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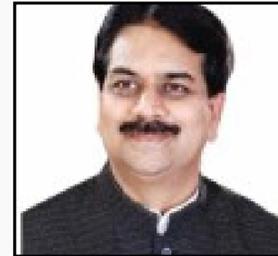
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Samvaad Overseas Editorial

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 8 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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BCC, CUNY Strengthens Ties with PCCOE

Pimpri Chinchwad College of Engineering (PCCOE) recently hosted Dr. Phillip from Bronx Community College (BCC), City University of New York (CUNY), marking a key step in global collaboration.

Formal Collaboration

The visit began with the official announcement of BCC, CUNY as a Co-organizer for Indradhanu – PCCOE International Grand Challenge 2025. Students from both institutions will form cross-border teams to work on innovation-driven problem statements, fostering cultural exchange and multidisciplinary solutions. Professors from BCC also expressed their intent to visit PCCOE for the finale, ensuring real-time mentoring and knowledge sharing.

Weather Station Visit

Dr. Phillip toured the PCCOE Weather Station, interacting with students and faculty on weather monitoring, data logging, and climate applications. The discussions highlighted scope for joint projects in environmental engineering and research collaborations.

Student Interaction

An interactive session with Civil Engineering students covered the role of environmental sciences in sustainable infrastructure, global case studies, and career opportunities in environmental engineering. The talk offered students fresh global perspectives on sustainability and innovation.

Key Outcomes

- **Strengthened Partnership:** Reinforced ties for Indradhanu and future academic exchange.
- **Research & Innovation:** Opened prospects for joint research in environmental sciences.
- **Student Exposure:** Expanded global insights and networking opportunities.



Guiding Global Dreams: U.S. Education Session at PCCoE

The International Relations Cell (IRC) of Pimpri Chinchwad College of Engineering (PCCoE), in collaboration with EducationUSA, organized an insightful session on “Exploring Higher Education Opportunities in the U.S.” on 29th July 2025. The program aimed at empowering students with the knowledge and guidance required to pursue their academic aspirations abroad.

The highlight of the event was the presence of Dr. Aditi Lele, Senior Adviser from the United States–India Educational Foundation (USIEF), Fulbright Commission in India.

Key Takeaways from the Session

- **Understanding U.S. Education System:** Students gained a clear overview of graduate programs, academic structures, and industry-driven learning.
- **Application Guidance:** Detailed insights on preparing strong applications, from personal statements and recommendation letters to standardized tests like GRE, TOEFL, and IELTS.
- **University Selection:** Expert advice on choosing institutions aligned with academic goals, research interests, and financial feasibility.
- **Interactive Q&A:** A lively discussion addressed student concerns ranging from program requirements to research prerequisites and placement advantages.

Impact on Students

With 137 student participants, supported by 28 IRC volunteers and faculty members, the session proved to be highly impactful. Students left with a clearer roadmap for higher studies in the U.S., equipped with strategies to enhance their profiles and confidence to explore global opportunities.

By hosting such initiatives, PCCoE continues to strengthen its vision of nurturing globally competent engineers, preparing students not only for academic excellence but also for international exposure and career advancement.



French Student Internship Program at PCCoE: A Global Learning Experience

Pimpri Chinchwad College of Engineering (PCCoE), Pune, recently hosted five students from Polytech Nancy, France, as part of a four-month international internship program (April–August 2025). The initiative, led by the Office of International Relations, was a remarkable blend of academic enrichment, industry exposure, and cultural immersion.

Industry Engagement & Learning

The students were placed in leading Pune-based companies – ATS Pvt. Ltd. and Ador Technologies – where they worked on projects in mechanical automation, electronics, and product design. Guided by company mentors and PCCoE faculty, the interns gained hands-on experience in solving real-world industrial challenges while adapting to Indian work culture.

Academic & Skill Development

To strengthen their learning journey, PCCoE organized:

- English Proficiency Sessions for effective professional communication.
- Yoga & Meditation Workshops to balance mental well-being with rigorous industrial schedules.
- Departmental Interactions with Mechanical and IT departments, fostering exchange of innovative ideas with Indian students.

