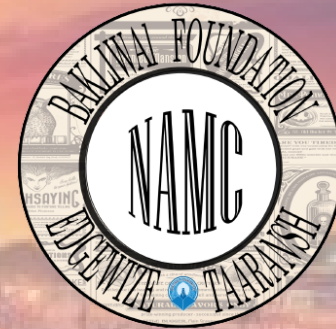




EDGEWIZE

New perspective in the becoming



AAKRID 3.0



INCOMING.....

Sports has always been a medium to foster discipline, consistency, commitment and coordination. This not only promotes sportsmanship and team work among individuals, but also plants a eternal seed of friendship and memories. The 2nd week of February will be witnessing Annual Sports Week of the academic year 2024-2025.

Last two AAKRIDs of

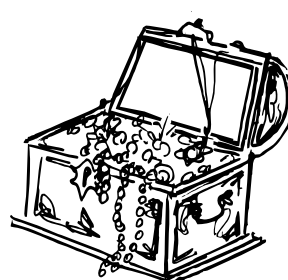
BFC were a benchmark set by the leadership and it's sports committee, reflecting their core values. This AAKRID 3.0 or 0.3 as they say, will be a test for the core team to maintain the integrity of the sports committee and BFC. There is a canopy of doubt for the same. According to the sources, this one will include Treasure hunt by Arts association in collaboration with NAMC and Sports Committee, Unofficial Tournament day, Indoor sports day and Outdoor sports day along with prize distribution. The venues are said to be different from the last time, two as per the information. As a college student, one should participate in individual and team games, as this cultivates personal growth. In the end, let's hope for the most galvanizing AAKRID with efficient and smooth functioning!



**Faculty coordinator and volunteers for
NO DRUGS CAMPAIGN Page 7**

TREASURE HUNT

ISN'T JUST FOR



PIRATES

**KHEL KUEST ,
KHEL KALA 2.0**

Last year, when the idea of conducting Treasure Hunt was proposed by our visionary Dr. Purna Shah ma'am, everybody wondered what would the treasure be? What would participants find in this ultimate hunt? A few tokens and rewards after completing each rounds? The winning team certainly gets the reward of leading the sports Mashall on the Sports Day i.e., Aakrid. What do the rest of them get? In my opinion, the real treasure lies in the process of hunt. The friends we make, the bonds we create, the essence of teamwork that we experience, the feeling of pursuing the same goal, the experience of believing in your teammate, it's the kind of treasure, that is more valuable than a box full of rare metals. When it comes to organizing such an event where you have to mix up riddles and games to make it more interesting and creative, it possess quite challenge in itself. Honestly, I've never felt alone in the whole process. My faculty coordinator, my teammates, my friends always made sure that the process is beautifully done.

Sometimes, or I must say, most of the times, there are disagreements, arguments, clash of thoughts and opinions, but in the end, it's about getting the work done. Moreover, I feel it's common even organising and participating in any event. What makes this process beautiful is the ability to hang on to that one little thread of faith and belief in your teammate. This is the real treasure. This is rare. Although when you find someone who holds on to you even in such a time, congratulations, you just found yourself a treasure for lifetime. This makes the entire journey of organizing the treasure hunt commendable. Speaking of it, I hope everyone is quite aware about upcoming one in this sports week.

**DON'T FORGET TO SNEAK
AND SEEK THIS WEEK!**



-Ayesha Siddiqui, TYBACS

महाकुंभ Mela 25'

AFTERMATH OF DIVINE TALE

India is currently in the middle of witnessing the biggest spiritual gathering around the globe , MAHAKUMBHA mela 25' from 13th January to 26th February. This is being held in Prayagraj , Uttar Pradesh at Triveni Sangam. What is Triveni Sangam? It is a confluence of three rivers named as Bhagirathi , Alaknanda (collectively known as Ganga) and Yamuna , which is said to be a holy union of divine rivers. This mela is said to be once in 144 years event. To be precise , there are various types of Kumbha mela that occur based on their time interval , Purna Kumbha mela once in 12 years , Ardha Kumbha mela once in 6 years and Maha Kumbha Mela once in 144 years . There are four sacred places on the soil of India wherein , these happen.



