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#### NICMAR UNIVESITY, PUNE

#### Vísion

Our vision is to be a global university to promote sustainability, embrace enterprising values and produce industry ready professionals for built environment.

#### Mission

- Produce ambitious, academically capable professional and future leaders in built environment skilled in solving global challenges and transforming lives.
- Provide access to educational programmes responsive to evolving industry and societal needs through outstanding learning and teaching, research and a culture of enterprise.
- Foster holistic and global opportunities that engage students, support their unique needs and wellbeing, and help them prepare for future success.
- Create a vibrant university community and culture, based on our core values of excellence, inclusion and collaboration.

# Our Core Values

Our core values will underpin transparency, respectful enquiry, debate and progress ensuring sustainable development.

- Excellence
- Ambitious
- Collaborative
- Inclusive
- Enterprising

# Message from the Chief Patron - Chancellor

**Prof. (Dr.) Anil Kashyap** President & Chancellor, NICMAR University, Pune and Director General, NICMAR



It is with immense pride that Lintroduce Navsphurthi, a reflection of NICMAR University, Pune's dynamic spirit and unwavering commitment to excellence. Our journey is defined by innovation, industry leadership, and the relentless pursuit of knowledge. As we shape the future of construction, infrastructure, and management education, we continue to empower our students with industry-ready skills, fostering entrepreneurship and encouraging more start-ups in the built environment sector. With a strong focus on Digital Construction, Real Estate Management, Wrban Planning, Sustainable Design, Climate Change, Water and Environment Management, we strive to create transformative solutions for a better tomorrow. Let this magazine serve as a beacon of thought leadership and collaboration, inspiring us to build a legacy of impact and transformation.

Wishing you all continued success in our shared mission of progress.

## Message from the Patron - Vice Chancellor

Dr. Mrs. Sushma S. Kulkarni Vice Chancellor NICMAR University, Pune



It is with immense pride and enthusiasm that I extend my warmest greetings to all our stakeholders through Navsphurthi 2025, the official magazine of NICMAR University, Pune. This publication stands as a testament to the dynamism, creativity, and intellectual vigor that define our academic community.

The theme of Navsphurthi 2025 resonates deeply with our university's vision of fostering a culture of innovation, resilience, and progress. In today's fast-evolving world, adaptability and forward-thinking approaches are essential in addressing contemporary challenges within the built environment.

Rooted in a legacy of academic excellence, NICMAR University is committed to the holistic development of our students through outstanding curricular and extracurricular activities, interdisciplinary learning, experiential education, and industry collaborations. We strive to create industry-ready techno-managers by integrating Indian Knowledge Systems (IKS) with universal human values, ethics, philosophy, linguistics, engineering, and architecture.

NICMAR University prepares students for the professional world through lecture series, internships, and collaborations. Students lead research projects and participate in global forums, fostering future industry leaders. Faculty and researchers push knowledge boundaries, and partnerships with top universities ensure curriculum alignment. The university encourages curiosity, perseverance, and lifelong learning, emphasizing the importance of education in creating positive societal impacts.

I extend my heartfelt appreciation to the editorial team, contributors, and everyone involved in bringing Navsphurthi 2025 to life. Your dedication and efforts are instrumental in showcasing the vibrant and inspiring stories that make NICMAR University a distinguished institution.

Let us continue to dream, innovate, and collaborate in building a brighter future.

# Editors' Desk

**Dr. Darshan A. Mahajan** Dean of Student Affairs NICMAR University, Pune



As Editor in Chief, I'm honored to welcome you to the first issue of the "Navsphurthi", the official magazine of NICMAR University, Pune. This publication serves as a vibrant platform for our NICMARians to express their creativity, share their perspectives, and engage in meaningful discussions.

This publication is a testament to the diverse talents and passions within our student body. We strive to create a space where voices can be heard, ideas can be exchanged, and knowledge can be shared. This issue features a range of short stories, poems, artworks, and other forms, all reflecting the unique perspectives of NICMARians. We hope you find it informative, inspiring, and engaging.

I would also like to express my sincere gratitude to the Hon'ble Chancellor and Hon'ble Vice Chancellor for giving me the opportunity to contribute as Editor-in-Chief. I am also deeply thankful to the advisory committee, editors, associate editors, the Quench Club 2024–25, writers, photographers, and designers, whose dedication and hard work have brought Navsphurthi to life.

Thank you all for being a part of our university magazine's journey. Your support and engagement are invaluable to our continued success. I hope all readers find this issue insightful, inspiring, and engaging.

# STUDENT FOCUS

#### STUDENTS' ACHIEVEMENTS

#### • Rídhu Trísha S

Ridhu Trisha successfully completed the challenging Dayara Bugyal trek, reaching an altitude of 12,200 feet above sea level. This grueling three-day expedition pushed her to the best of her limits, as she braved temperatures ranging from -3 to -10 degrees Celsius. Despite the unforgiving weather conditions, Ridhu persevered and summited the peak, witnessing breathtaking vistas of the surrounding Himalayan landscape. This achievement stands as a testament to her physical and mental endurance, showcasing her ability to conquer one of India's most spectacular treks.







#### Akash Sríram

A Doctor in the Making! While pursuing his MBA, Akash Sriram has also been on a transformative journey in the field of holistic healing. He has successfully completed a Master Diploma in Acupuncture Therapy with distinction and is now on the verge of earning his Doctor of Medicine in Acupuncture. With this expertise, he has treated over 100 patients, curing various ailments without any medication. By combining ancient healing practices with modern science, he is committed to making a difference—one treatment at a time.





Roshan Pradhan and Rhea D' Costa

Roshan Pradhan and Rhea D'Costa secured the 2nd Runner-Up position in the Duet Singing Competition at the Intercollege Singing Competition hosted by ISBM. This achievement highlights their musical talent and dedication to the performing arts on an inter-collegiate platform.

# Prachi Rathore, Radha Peshattiwar, Nikita Meshram, Nukala jai Vaishnavi, Shubhecha Barapatre

The students of NICMAR Fashion Club proudly represented NICMAR University at the 3rd Mega Edition Green Conclave Sustainable Fashion 2025 Show Competition, held on January 18, 2025, Suzlon One Earth, Pune. at Demonstrating creativity and commitment to sustainable fashion, the team secured the runner-up trophy and a cash prize of ₹10,000. This achievement was made possible through the collective



efforts of both the participants and the dedicated backend support team, including Akshay, Sarvesh, Swarangi, Rohith, Veda, Tejas, and Svetha, who played a crucial role in the success of NICMAR Fashion Club.

#### Sachin Belleri

Innovative Fire Safety Breakthrough: A Pioneering Patent from NICMAR

A groundbreaking patent from NICMAR is set to revolutionize fire safety with an advanced fire sprinkler system designed for enhanced efficiency and reliability. By integrating cutting-edge technology and engineering precision, this innovation by Sachin establishes new benchmarks in fire suppression. The unwavering support and robust research ecosystem at NICMAR played a pivotal role in the successful development of this pioneering breakthrough.

#### M Pradhyumna, Akshay Kalje, Akanksha Karande

NICMAR University proudly announces its team's victory in the CoreNet Global Academic Challenge 17. Competing against IIT Kharagpur and IIM Calcutta, the team showed excellence on this prestigious global stage. The challenge required participants to act as Corporate Real Estate (CRE) professionals, developing an AIdriven strategic real estate portfolio for a global manufacturing company, optimizing real estate, logistics, and sustainability. The team presented at the March 2025 finals in Singapore, impressed the global Corporate Real Estate executives and managers.



#### Kanika Agarwal

Kanika Agarwal, a Guinness World Record holder, earned the title for the "Largest Display of Handmade Paper Dolls." She meticulously crafted 2,500 unique, selfstanding, 3D paper dolls, each made using paper quilling and joined with fevicol. These dolls, ranging from 4 to 6 cm in size, are arranged in 25 grids of 10×10. Each doll wears a jacket fashioned from wallpaper rolls, and no two dolls are identical.



#### • Samarth Singh

Samarth Singh achieved the remarkable distinction of being the All India Topper in the NPTEL examination for the course "Housing Policy and Planning." This outstanding accomplishment reflects his dedication, expertise, and deep understanding of the subject, further solidifying his academic excellence in the field.

#### STUDENTS' VOICE

#### TUNNEL OF REMINISCENCE

A loud, firm knock and someone walks in right through the door, I look at it with wet eyes and throat so sore. The faint figure introduces itself as 'MEMORIES', Comes closer to me as though my soul it seizes.

A vibrant flash! Now I am at a tunnel's entrance, 5 y/o 'me' is calling me in, to relive the moments I lived once. Wanting to turn back I decide to go forward instead, Entirely unaware of what was waiting for me ahead.

For a tunnel, it is quite bright inside here, I see my dad teaching little me, 'How to face my fear'. Mom is standing there too smiling with pride, As she is preparing me for Life's unpredictable stride.

Curious to see more, a little further I walk, I stop there as I come across a huge rock. I push it to the side with all my might, All in vain, it is darker here than the darkest night!

I hear someone cry with pain in their heart, It's no one but 13 y/o me looking at my life falling apart! My heart is now aching, and I can't take this anymore, For I am done with uncalled 'Mission Explore'.

I run and run, to the end of the tunnel I reach, The faint figure is waiting there for it has got a few lessons to teach. It says, "In search of lost people we walk down the memory lane, Hoping this is only where we may get to see them again.

What we don't tend to realize is no matter where we stay, They always walk by our side to show us the way. We still have happy old times to reminisce, For every time they made us smile is now no less than a pure bliss".

With this, the figure dispersed into thin air, Back in my room, I'm staring at the photographs left there. Wiping my tears, I realize, I've learnt a lesson worth a ton-'THE BEST THING ABOUT A MEMORY IS SIMPLY MAKING ONE!"

> Ms. Vaidehi Ashok Sawant MBA ACM 2023-25

#### PERFECT

It will always be a quest of chasing 'Perfect'... It was perfect When 12am used to be midnight for you or maybe When your Mumma dropped you at school It was perfect When the last page of your notebook witnessed timeless creations Or maybe When a paper boat in puddle made you sail oceans It was perfect When dad holding your bicycle defined trust for you Or maybe When you believed that the colour of sky is always light blue It was perfect When those vibrant bands on your wrist assured lifelong friendship Or maybe When talks with your besties were endless gossips It was perfect When every summer was the longest Sunday Or maybe When tomorrow seemed very very far away It was perfect When you thought it wasn't or maybe When you will think it is yet to come Indeed, It will always be a quest of chasing that 'Idea of Perfect ' Dream, realise, anchor

> Ms. Janhavi Ukidave MBA SEM 2024-26

#### CONSTELLATIONS OF IMAGINATION

Strolling around the magical night We witnessed the heavenly stars burning bright Settling at the gazing site, we sat with sigh Laying on the ground and staring at the sky.

Blue and dark and purple and pink The sky turned prettier at every wink The silence of the sky turning into melody Moments passed with spark and serenity.

The sky felt like an infinite slate Finding the patterns that the constellations trace

Milky Way and Orion, North star and Leo Libra and Aquarius, Hydra and Scorpio.

But the best of all were the ones we made our own

We found some that were never known Perhaps a cat, a boat or any other animation Following our vision to its ultimate creation.

> Ms. Ruchita Phulkar MBA REVIM 2024–26



Ms. Aarohi Bomanwar MBA REVIM 2024-26

#### SAMAKRUT - BALANCED IS THE NATURE

In this plethora of variety The world exists to be so whimsical with balance, rhythm, and harmony That each existing energy Persist to trace A perpetual mark with a scar of equity.

Light with gloom, Pleasant with nasty And delight is always accompanied with an appalling apathy For everything turns out to be stable Which control the regulation of a perfect philosophy.

Life is a locus filled with neutral events of brain some will lead us to a triumph and others to the thoughts of hurricane Ultimately, it is us who decide Whom to relinquish and whom to entertain.

Crying aloud in agony Would never be the end of a tragedy for nature will always gift a neutralizing force Which would balance an insanity and bring along an avenue Which would lead to an eternity. Death follows birth Existence leads to an end Balanced would be the nature Unti the survival tends to pretend So perfect this creation will remain Unless it trend towards this fixed trend Or else apocalypse will consequently be the bane.

Ms. Ruchita Phulkar MBA REVIM 2024–26

#### INVISIBLE WOUNDS

There are battlefields Below our skin contours, The arch of our brows, At the back of our eyes. There are war cries In the folds of our tongue, Blades of our shoulders and there is hurt in places We can't reach with our own hands. So, we keep looking for hands that heal like poetry, like art.

Mr. Rahil Shameem

#### SET ME FREE

Unless these high tides subside There is no escape Let me confide In you, the dark, unfathomable grey

Sometimes it is the feeling of drowning into nothingness Sometimes it is the force, sucking everything out of you Whatever it is, it leaves you empty

Try fixing this hole, try filling this void But all your effort is in vain These dark depths hold me arrested Far, far away from the sun

I will wait for you to reach me Be my solacer, Release me from the pangs of isolation to see

It was just you, after all, that could set me free

> Ms. Manisha Madhav Morab MBA APM 2023-25

#### **UNDYING HOPE**

My mornings are teary, and my evening are hairy

for the dusk brings with it aching memory

And my nights are scary and the souls are dreary Battling the demons of her treachery

I met so many, but they could never rally For my love for you is too uncanny

So I prayed to go<mark>d to make me merry</mark> but he told me <mark>my pain was impossible to</mark> levy

Then I prayed to him to make me heavenly but he told me t<mark>he thought</mark> was far too deadly

Now i search for an answer to my tragedy Hoping to find a blissful remedy

l am a devotee asking a deity Bless me her, my heart craves so dearly

And I'll rise like a phoenix, bright and shiny As she returns to me, like sally to her harry

> <mark>Adnan Suterwala</mark> MBA ACM 20<mark>24-26</mark>



Ms. Vaidehi Ashok Sawant MBA ACM 2023-25

#### WONDER WOMAN

She bears the pain men dare not dream, Through storms of life, she sails upstream. She faces trials with silent grace, While others miss the tears, the trace. Nature's gift, the best of all, Her value great, though seen as small. She feels so much, her heart so wide. Where men might shrug, she holds inside. She hides her pain, won't let it show, Afraid that others might say "no." In her own land, she feels unsure, Yet stands so strong, both brave and pure. She carries hope in every stride, With wisdom, she becomes the guide. Through every challenge, every tear, She shows the world she has no fear.

