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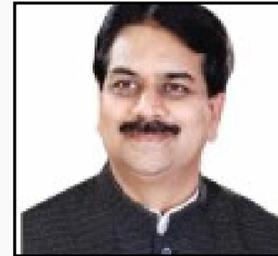
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Samvaad Overseas Editorial

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 5 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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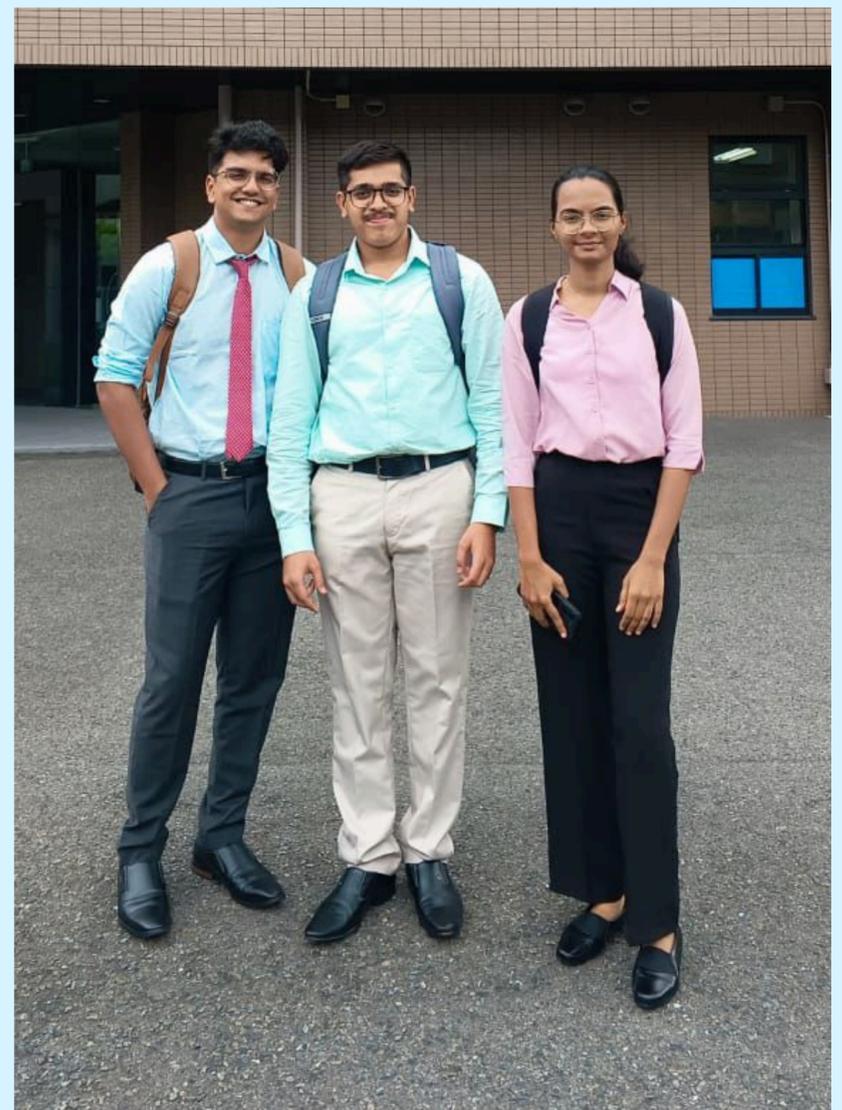
PCCoE Students Begin Internship at LSI R&D Lab, Japan

As part of Pimpri Chinchwad College of Engineering's ongoing international collaboration efforts, three meritorious students have embarked on a prestigious internship journey at LSI R&D Lab, Japan. Ms. Srushti Chavan (Computer Engineering), Mr. Shalom Abhyankar (Electronics & Telecommunication Engineering), and Mr. Yadnyesh Kshirsagar (Mechanical Engineering) have been selected for this global opportunity through the International Relations Cell of PCCoE.