HEAVENLY ROOTS OF IT

“ Rooted in Hindu cosmology and mythology, the Kumbh Mela traces its genesis to the mythical churning of the cosmic ocean, known as the Samudra Manthan. According to Hindu scriptures, this celestial event gave birth to Amrita, the nectar of immortality, which the gods and demons fiercely coveted.

Legend has it that during the tumultuous battle for the possession of Amrita, drops of this divine elixir fell at four sacred locations on Earth: Prayag (modern-day Allahabad), Haridwar, Ujjain, and Nasik. These sites became imbued with immense spiritual potency, believed to grant liberation from the cycle of birth and death to those who partake in their sacred waters.”



STUDENT'S CORNER

The 2025 Maha Kumbh Mela is a monumental religious and cultural event, deeply significant for millions of devotees. It symbolizes faith, spirituality and tradition, bringing together people from all walks of life for a sacred dip in the holy rivers.

On the positive side, it fosters unity, showcases India's rich heritage, boosts tourism and the economy. However, challenges like crowd management, environmental concerns, and sanitation need careful handling. If managed well, it is a profound spiritual experience and a testament to India's ability to organize one of the world's largest gatherings.

**-Hemraj Choudhary,
SYBBA**



INTERCOLLEGIATE TO ROLL!

THREE IN A ROW, UNBREAKABLE FLOW



BFC SHINES AT SQUABBLE 2025: A DEBATE TO REMEMBER!

The IEEE SIESGST's Technopedia 13, held on January 24 and 25 at SIES College, Nerul, provided a platform for intellectual discourse. One of the most intense competitions was Squabble 2025, a debate event centered around the theme of "Utopia Universe." We, the students of Bakliwal Foundation College, were excited to participate and showcase our debating skills.

Our college was represented by two teams from BACS:

Ayesha Siddiqua and Ankita Amale
Anjali Kandu and Sahil Gaikwad

Both teams qualified for the first round, debating on whether the multiverse is a philosophical concept or a scientific reality. The competition was challenging and thought-provoking, with each round testing our ability to think critically, argue persuasively and counter opponents effectively. Subsequent rounds brought even more intriguing topics, such as "Should AI be given human rights?", "Should the cure for death be brought from another universe?", and "Would humanity thrive if everyone had the same IQ level?".

Another fascinating debate revolved around whether fictional heroes should be considered misunderstood heroes.

After an intense series of rounds, Ayesha Siddiqua and Ankita Amale emerged as the winners of Squabble 2025! They were honored with a certificate and a cash prize, a well-deserved recognition of their debating excellence. Beyond competition, this experience was invaluable. We enhanced our argumentation skills, learned to handle emotionally charged debates, and gained new perspectives. It was an enriching journey, and we look forward to more opportunities to challenge ourselves, learn, and make BFC proud!



BFC SHINES AT VIVEK COLLEGE OF COMMERCE: A DIALOGUE TO EXCEL!

The Vivek College of Commerce, Goregaon conducted a debate contest in collaboration with Rotary Club and many other organizations on 31st January, 2025. It was a team activity which witnessed the representatives of BFC, Ankita Amale and Ayesha Siddiqui from TYBACS. The topic of discussion was "SOCIAL MEDIA: CONNECTING WORLD OR DIVIDING THE SOCIETY." Each team had a dialogue within themselves on the debate platform which should be constructive, informative and creative. Thus, the duo emerged as winner with 1st position due to exceptional abilities.



BFC EXCELS AT BUSINESS MUN: A JOURNEY OF LEARNING AND SUCCESS!-

On January 25, from 3-5 PM, SIES College, Nerul hosted an exciting and unique competition—Business MUN—as part of Sharpshooters25. Unlike traditional MUNs, this event tested our business acumen, negotiation skills, and persuasive abilities in real-world scenarios.

Representing Bakliwal Foundation College, our team—Ayesha Siddiqui, Ankita Amale, and Anjali Kandu—stepped into this challenge with enthusiasm. The format was different from what we had experienced before. We were assigned a country on the spot and given just one hour for research before the competition began. The real twist? Judges held the product, and we, as representatives of Canada, had to convince them to sell it to us. The competition had three rounds, each requiring sharp negotiation, strategic planning, and effective communication. With a strong presentation and well-planned arguments, Bakliwal Foundation secured 2nd place! We were awarded a certificate, a gift hamper, and a cash prize, marking a proud achievement for our team.