> Deep Shah MBA REVIM 2024–26

### THE PURSUIT OF PEACE

How can I keep my chin up? How do I get through this? How do I battle the thoughts speeding inside my head? All I look for is an end. These overpowering emotions, will they ever come to rest?

How do I free myself from this melancholy? How do I accept that I do not have control over my life now? How do I stop contemplating? All I want is to break free From these cuffs, Can I find the key to my peace?

> Ms. Manisha Madhav Morab MBA APM 2023-25

#### A MOTHER'S LOVE

In the quiet hours before the dawn, she rises, weary, yet carries on. Her hands have known the weight of time. yet still, they cradle dreams like mine. With every breath, she gives me life, her soul a lantern through the strife. Her whispered prayers, though silent, rise to shield me from the stormy skies. She carries scars that none can see, each one a mark of love for me. Through sleepless nights, through endless days, she walks through fire but never sways. Her arms have held me, soft and tight, in darkest hours, in morning light. Her voice, a balm to ease my pain, her love, my shelter in the rain. Yet in her eyes, there's something more, a depth that time cannot ignore. Beneath her smile, a secret lies, of battles fought, of silent cries. For every tear she's never shown, she's carved a strength all of her own. A warrior cloaked in simple grace; with courage none could ever trace. Her laughter hides the years of care, her quiet sighs, the weight they bear. But still, she moves through every storm, her heart forever beating warm. She gives and gives, though none may see, the cost of love, the price of me. Her hands grow weak, her steps grow slow.

but still, she stands, despite the blow. For she is more than flesh and bone, she is the light that guides me home. And though her body bends with age, her spirit soars, beyond the cage. And when I falter, lost and weak, it's her soft voice my heart will seek. For she's the anchor, steady, true, in every storm I wander through. And when the world feels cold and gray, her love is where I'll always stay. For in her arms, I've learned to see, the beauty in what it means to be. So, here's to her, this woman strong, Whose love has been my life's sweet song. No words can truly ever say, The debt I owe her every day. Her sacrifice, her endless care, the way she's always been right there. A mother's love, so vast, so deep, Is something I will always keep. And though the years may come and go, her love will never cease to show. For in my heart, her flame will burn, a light that will forever turn.

> Ms. Manjiri Vaidya MBA ACM 2024-26



Ms. Aarohi Bomanwar MBA REVIM 2024-26

#### GUIDING LIGHT OF THE COSMOS

When darkness falls, a light will gleam, As bright as the radiant dream of a toddler. It stirs hope, a wishful spark, One glance into the starry darkness.

Time slows, suspended in the breeze, While the cosmic whispers drift with ease. In blissful waves, the vibrations soar. Showing truths, we have longed for more.

The realization, <mark>swift in flight,</mark> That we are endless, bathed in light. Now's the moment to embrace the glow, For it will guide us as to where to go.

Deep within the <mark>heart</mark> through chambers, this light will never drift apart. Through windows of the soul, divine, we seek the truth and align.

In all the questions vast and high, It narrows down to a single cry— Who am I? The answer is clear, It lies within which is nearby.

> Ms. Ritika Raghu MBA ACM 2024-26

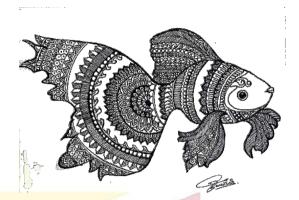
#### THE ARDUOUS JOURNEY

In the freezing snow of despair, Set your minds and hearts ablaze, Liberating your souls of any doubts or fear, For confidence is a must in this chase.

Faith acts as the strength of this path, Fuel burns by the recurring questions you ask,

Curvy and arduous this trail can be, The reward is what you'd love to see.

> Mr. Bhavesh Shukla IMBA 2022-27



Ms. Aarohi Bomanwar MBA ACM 2024-26

#### इक रात

ये बादलों की बात है.. ये घनी अंधेरी रात है.. उछलते मन के कोतूहल में.. ये अभी चलित सौगात है...

ये जुगनुओं का शोर है... ये चंद्रपुष्प का भोर है.. ये झालरों की आवाज़ है.. ये घनी अंधेरी रात है..

इस रात का एक डर भी है... इस डर का एक घर भी है. ये घरों के कुछ जज़्बात है... ये घनी अंधेरी रात है...

ये बातों से उभरने दो ... ये घाव कुछ अब भरने दो... ये निस्तब्ध कोलाहल का साथ है... ये घनी अँधेरी रात है...

> **ईशान जैन** MBA REVIM 2024-26

#### त्याची वाट पाहताना

आज मध्यरात्रीपासूनच माझे डोळे मोबाईलचा पहारा करत होते, त्याचा एकतरी कॉल येईल याची वाट पाहत होते

वाढदिवसांच्या मेसेजेस ने व्हाट्सॲंप फुल झालं होत, शुभेच्छांच्या कॉलला उत्तर देऊन,देऊन तोंड दुखत होत ;

पण माझ्या मनाला तर त्याच्या एका कॉलचीच ओढ होती ...

डोकं म्हणायच जाऊ<mark>दे तो विसरला असेल,</mark> मनाचं त्याला लगेच उत्तर मिळायच, अरे तो कामात असे<mark>ल ...</mark>

फोनच्या गॅलरीतले <mark>फोटो पाहता</mark>,पाहता अचानक केक सोबतचा त्याचा फोटो दिसला; मागच्या वाढदिवशी त्याने दिलेली सरप्राइज व्हिजीट आठवली

आणि मग तर काय मनाच्या घोड्यांचा ताबाच सुटला अन नकळतच माझा चेहरा फुलला ...

मनाला कसबस सावरल तोवर हात डायरीला लागला, मग तर विचारुच नका ...

बेलगाम झालेल माझ मन भूतकाळातील आठवणीत रमलं.

वाढदिवसाला त्याने दिलेली डायरी आठवली; लिहायला आवडत मला हे माहिती होत त्याला

एवढ्यातच फोनच्या <mark>फ्लॅश ने मला पुन्हा वर्तमानात</mark> आणल,

त्याचाच फोन असेल म्हणून लगबगीने माझ्या हातानी राईट स्वाइप केलं

अन एक आवाज कानात गुंजला ...

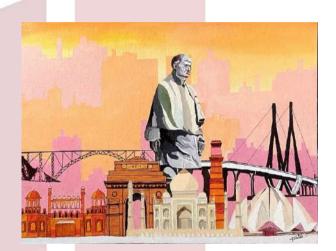
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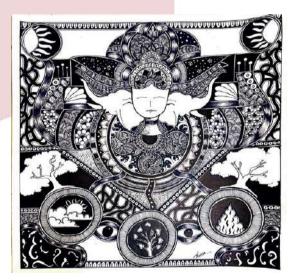
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#### स्त्री - एका पुस्तका सारखी...

नात्यांच्या कुरुक्षेत्रात, स्वतःशीच ती लढते भूमिका अनेक, पात्र मात्र एक

निभावत हे सगळं, ती स्वतःलाच गमवते...

स्त्री, एका पुस्तका सारखी असते.... गरजेनुसार प्रत्येकाला हवी तशी ती दिसते

अभिवादनीय नजरेने <mark>तिला तो पाहतो चित्र-कथा, जशी</mark> त्याला ती भासते

कोणी रद्दी म्हणून दे<mark>ई फेकून ,तर को</mark>णी मंदिरात ठेवी, जसे पुजून ग्रंथे..

कोणी पान पान ही वाचत नाही, तर कोणी नुसतच निहारत तिला बसे पण, स्त्री , एका पुस्तका सारखी असते.. देहात , अंतरमनात, गर्भात.. एक वेगळीच कथा ती रचते...

आयुष्याच्या प्रत्येक पानावर, जी ममतेची शाई भरते, तीच स्त्री म्हणवली जाते...

अबोल भाषेची कविता ती… संत वाणीची ओवी ती… जीवनाच्या कथांची कादंबरी ती… स्त्री , एका पुस्तका सारखी…

> - अंश(Himanshu Terde) MBA REVIM 2024-26





Ms. Spurthi Revankar MBA ACM 2023-25

#### MIGRATORY BIRDS

What fascinates me about migratory birds is how unafraid they are to run when nature no longer serves them according to their needs. And I wonder how many people are still stuck because of the narrative told to them when they were young, about fighting till you bleed, about being a true warrior and not leaving a place even if its claws start strangling your throat, trying till you die, and not leaving a bad marriage or a toxic friendship. I sometimes wonder why running away is attached to being weak or a coward when birds do it all the time and are in fact celebrated in the places they arrive with their beautiful wings, flopping across the sky, travelling miles, till they find a place worthy enough to stay.

Have you ever thought about the places you can arrive at only if you leave that one dark prison cell of a place which leaves you gasping for life more than often? Have you ever wondered how many colours you will add to the right place, the life of a right person, and the right friendship, only if you leave first? I mean, don't you see running away sometimes opens the roads to so many beautiful destinations, so many sunsets waiting along the dusky nights, so many rivers shimmering on the sunny days, so many sparrows chirping, cheering as you leave? Can't you hear the echoes of the mountains asking you to run, migrate, and save yourself?

Darling, there is no bravery in fighting for a situation that no longer serves you when we all end up beneath the ground, six feet under, twisting and turning in our graves, wanting to escape and be free once and for all. Run! because being a bird is not about wings but the courage to change places so often that the transition looks like the sky.





Ms. Aarohi Bomanwar MBA REVIM 2024-26

Mr. Rahil Shameem PGD-QSCM 2024-26



Once upon a time, in a bustling city, there lived a patient named Raj. He had been feeling deeply sad for several weeks and just couldn't shake off the overwhelming sense of emptiness that clouded his mind. Unable to find relief on his own, he decided to visit a psychiatrist. One day, he walked into the doctor's office and said, "Doctor, I've been feeling incredibly sad for so long. Everything feels dull, and no matter what I do, nothing makes me feel better. Can you help me?" The psychiatrist, a kind and understanding man named Dr. Patel,

listened attentively to Raj's concerns. After asking him a few questions and performing a basic check-up, Dr. Patel concluded that Raj was indeed experiencing symptoms of depression. "I understand, Raj. It's not easy, but don't worry; we can work through this," said Dr. Patel. reassuringly. "I'll prescribe you some medication to help manage your emotions. Take these for a week, and then come back to see me, and we'll see how you're feeling." Raj nodded. feeling a small sense of hope and left the clinic with his prescription.

A week later, Raj returned to Dr. Patel's office. "Doctor," he said, "I took the medicine as you advised, but I don't feel any different. The sadness is still there, and nothing seems to help." Dr. Patel looked thoughtful. "Alright, I think we need to try something a bit stronger. This medicine is more potent and should help elevate your mood. Take it for a week and then come back and tell me if it's made a difference." Raj reluctantly agreed and left with the new prescription. He took the stronger medicine for another week, hoping it would help, but when he came back to Dr. Patel the following week, his face was still filled with sadness. "Doctor, I've been taking the new medicine, but nothing has changed. I still feel empty, disconnected, and just... sad." Dr. Patel frowned, feeling concerned but determined to help his patient. He paused for a moment, considering what else he could do. Finally, he came up with an idea. "Raj", he said, "I've been hearing about something that might help you. There is a big fair in the city this weekend, and a circus has come with it.

They have a very popular clown who is known for making people laugh, and he brings joy to everyone who watches him. I've heard so many people talk about how this clown's performance lifts their spirits. Maybe it will help you too. I suggest you go there and have a good time and see if you can find some happiness there."

Raj sat quietly for a moment, his eyes looking distant. Then, he looked at Dr. Patel and said, "Doctor, I am the clown you're talking about."

The point is that like that clown, sometimes we wear masks to hide our pain, pretending to be fine for the sake of others. We focus so much on making others happy, but at the same time, we are ignoring ourselves a lot.

So, keep yourself happy while trying to make others happy!

Mr. Bhagyesh Milind Kulkarni M.Tech CTM 2024-26

#### THE BEAUTY OF UNCERTAINTY

Imagine someone telling you how your life will unfold: you'll become the CEO of a massive company, marry the richest and most gorgeous person in the world, and everything will be smooth sailing. Sounds incredible, right? But here's the catch—would you still feel the same excitement when it all actually happens? Probably not.

Life would feel like a dull script where you already know the ending. Speaking of scripts, imagine if someone had spoiled the answer to why Katappa killed Baahubali before you watched Baahubali 2. Would you still watch it? Okay, if you're a movie buff like me, you'd watch it a million times anyway. But you get my point: the real fun lies in not knowing what's coming next!

Uncertainty is a constant part of life, whether it's choosing a career path, deciding where to live, or wondering what the future holds. It can feel scary, but it's also where the magic happens. And yet, we try to avoid uncertainty. We crave comfort and predictability, but what if uncertainty isn't something to fear? What if it's one of life's greatest gifts? If we knew exactly how things would turn out, we might avoid taking risks, trying new things, or stepping out of our comfort zones. But it's through uncertainty that we grow, learn, and experience life in all its fullness.

Let's say you're planning a trip to a new destination. You could spend hours researching every street, every restaurant, and every hidden corner. Sure, it might make you feel prepared, but would it make the trip as thrilling? Probably not. People might argue that it's better to plan everything in advance—book the perfect hotel, map out the best routes, and make reservations at the top-rated spots. But here's the truth: life rarely follows our plans. More often than not, it has its own way of surprising us. Remember: Life doesn't go as we plan; we go as life's plan unfolds.

The uncertainty of what you'll discover along the way is what makes the journey so memorable. Maybe you'll get lost and stumble across a hidden gem or meet the love of your life. These unplanned moments are what make the adventure fun.

Life's full of surprises, twists, and turns, and that's what makes it so amazing. If you knew every detail in advance, it wouldn't be as thrilling. So, instead of fearing uncertainty, embrace it! After all, it's the unknown that keeps things fresh, exciting, and full of possibility.

So, the next time you're stressed about what's coming next, take a deep breath and remember: it's the uncertainty that makes life worth living. And who knows? That curveball life just threw at you might end up being your best story yet.

Mr. M.A. Abbas Kashani MBA ACM 2023-25

#### THE AGE-OLD UNADDRESSED ISSUE

In the present time India, as a whole nation has many ambitions. The youngsters have been the ones who have started to believe that nothing is impossible when we have the determination to do so.