The students have successfully commenced their internships and are already gaining valuable hands-on experience in advanced research and development environments. Their work at LSI is receiving appreciation for its dedication and innovation, reflecting the strong academic foundation provided by PCCoE.

This achievement highlights PCCoE's commitment to providing its students with international exposure and nurturing future-ready engineers.

The International Relations Cell congratulates the interns and wishes them continued success in this exciting global venture.



PCCoE Students Shine at La Trobe University's Global Challenge

It was a moment of great pride for Pimpri Chinchwad College of Engineering (PCCoE) as Team Tetra-Titans emerged as the 1st Runner-Up in the prestigious Technology Infusion Grand Challenge 2024 organized by La Trobe University, Australia. This is the third time in a row that PCCoE teams have accomplished first runner up position in the grand challenge. This international-level competition brings together talented student innovators from across the globe to tackle real-world challenges through technology-led solutions.

Their project received high praise for its technical innovation, social relevance, and practical applicability. Competing against several top-tier global institutions, the PCCoE team held their ground and stood out with their solution, ultimately securing the 1st Runner-Up position

Representing PCCoE, the Tetra-Titans team consisted of four brilliant minds: Abhishek Bhosale, Gaurav Mahale, and Mohini Mehta from Computer Engineering (Regional Language), and Vaishnavi Naik from the Information Technology department. Under the expert mentorship of Dr. Jaya Dewan and Dr. Sudhir Bhalerao (ENT Specialist and Subject Mentor), the team developed a highly impactful and innovative solution – a digital hearing test system aimed at improving early diagnosis and accessibility in hearing healthcare.

As part of their award, the team received a cash prize of INR 1,00,000 and AUD 300, along with a certificate and trophy from La Trobe University's Centre for Technology Infusion. The award ceremony took place on April 30, 2025, recognizing their achievement on an international platform.

This accomplishment not only adds another feather to PCCoE's cap but also highlights the institution's focus on global engagement, student research excellence, and interdisciplinary collaboration. It is also a testament to the role of the International Relations Cell, PCCoE, in creating opportunities for students to compete, connect, and collaborate internationally.

We heartily congratulate Team Tetra-Titans for their success and for setting a new benchmark of innovation and excellence at PCCoE!



French Intern Students' interaction with PCCoE's Student Clubs

As part of a vibrant international exchange initiative, students from Polytech Nancy, France recently visited Pimpri Chinchwad College of Engineering (PCCoE), fostering a dynamic cross-cultural interaction. During their visit, the French students engaged in an insightful session with the dignitaries of the International Relations Cell (IRC) of PCCoE. The dignitaries warmly welcomed the delegation and shared the institute's vision for global collaboration, academic exchange, and student development through international partnerships.

Beyond formal discussions, the students explored the campus and interacted with their Indian peers, exchanging thoughts on education systems, cultural perspectives, and career aspirations. A key highlight of their visit was a guided tour of PCCoE's state-of-the-art laboratories, where they witnessed ongoing research, innovations, and practical applications of engineering concepts. They also visited the Motorsports Club run by the Mechanical Engineering students, where they were introduced to various student-built racing prototypes and learned about the design, engineering, and teamwork involved in competitive motorsport events.

This enriching interaction not only broadened global perspectives but also strengthened the spirit of international academic cooperation and cultural exchange.



U.S. Consulate General, Mumbai Conducts Student Visa Information Session



The U.S. Consulate General, Mumbai organized a highly informative and interactive Student Visa Session on Friday, May 23, 2025, with the objective of supporting Indian students who are planning to pursue higher education in the United States. Held between 2:30 p.m. and 3:30 p.m., the session witnessed active participation from students across Maharashtra and nearby regions.

This special initiative was aimed at demystifying the U.S. student visa application process. Representatives from the U.S. Consulate provided comprehensive guidance on F-1 visa procedures, including how to prepare for the visa interview, common documentation issues, timelines for application, and tips for a smooth visa journey. The session also addressed frequently asked questions and offered expert advice to help students avoid common mistakes during the process.