Beyond the competition, this event broadened our perspective on business deals, negotiation techniques, and presentation skills. We learned how to approach and persuade people effectively. The judges provided valuable insights, emphasizing three key takeaways:

1. Attire matters the most – first impressions count.
2. The way you speak – confidence and clarity are crucial.
3. Persuasive power – the ability to convince is the key to success.

This experience was not just about winning but about learning, growing, and stepping into the world of business negotiations. We look forward to applying these skills in future endeavors and making BFC proud once again!

-Anjali Kandu , SYBACS





TRAIL OF MEMORIES

BFC'S INDUSTRIAL VISIT

The memorable journey began on January 11, 2025, with a lively crowd of 110 students, accompanied by four faculty members and our enthusiastic tour guide. Our adventure was set for nine days—both long enough to explore and yet too short for the memories we made.



CHANDIGARH

The Perfect Beginning to an Unforgettable Journey!

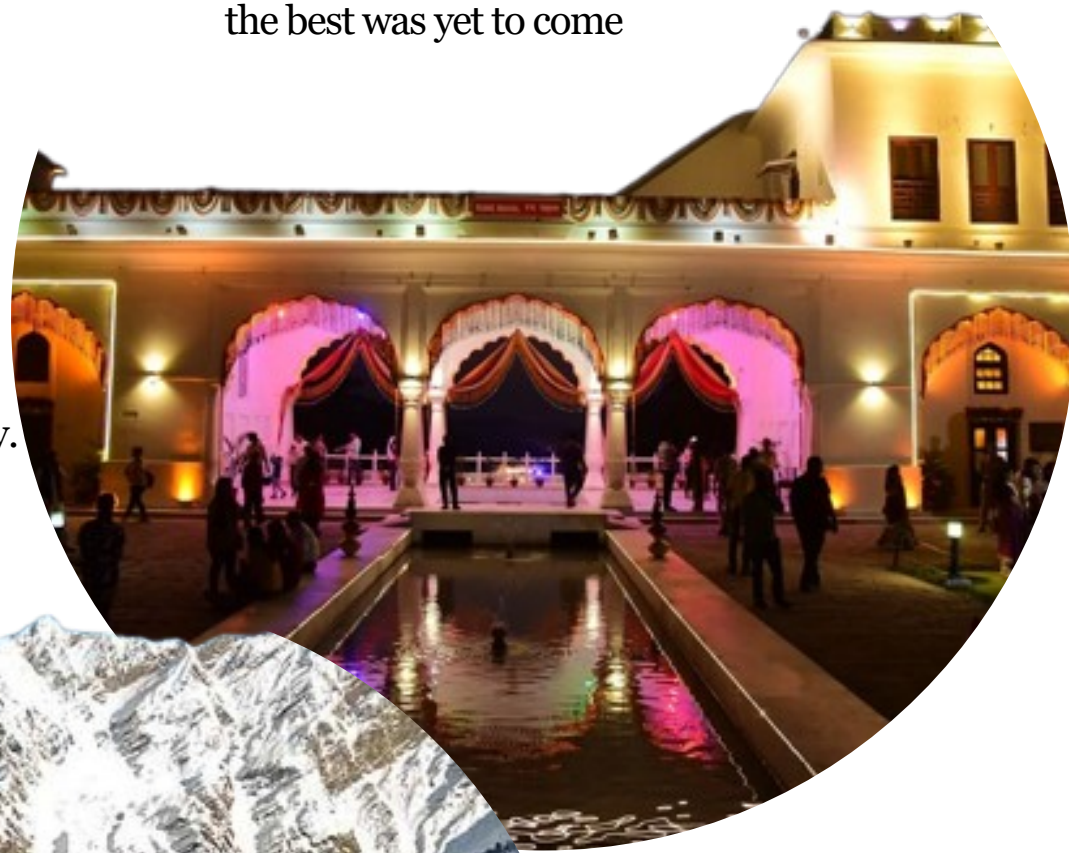
Day one started with the departure of our train from Mumbai Central to Chandigarh, marking the beginning of an unforgettable experience. The journey itself was a delight, as we bonded over playing cards, gossiping, and getting to know each other. From Bollywood hits to soulful devotional songs, we turned the train into a concert hall, making the ride truly unforgettable.

