cultural adaptability and skills required for excelling in the Japanese workforce.

The event, held at the Japan Facilitation Centre, witnessed enthusiastic participation from students eager to explore international career avenues. Attendees had the opportunity to engage in an interactive discussion with Mr. Ishida, gaining practical knowledge and guidance on securing employment in Japan.

The seminar was a remarkable initiative by PCCOE's International Relations Cell, reinforcing its commitment to providing global career exposure to students. Such initiatives continue to bridge the gap between academic learning and real-world industry opportunities.



Interactive Session with Japan Foundation, Delhi

The International Relations Cell and Japan Facilitation Centre of Pimpri Chinchwad College of Engineering (PCCOE) successfully organized an engaging session featuring Mr. Tomonari Kuroda, Japanese Language Advisor at The Japan Foundation, New Delhi. The event aimed to introduce students to Japanese culture, language, and career opportunities in Japan.

The session included a quiz on Japan and its culture, discussions on the benefits of learning Japanese for career growth, and an introduction to basic Japanese conversation. Mr. Kuroda also provided insights into the Specified Skilled Worker Program and the JFT-Basic Exam, essential for those considering job opportunities in Japan.



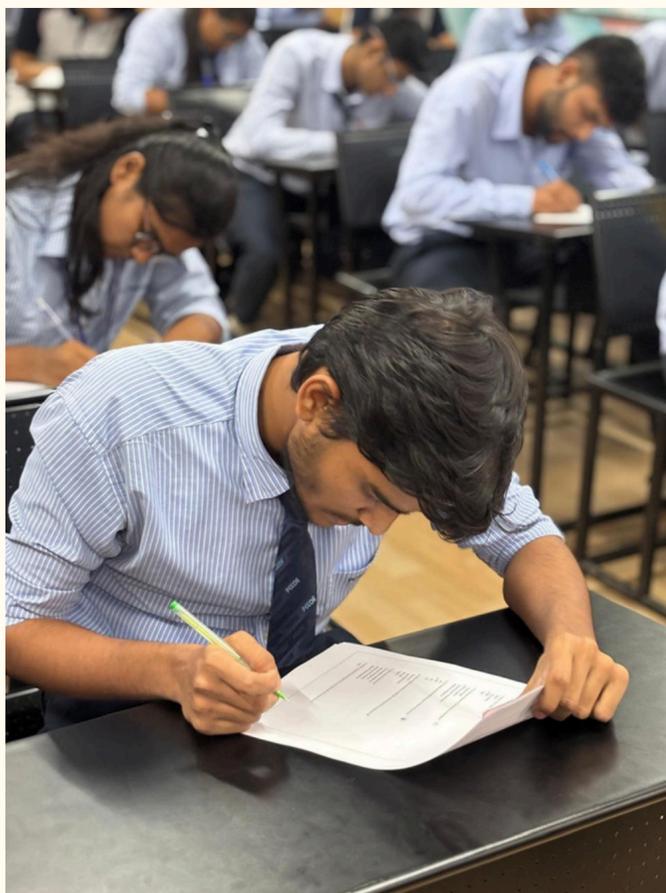
Additionally, students participated in an exciting Kanji quiz and an origami session, making the event both educational and interactive. The event took place at LRDC Hall, Mechanical Building, and saw enthusiastic participation from students eager to explore global career pathways.

This initiative by PCCOE's International Relations Cell continues to strengthen global academic connections, offering students valuable insights into international career prospects.

'Know Your Destination' Quiz Competition

The International Relations Cell of Pimpri Chinchwad College of Engineering (PCCOE) successfully organized the 'Know Your Destination' Quiz Competition, an engaging and intellectually stimulating event that tested students' knowledge of global affairs, geography, and cultures.