We have been applauded for addressing some of the greatest problems which India has had since the time of independence. Many issues which were discussed amongst our ancestors before the independence have also been resolved. But there is one issue that our civilization has been facing maybe for millions of years. Every time any crime is committed, we hope that our nation will now take action to address the issue. Still, the tale goes on. Yeah, millions of years!!!!! Which one?

-RAPE

We discuss some highly ambitious topics of our country, such as NEW INDIA & MISSION 2047. RAPE is a grim issue which has not been discussed seriously. Yeah, you might say that we did discuss the issue whenever any rape case took place in the society. But will we talk about it only when the crime has been committed? People organize protests and candle marches in response to this issue. I find it hurtful that certain monsters in our society tarnish the reputation of my nation. Our goal is for the world to recognize that India is the best country in the world and for women to realize how important they are to our nation.

Our history has had some amazing instances wherein our land, BHARAT experienced bloodshed because of disrespecting women. RAMAYAN & MAHABHARAT both tales have been narrated to us since our childhood. But did we really take any lessons from them? The most basic lesson which each person should understand from these ancient texts is that women must be respected. This should not be a compulsion but a habit. It's past time for us to put an end to the age-old RAPE scourge.

We should decide and declare that we want the RAPE culprits to be punished properly. We need to discuss bringing in some special punishment laws for them, which would send a strong message across the globe. Let us reprimand those who attempt to malign the SHAKTI and set an example for the rest of the world.

LET'S COME IN UNISON AND SOLVE THIS ISSUE.

Mr. Sanket Shrivastav B. Tech 2024–28

#### FURSAT AUR FURQAT: THE TIME BETWEEN US

Fursat means free time, while furgat means separation. I wonder how two words can be so close yet so distant in their meanings with the alteration of just one alphabet. Fursat demands time out of your life like a child demands attention. Aren't these synonymous anyway?

You meet someone while carrying the word on the tip of your tongue. The conversation sometimes ends with "fursat mein milenge" While some just start because you had free time. It's interesting how time can be freed as if it is always sentenced to the cages of our schedules. Fursat is a freedom order; a trial that time wins on Somedays. Fursat deems human worthy, as if giving time is an act of charity without telling the name of the philanthropist. Fursat keeps demanding time like a lover demands love on the days you are least capable of giving. But furqat is an act of letting go. It's a key hanging in the lock while we wait for the cage to open. But it doesn't, until one day we realise how it was always there, the choice of separation. Poets have used words like shab-e-furqat to talk about the nights of separation because nights always carry away weeping parts, like a tide touching our feet and disappearing forever in the water, taking away memories and the distance they have travelled.

If memories could be turned into ashes, I wonder how many of us would have already attended our funerals, separation of lovers, brothers, parents, children. Separation, a death. Separation, a beginning. But these two words are so intricately entangled. I find myself losing in the beauty. It takes time for separation; the split second between a breath and another. It seems like time is bailed from our lives until it can separate like ink dissolving in water, pushing water away to make space for itself. We don't really break relationships but the time we could have given only if we had stayed. Fursat and furgat are like brothers who hold each other's hands as people let go of memories in their final movements of godbyes and there goes every ounce of time that could have existed between the two...

"Shab-e-furqat ka jaaga hoon farishto ab toh sone do Kabhi fursat main kar lena hisaab ahista ahista (Ameer Minai)

> Mr. Rahil Shameem PGD-QSCM 2024-26



**Ms. Ruchi Malpani** MBA SEM 2023-25



Ms. Spurthi Revankar MBA ACM 2023-25

# CRAFTING CAREERS, NOT JUST JOBS: Exploring the Placements from a coordinator's

#### perspective

Placements are often regarded as the culmination of academic life—a milestone that validates years of hard work and preparation. At NICMAR University, we are proud to host over 120 companies annually, offering our students an expansive array of opportunities. However, as the Placement Coordinator, I feel it is vital to address a deeper, often overlooked narrative: placements are not just about landing a job. They are about finding the right career path.

#### The Placement Dilemma: Beyond Packages and Titles

In today's fast-paced, AI-driven world, companies are evolving their expectations. While students may aspire to work for top-tier firms or secure high-paying roles, the key question to ask is: Does this role align with my long-term career goals?

The industry today demands more than technical expertise. Recruiters are looking for candidates who can think critically, adapt quickly, and bring unique perspectives to the table. This requires a shift in mindset from merely chasing packages to understanding what the role offers in terms of learning, contribution, and career sustainability.

As students, aligning with the company's mission and values becomes paramount. Careers are built not on short-term achievements but on consistent growth fueled by genuine passion and a willingness to learn.

#### Understanding Industry Expectations: The Psychological Angle

The psychological theory of Person-Job Fit emphasizes the importance of aligning individual abilities and values with organizational roles. Research shows that employees who resonate with their company's culture and goals tend to perform better and experience higher job satisfaction. Thus, when preparing for placements, students should:

- Understand what motivates you and the kind of environment where you thrive.
- Analyze whether the job description aligns with your skillset and aspirations.
- Look beyond immediate gains and focus on roles that offer continuous learning.

#### A Message to Aspiring Professionals: Start Early, Start Right

The placement journey starts far before the final interview. For MBA students, internships serve as the foundation for future roles. Here's a strategy to approach internships and placements effectively:

- 1. Know Your Why: Before applying, ask yourself why a particular company or role excites you. Your choice should be driven by interest, not external validation.
- 2. Study the Company: Understand its values, work culture, and expectations from employees.
- 3. **Soft Skills Matter:** Remember, it's not just about what you know but how well you communicate and collaborate. According to Daniel Goleman's Emotional Intelligence framework, qualities like self-awareness and empathy can often set you apart in interviews.

#### Soft Skills: The Unsung Hero of Placements

While technical expertise is essential, soft skills often determine professional success. Effective communication, teamwork, and adaptability are pivotal in convincing recruiters of your potential. Harvard Business Review studies reveal that leaders with strong interpersonal skills are 12% more productive, emphasizing the significance of these attributes.

During interviews, the ability to articulate your vision, listen actively, and demonstrate cultural fit becomes as important as your technical prowess. The key is to strike a balance: prepare rigorously for technical assessments but invest equal effort in refining your personality and presentation skills.

#### Redefining Success: It's Personal, Not Prescriptive

Success in placements is not a one-size-fits-all concept. While securing a position at a prestigious company may seem like the ultimate goal, true success lies in finding a role that resonates with your individuality. Abraham Maslow's Hierarchy of Needs reminds us that beyond material gains, self-fulfillment and purpose play a crucial role in defining happiness. Remember, placements are not the end but the beginning of a lifelong professional journey. Let's redefine Placement 2025 as more than just a numbers game—it's about crafting meaningful careers that stand the test of time.

At NICMAR, we're not just prepared to get placed; we're empowered to thrive.

Mr. Yashraj Dhiraj Ingole MBA ACM 2023-25

#### DESTINY

As per Google, the definition of destiny is- "The things that happen to you in your life, especially things that you cannot control." As it has been said that destiny cannot be controlled, we get examples from ancient Hindu history how the incarnations of God himself had to suffer just because of DESTINY. Shri Ram accepted his destiny and went to vanvaas. Vasudev Shri Krishn accepted the destiny about the curse of Gandhari which led to the extinction of the Dwarka, his kingdom, and the major Yadavs of the land. Ancient history too teaches us about it. How Vishnugupta Chanakya ran away from Magadh after his father's death to Taxilla. Destiny struck hard, but he excelled himself with knowledge and created his own destiny from there on. But one thing which is remarkable amongst all these scenarios is the fact that your actions determine your destiny. It's up to you how to take each and every incident and how to act upon it. One sorrowful incident can lead you to success, and the same one can destroy your motivation and let you down. It's your choice to make your own destiny.

Mr. Sanket Shrivastav

B. Tech 2024-2028

During the Christmas vacation after the end of the 1st semester, I was exploring opportunities to meet someone with great experience to discuss my personal & professional career. Now that I was wondering whom to meet in CRIP [Construction, Real Estate, Infrastructure & Project Management], I just openly asked my mother, and she introduced her childhood friend to me. He was Mr. Mangesh Divekar, who worked as a general manager at Al Qarar in Oman. His father used to tutor students, including my mother, in all subjects, including Mathematics as a main subject.

I didn't know that Mr. Divekar was in the 20th batch (2004–2006) of Construction Management at NICMAR Pune. I was curious to meet him and discuss different job roles and wondered how senior managers with 18+ years of experience behave. How do they talk, walk, and use their non-verbal language, as we learnt and heard in the NPTEL course of Soft Skills by Prof. T. Ravichandran. Although behaviour/ethics varies from person to person, I decided to meet Mr. Divekar in person. With permission on a phone call, I travelled from Pimpri to Vadgaon. On 24th December 2024, when I rang the doorbell at 10 am, he humbly opened the door. I smiled and entered the house. "So, what're you doing now, Shreeyash?" asked Mangesh.

"I'm pursuing an MBA specializing in Advanced Project Management at NICMAR Pune." "Oh nice, how did you get to know about NICMAR?"

"Through my friend Mr. Shreyas Choramale, he's a senior at the MBA ACM Programme." "That's interesting. Tell me more. "

And we talked and discussed the CRIP sector, and I got to know a lot about Mr. Divekar. He's not an ordinary man. He has ACIArb and CCDA (SCCSI) qualifications with vast experience in planning. I also enjoyed a delicious idli chutney made by Mrs. Divekar. Him, despite having a lot of experience and a senior position, I didn't sense a single trace of ego and arrogance in him. That's what we call a "DOWN-TO-EARTH PERSON.". I got to gain insights into his personal journey and how he trusted the process and how destiny helps us to get the vision to the road ahead through his example.

So, a lot of students worry about placements & internships. For them, here is Mr. Divekar's Golden Advice:

"Be consistent; don't compare.

Trust destiny; the road will be visible as you start working.

You can't predict the future. Be present-minded and know the vision and purpose of your life.

Enjoy the present. Work hard; put your skills wherever there is an opportunity. Don't chase money. Chase the field you love, and money will follow you. Be happy & satisfied with the present. Be graceful."

Mr. Shreeyash Kharat MBA APM 2024-26

#### MY BROTHER, THE SUPERHERO IN AN APRON

Marvel might have an endless lineup of superheroes, but I have my own at home—my brother. His superpower? Brutal honesty wrapped in layers of sarcasm, specially curated for my life decisions. Think of him as one of those wise movie mentors, except instead of saying, "With great power comes great responsibility," he prefers, "With great stupidity comes great life lessons." And trust me, according to him, I give him plenty of material to work with.

Now that I'm in college, every time I call him in a state of existential crisis, he's right there, ready with his signature move—the reality check. Picture this: I'm on the verge of tears, stressing over my future, and he responds with, "At least you're consistent—consistently clueless." Thanks, bro. So very helpful.

But here's the thing—behind all the sarcasm, he's actually right, most of the times! He's like Google Maps for life—annoying when it tells you you're going the wrong way but ultimately guiding you exactly where you need to be.

And if life coaching weren't enough, he's also the Gordon Ramsay of our family—minus the swearing, plus a lot more sarcasm. Guess who gets to be his sidekick? Me. I'm the sous chef, which, in my case, is just a fancy French way of saying "dishwasher who occasionally gets to taste-test things." My primary mission? The thrilling adventure of "Finding the Right Lid for Every Container."

The other day, as I was scrubbing dishes under his watchful eye, he casually remarked, "You know why I make you clean up? Because unlike these plates, you can't just wash away your problems. But at least you're learning to clean up your mess—literally and figuratively." That's the thing about my brother—his timing is impeccable, both with his cooking and his unsolicited life advice. One moment, he's stirring a pot of curry, and the next, he's casually dropping wisdom bombs like, "Maybe if you managed your time like you manage these dishes, you wouldn't be pulling all-nighters." And the worst part? He's right.

But you can't even stay mad at him, because just when he's finished roasting you, he serves you the best dish you've ever had. It's like getting emotional damage and comfort food in one package. He's basically running a therapy kitchen—where the sessions are free, but the burns aren't just from the stove.

His superpower isn't flying or invisibility; it's knowing exactly when to show up with a fresh batch of comfort food and a hard dose of reality. And somehow, between the spice-induced tears and his tough love, he always manages to make everything better.

What's even crazier is that whatever he makes me do or learn ends up helping me excel in life. Whether it's the discipline of cleaning up the precision of timing things right, or simply learning to take criticism with a grain of salt (and maybe some pepper), every lesson he sneaks into our daily interactions somehow translates into real-world skills. His scoldings?

They aren't just nagging; they work like TED Talks—bite-sized, brutally honest, and surprisingly effective. Every sarcastic remark, every life lesson disguised as kitchen duty, every reality check it's all training me for something bigger. And the more I resist, the more I realize how much I'm learning.

Sure, his methods are unconventional. No cape, no mask—just an apron and an uncanny ability to serve life lessons disguised as dinner. But then again, the best heroes don't always wear capes.

He might not belong in the Marvel universe, but in my world, my brother is the hero I never knew I needed—armed with an apron instead of a shield and wisdom that hits harder than any superhero's punch. (Just don't tell him I said any of this!)

> Ms. Anshika Srivastava IMBA 2023-2026

#### THE STORY OF QUENCH CLUB

It all began with a General Body Meeting, where just 10 students showed up. To be honest, we were a bit disheartened. We had big dreams for the club, and seeing so few people in the room made us question if we were on the right track. It felt like our vision might never come to life. But instead of letting that disappointment hold us back, we decided to keep pushing. We wanted to break the stereotype that the club was just about books and reading. We envisioned something more—something fun, something that would bring people together. Our first step toward that goal was creating a fun event, and that's when the idea of a Treasure Hunt was born. We had no idea what was about to unfold.

To our surprise, over 100 students took part in the event, and we were overwhelmed with joy. We even had to stop collecting entries because we had already reached the limit of 26—one for each letter of the alphabet! (the theme was around English alphabets)

Behind this success was a team of just six passionate individuals, working tirelessly for five days to organize the event. It wasn't easy—there were late nights, sleepless nights and a lot of brainstorming—but it was all worth it when we saw the turnout. We saw firsthand that hard work can truly pay off.