Day 2 started with reaching Chandigarh, the first thing we did was capture a memorable group photo before heading to our hotel.

Exhausted yet excited, we recharged ourselves with an electrifying DJ night and indulged in a delicious spread of Chandigarh's special dishes. The next day that in day 3, we dived into the educational aspect of our trip with an industrial visit to vehicle manufacturing factories. Here, we learned about suppliers, raw materials, and the intricate details of vehicle parts, gaining valuable insights into the industry. Post-visit, we explored the famous Pinjore Garden, where the Pani

Mahal, illuminated by vibrant lights, mesmerized us. The sunset painted the sky in breathtaking hues, making it the perfect backdrop for our best photographs. Of course, no trip is complete without shopping, and we all enjoyed picking up souvenirs and gifts for our loved ones.

As the night set in, we boarded our bus for an overnight journey to Manali, eager for the next chapter of our adventure. Little did we know, the best was yet to come



**-Sainath
Arote ,
SYBBA**

KULLU MANALI

The Perfect Beginning to an Unforgettable Journey!

From the bustling city of Chandigarh to the breathtaking landscapes of Manali and Kullu.

Here's a glimpse into my experience about Kullu and Manali. Day four begins after an overnight journey to Manali, where we checked in and rest before exploring the charming downtown area. After lunch, we visited the serene Hadimba Temple and enjoy some free time for shopping on the famous Mall Road.



Day five was all about adventure! Get our adrenaline pumping with a variety of activities like ice skiing, yak rides, ziplining, tube rides, sky jumps and the visit to the Atal tunnel. The day culminates with a cozy campfire under the stars.

Day six starts with a snowfall which looked way better IRL than in the movies. On the scenic journey to Kullu. Along the way, where more adventure awaited, including exhilarating river rafting. A visit to a local shawl factory provides a glimpse into the region's handicrafts. After dinner, we embarked on an overnight journey to Amritsar, carrying with us memories of the stunning Himalayan scenery and thrilling adventures.



PUNJAB

The Grand Finale of Our Journey!

On Day 7 After a heavy breakfast, our first stop was the historic Jallianwala Bagh, a place that holds deep significance in India's freedom struggle. The site where thousands were mercilessly shot in 1919, still has bullet-marked walls and four important museums showcasing the tragic history. Sadly, we had only 15 minutes to explore before heading to our next destination. Our second stop was the Golden Temple, a place of peace and spirituality. The beauty of the golden structure reflecting in the water was mesmerizing. We had the famous Langar (community meal), which was simple yet filled with love. Next, we visited the Wagah Border, the India-Pakistan national border, where we underwent strict security checks before entering. The parade was thrilling, the energy of the soldiers and the crowd filled us with pride. Moreover, we explored the museum showcasing fighter jets and military vehicles used by our forces.

Before returning to our hotel, we visited the Golden Temple again, this time entering inside. The divine atmosphere gave us a feeling of true serenity and peace. As night fell, an auto driver warned us to be cautious, as Punjab isn't always safe at night for tourists. We safely returned to our hotel, packed our bags, and at 5 AM on January 18, day 8, we checked out for Amritsar station. Our return journey began at 7 AM, and on January 19, 2025, we reached Mumbai, ending this incredible 9-day adventure.

This journey gave us new friends, unforgettable memories, and endless joy. For those who missed it—don't worry! Another adventure awaits next year!

-Anjali Kandu , SYBACS

Festive of new beginnings

MAKAR SANKRANTI:

