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CAMPUS HIGHLIGHTS

Extempore Competition

Swami Vivekananda said... Most of my speeches are extempore..
 "Take up one idea, think of it, dream of it, live on that idea"

Extempore is the art of public speaking that is carried out without preparation or forethought. It tests one's ability to think on the spot and also their spontaneity. CMR PU College organized an Extempore competition on 22nd July from 8:00 am to 9:00 am. The objective of the competition was to make the students confident and better orators so that they can fearlessly express their views on any topic. Students were asked to pick a topic. It was indeed astounding to see how beautifully students had put their thoughts, insights, humor and delivered the speech fluently and clearly. The parameter for the judgment was self confidence, voice projection, facial expression, gesture, eye contact, diction, clear presentation of ideas and message. The participants displayed oratory skills with zeal and enthusiasm. The judges of the competition were Tanushree and Maitreyee. This competition was one such platform which assisted the students not only in thinking on their own but also in voicing their creative ideas with precision and in a crisp manner. The students got an opportunity to exhibit their talent and confidence.

If you can speak, you can influence, if you can influence you can change lives

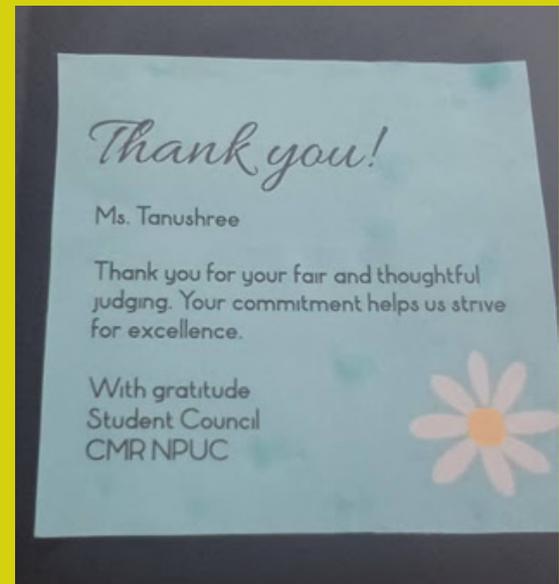


Talents Day and Sports Day



At CMR PU BTM, we hosted a Talent Day event where participants showcased their skills across various areas. We also held interhouse sports competitions, including dodgeball and tug of war. These games were excellent for fostering coordination, strategy, and team spirit.

CULTURE AT CAMPUS



At PUBTM, students are taught the act of being grateful to anyone who obliges to support students or the campus. In lieu of this after every competition, the student council makes it a point to thank the judges with a handmade thank you card as their gesture of gratitude.



LEARNING BEYOND THE CLASSROOM

Student Clubs

Ever wondered what makes our student clubs so awesome? It's not just about meetings and activities—it's about the friendships, creativity, and excitement that come with every club! This past month has been a whirlwind of excitement and discovery as students dove into the club activities! From the budding scientists in our science club crafting innovative solutions to real-world problems, to the aspiring artists in the Choir Club recreating masterpieces, each day was a new adventure. And who could forget the Environmental Club's impactful initiatives, as they worked on projects to make our college a greener place? Every activity was a chance for students to explore their passions and learn new skills.



Investiture Ceremony

Our Investiture Ceremony at CMR NPUC was a truly remarkable event filled with pride, inspiration, and celebration. As we honored our new student leaders, we witnessed a powerful display of commitment and enthusiasm. The ceremony kicked off with an inspiring opening speech, emphasizing the importance of leadership and teamwork. The auditorium was buzzing with excitement as our incoming leaders took their places and prepared for their big moment. From the proud smiles of our new leaders to the enthusiastic applause from the audience, these images capture the essence of the day.





College and Career Guidance Initiatives

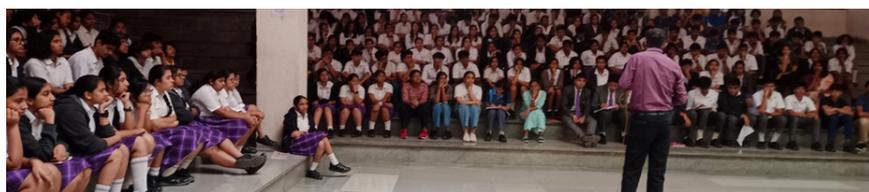
In July, the College and Career Guidance (CCG) department organized several key programs and activities designed to support our students' academic and career aspirations. Here's a summary of the month's initiatives:

Monthly Student Sessions: The focus for our students in the month of July was on Job Shadowing. Students were introduced to the concept of job shadowing, where they gained insights into various professions by observing professionals in their workplace. These sessions were aimed at providing students with a real-world understanding of different career paths, helping them make informed decisions about their futures.

General Check-Ins Across All Campuses: Regular check-ins were conducted across all campuses to ensure that students are on track with their academic and career planning. These check-ins provided an opportunity for students to discuss their goals, seek guidance, and address any concerns they might have regarding their college and career preparations.

Webinar - Study in Australia: A highly informative webinar on studying in Australia was held, offering students and parents valuable insights into the academic opportunities available in Australian universities. The session covered various aspects such as admission processes, courses offered, scholarships, and the overall student experience in Australia.

These initiatives are part of our ongoing commitment to providing comprehensive support and guidance to our students, helping them navigate their academic journeys and prepare for successful careers. The CCG department will continue to offer a range of activities and resources to ensure our students are well-equipped to achieve their aspirations.



Wellbeing Initiatives

Student Check-ins for PU students are progressing positively, serving as a valuable opportunity to raise awareness and break the stigma surrounding mental health, while providing a supportive platform for open discussions. Additionally, a wellbeing session on "Health and Routine", was conducted across campuses, emphasizing holistic health by addressing physical, emotional, and social well-being. These initiatives are fostering a more inclusive and informed environment, encouraging students to engage in conversations about their mental health and overall wellness.





PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

We had a series of Professional Development sessions throughout the month with various teams. We began the month with a training session for school coordinators. All our Pre-University educators attended the Learning Area Touchpoint sessions. Apart from this, our educators who have enrolled in special programs attended a virtual session on Mindfulness and Wellness.

The Ekya culture that we advocate does not stop with teachers and students. The PDI team is committed to fostering a learning culture among all our stakeholders. In line with this idea, we had a session on Social Contract for our Head Office employees.



STUDENT EDGE

Exploring Maharashtra: Gateway to India's Heart

Travel as much as you can, as far as you can, as long as you can. Life is not meant to be lived in one place.

Maharashtra, known as "The Land of Saints and Warriors" and the "Gateway to the Heart of India," is the third largest and second most populated state in India. Nestled between the Western Ghats and the Konkan coastal belt, Maharashtra offers a diverse range of landscapes, from the misty Sahyadri Mountains to the white waves along its shores.

The state is rich in natural beauty and history, with ancient forts and palaces like those in Pune and Ratnagiri, as well as old temples in places like Pandharpur and Ozar. Small hill stations such as Mahabaleshwar, Matheran, and Lonavala provide serene escapes from bustling urban life. Maharashtra is a cultural melting pot, preserving authentic Marathi traditions while embracing other communities. It's also economically significant, hosting India's financial capital, Mumbai, and the entertainment hub, Bollywood.

Pune, Maharashtra: As the cultural capital of Maharashtra, Pune is a vibrant city with a rich historical background. It boasts 17 fortresses, including Shaniwar Wada, Sinhagad Fort, and Purandar Fort. The Aga Khan Palace, a prison for Mahatma Gandhi, and the Dagdusheth Halwai Ganpati Temple are must-visits. The city's diverse culture and historical significance make it a paradise for art, culture, and adventure lovers.

Mahabaleshwar, Maharashtra: Located in the Western Ghats, Mahabaleshwar is known for its scenic beauty, lush forests, and historic temples. Highlights include boat rides on Venna Lake, hikes to Pratapgarh Fort, and visits to Arthur's Seat and Elephant's Head Point. Don't miss the chance to savor fresh strawberries and explore the charming strawberry farms.

Panchgani, Maharashtra: Famed for its waterfalls, green forests, and strawberries, Panchgani is a nature lover's haven. The Kaas Plateau, a World Heritage Site, transforms into a sea of flowers during August and September. Mapro Garden offers delicious fruit-based treats, making it a delightful stop for visitors.

Matheran, Maharashtra: Unique for its prohibition of vehicles, Matheran offers a peaceful retreat with scenic trekking trails and viewpoints.

Charlotte Lake is perfect for picnics and camping. The absence of cars and buses adds to its charm, making it an ideal destination for a tranquil getaway.

Mulshi, Maharashtra: A picturesque spot surrounded by the Sahyadri mountains, Mulshi is perfect for camping, boating, and nature walks. The serene Mulshi Lake and attractions like Tamhini Ghat and Temghar Dam make it an excellent choice for nature enthusiasts.

Whether you're looking for a quick getaway or a month-long exploration, Maharashtra offers an array of experiences that will leave you with unforgettable memories. Thank you for reading, and remember, if you never go, you will never know!



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TEACHER BLOG

The Malgudi days - Forgotten Legacy...

Her words carried wisdom and thought-provoking ideas. Supported by her friends and sibling, she faced challenges head-on. Evenings were bright with conversations with her father, while her mom's delicious dishes fulfilled her taste buds. The "keyboard" she knew was her father's typewriter, a source of creativity. Each day brought new enthusiasm, filled with family laughter and fun. There was no gym or swimming pool; instead, the joy of climbing trees, running through meadows, rolling on sand, and diving into rivers provided a healthy lifestyle.

Father Then: "Earn, to buy your scooter."

Father Now: "Hey! Want a MacBook or an iPhone?"

Father of Future: "Get your Alexa serviced, else you can't work." What have we left behind? An ignored question!

Money Then - used for many

Money Now - lavished on many

Money in Future - will be weighed at many

What have we left behind? An ignored question!

Then, Malgudi Days

Now, Avengers

Next, Robotic Friends!

What have we left behind? An ignored question!

Back Then:

Simple living, high thinking

Right Now:

Simple solving, high blinking

What Next?

Simply skiing, high flying...

What have we left behind? An ignored question!

Now, it's WhatsApp, not "what's up?" Tweets aren't from birds but Twitter. Facebook replaced books; Discord disguised words. Instagram moves faster than lightning, and life feels incomplete without Spotify or YouTube. We have millions of views and followers, but no one to correct or protect us. Our data isn't private, our moves aren't unknown, our photos aren't indelible, and our contacts aren't personal. Selfies are adventurous; pixels are free to modify.

CARE FOR MOBILES > care for self.

What are we heading towards?

Bits never die, bytes will fry.

Nanos are the Thanos, marching towards macros.

Tools getting closer, nature going farther.

Bus lines busy, buses empty.

Gestures show signs, writing becomes a pain.

Brain functions in vain, unknown gains abound.

"You" play no role; "Something" takes all roles.

We designed helpers, caught by intruders.

Emotions sidelined; relations lined.

Thoughts declined; machines proclaimed:

"We are your claim."

"Who is who" is no longer fun.

Bits gun the tides, rattling the ground.

Ethical use of technology saves strain; abusing it brings misery. Building relationships with family revives the pulse, while doing the same with machines increases the pills.



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