But we didn't stop there. We knew this was just the beginning, and we were determined to do more. That's when QUILL was born—the first-ever annual literary fest at NICMAR University, Pune. The idea had been brewing in our minds since a long time, and we poured our hearts and souls into making it a reality. The result? A grand success. Five events spanning three days, with more than 200 students participating. While some might see 200 as a small number, for us, it was a victory. From just 10 students at our first meeting to over 200 people engaging in our fest, it felt like we had accomplished something truly special.

One of the most exciting milestones for us was contributing to NAVASPHURTI, the university's very first magazine. Being able to contribute to something so unique and meaningful has been an incredible experience. It's not just a magazine—it's a platform for students to showcase their creativity, voice, and passion. Watching it come to life and knowing we had a role in that process is something we'll always cherish.

We had made a to-do list when we first started, and as our tenure nears its end, we've nearly checked off every box. There are a few remaining tasks, but we're determined to complete them before the academic year is over.

To those who come after us, we leave this message: There's only one way for this club to go— and that's forward. Keep dreaming, keep creating, and keep making it better. We've laid the foundation, and now it's your turn to build. Take it even higher than we ever could. Best of luck. This is the story of QUENCH Club. Now, it's your turn to write the next chapter.

#### QUENCH Club 2024-25

# FACULTY FOCUS

# FACULTY ACHIEVEMENTS

# Consultancy Details for the AY 2024-25:

	Name of Faculty	Organization to which consultancy or corporate training provided	Project Title	Amount
	Dr. Sagar Malsane	Envocare Consulting Pvt. Ltd.	Consultancy work for Envocare Consulting Pvt. Ltd. about Ahmedabad International Airport Ltd. (AIAL)	Rs. 1,00,000/- (Rs. One Lakh)
	Dr. Kirti Rajhans	Indo Universal Collaboration for	Writing Effective Teaching Cases and Teaching them in the class as an impactful pedagogical Tool in	Rs. 30,000/- (Rs. Thirty Thousand)
	Dr. Rajni Kant Rajhans	Engineering Education (IVCEE)	collaboration with Indo Universal Collaboration for Engineering Education (IVCEE)	
	Dr. Tapash Kumar Ganguli		Competency Mapping and Assessment for Project Managers	Rs. 17,70,000 (Rs. Seventeen Lakh Seventy Thousand)
T	Dr. Anil Agarwal	Tata Power Renewable Energy Ltd.		
	Mrs. Neelam Waldia			

### Books Publication for the year 2024-25

Faculty Name	Book Title	Name of Publisher
Dr. Arijita Biswas	Advanced Materials in Construction	Geh Press
Dr. Kirn Bhaskar	Concrete Technology	CBS Publisher & Distributors Pvt. Ltd.

### Research Award Received by Faculty



Dr. Avinash Bagul has received "Best Oral Presentation" award for his research paper at 6<sup>th</sup> International Conference on Supply Chain Management (ICSCM 2025), organized by Hosei University, Tokyo, Japan on 23<sup>rd</sup> February 2025.

# Funded Project for the AY 2024-25

Team	Project Title	Funding Amount	Funding Agency
Dr. Sachin Batra, Dr. Nishant Singh, Dr. Niharika Gaan, Dr. Venkatesh Babu, Ms. Akanksha Pandey	Evidence-Based Exploration of Psychological Need Satisfaction and Mental Health Outcomes: Role of Coping Mechanism and Digital Mental Health Interventions Among Gen Z in Maharashtra	Rs. 20,00,000/- (Rs. Twenty Lakh)	Indian Council of Social Science Research (ICSSR)
Dr. Vandana Bhavsar, Dr. J. S. Sudarsan, Dr. P. K. Samanta, Dr. Abhijat Abhyankar, Dr. Rhythm Singh, Ms. Netra Walawalkar	Enablers and Barriers for Adoption of Roof Top Solar System: A Case Study of Sangli, Maharashtra	Rs. 12,00,000 (Rs. Twelve Lakh)	Indian Council of Social Science Research (ICSSR)

### FACULTY VOICE

### THE FORBIDDEN BUDS

Twinkle twinkle little star, how I wonder what you are....

The morning that day was refreshingly pleasant as the kids had got up quite earlier than usual. Sabina's excitement knew no bounds. She and her beloved friend little Geeta were running zealously to wake the other friends up. Every time would they tell them about the wedding, the kids would jump off their beds with excitement and shout at the top of their voice with ecstasy. Ram, Sonu, Babli and Chinku along with Sabina and Geeta were all overjoyed to listen to the wedding hymns coming from the nearby wedding hall. Chinku, the little fat boy of four, was beaming and thinking of the joyful wedding ceremony for him. The excitement among the kids was making them impatient and curious.

Taking the necessary things with them, they all headed towards the wedding hall. The hall wasn't much far from their dwellings; it was a matter of fifteen minutes of walking and then they would be a part of that grand celebration.

Ram, the twelve-year bony boy with a crippled left leg was the senior-most member of the group. He was leading the other kids towards the hall. Sonu the five-year little girl was Ram's sister. She had innocent dark eyes and an ever-smiling face. While marching towards the hall, listening to the hymns, she was thinking of the sweet laddoos and jilebis. She could see them dancing all around. Her tiny bare feet were moving hastily towards the hall. "Brother, I will eat four laddoos and five jilebis and take some for grandma as well," She spoke excitedly. "Why not dear, take whatever you want, after all it's a grand function" Ram replied. It was half past ten and the Sun had been getting stronger, but the kids' energy was unbeatable. After covering some distance, Babli the little girl of nine showed the other kids the decorated pandals. Their eyes gleamed with a broad smile. Now the music of the wedding hymns was getting louder beat by beat as the heartbeats of the kids too were thumping with glee. Babli's younger brother of four, Chinku was literally being dragged along as he could not match up with the walking speed of his sister. Geeta and Sabina, the six-year-old innocent girls were the best friends since their first day of birth. Both were found at the doorstep of the Ram temple in their village on the same day but at different times. The past two days had been tough for them and now their faces were lit with hope and happiness as they were going to attend the grand wedding. With their hearts filled with joy and excitement, the kids finally reached the wedding hall. Standing at the entrance of the pandal, they were staring at the sparkling decorations with glittering eyes and parched stomachs.

The atmosphere was filled with pleasant fragrance of the perfume being spread through the huge moving fans. The pandals were decorated with long garlands of fresh marigold flowers and strings of colourful blinking lights. The pandal curtains had a fine blend of silky red and orange colours adding to the grandeur of the set up there. The music of Ustad Bismillah Khan was enchanting one and all with its melodious tunes, spreading the nectar of auspiciousness all over. The quests in their rich robes were moving slow and fast from one place to another...greeting, hugging and laughing animatedly. Everything was just perfect for a grand wedding; however, the most important thing that was attracting the kids was the soothing smell of the delicious food being cooked in the open kitchen. They could see the huge vessels that had in them milky-white, fresh steaming rice, golden yellow dal with red chilies and pieces of fresh red tomatoes with coriander and other spices, the bucket full of fragrant hot jilebis and the wooden baskets with a pyramid pile of laddoos. As the kids were observing the food with wide-open eyes, the rats in their stomachs were getting wilder. Sonu was gazing at the jilebis and laddoos pensively and her tongue was moistening her tiny dried-out lips. They all were looking at the kitchen hungrily and.... impatiently. Soon a security guard noticed them and very furiously waving his thick stick, he buzzed them off. The kids ran away at once and stood under a big banyan tree in front of the pandals. The security guard standing like a wall at the entrance was looking with hostility at the kids. Little Sonu was frightened to see her brother being beaten up on his back by the guard while they were running towards the tree. The security guard was cursing and shouting at them from the gate which made them realize that their entry to the hall was literally impossible. Standing still under the tree, they were observing the ceremony and the movements of the waiters. The bride and the bridegroom, the priest and the elite crowd, the exchange of rings and garlands, the flashes of cameras.... everything was glorious and extravagant.

Finally, the most awaited moment occurred, and the kids got overexcited. After the wedding rituals, the guests started moving to the dining hall. Elegant arrangements were made for the lunch, and the people were occupying their seats. Ram guided the kids to the backyard of the wedding hall where the dishwashers were waiting for the dishes to come to their duty. The dishwashers saw the kids and signaled them to have patience for some time. About fifteen minutes later, the first round of lunch was over, and the attendants brought the dishes outside to the dishwashers. As soon as the dishes were kept down, the kids rushed at once and started collecting the leftover food into their aluminum vessels. Ram was picking up the dishes which had more leftover food and the other kids were taking it into their utensils hastily.

Soon the security guard at the rear gate saw the kids and started whistling. He called the other two guards to catch the kids. Ram quickly directed the kids to the broken fence from where they could have a safe escape. Sabina and Geeta held the hands of Sonu and Chinku respectively and ran towards the fence under Ram's guidance and protection. The guards were running at them furiously, thrusting their mighty sticks. One by one the kids were escaping when the unfortunate Ram fell down and became victim of the angry sticks of the guards. Sonu could not bear the brutal sight and ran towards Ram. Babli tried to resist her, but Sonu was quicker. Covering her brother, she pleaded the guards not to beat him but in vain. She herself received a hard hit on her forehead that rendered her almost unconscious. The guards warned the brutally beaten Ram to take his sister away and not to come back again. The dejected Ram lifted his sister Sonu on his shoulder and carried her to the banyan tree where Geeta, Sabina, Babli and Chinku were waiting for them.

Ram was bleeding and Sonu was unconscious. They all were horrified and trembling. Geeta rushed to the borewell tap outside the wedding hall and fetched some water to sprinkle on Sonu's face. The kids were anxious about Sonu's condition. They were frightened by the big swollen bump on her forehead. They angrily looked at the guards with vengeance, but their tiny and weak physiques offered them no chance before those raging Goliaths. The kids, wiping their tearful eyes were trying to awaken Sonu. The hunger in their stomachs had been replaced by the pain in their hearts and all they wanted was little Sonu to be conscious again.

The misery of the kids wasn't unfortunately over as while they were busy looking after Sonu, the local goons Shamya and Bandya appeared from nowhere and snatched their vessels of food. "Oh great! look what we have here!" Shamya said excitedly looking at the filled bowls. "Yeah! It's a treat indeed, we have fresh rice with delicious dal and the amazing Jilebis and Laddoos..." exclaimed Bandya.

The kids stared at them furiously. Ram got up and said, "Look guys, my sister is unwell, and we all have been hungry for the last two days, please don't do this to us..."

"So, what you little fool! try and get it again. There is ample food out there. Just give it a go boy!" Bandya said rudely pushing Ram's shoulder. Ram, Sabina and Geeta tried to pull the vessels back from them but couldn't. The two goons thrusted Ram and Sabina and hit Geeta with a hard punch in the face to run away with the food. The kids could not chase them as they had to be there with the unconscious Sonu. They sat beside Sonu crying in pain helplessly.

The kids sat quietly, blankly gazing at the happenings at the wedding. People relishing the food.... the rice.... dal...... jilebis....and.... laddoos. The dishes.... the wasted food and the fortunate dogs and crows.

Soon dusk fell. All the guests, the newly married couple and their relatives had left by then and only the sweepers were cleaning the mushy floors in the dull void of the wedding hall. The kids too by now had been asleep under the tree beside Sonu who was sitting in the tearfully gazing at the twinkling star beside the crescent moon.

Dr. Amit Hiray

#### THE ABUNDANCE MINDSET: FINDING JOY AND PURPOSE IN LIFE

We often find ourselves caught in a relentless race, just like running on a treadmill, expecting to reach a beautiful destination. We are often told that winning is everything, getting ahead in the race and being number 1 in the chosen field. We are conditioned to believe that resources are scarce, that success is finite, and that we must compete fiercely to secure our place. This mindset fosters stress, anxiety, and a sense of being overburdened. We rush through life without a clear understanding of what we truly want to contribute or where we are headed.

But what if we took a moment to pause and look around? Nature offers a different perspective. The vast sky, the endless greenery in the forest, the warmth of the sun, and the boundless oceanthese are reminders of the abundance that surrounds us. The world is rich with opportunities, and there is enough for everyone. The scarcity mindset is an illusion that keeps us trapped in fear, while in reality, life provides more than we often acknowledge and appreciate.

Gratitude is the key to shifting our mindset. When we recognize and appreciate the blessings we already have, we unlock a sense of fulfilment and peace. An abundant life is not just about material wealth alone; it is about realizing that we have a purpose and that we are meant to live it every single day. When we let go of unnecessary competition and embrace our unique paths, we cultivate harmony, growth, and joy.

Finding joy in the mundane is an art. Laughter and small moments of connection are the simple pleasures of daily life. These are treasures that an abundance mentality helps us appreciate. When we move from a mindset of lack to one of plenty, we begin to see that life is not a battle to be won but a journey to be cherished.

As we shift our focus from scarcity to abundance, we contribute to a world where people uplift one another instead of tearing each other down. A world where we support each other in finding and fulfilling our purposes, where success is not measured by how many others we surpass but by how meaningfully we lived our purpose.

Embrace abundance. Count your blessings. And watch how life transforms into a more fulfilling and meaningful experience.

Dr. Jeetu Soneji

#### TOWARDS THE TIMELESS TOP

The glimmering green grove Shimmering in the sublime sun Flourished with fragrant flowers Bubbling with blooming bright buds Mesmerizes the mind miraculously And alleviates the ailments afflicting Affirming an amicable alignment With the waking world in wilderness, The sun, the sky, and the scenes surrounding Enchant, engulf, and enlighten Igniting the innate, inert inspiration To tread towards the timeless top Where the worldliness of the world withers Dispelling the dull darkness of desolation Allowing alacrity against acrimony,

Allowing alacrity against acrimony, Such a state shall shower sooth Promoting piety and peace. Hope he heightens the happiness By brightening the benign beacon.

### Dr. Amit Hiray

#### REBIRTH OF STRENGTH

Born into wealth, with siblings around, Loved by the family, where joy did resound. She married her cousin, with hopes set high, But soon her dreams began to fade and sigh.

Treated harshly by those who should care, She found strength in her children, her love to bear.

Through all the pain, she rose above, Learning the power of resilience and love.

Her husband gone, leaving her in grief, Yet her spirit held strong, seeking relief. In-laws' burdens heavy on her heart, But she faced them all, playing her part.

When will it end, she wonders each day, The struggles that never seem to fade away. But courage, dear soul, is yours to claim, Through every storm, through every flame.

May you be reborn in a life so bright, where happiness blossoms, and peace takes flight. A family of love, a place to rest, Where joy surrounds you, and you feel blessed.