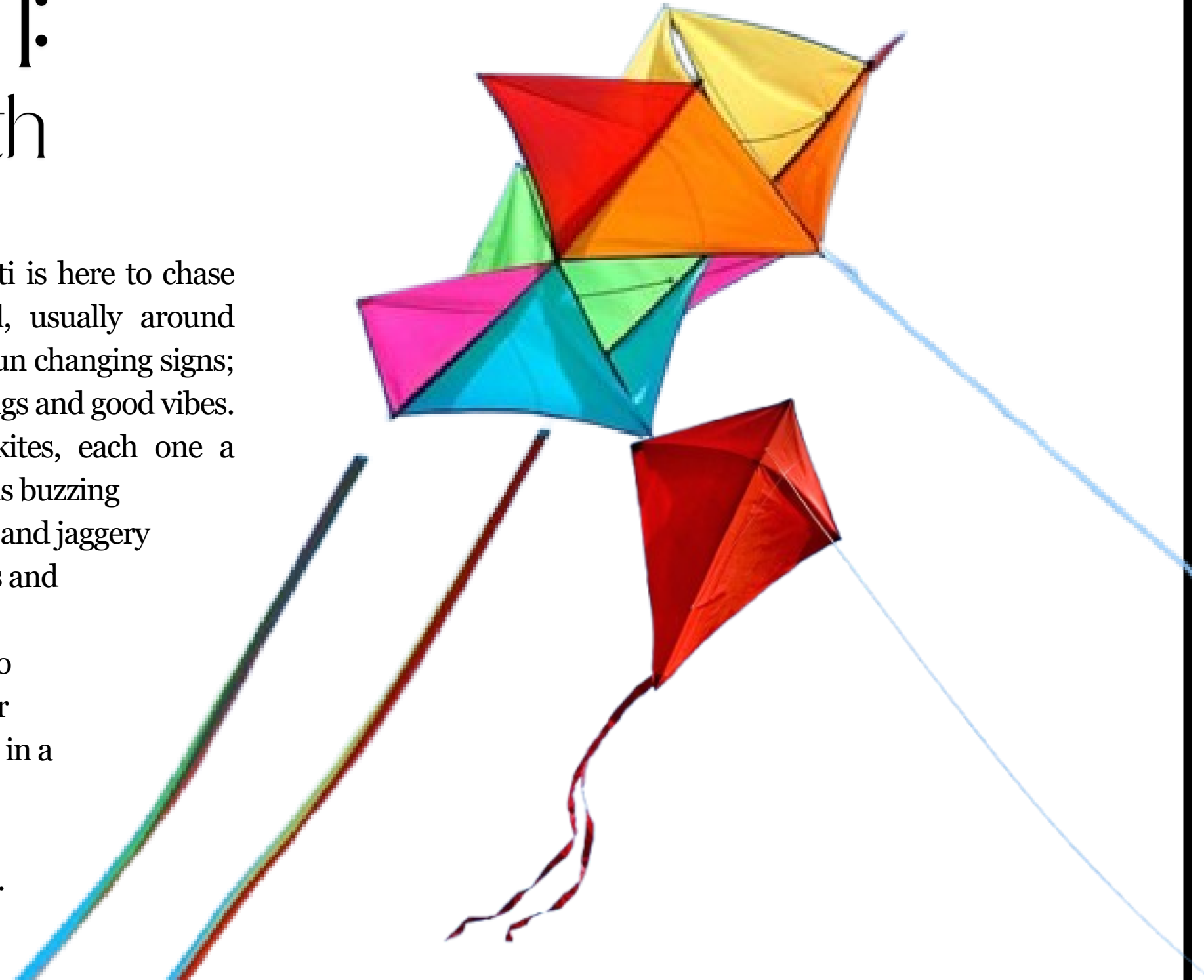
Up in the Air with Festive Cheer!

Forget the winter blues – Makar Sankranti is here to chase them away! This vibrant Hindu festival, usually around January 14th or 15th, isn't just about the sun changing signs; it's a full-blown celebration of new beginnings and good vibes. Picture this: skies ablaze with colorful kites, each one a symbol of hope and soaring spirits. The air is buzzing with excitement, the sweet scent of sesame and jaggery hangs heavy, and everyone's sharing smiles and warm wishes.

Makar Sankranti is like a collective "hello" to brighter days. It's a time to thank the sun for its life-giving energy, maybe take a holy dip in a river if you're feeling traditional, and definitely indulge in some delicious tilgul (those addictive sesame and jaggery treats).

While different regions have their own unique twists, the core of Makar

Sankranti is the same: joy, gratitude, and the promise of a fresh start. It's not just a festival; it's a reminder that even after the longest winter, the sun always returns.



PONGAL:

Where Milk Boils Over with Joy!