What made the session particularly impactful was the opportunity it offered for direct engagement with U.S. consular officers. Students were able to ask questions and clarify doubts regarding their individual cases, admission status, SEVIS-related requirements, and post-arrival expectations in the U.S.

To maintain the authenticity and relevance of attendees, registration was mandatory, and exact venue details were shared only after a verification process that confirmed the student's eligibility and academic intent. Students registered by scanning the QR code provided in the official invitation.

This effort by the U.S. Consulate General reflects the commitment of the United States toward promoting international academic collaboration and supporting the global student community. With India being one of the largest sources of international students for the U.S., such sessions play a crucial role in ensuring that aspirants are well-informed, prepared, and confident.

The event concluded on a positive and encouraging note, leaving students motivated and better equipped to take the next step toward their academic goals in the U.S. Several attendees expressed appreciation for the initiative, stating that it significantly helped reduce the stress and uncertainty surrounding the visa process.

For more information and resources, visit <https://bit.ly/2025VisaSessons>

India-Tunisia Joint Call for Research Proposals 2025

The Department of Science and Technology (DST), Government of India, in partnership with the General Directorate of Scientific Research (GDSR) under the Ministry of Higher Education and Scientific Research, Tunisia, has announced the India-Tunisia Joint Call for Proposals 2025. This initiative stems from the Agreement on Scientific and Technological Cooperation signed between the two nations on October 17, 1995, in Tunis.

The call invites Indian and Tunisian universities, research centers, and institutes to submit joint proposals for scientific and technological research. The collaborative projects should focus on one of the following thematic areas:

- Climate Change and Eco-Innovation
- E-Health
- Geospatial Technology

The objective is to foster bilateral research collaborations that can lead to innovative solutions addressing global challenges in these critical domains.

Key Details:

- Call Status: Active
- Submission Window: May 19, 2025 – July 31, 2025 (IST)
- Application Format: Available for download on the <https://onlinedst.gov.in/Projectproposalformat.aspx?Id=2369>
- Contact Officer: Dr. Sulakshana Jain
 - Email: jain.s@nic.in
 - Phone: 011-26519947
 - Preferred Contact Time: 3:00 PM to 4:00 PM (IST)

This joint call represents a significant opportunity for researchers and institutions to engage in meaningful international collaboration, combining expertise and resources to advance scientific knowledge and technological innovation.

For more information and to access the application format, please visit the <https://onlinedst.gov.in/Projectproposalformat.aspx?Id=2369>

Japan Paid Internship Program 2025: A Gateway to Global Career Opportunities

In today's interconnected world, gaining international work experience is a valuable asset for young professionals and students. The Japan Internship Global Program, an initiative led by Japan's Ministry of Economy, Trade and Industry (METI), offers an exciting opportunity of paid internship for global talent to immerse themselves in Japanese business culture and industry.

What is the Program?

This unique program allows participants to intern with Japanese companies, either in Japan or remotely from their home countries. It aims to strengthen cross-cultural exchange and support Japan's expanding global business network by nurturing skilled professionals worldwide.

Who Can Apply?

The program welcomes university students and recent graduates between 18 and 40 years of age from select countries. Applicants need a basic command of Japanese (JLPT N3 or above) or English and must be enrolled in or have graduated from a university.

Internship Experience

Internships usually span one to two months, with interns working around four hours a day, five days a week. Participants get to work closely with small to medium-sized Japanese enterprises, gaining hands-on experience across diverse industries. The immersive environment helps interns develop valuable skills while understanding Japan's distinctive work culture.