Cultural Immersion

Beyond academics, the interns explored India's rich cultural heritage. Visits to Pawana Lake, Lonavala, Mahabaleshwar, Panchgani, and Pune's heritage sites gave them an unforgettable glimpse of Maharashtra's landscapes and traditions.



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Overcoming Challenges

The journey wasn't without its hurdles—language barriers, adapting to Pune's climate, and adjusting to local industry practices. However, the students overcame these challenges with resilience, leaving with enhanced adaptability and global exposure.

Impact & Takeaways

The program left a lasting mark on both the interns and PCCoE:

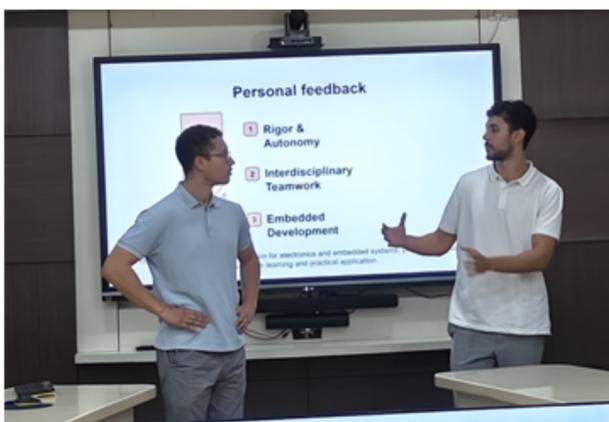
- For Students: Improved technical expertise, cross-cultural understanding, and personal growth.
- For PCCoE: Strengthened international partnerships and paved the way for future collaborations with Polytech Nancy and beyond.

In their feedback, the students expressed heartfelt gratitude:

“The blend of industrial exposure and cultural exploration made this internship unforgettable. PCCoE provided excellent guidance and care throughout our stay.” – Arthur MORDANT

Looking Ahead

The success of this program reaffirms PCCoE's vision of nurturing globally competent engineers. With plans to expand research collaborations and industry tie-ups, PCCoE continues to build bridges across borders—empowering students with knowledge, skills, and global perspective.



Student Testimonials from Internship at Universiti Teknologi PETRONAS (UTP), Malaysia

A Journey of Growth and Discovery

My two-month Research Attachment Program (RAP) at Universiti Teknologi PETRONAS (UTP), Malaysia, turned out to be much more than an academic endeavor. It became a transformative journey that blended learning, cultural immersion, and self-discovery. This program shaped my professional aspirations while enriching my personal outlook on life. Opportunities like these remind us that growth often begins outside our comfort zone, and I remain deeply grateful to UTP and PCCoE for enabling this remarkable experience.

— Devansh Yadav
(Computer Engineering)



Exploring Deep Learning and Beyond

Taking part in the Research Attachment Program (RAP) at Universiti Teknologi PETRONAS (UTP), Malaysia, has been one of the most rewarding phases of my academic journey. Immersed in the field of Deep Learning and Educational Technology, I was fortunate to work under the guidance of distinguished faculty and mentors. I am sincerely thankful to UTP and Pimpri Chinchwad College of Engineering (PCCoE), especially the International Relations Cell, for making this platform available. This experience is one I will carry forward into future research and innovation.

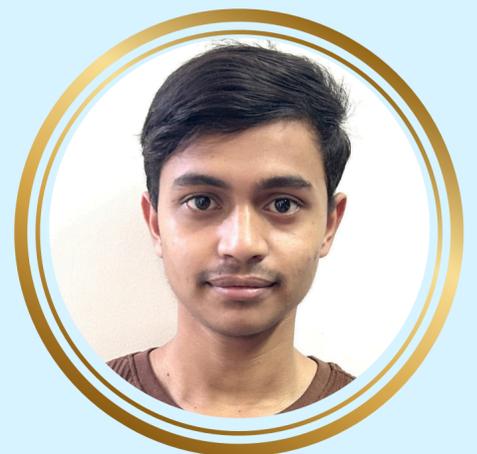
— Arnav Sonawane
(Computer Engineering)