So rise, dear soul, let your strength shine through, For brighter days are waiting for you.

#### Ms. Hemalatha Govindaraju

विवेकानंद तुम्हाला काय वाटते? आम्ही तुमच्या उदाहरणाचे अनुसरण करतो का? विवेकानंद तुम्हाला काय वाटतं, आम्ही तुमचे आहोत शब्दांचा सराव करता का?

आम्ही अजूनही ते दुःखी माणूस आहोत पृथ्वीवर जगतो. आपण इतिहास घडवत नाही, आपण इतिहासकार आहोत, आपण इतिहास वाचतो.

आमचे विचार तुमच्या विचारांचा विचार करू शकत नाहीत. आमची सुधारणा तुमच्या सुधारणेची थट्टा करते.

आपला अहंकार इत<mark>का प्रखर असतो की आपला स्वत्व हरवून बसतो.</mark> हे युगावतार प्रकट व्<mark>हा, पुन्हा प्रकट व्हा जगाच्या चांगुलपणा साठी.</mark>

तुमचा अमर संदेश <mark>गावोगावी देशविदेशात पसरो.</mark> जगातील तरुण जाग<mark>े होवोत, तुमचे अचुक</mark> शब्द आनंदित होवोत.

आम्ही सर्व तुमच्यात विरघळून जाऊ अभिमानाने जगातील तरुण जागे होवोत, आमची कृती तुमच्या आदर्शांनी प्रेरित होवो. या शुभदिनी, हे पुरुषोत्तम तुम्हाला नमस्कार.

नोट: ट्रान्स्लेट बंगाली ते मराठी. चूकभूल क्षमा करावी.

### श्री अमल कुमार बॅनर्जी

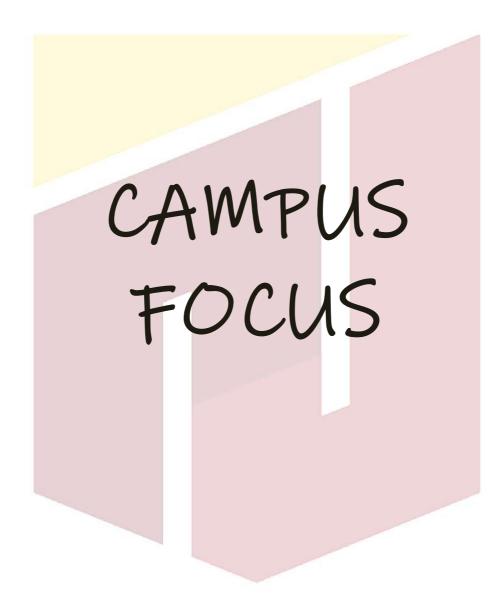
स्त्रियों को करना पड़ता हैं युद्ध, घर की चौखट से शहर के चौराहे तक जाने में

स्तियों को करना पड़ता हैं जद्दोजहद, आवारा रातों से सही सलामत घर लौट आने में

स्त्रियों को देनी पड़ती हैं दलीले, पिता की अदालत में पसंदीदा पति को चुनने के लिए

स्त्रियों को करना पड़ता हैं संघर्ष, समाज से अपनी कोंख में एक स्त्री को बचाने के लिए

## श्री ज्योतिष एन पी सिंह



### UNIVERSITY AWARDS

#### GAC-PMI Accreditation

NICMAR University, Pune, has been awarded accreditation by the Global Accreditation Center of the Project Management Institute (GAC-PMI) for its MBA in Advanced Construction Management and MBA in Advanced Project Management programs. This prestigious international accreditation is valid for a period of five years, from 1st March 2024 to 28th February 2029. The dedicated efforts of the NICMAR University team in securing this accreditation were highly appreciated by the Hon'ble Chairman of the NICMAR Trust.

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This accreditation brings several key benefits: it distinguishes the programs as part of a select group that adheres to evidence-based project management standards and rigor; enhances the programs' marketability to prospective students; improves employment prospects for graduates; fosters peer recognition among academic institutions in the project management discipline; and ensures visibility through promotion on the global directory of accredited programs at gacpm.org.





#### EnviroCare Green Awards 2024

NICMAR University, Pune, is proud to announce that it has been awarded the prestigious EnviroCare Green Awards 2024 in recognition of its commitment to sustainability, environmental stewardship, and green development.

This accolade celebrates the collective efforts of the university's faculty, staff, and students in embedding ecofriendly practices within both academic and operational frameworks. The achievement serves as a strong motivator for the university to continue advancing its sustainability initiatives and to set new benchmarks in environmental responsibility and green education.

### Excellence Enablers Award

NICMAR University is proud to share that its Vice Chancellor, Dr. (Mrs.) Sushma S. Kulkarni, has been honored with the Excellence Enablers Award – Vice Chancellor Category (Smt. Kamal Sharma Award) on the occasion of Teachers' Day, 5th September 2024.

Instituted in memory of the founding trustee of the Lexicon Group of Institutions, the Smt. Kamal Sharma Award stands as a tribute to educators across the globe who have demonstrated exceptional dedication, innovation, and impactful contributions to the field of education. Dr. Kulkarni's recognition reflects her unwavering commitment to academic excellence and transformative leadership in higher education.





### Workplace Excellence Award

NICMAR University, Pune, proudly received the prestigious Workplace Excellence Award – Diamond Rank in the Sustainability category (Manager level), sponsored by iNFHRA. The award, presented on November 15, 2024, at Sheraton Hotel, Pune, recognizes the university's commitment to fostering a sustainable future through education, innovation, and impactful practices.

#### ISHRAE GREEN CONCLAVE 2025

NICMAR University was honoured with the prestigious Award for Accelerating Net Zero through Education, recognizing the university's School of Energy & Environment's efforts in promoting sustainability and empowering future leaders.



### IGBC Platinum Certification

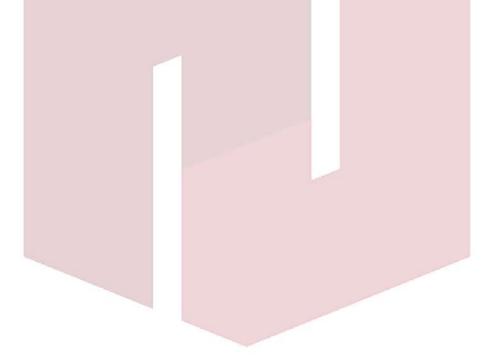
NICMAR University, Pune, has taken a significant step forward in its sustainability journey through a successful collaboration with Eco Solutions. The university has proudly achieved Platinum Certification under the Indian Green Building Council (IGBC) Existing Campus Rating System for Phases I to V and Phase III (Part), marking a major milestone in its commitment to environmental stewardship.



The campus incorporates several key green features that

contributed to this achievement. These include 100% waste management, 100% wastewater reuse, and 100% rainwater harvesting. Additionally, the campus ensures 100% non-roof coverage with high Solar Reflectance Index (SRI) paint, maintains a 38.27% green cover, and has achieved a 20.30% reduction in annual water consumption. Furthermore, 41% of the university's annual infrastructural equipment load is met through solar photovoltaic systems.

This prestigious rec<mark>ognition underscores NICMAR University's dedication to creating an eco-friendly campus that aligns with global environmental standards and exemplifies excellence in green building practices, setting a benchmark for sustainable development in the education sector.</mark>



### PLACEMENT REPORT

### Key Achievements:

1. In 2024–25, a record-breaking 1037 students were placed compared to 733 students in 2023–24 — reflecting a substantial increase in industry trust and student readiness.

2. A historic 149 students were placed in an infrastructure giant in a single day process, followed by 104 offers in a prestigious conglomerate, surpassing last year's records of 110 and 40+ respectively — a testament to strengthened corporate relations.

3. The highest dom<mark>estic CTC rose to 26.62 LPA in 2024–25, marginally</mark> surpassing the 25 LPA mark from 2023–24.

4. The current year's international package is 24.5 LPA — leaving space for possible new benchmarks.

5. The current year's international average package is 20.70 LPA — reflecting strong global placement performance.

6. The 2024–25 placement drive successfully attracted prestigious first-time recruiters like Birla Estates, JSW Energy, Ultratech, Axis Bank, Evren, and Birla Opus, expanding the sectoral reach beyond traditional domains.

7. An impressive 86 Pre-Placement Offers (PPOs) were extended this year, signalling increased employer confidence and outstanding internship-to-hire conversions — building on the Career Services Department's prompt internship recovery efforts from last year.

8. For the first time ever, EY offered a PPO, highlighting enhanced recruiter engagement and strong student performance.

9. Godrej Properties and KEC International led with the highest intake of female candidate, reflecting a positive shift toward gender diversity and inclusive hiring — a strong cultural evolution from last year.

10. The highest PPO package this year reached 15 LPA, showcasing a strong transition from summer internships to final placements.

11. 2024–25 registered a 98.01 % overall placement rate, nearly matching the previous year's 99.00 %.

12. Building on last year's success with ExxonMobil, Worley, and Bechtel, this year saw the addition of JSW Energy, Sterlite Power, Brookfield Renewables and others, with the ENS program recording an average of 10.65 LPA, solidifying NICMAR's position in the energy domain.

13. Last year marked NICMAR's expansion into the energy sector with global names like Bechtel and Jacobs. This year, the institute broadened its ties with leading companies in the energy, real estate, infrastructure, and cement industries.

Sr No.	Company Name		
1	L&T GROVP		
2	KEC INTERNATIONAL		
3	GODREJ PROPERTIES		
4	KALPATARU PROJECTS INT. LTD		
5	ADANI GROUP		
6	WORLEY INDIA		
7	ASIAN PAINTS		
8	DRAIPL		
9	OBEROI REALTY		
10	GODREJ AND BOYCE		
11	LISTENLIGHT		
12	HINDUSTAN CONSTRUCTION COMPANY		
13	GROUP SURYA		
14	EXXONMOBIL		
15	STERLING & WILSON		
16	WELSPUN ENTERPRISES		
17	BIRLA ESTATES		
18	ANJ GROUP		
19	HILTI		
20	VLTRATECH CEMENT LIMITED		

Top companies that contributed to the placements for the academic year 2024–25:

Top International companies that contributed to the placements for the academic year 2024–25:

Sr No.	Company Name	
1	HAVELOCK ONE INTERIORS WLL.	
2		VOLTAS UMPESL
3	INTERMASS ENGINEERING & CONTRACTING	
4	MIRAGE	
5	POLARIS INTERNATIONAL INDUSTRIES	
6	VOLTAS INTERNATIONAL	

The average package for the academic Year 2024–25 stands at 9.26 LPA, closely following last year's 9.09 LPA, reinforcing salary stability despite changing market dynamics.

Programme	Highest Package (LPA)
ACM	27.97
APM	20.00
REVIM	22.07
NBS	19.50
M.PLAN	11.00
SEM	15.04
ENS	17.00
QSCM	24.50

Programme	Average Pac	kage (LPA)
ACM	9.2	24
APM	8.9	93
REVIM	10.4	46
NBS	9.1	0
M.PLAN	7.9	96
SEM	9.3	34
ENS	10.0	65
QSCM	8.4	í4

Programme	Median Package (LPA)	
ACM	8.00	
APM	8.00	
REVIM	9.00	
NBS	8.47	
M.PLAN	7.50	
SEM	8.00	
ENS	10.00	
QSCM	7.50	

### ACADEMIC REPORT

## School of Architecture and Planning (SAP)

### B-Arch Event Report AY 2024-2025

Sr. No.	Event details	Conducted By /Guests/Speakers	Date
1	Site Visit for Study of Studio cum Residence (second year <mark>students)</mark>	•	31/08/2024
2	Site Visit for <mark>Real world construction</mark> practices and engaged with Industry professionals (second year students)	L&T CSTI in Panvel	27/09/2024
3	Painting Wo <mark>rkshop – developing</mark> painting skills and techniques, which are essential for our students <mark>'artistic and architectural</mark> journey (first year students)	Mr. Raviraj Harip (Artist)	10/04/2024
4		Ar. Shambhavi Joshi, (M-Arch manchester school of architecture)	10/10/2024
5	Site Visit for Study of Museum Planning, Architectural elements and Landscaping (first year students)	Ząpurzą Museum, Pune	23/10/2024
6	Site Visit for Architectural Sketching and Building Appreciation (first year students)	R.K Laxman Museum, Balewadi	11/06/2024
7	Guest Session to explore the fundamentals of color harmony, contrast, and application in design & learn how to effectively use color to enhance creative projects. (First year students)	Ar. Sujata Dharap (Artist of national repute)	25/11/2024
8	Workshop on Architecture Theory &	Dr. Fredericke Lausch from ETH Zurich, Switzerland	15/01/2025
9	Guest lecture on "My Journeythrough Architectural History" (Both first and second year students)	Dr. Prajakta Sane, a distinguished Architectural Historian from Canberra, Australia	17/01/2025
10	Study Visit to explore contemporary art, public installations, and heritage architecture (first year students)	Kala Ghoda Festival and Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj Vastu Sangrahalaya, Mumbai.	27/01/2025
11	Study Tour for Settlement study for Architectural Design and Measured drawing (Both first and second year students)	Kudal and Swantwadi,	02/02/2025 to 08/02/2025

12	Guest session on History of Deccan Architecture (first year students)	Prof. Priti Dhanawat (a distinguished architect and academic with over two decades of experience in architectural conservation and teaching)	28/02/2025
13	Site Visit for Study of Landscape Design (second year students)	IVCAA, Pune	28/02/2025