Imagine pots bubbling over with sweet rice and milk, the air thick with the aroma of jaggery and ghee, and families decked in their finest, shouting "Pongalo Pongal!" That's Pongal, the vibrant harvest festival of Tamil Nadu, in a nutshell! This four-day extravaganza, usually in mid-January, isn't just about thanking the Sun God for a good harvest; it's a full-blown cultural fiesta!

Think of it as Tamil Nadu's way of saying a big "thank you" to nature and its bounty. Each day has its own unique flavor, from cleaning out the old on Bhogi Pongal to honoring the cattle on Mattu Pongal. But the heart of it all is Surya Pongal, when that delicious sweet pongal is made and offered to the Sun God. It's a time for families to come together, share laughter, and soak in the festive spirit. Pongal is more than just a festival; it's a delicious, heartwarming celebration of life, nature, and community!



-Sainath Arote , SYBBA

Our Republic Day: A CELEBRATION OF FREEDOM

Every year on January 26th, India celebrates Republic Day, marking the adoption of its Constitution in 1950 and its transition to a sovereign republic. This momentous day is a source of immense national pride, commemorating the country's independence and its commitment to democratic values. Across India, celebrations include flag hoisting, parades, and cultural events, with the grandest spectacle unfolding at Rajpath in New Delhi. The parade showcases the nation's military might, cultural diversity, and the spirit of unity.

Republic Day is a time to remember the sacrifices of freedom fighters and to reflect on the Constitution's core principles: justice, liberty, equality, and fraternity. It's an opportunity for citizens to reaffirm their commitment to building a strong and prosperous India, upholding their rights and duties, and contributing to the nation's progress. The day serves as an inspiration to celebrate the spirit of India and its journey as a democratic republic.

-Sainath Arote , SYBBA

TECHSPRINT 25'

DEPARTMENT OF COMPUTER APPLICATION'S INTERCOLLEGIATE

-Ankita Amale , TYBACS



Department of Computer Application organized an intercollegiate contest 'TECHSPRINT 25' on 23rd January, 2025 in our college campus. This activity was a blend of intellectual, creative, innovative and technical test for the competitors. This contest included Fast fingers (at typing competition) and web wizards (Webpage designing competition) along with cash prizes and a certificate. On this day BFC turned into campus full of tech-savvy geeks.

The crucial pillars of this event were Prof. Sneha Lokhande, Head of the department of BCA, Prof. Umar Shaikh, Prof. Kalyani Kulkarni and Prof. Divya Patil. Students of second year and third year BCA had a immense contribution in making this event a triumph which ranges from organizing, decorating the computer labs, maintaining discipline and ensuring smooth functioning of the program. There were huge number of participants who showed interest in this sprint.

However, the winners were Mayuresh Jagtap as 1st position from Ramsheth Thakur College, Akash Sahu as 2nd position from JVM College and Aniruddha Metya as 3rd position from Ramsheth Thakur College. The TECHSPRINT was a commendable and out-of-the box initiative by BCA community.



Prize distribution of winner from esteemed chief guests

ESCAPE CODE

1. The following equation is wrong: $101-102=1$. Move one numerical to make it correct.

are in the room?

2. A certain type of seaweed doubles in length every year. After 6 years it is 12 m long. How long would it have been after 5 years?

3. Ajay, Bhushan, Chandru, Dinesh, Eknath, Ganesh, Ketan, Lakshman, Manoj and Omkar are running in a race. Ajay took overtook Manoj, who is in the second place. What is the rank of Ajay now?

4. Where does today come before both a yesterday and tomorrow?

5. Someone's mother has five daughters. The names of four daughters are Hehe, Hihi, Haha and Huhu. What is the name of 5th daughter?



BUILT-UP

Placement Cell kickstarted 2025 with the series of training sessions for the students of second year and third year. Firstly, Imarticus's lecture on accounting and finance. Secondly, TATA training session registration process took place in BFC. The registration head-count of this was 55 students of BFC. These two activities of Placement committee happened on Monday, 27th January, 2025. The organizing team included Prof. Kavitha Selvi, faculty coordinator of placement cell, Santosh Lohar, Student Head, Vihan Khurana, Student Co-head and entire placement cell. The series of sessions continues in the next month. Placement cell is unstoppable.