AI for Safety

My Research and Development Internship at Universiti Teknologi PETRONAS (UTP), Malaysia, marked a significant milestone in my academic and professional growth. Working on Deep Learning applications for Worksite Safety Monitoring, I engaged in developing real-time AI solutions to enhance occupational safety standards. I am grateful to PCCoE and UTP for providing this enriching opportunity, which will continue to inspire my future endeavors in AI and research.

— Tanmay Bhure
(Computer Engineering)



Student Testimonials from Internship at LSI R&D, Yokohama, Japan

Learning Discipline and Innovation

My one-month internship at LSI R&D in Yokohama, Japan, was a rewarding journey of academic, professional, and personal growth. Each day began with routines like office cleaning and team meetings, instilling values of discipline, respect, and teamwork. Working on C programming, flowchart creation, algorithm design, and project work in both C and Python, I strengthened my problem-solving and technical expertise. This internship taught me punctuality, time management, and adaptability while offering a deep insight into Japan's clean and organized work culture. I am grateful to LSI R&D for this transformative opportunity.

— *Yadnyesh J. Kshirsagar*
(*Mechanical Engineering*)



A Journey of Adaptation and Cultural Immersion

My internship at LSI R&D in Yokohama, Japan, was a truly enriching experience that shaped both my professional and personal outlook. Immersing myself in Japan's disciplined and calm work culture, I began each day with meaningful routines such as office cleaning and morning meetings that emphasized teamwork and self-sufficiency. This journey became a personal transformation, leaving me more confident, adaptable, and inspired to embrace global opportunities.

— *Shalom Abhyankar*
(*ENTC Engineering*)



Beyond Borders: Lessons from Japan

My internship at LSI R&D, Yokohama, Japan, has been one of the most memorable chapters of my life. Supported by the International Relations Cell of PCCOE and Proceed Technologies Pvt. Ltd., I entered a new cultural and professional environment with excitement and curiosity. This internship became more than professional training; it was a journey of independence, adaptability, and personal transformation. I am truly grateful for this opportunity.

— *Srushti Chavan*
(*Computer Engineering*)



IOIST Visiting Program: Where Science Meets Collaboration

The Okinawa Institute of Science and Technology (OIST) in Onna, Okinawa, offers researchers worldwide a chance to collaborate, innovate, and immerse in Japan's unique culture through its Visiting Program, launched in 2021.

Program Tracks

- **Visiting Scholars (VS)** – Independent researchers (senior postdocs, junior faculty). Stay: 3–12 months. Benefits: travel, housing, stipend, office space. Must deliver a public talk.
- **Experimental Visiting Scholars (EVS)** – Senior researchers needing lab access, supported by OIST faculty.
- **Domestic Visitors (DV)** – Japan-based researchers. Stay: 2 weeks–6 months (can be split). Includes seminars and collaboration.
- **Thematic Programs (TP)** – Short-term (1–2 months) group visits (4–8 members) around focused themes like neuroscience, physics, or ecology, often with a symposium.

Benefits & Life at OIST

- Round-trip airfare, furnished housing, daily allowance, office facilities, and campus access.
- World-class research infrastructure with computing and lab support.
- Inclusive environment with childcare, gender-neutral amenities, and strong community services.
- Location perks: subtropical climate, scenic coastline, on-campus convenience store, shuttle to nearby shopping.

Applications & Eligibility

- **FY2026 applications (VS/EVS):** deadline September 15, 2025 (visits between April 2026–March 2027).
- **DV:** rolling applications, selected twice yearly.
- **TP:** proposals accepted on specific timelines.
- **Requirements:** Ph.D., research proposal, CV, and for EVS/TP—support letters or participant lists.

for more information:- <https://www.oist.jp/visiting-program>



Bonn International Fellowships 2026 – University of Bonn, Germany

The University of Bonn, one of Germany's premier institutions of higher learning, is inviting applications for the Bonn International Fellowships 2026, a distinguished program designed to welcome globally recognized scholars for short research stays of up to 12 days. This initiative reflects the University's strong commitment to internationalization and the promotion of academic excellence through cross-border collaboration.