# School of Architecture and Planning (SAP)

# M-Plan Event Report AY 2024-2025

Sr.	Event details		Conducted By		Date
No.			/Guests	/Speakers	
	Studio Jury P <mark>lanning Stud</mark> io III: Regio	onal			
1	Plan		Prof. Harshad R	aisoni	<mark>19</mark> /09/2024
	Guest session on Qualitative Research	h &	Dr. Debadutta P	arida, IIT	
2	examples from planning		Roorkee		10/01/2024
	Guest session on Remote Sensing, Im	nage	Dr. Asfa Siddiqu	ii, IIRS, ISRO,	
3	Processing, and LiDAR' and its applic	ation	Dehradun		10/03/2024
	Guest session on Land Use and Trans	port	Dr. Shubhajit Sa	dhukhan,	
4	Planning		(Assistant Profe	essor, IIT	17/10/2024
			Roorkee)		
	Guest session on Regional Planning i	in NCR			
5	Region	-	Dr. Chetna Sing	h, SPA Delhi	<mark>22/10/2024</mark>
	Guest session on Urban Governance	i <mark>n India</mark>	Dr. Hitesh Vaidy	ya, (Former	
6			Director, NIVA	)	2 <mark>5/10/2024</mark>
	Guest session on City Sanitation Plan	) <mark>5</mark> –	Mr. Saurabh Ag	ashe, Urcon	
7	Case studies		Consultants		11/07/2024
	Studio Jury Planning Studio I – Local	Area	Ar. Amruta Des	hpande	
8	Plan		(Associate Prof	essor and	22/11/2024
			Academic Coor	dinator)	
	Studio Jury Planning Studio III: Regio	onal			
9	Plan		Dr. Chetna Sing	h, SPA Delhi	22/11/2024
	Guest session on Disaster Management in		Dr. Arindam Bis	iwas, Department	
10	Urban Planning		of Architecture	and Planning,	14/02/2025
			IIT Roorkee		
	Guest session on Rural Infrastructure	.,	Dr. Namia Islam	)	
11	Economy, and Industry		Project Associat	te, IIT Roorkee	3/03/2025

# School of Energy and Environment (SoEE)

# Event Report AY 2024-25

Sr. No	Event details	Conducted By /Guests/Speakers	Date
1	Guest Talk	Prof. Krushna Mahapatra	11/07/2024
2	Guest visit of Bamboo Society of India	Dr. Medha Joshi Dr. Hemant Bedekar	17/07/2024
3	Live Webinar – Empowering Your Business with Sustainability Services	Arranged by Prof. Pavan Totla	27/08/2024
4	Guest visi <mark>t of Bamboo Society of India</mark>	Dr. Hemant Bedekar	<mark>2</mark> 9/08/2024
5	Corporat <mark>e Connect Initiative</mark> Expert Talk	Ms. Pranati Shroff Munot	<mark>0</mark> 3/09/2024
6	Entrepren <mark>eursh</mark> ip Series Talk	Mr. Sameer Reg <mark>e</mark> (CEO, Mailhem)	<mark>0</mark> 6/09/2024
7	Demo of ESRI Arc GIS and its application	ESRI team	<mark>1</mark> 9/09/2024
8	Water Management Strategies	Dr. Kanchan Kh <mark>are</mark>	<mark>0</mark> 9/10/2024
9	Environmental Management System: process, steps, auditor and auditee role (EMS).	Mr. Nitin Kumar Sharma	10/10/2024
10	Transition from fuel combustion to battery-powered vehicles	Mr. Siddhesh Gosavi CEO and Co-Founder at Octarange technologies Pvt Itd	14/10/2024
11	Consultant and Director at Engosym Consultants Pune	Dr. Annapurni Iyer	17/10/2024
12	Expert Talk on Corporate Sustainability	Mr. Rahul Joshi (Sustainability Lead Thermax)	<mark>2</mark> 3/10/2024
13	Expert Talk on Waste to Wealth Case Studies	Mr. Anil Gokarn (Managing Director Pro -earth Solutions)	23/10/2024
14	Guest talk on ESG and its importance	Mr. Chandra Chincholkar	22/01/2025
15	Expert Interaction	Mr. Anand S kodavasal and Hod of COEP, civil department	23/01/2025
16	Life Cycle Assessment- An Impact Assessment	Dr. Kavita Takale	15/02/2025
17	Online guest lecture on Renewable Energy: Trends, Innovations, and case studies	Arranged by Dr Vishal Bhalla ENS & SEM Senior and ENS junior batch	11/03/2025
18	Sustainable material and Sustainable Fuels Need for Sustainable Development	Dr Ratnadip Joshi ENS & SEM junior batch	11/03/2025

# Industrial visits during AY 2024-2025

Sr.	Industrial Visit	Date
No		
1	Workshop at Symbiosis Institute of Industrial Business, Hinjewadi	01/10/2024
_	Suzlon One Earth	18/01/2025
2	Magarpatta Road, Keshav Nagar. Hadapsar, Pune	18/01/202)
3	Savitribai Phule Pune University	23/01/2025
	The Institute of Engineers	
4	Florida <mark>Auditorium Abhiyanta Bhavan, 1332 Shivaji Nagar, J.</mark> M. Road	24/01/2025
	Pune	
	Envírocare Lab	
5	A7-A8, Enviro House, MIDC Road, MIDC Colony, Wagle Industrial	30/01/2025
	Estate, Thane	
6	Technical Expo CME	06/02/2025-
0	icennical Expo Civil	<mark>0</mark> 8/02/2025
~	Sudarshan Chemícals	07/02/2025
7	Roha	07/02/2025
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8	Sardar Sarovar, Statue of Unity - Vadodara, Gujarat	09/02/2025
	Waste to Energy plant	03/03/2025
9	PCMC MOSHI	03/03/2023
10	Instrumentation Lab, VIT College	13/03/2025

# School of Project Management (SoPM)

# Event Report AY 2024-25

Sr. No	Event details	Conducted By /Guests/Speakers	Date
1	Financial Modelling and Feasibility Analysis	Mr. Mehul Ved, President at Ernst & Young LLP Mumbai	24/02/2024
2	Building Energy Simulation	Mr. Akshay Pahade	13/03/2024
3	Case studies on application of BIM for MEP Projects	Mr. Santosh Katkar, Project Engineer Mechanical, Ethos Engineering.	23/03/2024
4	Case studies on Challenges in MEP	Mr. Aniruddha Dahiwele, Senior Deputy General Manager – MEP, Prestige Estate Projects Ltd.	23/03/2024
5	Bridge Construction Project Management and Prestressing System	Shri. Prafulla Govind Pagnis	09/10/2024
6	Importance of integrating MEP in interior projects	Mr. Sanjeev Ranjan, ANJ Group Kolkata, & North East, Assistant Vice President.	23/10/2024
7	Advanced Project analytics using Tableau & Power Bl	Mr. Sagar Shirodkar, Manager, Data Science and Data Anlayst – Snowflake	24/10/2024
8	Waste Management	Mr. Malhar Karwande	07/02/2025
9	The Importance of Yoga and Wellness by Micro Exercise, Asana, and Pranayama	Mr. Anil Prabhakar Ghate	12/02/2025
10	Bring the best out of you	Dr. Abhijit Phadnis	19/02/2025
11	Financial Schemes for Potential Entrepreneurs offered by the Government of Maharashtra	Mr. Deepak Bhingardeo	19/02/2025
12	Infosys- Sustainable & Productive workspace_Design Strategy/Approach	Mr. Mangesh Lokhande	04/03/2025
13	Case Studies on BIM for MEP Projects	Mr. Vishnu Melwani	15/03/2025

## School of Construction (SoC)

Dream it, believe it, build it. When you're at SOC, the road to success is no longer under construction. Committed to the Advancement of Construction Management domestically as well as in Internationally, our pioneering programmes prepare you for a glorious future as a leader and innovator and to achieve this we have the vision of the school which is to the make the School of Construction a globally recognized leader in Construction Management education and research, shaping the construction industry's future by producing highly skilled value-driven professionals and entrepreneurs who excel in the built environment.

This vision of the school is accomplished by myriads of events in addition to the teaching learning process, which are organized throughout the year. These events aid the students to bridge the knowledge gap between academia and Industry. The programmes in the school help the students to experience the advancement in construction technologies, improve on the planning aspects, better manage and deliver projects as leaders in construction.

Various activities planned in the school are namely;

**1.Site Visits:** Site visits were organized for 760 students of MBA ACM Batch 3 to bridge the gap between theoretical knowledge and real-world application. equipping students with essential skills and insights required for professional success. These visits contribute to their professional development, preparing them to become competent and skilled construction managers. Some of the places that the students got to visit this semester includes the precast building execution, bullet train project, visits to concrete batching plant/ RMC, residential building projects, precast concrete plant, road and bridge construction.

**2. CONSTRO visit:** Batch 3 of MBA ACM students got opportunity to visit the CONSTRO International Expo organized by Pune Construction Engineering Research Foundation in association with PMRD and PCMC from 4th to 7th Jan 2024 at PIECC Moshi Pune. It is a premier event in India's construction industry, showcasing the latest advancements in construction machinery, materials, methods, and projects. Held biennially since 1985, the expo serves as a vital platform for industry professionals to exchange knowledge and explore innovations.

**3. Jawaharlal Nehru Port Authority (JNPT Visit):** MBA ACM Batch 2 students visited the JNPT site at Navi Mumbai. JNPTs efficiency improvements have been recognized globally, with the port climbing 102 places to rank 19th in the World Bank's Container Port Performance Index. These achievements highlight JNPTs commitment to operational excellence and its pivotal role in facilitating India's international trade. This visit provided invaluable insights into large scale infrastructure development, port operations and project management in one of India's busiest ports.

**4. Community Engagement Visits:** Community Engagements visits were organized for MBA ACM Batch 3 students across various villages across Maharashtra. These visits aimed to provide student with practical exposure to rural infrastructure challenges, sustainable construction practices, and the social impact of civil engineering projects.

**5. Digi QC Sessions:** The School of Construction (NICMAR University, Pune) conducted a one-day workshop on March 29, 2025, on digital quality management Mr. Sumant Kacharu (CEO, digiQC) conducted this workshop for the course "Construction Quality Management (CQM) for MBA-ACM-3 students. Construction Quality Management is not just about checking for defects—it's about building a culture of excellence, accountability, and continuous improvement. In today's competitive and safety-conscious construction environment, CQM is essential for successful project delivery and long-term infrastructure reliability and this foundation enforcement was done through this workshop, wherein experts from industry briefed the students on the poor-quality issues that result in loss of crores of money due to non-adherence to the standards and how in today changing era digital tools can help in achieve these goals.

**6. Sessions by Equal Opportunity Cell:** As a part of our commitment to forecasting diversity, equity and inclusion, the Equal Opportunity Cell organized a guest session for construction management students This session was aimed to raised awareness about inclusive practices in education and the workplace.

7. Drone Technology and its application in Construction practical training programme: Given the increasing importance of drone technology across various sectors in construction, training programme was organized for ACM Sr batch students aligning with the University's vision of providing cutting edge education. Drones has revolutionized modern construction practices by offering safer, faster, and more accurate ways to monitor and manage projects. Their ability to capture aerial data has made them an essential tool on construction sites. Nowadays drones play an important role in site surveying, safety monitoring, progress monitoring, site planning and execution. The students of MBA ACM were provided with hand-on experience in data collection, collating information and analyzing the data captured through drones.

**8.** National Level Post Graduate Symposium (NLPGRS-2025): Hosted by the School of Construction (SOC), this event brings together post-graduate students, researchers, and faculty to showcase innovative research, exchange ideas, and build valuable academic connections. This platform allowed the researchers, students and professionals to share their work, gain expert feedback, and network with peers and professionals.

Our aim in undertaking all these activities is to make the construction management students industry ready to plan project, execute and manage contracts and be experts in technology knowhow to oversee construction projects from start to finish. They will be the future leaders bridging the gap between the technical knowledge of engineering and the practical aspects of management like budgeting, scheduling, quality control, safety and execution.

## School of Engineering (SoE)

The School of Engineering at NICMAR University continues to make significant strides in academic excellence, research, industry engagement, and student development. In the academic year 2024–25, the school has strengthened its core focus areas while also fostering innovation and experiential learning across its programs. B.Tech. in Civil Engineering program continued with updated curricula incorporating industry-relevant skills, sustainability, and digital transformation.

Expanding our commitment to advanced education and industry relevance, since this academic year the School of Engineering offers M. Tech in Construction Technology and Management (M. Tech-CTM) and M. Tech in Infrastructure Project Management (MTech-IPM) in collaboration with Larsen & Toubro (L&T), a global leader in engineering and construction. These programs are designed to develop highly skilled professionals capable of leading complex projects and driving innovation in the infrastructure sector. Students benefit from a curriculum that integrates academic rigor with real-world insights through expert sessions by L&T professionals, industry-based case studies, and internship opportunities on live projects.

### Inauguration of ICI, IGS and IVCEE Student Chapters

We are delighted to share a proud moment for the School of Engineering – the inauguration of three important student platforms:

- · Indian Concrete Institute (ICI) Student Chapter
- · Indian Geotechnical Society (IGS) Student Chapter
- · Indo Universal Collaboration for Engineering Education (IVCEE) Student Chapter

These chapters and clubs aim to provide a strong platform for professional development, peer learning, and industry engagement. By connecting academics with field practices, students now have an opportunity to grow beyond the classroom and prepare for real-world challenges. This initiative will play a key role in shaping confident, skilled, and industry-ready engineers.

### Site Visits – Real World Learning

This academic year, B. Tech students from the School of Engineering had the opportunity to participate in multiple site visits that helped connect classroom learning with real-life engineering practices. These visits were planned to give students practical exposure, and a better understanding of how civil engineering work is carried out on the ground.

Some of the key site visits included:

- 1. L&T CSTI and UltraTech RMC Plant, Hinjewadi
- 2. Survey Field Visit Village Svardare, Taluka Bhor, Pune
- 3. C&D Waste Processing Unit Gandharv Nagari, Moshi
- 4. Saavi Infrastructure Graviloft Retaining Wall Site Visit
- 5. PMC Hot Mix Plant, Yerwada
- 6. Soil Testing Lab Soil Tech India Pvt. Ltd., Hadapsar

Each of these visits provided students with first-hand exposure to various civil engineering concepts. These experiences not only enhanced their technical knowledge but also gave them a glimpse into the challenges, decision-making, and safety measures involved in real projects. Such field-based learning plays a crucial role in shaping confident, industry-ready engineers. These visits are sure to benefit the students in their future careers in the civil engineering domain.

### 1. Site Visit to Navi Mumbai International Airport for MTech Students

The School of Engineering, NICMAR University, Pune, organized an informative and exciting site visit to the under-construction Navi Mumbai International Airport for M. Tech (CTM & IPM) students. This visit offered students a rare opportunity to witness one of India's most ambitious infrastructure projects up close. It gave them a clear, hands-on understanding of large-scale construction, project planning, and on-site coordination. The experience not only deepened their technical knowledge but also helped connect classroom learning to actual industry practices. This enriching visit played a vital role in shaping future-ready construction managers and project leaders, reinforcing NICMAR's commitment to experiential learning.