Training session and registration process session in BFC



Check page 8 to check the article about No drugs awareness

- Sakshi Choudhari, SYBBA

Launches 'Say **No** to **Drugs**' Campaign with Bollywood Star John Abraham **SAY YES TO **LIFE**, SAY NO TO **DRUGS****

- Sakshi Choudhari, SYBBA

John Abraham's Strong Message to the Youth

Addressing the crowd, John Abraham passionately spoke about the importance of staying away from drugs. He emphasized that true strength lies in self-control and discipline, encouraging the youth to focus on health, fitness, and personal growth. His presence and words served as a strong motivation for young minds to make the right choices.

The Road to a **Drug-Free Navi Mumbai**

The campaign is part of a larger vision to make Navi Mumbai a 'Drug-Free Navi Mumbai'. With active participation from students, law enforcement, and influential personalities, this initiative is set to create a lasting impact. The Navi Mumbai Police plans to continue similar awareness drives, ensuring that every corner of the city is educated about the harmful effects of drug abuse.

This campaign stands as a beacon of hope, inspiring not just Navi Mumbai but the entire nation to unite against drug abuse and build a healthier, brighter future.

My Experience at the 'Drug free** Navi Mumbai' Campaign**

Attending this campaign was a great experience for me. Seeing John Abraham and Maharashtra's Deputy Chief Minister, Devendra Fadnavis, in person was really exciting. The way they spoke about the dangers of drug addiction and their strong stance against it was inspiring.

The event was extremely well-organized by Navi Mumbai Police, with a perfect setup that allowed us to clearly see and hear the messages being shared. The performances by university students were deeply impactful, and the silent act left strong impression on everyone present.

One of the unforgettable moments was the campaign T-shirt, signifying our dedication to spreading the word of a drug-free city. The entire process made me understand that one must make the right choices for the better future that awaits all. I feel happy to be part of such an initiative and more people joining to fight drug abuse.

Navi Mumbai Police took a significant step toward a drug-free city by organizing a powerful awareness campaign at the CIDCO Exhibition Centre. The event witnessed the presence of Maharashtra's Deputy Chief Minister, Devendra Fadnavis, alongside Bollywood star John Abraham, who serves as the brand ambassador for the initiative. The campaign was further supported by MLA Manda Mhatre and Ganesh Naik, showcasing a strong political and social commitment to eradicating drug abuse.

A Call for a **Drug-Free Navi Mumbai**

The primary focus of the campaign was to educate and alert students from schools, colleges, and universities about the dangers of drug addiction. With an increasing number of young individuals falling into the trap of substance abuse, Navi Mumbai Police aims to curb this menace through proactive awareness programs. The event was designed to engage and inspire youth to make informed choices and stay away from drugs.

Impactful Performances and Awareness Initiatives

To make the message more impactful, students from various universities performed dance acts and silent acts, creatively depicting the devastating effects of drug addiction. These performances were not only thought-provoking but also emotionally powerful, leaving a lasting impression on the audience. The message was clear—"Say No to Drugs, Save Your Future."

Helpline Number for Immediate Assistance

During the campaign, a special helpline number **(8828 112 112)** was also introduced, providing direct support to individuals struggling with addiction or those seeking help for their loved ones. This initiative ensures that help is just a call away for anyone in need.