Fellowship Benefits

Selected fellows will receive comprehensive support to ensure a fruitful and impactful stay at the University of Bonn, including:

- Travel allowance based on the fellow's country of origin.
- Daily stipend of €160 for up to 12 days, including arrival and departure days.
- Up to €500 in material support to organize academic activities such as lectures, workshops, or public outreach events.

This package ensures that fellows not only have the means to engage in academic pursuits but also the flexibility to contribute meaningfully to Bonn's intellectual community.

Duration & Timeline

The fellowship stay must take place between January 1 and December 31, 2026. Applications close on 22 September 2025, with final results announced by December 2025.

A Global Opportunity

The Bonn International Fellowships represent more than just short-term visits; they serve as a gateway for scholars to broaden networks, exchange expertise, and build bridges across disciplines and borders. By engaging with peers at the University of Bonn, fellows will contribute to innovative projects while gaining new perspectives that may influence their own future research directions.

With its strong support system, international outlook, and thriving research environment, the University of Bonn continues to stand out as a hub for academic excellence. The Bonn International Fellowships embody this spirit, offering a platform for accomplished scholars to inspire, collaborate, and strengthen global academic ties. for more details:- <https://www.uni-bonn.de/en/research-and-teaching/support-for-researchers-and-teachers/research-funding/university-grants/bonn-international-fellowships>

Upcoming Events



Pimpri Chinchwad Education Trust's
Pimpri Chinchwad College of Engineering
INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS CELL
Co-Host with
RWTH International Academy, Germany
Organises
**EXPLORE GERMANY
2025**

EDUCATION INDUSTRY CULTURAL

Event Overview

- Connect with leading German academicians & Industry experts
- Explore internship & Career opportunities
- Discover Germany's thriving startup ecosystem

TIME : 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM
DATE : 16th Sept 2025

REGISTER NOW!

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Explore Germany 2025

PCCOE's International Relations Cell with RWTH International Academy, Germany, organizes Explore Germany 2025.

Event focuses on Education, Industry & Cultural exchange opportunities.

Participants can connect with German academicians, explore internships, and discover startups.

Scheduled on 16th Sept 2025, 9:00 AM – 4:00 PM at PCCOE campus.



Pimpri Chinchwad Education Trust's
PIMPRI CHINCHWAD COLLEGE OF ENGINEERING
Pune, India
INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS
presents
**INTERNATIONAL GRAND CHALLENGE
2025**

Indradhanu
PCCOE hackathon for a greener tomorrow

THEME : AI FOR CLIMATE CHANGE

Co-Organisers

BRONX COMMUNITY COLLEGE, CU, nugen, Capgemini, IIEEE Pune Section, ECOSAN SERVICES FOUNDATION

1st PRIZE ₹ 1,00,000/- & Trophy	2nd PRIZE ₹ 60,000/- & Trophy	3rd PRIZE ₹ 40,000/- & Trophy
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- First two winning teams will be awarded a two week mentorship program at PCCOE
- Two special category Awards (₹ 20,000 each)
- No registration fees
- Participation Certificates to all eligible teams
- Deadline for Registration and first round is 10th September '25.

Scan to Register!

For more details:- <https://pccoe-jgc.vercel.app/>

Indradhanu - International Grand Challenge

Pimpri Chinchwad College of Engineering (PCCOE), Pune, presents the International Grand Challenge 2025.

Theme: AI for Climate Change, co-organized with leading global institutes and industries.

Exciting prizes: ₹1,00,000 (1st), ₹60,000 (2nd), ₹40,000 (3rd) along with trophies & mentorship.

Free registration, participation certificates, and a deadline of 10th Sept 2025.

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