How to Join

Aspiring interns can apply online through the official Japan Internship Global Program website. The selection process includes document submission and interviews, with placements tailored to match skills and interests.

link to know more:- <https://japaninternshipglobal.go.jp/about-en>



The flyer features the Japanese flag and the METI logo. It includes the text: 'AI IT INTERNSHIP JAPAN', 'METI Government of JAPAN Internship in Japan for AI and Tech 2025', 'FULLY FUNDED!', 'APPLICATION DEADLINE: JUNE 26', a QR code, and a list of benefits: 'IELTS not required', 'English communication only, No Japanese language skills needed', 'Round-trip airfare & accommodation covered', 'Daily allowance of 3,000 yen', and 'Internship at Japanese companies in IT or AI fields'. The internship period is listed as 'Oct 31 - Dec 15, 2025'. A URL is provided at the bottom: 'https://japaninternshipglobal.go.jp/about-en'.

Empowering Tomorrow's Leaders: The HISA Youth Fellowship 2025

The Headway Institute of Strategic Alliance (HISA) presents the HISA Youth Fellowship 2025, a global leadership program designed to empower young changemakers committed to addressing pressing global challenges. Scheduled for August 23–26, 2025, in the UK, this fellowship offers an immersive platform for youth to engage in policy dialogues, leadership training, and cross-cultural collaboration.

Program Highlights

The fellowship focuses on key themes such as global governance, climate diplomacy, digital transformation, human rights, public health, and peacebuilding. It gathers passionate young leaders, policymakers, and experts worldwide to develop innovative solutions and foster impactful partnerships.

Who Can Apply?

Open to individuals aged 18 to 45 with leadership experience or community engagement backgrounds, the fellowship requires English proficiency. Participants are selected based on their motivation, experience, and alignment with program goals.

Participation and Support

The fellowship offers fully funded, self-funded, and partial access options, covering airfare, accommodation, meals, and certification. Applicants can choose the category that suits their needs, with options also available for visa support.

Why Join?

Beyond training, participants gain access to a global network, expert mentorship, and opportunities to influence international policy. The HISA Youth Fellowship 2025 is a chance to turn ideas into action and join a community dedicated to positive global change.

For details and applications, visit the <https://headwayinstitute.org/hisa-youth-fellowship/>

Loughborough University: A Global Leader in Innovation, Sport, Student Experience

Loughborough University, located in Leicestershire, England, is renowned for its excellence in teaching, research, and sport. Established as a university in 1966, its roots trace back to 1909 with the founding of Loughborough Technical Institute.

Academic Excellence and Rankings

Loughborough consistently ranks among the UK's top universities. In the Complete University Guide 2025, it secured the 6th position, marking its ninth consecutive year in the top ten. Globally, it achieved its highest-ever position at 224th in the QS World University Rankings 2025.

World-Class Sport and Facilities:-

Recognized as the best university globally for sports-related subjects by the QS World University Rankings for eight consecutive years (2017–2025), Loughborough offers unparalleled opportunities in sport and exercise sciences. Its 523-acre campus is the largest single-site green campus in the UK, providing top-tier academic, sports, and recreational facilities.

Diverse Programs and Research:-

The university offers a broad spectrum of undergraduate, postgraduate, and research programs across various disciplines, including engineering, business, design, and health sciences. Loughborough is also known for its impactful research, addressing real-world challenges and driving innovation.

Global Community and Opportunities:-

With over 19,000 students from more than 130 countries, Loughborough fosters a vibrant and inclusive community. Its strong industry links and emphasis on employability ensure that graduates are well-prepared for global careers.

For more information, visit the <https://www.lboro.ac.uk/>

Max Planck–Weizmann Joint Postdoctoral Program 2025

In a groundbreaking initiative, the Max Planck Society (MPG) and the Weizmann Institute of Science (WIS) have launched a prestigious four-year postdoctoral program aimed at fostering international and interdisciplinary research collaboration. This unique fellowship offers early-career scientists the opportunity to conduct cutting-edge research across two of the world's leading scientific institutions.

Program Structure

The fellowship is structured to provide a comprehensive research experience:

- **Duration:** Four years, with an equal split of two years each at MPG in Germany and WIS in Israel.
- **Research Areas:** The program encompasses a wide array of scientific disciplines, including physics, chemistry, mathematics, computer science, earth sciences, and life sciences.