Social heroes

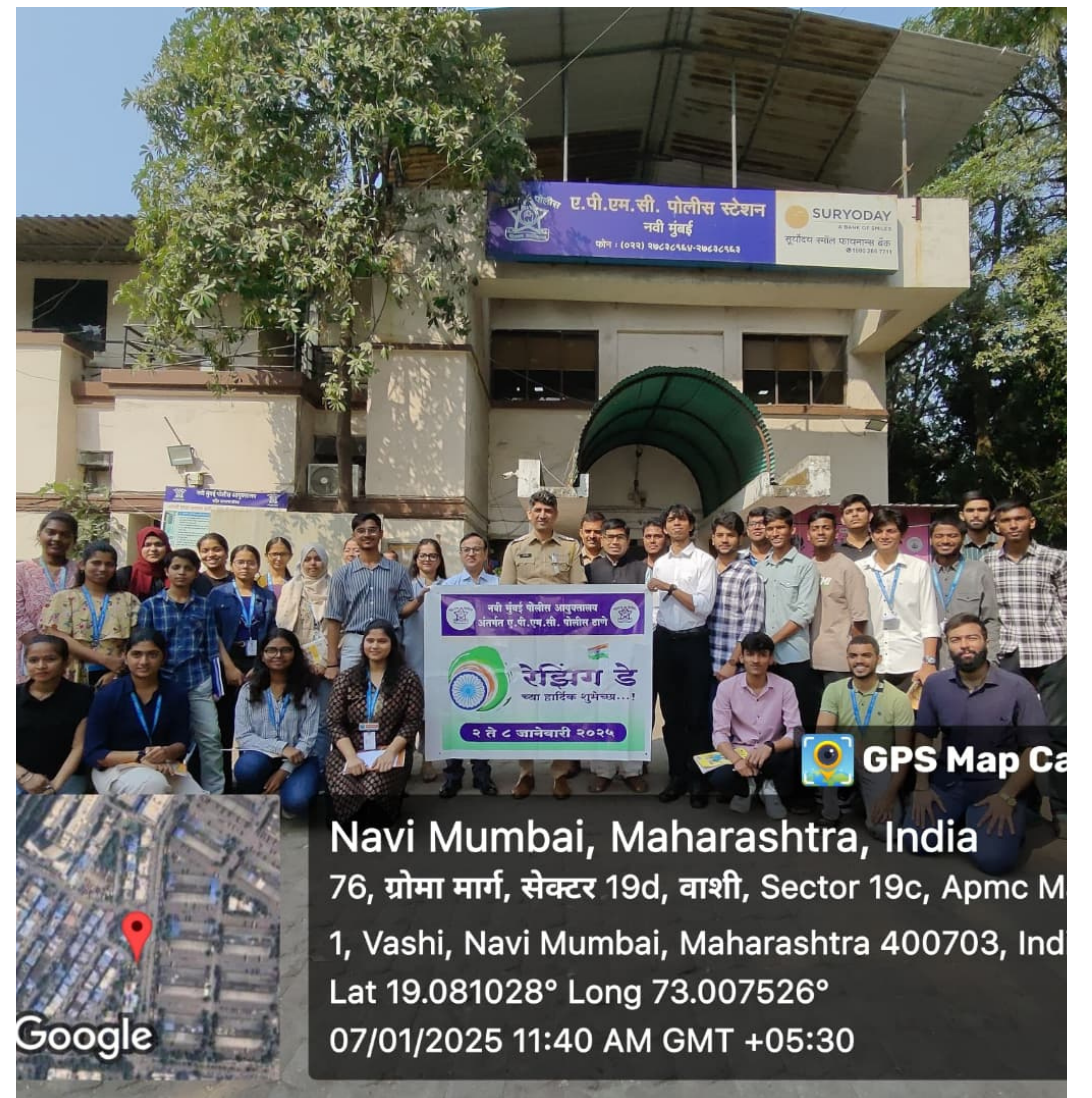
NSS's Police station visit

On 7th January 2025, the NSS unit organised a thrilling educational visit to APMC Police station with 30 student volunteers. The purpose was to understand the role of law and order maintaining safety and security and to understand our basic civil responsibility towards society.

The officer-in-charge warmly welcomed us with gracious smile. Later, they taught us the complex, yet happening working structure of police station. Moreover, they also gave us important knowledge about various arms and weapons such as Glock 9mm Pistol, Self-Loading Rifles, AK-47 and Tear-Gas guns. As a youth of a college, it was quite astonishing to see such arms munitions, which were used for some of the significant events in the history of India. These outweighed our expectations beyond our imagination. Further, they explained how and when to use these weapons. The session also stated that it is a huge responsibility of handling such weapons in any emergency situation. The entire informative dialogue about this left everyone in awe. The best part about this was when we could touch and examine those historical tokens. Later, respected officer API Ajay Shinde sir gave us valuable lessons regarding career and academics.

This session taught us, that being a police officer is a huge responsibility towards society. We should respect them. He told a being an evidently aware citizen in this society is also a job of accountability. This enhanced our understanding of the challenges faced by the police force and fostered respect for their role in ensuring public safety. The visit concluded with special vote of thanks to all the officers who mentored us.

-Hemraj Choudhary, SYBBA



College Principal, faculty coordinator and volunteers for the tour