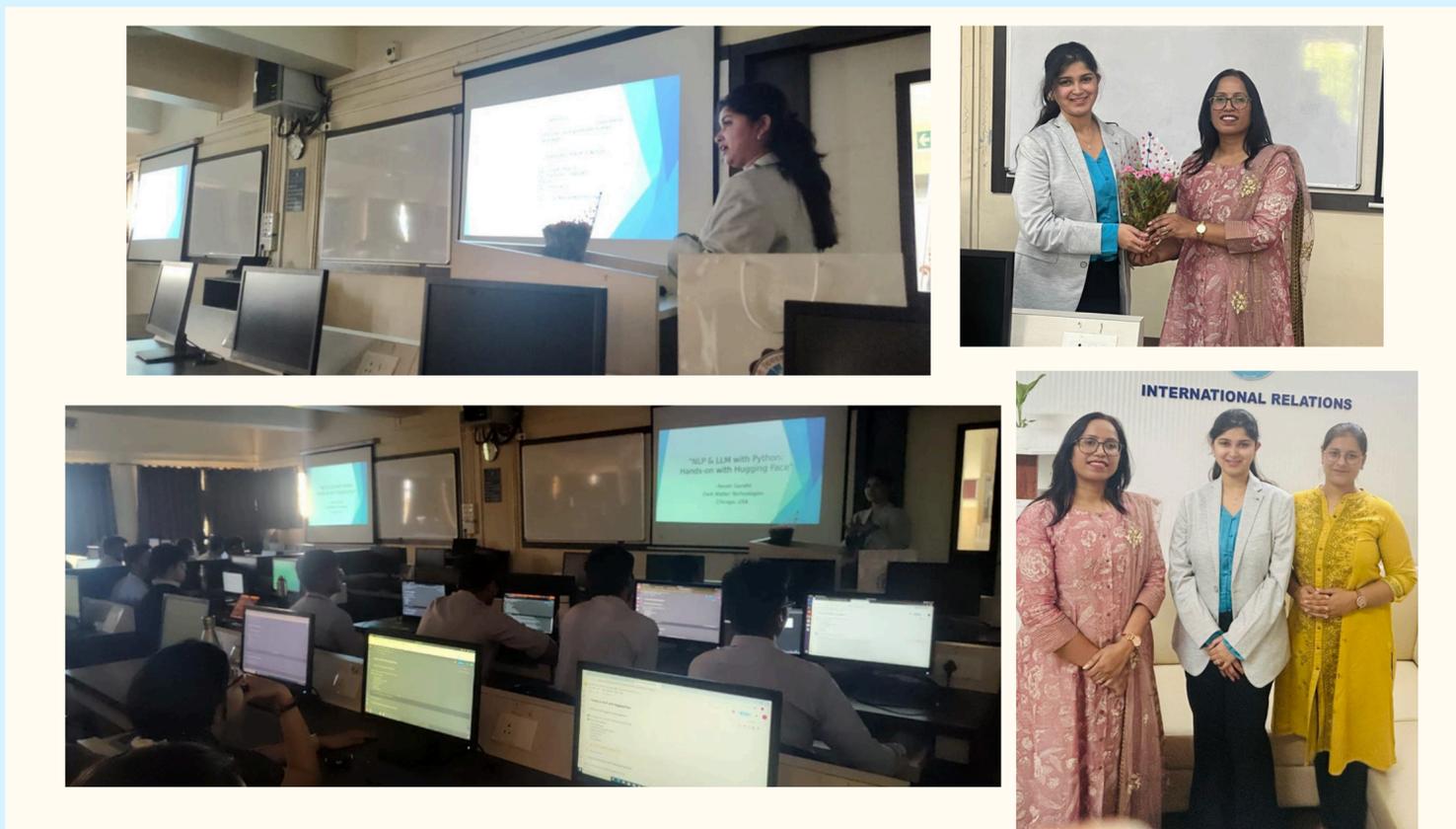
The 30-minute quiz featured 20-30 multiple-choice and short-answer questions, covering a wide range of topics, including countries, capitals, cultures, and famous landmarks. The competition encouraged individual participation, ensuring a fair and challenging environment for all contestants. To maintain an inclusive experience, the quiz followed a no negative marking rule, and a tie-breaker round was conducted in case of a tie among participants.



With an overwhelming response, the event saw enthusiastic participation from students, with registrations filling up quickly as only the first 150 entries were accepted. The competition created an engaging atmosphere, where students showcased their knowledge and competitive spirit.

The 'Know Your Destination' Quiz Competition concluded on a high note, leaving participants motivated to explore more about different cultures and global developments. The International Relations Cell continues to encourage students to expand their horizons through such engaging and educational initiatives.

Hands-on Workshop on NLP with Python and LLMs Held at PCCOE



The International Relations Cell of Pimpri Chinchwad College of Engineering (PCCOE) successfully organized a hands-on workshop on Natural Language Processing (NLP) with Python and Large Language Models (LLMs). The event, held at Lab 6222, 2nd Floor, Building No. 6, ran for three hours from 10:00 AM to 1:00 PM and witnessed active participation from 45 students, 3 faculty members, and 10 volunteers from the IR Cell

The workshop was led by Ms. Revati Gandhi, a Data Scientist from Dark Matter Technologies, Chicago, Illinois, who provided participants with a comprehensive introduction to NLP and LLMs. The session began with fundamental NLP concepts, including text preprocessing techniques such as tokenization, stemming, lemmatization, and stop-word removal. Participants were guided through practical demonstrations using Python libraries like NLTK and spaCy, followed by real-world NLP applications.

The second half of the workshop delved into Large Language Models (LLMs), where Ms. Gandhi explained training methodologies, applications, and the impact of LLMs on AI-driven industries. Students engaged in hands-on exercises, including text generation and sentiment analysis using OpenAI's GPT models.

The vote of thanks was delivered by the organizers, expressing gratitude to Ms. Gandhi for her expertise and to the participants for their enthusiasm.

This workshop marked a significant step in bridging the gap between theoretical knowledge and practical AI applications, encouraging students to explore future projects and careers in the field of artificial intelligence and data science.



Scholarship Announcement

The Romanian Annual Scholarship Program

The Romanian Government has launched its annual scholarship program for the 2025-2026 academic year, offering fully funded opportunities for international students from non-EU countries to pursue higher education in Romania.

Eligibility and Study Levels

Applicants must be non-EU citizens with a minimum academic score of 7 (on the Romanian grading scale). The scholarship covers Bachelor's (3-6 years), Master's (1-2 years), and PhD (3-5 years) programs, excluding studies in Medicine, Dental Medicine, and Pharmacy. Bachelor's and Master's courses are taught in Romanian, with a preparatory year for language learning. PhD candidates may study in Romanian or other languages, as per the doctoral school's requirements.

Scholarship Benefits

Recipients will receive:

- Full tuition fee waiver
- Accommodation support in university dormitories (subject to availability)
- Monthly stipend:
 - €65 for Bachelor's students
 - €75 for Master's students
 - €85 for PhD students

Application Process

Interested candidates must apply exclusively online through the official platform between January 29 and March 12, 2025. The selection results will be announced by June 30, 2025.

For more details and to apply, visit: scholarships.studyinromania.gov.ro.

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