### 2. Constro Expo 2025

Students from both B. Tech and M. Tech programs had the exciting opportunity to visit Constro Expo 2025, held at Pune International Exhibition and Convention Centre (PICC), Moshi. Constro is one of the most prominent exhibitions in the field of construction, showcasing the latest technologies, innovations, materials, machinery, and services related to civil engineering and infrastructure. This visit offered a valuable platform for students to expand their knowledge beyond textbooks, discover innovative solutions, and understand the importance of continual learning and adaptation in the engineering profession. It was also an excellent opportunity for networking and developing awareness of current industry expectations.

### 3. Site Visit – Mumbai-Ahmedabad High-Speed Rail Project (MAHSR) for MTech Students

Our M. Tech students had the unique opportunity to visit one of India's most ambitious infrastructure projects — the Mumbai-Ahmedabad High-Speed Rail (MAHSR), C4 Project Section 1 located at Vapi, Gujarat. This site visit offered an in-depth look into the construction of the country's first bullet train corridor, a transformative project that combines cutting-edge technology, massive scale, and international collaboration.

### Guest Lectures

Throughout the academic year, the School of Engineering organized a series of guest lectures for B. Tech students, inviting experts from institute of national importance and institute to share their knowledge and experience. These sessions provided students with valuable insights beyond their textbooks and gave them a deeper understanding of real-world engineering challenges. The lectures covered a wide range of topics, helping students understand how mathematics is applied in solving engineering problems. Students learned about importance the power sector and the importance of sustainable materials in modern construction. Sessions also highlighted key issues like corrosion in concrete structures and how it affects long-term durability. Overall, these guest lectures helped bridge the gap between academics and industry, and sparked curiosity and interest among students. It was a year filled with learning, inspiration, and a clearer view of their future roles as engineers.

### 1. Session by Gender Equality Club "Genesis"

For our B. Tech students, the Gender Equality Club "Genesis" of NICMAR University organized a thoughtful session on "STEM and Society." The session focused on the role of science, technology, engineering, and mathematics in building a better and equal society. It was followed by a poster-making competition, where students shared creative ideas on equality and gender issues. The event encouraged awareness, critical thinking, and expression through art and discussion. Students actively participated and shared inspiring messages through their posters. It was a great initiative to blend learning with social awareness in a fun and engaging way.

### 2. Community Engagement Initiative – Supporting Campus Workers

Our B. Tech first year students, in association with TRATR NGO, organized a community engagement initiative on campus. They distributed sanitary packs to the hardworking cleaning staff and workers at NICMAR University, Pune. The initiative aimed to promote hygiene, dignity, and well-being among the campus workforce. It also helped students understand the value of empathy and social responsibility. The support and collaboration with TRATR NGO made the drive more impactful. It was a small but meaningful step toward building a caring campus community.

The School of Engineering remains committed to nurturing future-ready engineers who are not only technically proficient but also socially responsible. The academic year 2024–25 has laid a strong foundation for further growth, innovation, and impact.

#### Student Achievements

We are proud to share that three first-year B. Tech students secured second position in "AAKAAR", a national-level poster presentation competition organized by the Civil Engineering Department of IIT Bombay. Their innovative ideas and clear presentation impressed the judges and brought recognition to NICMAR University. This achievement reflects the talent and enthusiasm of our young students. It also shows their ability to compete and shine at prestigious platforms. Their success is an inspiration for all students to aim high and keep learning.

#### Faculty Achievements

The faculty members of the School of Engineering, NICMAR University, Pune, have had a truly productive and inspiring academic year. They have made remarkable contributions in both teaching and research, showcasing their dedication to academic excellence and knowledge sharing. Several faculty members have published research papers in reputed international journals, reflecting the school's commitment to cutting-edge research. They also actively participated in international conferences, where some were invited as session chairs, while others delivered invited talks, highlighting their expertise on global platforms. In addition to research, our faculty members conducted guest lectures at various universities and delivered webinars, including one hosted by the Institute of Lean Construction Excellence, further strengthening outreach and industry-academic connections. They also participated in Faculty Development Programs (FDPs), induction training sessions, and other outbound training programs. Adding to the list of accomplishments, a group of our faculty members received seed funding for a research project, which will help in developing innovative solutions in the field of construction and infrastructure. These achievements not only reflect the passion and hard work of our faculty but also serve as an inspiration for students to pursue knowledge with purpose and enthusiasm.

## School of Executive Education

School of Executive Education offers two types of Executive Development Programmes (EDP) for working professionals:

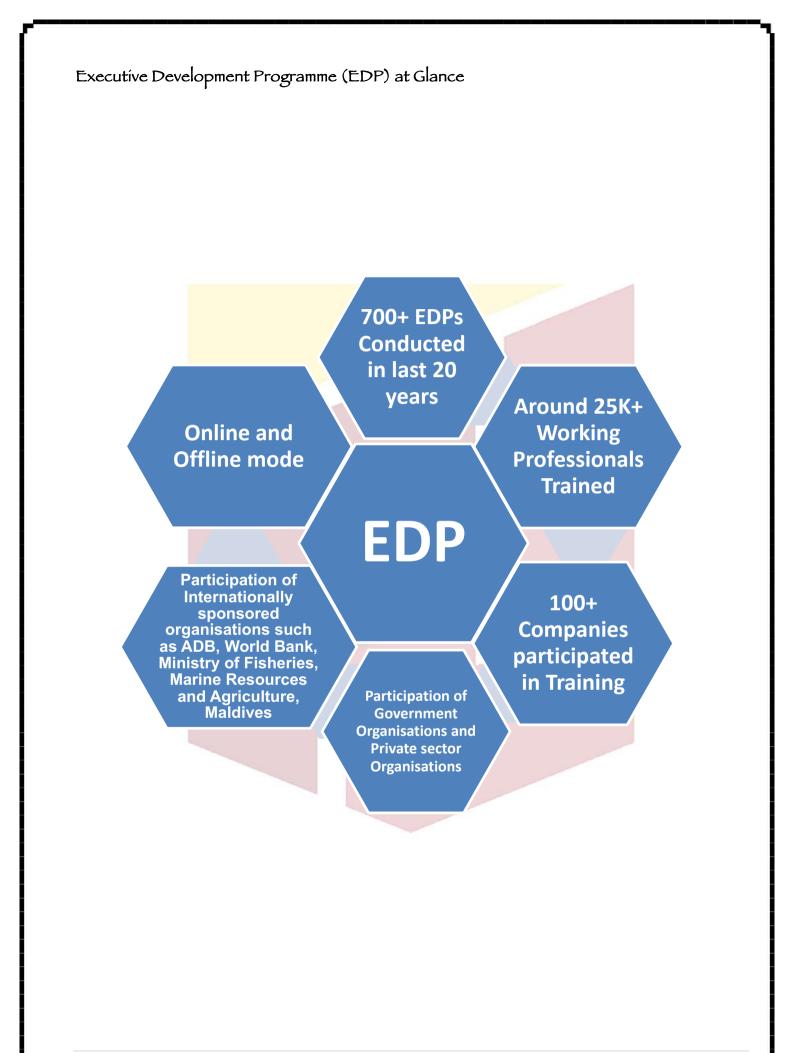
- **Company-based Programmes**: Customized for organizations based on sector-specific requests. These Programmes are generally conducted from any of the following areas:
  - a. Construction Management
  - b. Project Management
  - c. Manufacturing and Operation Management
  - d. Real Estate Management
  - e. Infrastructure Management
  - f. Quantity Surveying and Contracting
  - g. Health, Safety and Environment
  - h. Smart City Development
  - i. Contract Management and Procurement
  - j. IT in Construction and related areas
  - k. Others
- Open-Enrollment Programmes: These programmes are open to all eligible applicants and held in Pune and Mumbai. The following Open Enrollment Programmes are offered:

### A) Eleven Month Certificate Programme for Graduates (Blended Mode)

- Executive Post Graduate Programme in Advanced Construction Management (E-PGP-ACM)
- Executive Post Graduate Programme in Advanced Project Management (E-PGP-APM)
- Executive Post Graduate Programme in Quantity Surveying and Contract Management (E-PGP-QSCM)
- Executive Post Graduate Programme in Real Estate Development and Management (E-PGP-REDM)
- Executive Post Graduate Programme in Facility Management in Facility Management (E-PGP-FM)
- Executive Post Graduate Programme in ESG, Sustainability and Reporting (E-PGP-ESG, S&R)
- Executive Post Graduate Programme in Metro Rail Projects (E-PGP-MRP)

### B) Short Duration Certificate Programmes (2 days to 1 week)

- BIM for Collaborative Construction
- Computerized Construction Project Management
- Construction Contracts and Claims Management
- MEP
- Water Resources and Wastewater Management
- FIDIC Conditions of Contracts
- Construction Quality Management
- Construction Safety Management
- Application of GIS, Remote Sensing and Drone Technology



# Toppers List

Rank	Name of the student	Programme name	CGPA
	NICMARI	Business School	
1 <sup>st</sup>	Aalia Jabeen Qureshi	First Year: IMBA	9.74
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Shambhavi	First Year: IMBA	9.42
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Anaiyah Cour	First Year: IMBA	9.11
1 <sup>st</sup>	Ishita Shakti	Second Year: IMBA	9.81
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Aryan Pandey	Second Year: IMBA	9.58
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Shreya Firake	Second Year: IMBA	9.48
1 <sup>st</sup>	<mark>Zakiya Shamshudd</mark> in Mulla	Third Year: IMBA	9.70
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Udit Singh	Third Year: IMBA	9.59
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Harshitha Chebolu	Third Y <mark>ear: IMBA</mark>	9.36
1 <sup>st</sup>	Sandra Thankam	First Y <mark>e</mark> ar: MBA	9.55
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Chaithra K Poojary	First Year: MBA	9.55
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Zainab Shaikh	First Y <mark>e</mark> ar: MBA	9.50
1 <sup>st</sup>	Chetan Rakesh Chavan	Second Year: MBA	9.64
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Pritish Nayak	Second Year: MBA	9.62
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Devashish Joshi	Second Year: MBA	9.55
1 <sup>st</sup>	Neel Dinesh Madane	Second Year: MBA FBM	9.47
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Abhishek Pradip Pawar	Second Year: MBA FBM	9.44
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Shriya Praful Gujalwar	Second Year: MBA FBM	9.13

	School of Project Management				
1 <sup>st</sup>	Nikhil J Rajurkar	First Year: MBA APM	9.75		
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Anagha Treesa K	First Year: MBA APM	9.70		
3 <sup>rd</sup>	S Madhumitha	First Year: MBA APM	9.70		
1 <sup>st</sup>	Ishani Rajesh Toradmal	Second Year: MBA APM	9.53		
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Srishti Singh	Second Year: MBA APM	9.53		
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Shikha Mayipady	Second Year: MBA APM	9.50		

	School of Engineering				
1 <sup>st</sup>	Deshpande Charul Chinmay	First Year: B.Tech.	9.82		
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Yug Shah	First Year: B.Tech.	9.45		
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Rithishram N	First Year: B.Tech.	9.41		
1 <sup>st</sup>	Eesha Vinod	Second Year: B.Tech.	9.82		
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Aman Bagwan	Second Year: B.Tech.	9.55		
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Yash Yogesh Sant	Second Year: B.Tech.	9.18		
1 <sup>st</sup>	Patil Anjali Anil	First Year: M. Tech (IPM)	9.72		
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Mrunal Dhamdhere	First Year: M. Tech (IPM)	9.44		
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Sahana M J	First Year: M. Tech (IPM)	9.06		
1 <sup>st</sup>	<mark>Ayush Ra</mark> jendra Morankar	First Year: M. Tech (CTM)	9.67		
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Jadhav Charul Vijay	First Year: M. Tech (CTM)	9.56		
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Vivek Agarwal	First Year: M. Tech (CTM)	9.50		

	School of Construction				
1 <sup>st</sup>	Palaniappan C	First Year: MBA ACM	9.58		
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Patil Saloni Ramkrishna	First Year: MBA ACM	9.53		
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Temghare Shreeyash Narayan	First Year: MBA ACM	9.53		
1 <sup>st</sup>	Sourabh Rathi	Second Year: MBA ACM	9.67		
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Akshay Ashokkumar Kayapak	Second Year: MBA ACM	9.48		
3rd	Vijaya Krishna Chigurukota	Second Year: MBA ACM	9.45		
1 <sup>st</sup>	More Anuj Sanjay	PGD QSCM	9.90		
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Aman Raj	PGD QSCM	9.65		
3rd	Anjali Suresh	PGD QSCM	9.50		

	School of Real Estate and Facilities Management				
1 <sup>st</sup>	Deekshiit S	First Year: MBA REVIM	9.79		
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Samanna Mohamed Shahabuddeen Vadakumcheril	First Year: MBA REVIM	9.47		
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Ridhu Trisha S	First Year: MBA REVIM	9.42		
1 <sup>st</sup>	Hiloni Vipul Sheth	Second Year: MBA REVIM	9.79		
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Samarth Singh	Second Year: MBA REVIM	9.78		
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Divyy Rashik Nishar	Second Year: MBA REVIM	9.69		

School of Architecture and Planning				
1 <sup>st</sup>	Niyati Pandit	First Year: B. Arch.	10	
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Naik Krish Rajesh	First Year: B. Arch.	9.79	
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Pranesh Thirumurthy	First Year: B. Arch.	9.64	
1 <sup>st</sup>	Md Danish Ahmad	Second Year: B. Arch.	9.08	
1 <sup>st</sup>	Akulanavya Sree	First Year: M. Plan.	9.90	
2 <sup>nd</sup>	N Dinesh	First Year: M. Plan.	9.8	
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Pa <mark>tel Bhumikumari Manojbhai</mark>	First Year: M. Plan.	9.65	
1 <sup>st</sup>	V <mark>aishnavi Santosh Bam</mark> palwar	Second Year: M. Plan.	9.87	
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Sukruti Magar	Second Year: M. Plan.	9.77	
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Payal Shailendra More	Second Year: M. Plan.	9.50	

	School of Energy and Environment				
1 <sup>st</sup>	Puranik Veena Kiran	First Year: MBA ENS	9.70		
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Geetika Chatterjee	First Year: MBA ENS	9.70		
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Lathkar Aditi Vilas	First Year: MBA ENS	9.65		
1 <sup>st</sup>	Patil Smita Sambhaji	Second Year: MBA ENS	10		
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Vaishnavi Chandrashekhar Kulkarni	Second Year: MBA ENS	9.76		
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Solanki Yash Kishore	Second Year: MBA ENS	9.55		
1 <sup>st</sup>	Durga N	First Year: MBA SEM	10		
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Malpani Ruchi Pravinkumar	First Year: MBA SEM	9.73		
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Seepana Harshavardhan	First Year: MBA SEM	9.36		
1 <sup>st</sup>	Suvithra A	Second Year: MBA SEM	9.68		
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Sheth Shruti Dinesh	Second Year: MBA SEM	9.67		
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Doulatani Varun Girish	Second Year: MBA SEM	9.60		

### EVENTS @ NICMAR UNIVERSITY, PUNE

### Udbhav

#### Organized by the Student Council 2023-24

Udbhav 2024: Conquer the Royal Quest, held from July 28 to August 4, 2024, was an event to help freshers settle into campus life. It included team challenges focusing on creativity, teamwork, and building mentor-mentee relationships, helping new students connect and feel welcomed.