Eligibility Criteria

- **Academic Requirements:** Applicants must hold a Ph.D. in a relevant field by the application deadline.
- **Research Focus:** The program is designed for researchers aiming to pursue interdisciplinary and collaborative projects.
- **Application Process:** Candidates are required to contact potential supervisors at both MPG and WIS to discuss and develop joint research proposals.

Benefits

- **Financial Support:** Fellows receive a competitive stipend, with salary levels ranging from €58,322 to €67,946 per year, depending on experience.
- **Comprehensive Benefits:** The fellowship includes family health insurance, nursing care subsidies, vacation days, relocation support, and subsidized housing during the tenure at WIS.
- **Professional Development:** Fellows will have access to state-of-the-art facilities, mentorship from leading scientists, and opportunities to participate in international conferences and workshops.

Application Deadline

The next application deadline is June 26, 2025. Interested candidates are encouraged to initiate discussions with potential supervisors at both institutions well in advance.

visit the <https://www.weizmann.ac.il/sites/mpg-wis/institutions>

KAUST VSRP Internship 2025: A Gateway to Research in Saudi Arabia

The King Abdullah University of Science and Technology (KAUST) offers the Visiting Student Research Program (VSRP), providing undergraduate and master's students with the opportunity to engage in innovative research across various STEM disciplines. This fully funded internship allows participants to work alongside leading faculty members in state-of-the-art facilities, contributing to real-world scientific advancements.

Program Highlights

- **Duration:** 3–6 months
- **Eligibility:** 3rd and 4th-year undergraduate or master's students
- **GPA Requirement:** Minimum of 3.5/4.0
- **Language Proficiency:** Demonstrated English skills
- **Application Period:** Open

Program Benefits

The VSRP internship offers a comprehensive package to support participants during their research experience:

- **Monthly Stipend:** USD \$1,000
- **Accommodation:** Private bedroom and bathroom in campus housing
- **Travel:** Round-trip airfare to and from KAUST
- **Health Insurance:** Coverage during the internship period
- **Cultural Activities:** Opportunities to engage in social and cultural events
- **Research Facilities:** Access to core laboratories and major research facilities

Application Process

Interested students can explore over 100 available research projects on the KAUST internship portal. Each project page provides detailed information on the project's nature, required background, and desired outcomes. Applicants should submit the following documents

- **Official Transcripts:** In English, covering all degrees
- **Letter of Recommendation:** From a faculty member at the current institution
- **Valid Passport:** With at least 6 months of validity
- **Statement of Purpose:** Outlining research interests and goals
- **Curriculum Vitae (CV):** Highlighting relevant experience and skills

for more information, visit:- <https://admissions.kaust.edu.sa/study/internships>



Flinders University AGRTPS Scholarship

Flinders University, located in Adelaide, Australia, offers the prestigious Australian Government Research Training Program Scholarship (AGRTPS) to international students seeking to pursue higher degrees by research, including Master's and PhD programs.

Scholarship Benefits

The AGRTPS provides a generous tax-free stipend of \$35,010 per year (2025 rate), along with a full tuition fee waiver for the duration of the research degree. Additionally, recipients receive Overseas Health Cover, a relocation allowance to help with moving expenses, and support for dependents' health insurance.

Eligibility and Duration

This scholarship is available to international students (excluding Australian and New Zealand citizens or permanent residents) who meet the university's academic and English language requirements. The scholarship covers up to 3.5 years for doctoral degrees and up to 2 years for research Master's degrees.

Application Process

Candidates must first apply for admission to a research degree at Flinders University. After receiving an offer, they can apply for the AGRTPS scholarship through the university portal. It is recommended to connect with a potential supervisor before applying to strengthen the application.

Why Choose Flinders University?

Flinders University is known for its supportive research environment, world-class facilities, and vibrant academic community. The AGRTPS scholarship provides a valuable opportunity for international students to advance their careers and contribute to innovative research in Australia.

visit:- <https://www.flinders.edu.au/scholarships/australian-government-research-training-program-scholarship-international>

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