#### Anti ragging week

#### Organized by the Student Council 2023-24

From August 12th to 18th, 2024, Anti-Ragging Week raised awareness about ragging's harmful effects. The week featured a street play by the MAD Club and awareness posters around campus. The event encouraged students to stand against ragging, promoting a safer and more inclusive campus environment.

### Club induction

Organized by the Student Council 2023-24

On August 7th, 2024, Club Induction 2024 introduced freshers to the clubs and sports teams at NICMAR University. The event encouraged students to explore extracurricular activities through presentations, demos, and interactive segments, helping them connect with the campus community and enrich their university experience.





# Independence Day

### Organized by the Student Council 2023-24

On August 15th, 2024, the 78th Independence Day was celebrated with a parade, flag hoisting, and inspiring speeches by Dr. Anil Kashyap, President and Chancellor, and Mrs. Sushma S Kulkarni, Vice Chancellor. A cultural program followed, showcasing student talent. The event fostered patriotism and unity within the NICMAR community.

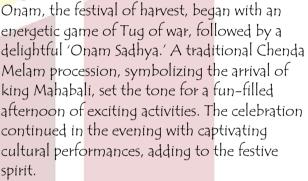
### National sports day Organized by the Student Council 2023-24

On August 31st, 2024, National Sports Day was celebrated with a badminton tournament to honor Major Dhyan Chand's legacy. Eight teams competed in men's doubles matches, showcasing athletic skills. The event concluded with Dr. Darshan Mahajan presenting the Major Dhyan Chand Trophy – 2024 to the winning team, fostering teamwork and sportsmanship.



### ONAM

**Organized by the Onam Committee** 





### Ganesh Utsav

#### Organized by the Ganesh Utsav Committee

NICMAR University, Pune, welcomed Ganapati Bappa with great enthusiasm during the vibrant 'Aagman Sohala,' marking the start of a 5-day celebration. The highlight of the festivities was the cultural evening, where students showcased their finest traditional attire. The celebration concluded with a grand Visarjan, as students bid farewell to Bappa to the rhythmic beast of Dhol Tasha.





### Tree plantation day Organized by NICMAR University, Pune

On October 2nd, 2024, NICMAR University honored Mahatma Gandhi and Lal Bahadur Shastri with a Sustainability and Cleanliness Drive. The event included an oath ceremony, campus cleanup, and the Plant4Mother Tree Plantation Drive. It raised awareness about sustainability, united the community, and enhanced the campus environment, reflecting the leaders 'ideas.

# Mental health day

#### Organized by NICMAR University, Pune

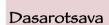
On October 12th, 2024, Mental Health Day was celebrated with a Zumba session led by Mrs. Swati Kumthekar. The event focused on promoting mental and physical well-being through movement, creating a supportive atmosphere for students and faculty to unwind and reduce stress. It reinforced NICMAR University's commitment to holistic wellness.





#### Organized by the Navratri Committee

From October 3rd to 10th, 2024, Navratri was celebrated with enthusiasm at NICMAR University. The event included a Garba Flash Mob, daily Aarti sessions, and the highlight, NICRATRI – A Garba Night. The celebrations fostered unity, cultural pride, and active participation, making it a memorable cultural experience for all.



### Organized by the Dasarotsava Committee

From October 7th to 10th, 2024, Dasarotsava celebrated Karnataka's cultural heritage. The event featured a Dollu Kunitha flash mob, classical dance, music, a traditional fashion show, and a drama reenacting the Mysore Dasara legend. It concluded with a festive feast, fostering cultural appreciation, unity, and lasting memories of Karnataka's traditions.





### Pro gaming E-sports experience Organized by the Student Council 2024-25

On October 19th, 2024, the Pro Gaming E-Sports Experience fostered a competitive spirit among gaming enthusiasts. The event featured a dedicated gaming zone with professional setups, where students showcased their skills, learned strategies, and connected with fellow gamers. It sparked excitement for future e-sports events at NICMAR University.

### Under-25 summít

#### Organized by the Student Council 2024-25

On October 19th, 2024, the Under 25 Summit celebrated creativity and innovation, offering students the chance to engage with industry leaders like Avinash Tiwary, Anmol Dua, Pranit Shimilkar, and Arjun Pandey. The event featured performances by Trishita Recs and Brendon D'Souza, along with interactive sessions, inspiring students and strengthening professional connections.





### Kalakshetra

### Organized by the Student Council 2024-25

On December 15th, 2024, Kalakshetra'24, themed 'Masquerade,' celebrated creativity and artistic expression. Students showcased their talents through performances by the NICMAR's Music, Fashion, Dance, and MAD Clubs, followed by a Gala Night of music and dance. The event fostered creativity, teamwork, and left lasting memories, highlighting the university's commitment to cultural enrichment.

### Student council oath taking ceremony Organized by the Student Council 2024-25

On November 12th, 2024, the Oath-Taking Ceremony for the Student Council 2024-25 was hosted, marking a significant moment in student leadership development. The event officially transferred responsibilities to the new council, fostering a sense of accountability and commitment.



### Boíta Bandana

#### Organized by the Boita Bandana Committee

On October 15th, 2024, Boita Bandana celebrated Odisha's maritime heritage with authentic Odia culinary experiences. The event featured a lunch with Odia delicacies and evening snacks, immersing students in Odisha's rich food culture. It fostered cultural appreciation, unity, and left lasting memories of India's diverse heritage.



# Constitution day

### Organized by the Student Council 2024-25

On November 26th, 2024, Constitution Day was celebrated at NICMAR University, honoring the adoption of the Indian Constitution. The event featured a collective recitation of the Preamble, a speech on the Constitution's heritage, and concluded with the National Anthem.



### Fit India week

**Organized by the Student Council 2024-25** From December 26th to 31st, 2024, Fit India Week promoted physical fitness and mental well-

being through fitness challenges, sports



# Blood donation camp

### Organized by the Student Council 2024-25

On January 9, 2025, a Blood Donation Camp was organized in collaboration with Sree Saidatta Bahuuddheshly Samajsevi Sanstha to promote social responsibility. Students, faculty, and staff actively participated, raising awareness about the life-saving importance of blood donation and strengthening the university's commitment to community welfare.

### tournaments, cyclothons, and traditional games. Participants took the Fit India Pledge, and Dr. Prashant Dave delivered the inaugural address. The event fostered wellness, teamwork, and community, concluding with a felicitation ceremony for competition winners.





### Health checkup camp Organized by the Student Council 2024-25

On January 10, 2025, a Health Check-up Camp was organized to promote health awareness, offering free medical tests like blood pressure, blood sugar, and BMI checks. Participants received personalized health advice from medical professionals. The wellattended event highlighted NICMAR University's commitment to the health and well-being of its community.

### Sankranthí

#### Organized by the Sankranthi Committee

On January 11, 2025, Sankranti, a vibrant harvest festival, was celebrated to honor agricultural traditions and promote cultural appreciation. The event featured traditional dances, rangoli competitions, kite flying, and festive cuisine, showcasing the Telugu Community's culture. It fostered unity, joy, and a deeper appreciation for India's diverse heritage.





### Organized by the Lohri Committee

On January 13, 2025, Lohri, a festival marking the end of winter, was celebrated with vibrant Punjabi songs, dances around a bonfire, and community activities. The event fostered cultural appreciation and community spirit, strengthening bonds among students and faculty.

### Spardha

### Organized by the Student Council 2024-25

Spardha, the university's Annual Sports Fest, was held from January 15–19, 2025, celebrating athletic talent and fitness. The event featured sports like Cricket, Football, Basketball, and the NIC'MARATHON – a 5.5 KM race. Spardha 2025 promoted sportsmanship, teamwork, and unity, leaving lasting memories of achievement and camaraderie.





#### **TEDX NICMAR**

#### **Organized by the Student Council 2024-25**

On January 24, 2025, NICMAR University hosted its inaugural TEDxNICMAR event, featuring distinguished speakers like Kaustubh Dhargalkar, CA Isha Jaiswal, Sanjay Kathuria, Deepak Pareek, Utsav Kamboj, and Rishabh Aggarwal. The event inspired innovation and intellectual curiosity, fostering meaningful discussions and enhancing NICMAR's reputation as a hub for creativity and growth.

## Pongal

### Organized by the Pongal Committee

On January 25, 2025, Pongal, a Tamilian harvest festival, was celebrated to honor the Sun God for a bountiful harvest. The event featured traditional Pongal preparation, vibrant kolams (rangoli), and a communal lunch with traditional dishes. It fostered cultural appreciation, unity, and strengthened community bonds.





### Republic day

**Organized by the Student Council 2024-25** 

On January 26, 2025, Republic Day was celebrated on campus with a flag hoisting ceremony, cultural performances, and inspiring speeches. Dr. Anil Agarwal unfurled the National Flag, followed by student performances. The event also included a rendition of the National Anthem which fostered national pride among students and faculty.

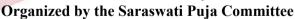
# Sahaja yoga session

### Organized by the Student Council 2024-25

On January 30, 2025, this session was hosted to promote mental well-being and stress reduction. Participants learned meditation techniques, including thoughtless awareness, to improve focus and emotional balance. The session was wellreceived, with attendees reporting increased relaxation and focus, reflecting the university's commitment to holistic wellness.



### Saraswati puja



On February 2rd and 3rd, 2025, NICMAR University celebrated Saraswati Puja, honoring Goddess Saraswati. The event featured an ecofriendly idol, aarti ceremony, and a traditional Bengali feast, followed by the Visarjan ceremony. It fostered cultural awareness, unity, and respect for knowledge, creating a vibrant atmosphere and emphasizing the university's commitment to cultural heritage and intellectual growth.



### Eye checkup camp Organized by NICMAR University, Pune, in collaboration with LensKart | Student Council 2024-25

On February 5th, 2025, an Eye Check-Up Camp was held as part of TECHNIKALA 2025 to promote eye health and vision care awareness. In collaboration with LensKart, the camp offered free screenings and consultations by expert ophthalmologists. The initiative helped in early detection of vision issues and reinforced the university's commitment to community wellbeing under the theme "Clear Vision, Bright future."





### QUILL 2025

#### Organized by the Quench club

Quill 2025, organized by Quench – NICMAR's Literary Club, saw over 200 participants engaging in five exciting competitions from 5th to 7th February. Events like Once Upon a Prompt, Debate, Find the Suspect, Quiz, and Open Mic showcased literary talent, critical thinking, and creativity, making it a resounding success.

### Shiv Jayanti

#### Organized by the Shiv Jayanti Committee

On February 19th, 2025, Shiv Jayanti was celebrated to honor the birth anniversary of Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj. The event featured a vibrant procession with a Dhol-Tasha Pathak, a traditional lunch, and cultural performances at the Main Auditorium. It fostered unity, pride, and a deeper appreciation of Maharashtra's heritage, inspiring leadership and reinforcing community bonds.





### Technikala Prelude events

#### Organized by the Student Council 2024-25

The Launch of Technikala 2025 set the stage for NICMAR University's flagship festival with a series of thrilling prelude events from 14th February to 4th March 2025, orchestrated by the Student Council 2024-25. The preludes featured fashion, music, dance, drama, and interactive workshops, creating a buzz both on and off campus. Highlights included the Merch Reveal & Fashion Show, electrifying performances like Soundwave, and two energetic flash mobs at Pavilion Mall and Flagpost. Thought-provoking Nukkad Nataks by the MAD Club addressed societal themes, while the Action Arena x Supercar Expo thrilled automobile enthusiasts. Engaging activities like the Pottery & Fluid Art Workshops, Jamming Session, and Brain Baazi & Hack the Clue added to the excitement.

### Technikala

### Organized by the Student Council 2024-25

NICMAR University, Pune, hosted its annual intercollegiate fest, TECHNIKALA 2025, from March 6th to 8th, offering a platform for students to showcase talents in academics, culture, and creativity. The event included business simulations, literary debates, design challenges, esports competitions, and cultural performances. Proshows by artists like Kullu, DJ Xtacy, and Ankit Tiwari added excitement. TECHNIKALA encouraged intercollegiate interaction, fostered creativity, and provided opportunities for growth, leaving participants with lasting memories of fun.



#### HR Summit 2025

#### Organized by the Career Services Department

The HR Summit 2025, themed "Reimagining Work: Adility, Adaptability, and Resilience," brought together top HR professionals, industry leaders, and MBA students for insightful discussions on emerging HR trends. The event featured Dr. C. Java Kumar, Executive Vice President and Head of Corporate Human Resources at Larsen & Toubro Limited, and Mr. Sahil Navar, HR Lead at Integrated Center of Excellence (ICOE) KPMG India, and an HR Leader and Influencer, as the Chief Guests. Attendees gained valuable insights through expert talks and discussions on emerging HR trends, providing MBA students with networking opportunities and career growth prospects in the dynamic HR landscape.





### Global Alumní Meet 2025

**Organized by the Career Services Department** The Global Alumni Meet 2025, held on 5th April at NICMAR University, Pune, welcomed Dr. Mangesh G. Korgaonker, former Director General of NICMAR, as the Chief Guest. The event provided valuable networking and mentorship opportunities, with alumni sharing success stories, industry insights, and career advice. Dr. Korgaonker's address emphasized the importance of continuous professional growth. Students left inspired and

motivated, forging meaningful connections and gaining valuable guidance to enhance their career

