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First Position At National Level Project Exhibition By BCA Students

29th April 2017



Mr. Harshad Chari and Ms. Pranita Sawant, students of Final Year BCA, Shree Damodar College of Commerce & Economics, secured First Place at **S-Capade 5.0** – the National Level Students' Software Exhibition, held at Rosary College of Commerce & Arts, Navelim, on 29th April 2017. Three industry experts evaluated demonstration of the projects of 9 teams from different Colleges.

The project by Harshad and Pranita titled "Click-N-Pick", which was internally supervised by faculty member Ms.

Namita Neurenkar and went on to win the first position at the exhibition, was on Store Management. The software consists of 3 types of users: Customers, Employees, and Admin. Customers browse the products and add the items of interest into the cart. Customers can also create a custom list which they can fill anytime to place an order. Employees get notification if any order is placed and once any one employee processes that order, other employees cannot see that order. Employee can add, edit or delete the products. Admin gets all the monthly and yearly reports of new customers registered, sales of products, etc.

Final year projects prescribed by Goa University curriculum are carried out by the Computer Science Department under the supervision of the internal faculty members. Utmost importance is given to selecting meaningful and industry relevant projects, and once the specifications are cleared by an internal committee, due rigor of Software Development Life Cycle (SDLC) is emphasized for different phases of design, implementation and testing of the software projects. In an effort to enable students to undertake projects on latest technologies, the Department regularly organizes workshops and training sessions by industry experts so that the gap between industry and academia can be bridged in an age of rapidly changing software technologies.

The College congratulates Mr. Harshad and Ms. Pranita, and the Department of Computer Science for this achievement.

Runners-up at Inter-Collegiate Interaction Cricket Tournament 2016-17

5th April 2017

A Cricket Team comprising of faculty and staff of Shree Damodar College of Commerce & Economics were Runners up at the All Goa Inter Collegiate Interaction Cricket Tournament 2016-17 organized by GSCOPE from 5th April onwards, at Military Camp, Navelim. A total of 18 colleges participated from all over Goa. In the first round Shree Damodar College defeated last year's runner-up Vidhya Prabodhini College, Porvorim. In the semi-final Shree Damodar College defeated Goa Medical College, Bambolim and in a very exciting Final match, the College gave a tough fight to Goa Multi Faculty College, Dharbandora and ended as Runner-up of the Tournament. Chief Guest for the prize distribution Mr Shirodkar, Sarpanch of Dawarlim Panchayat praised the organizers for giving golden opportunity for all the teachers and non-teaching staff of different colleges to come together on the ground and interact with each other. Mr. Durgesh Prabhugaokar of Shree Damodar College team was awarded Best Cricket Player of the entire Tournament.



Scratch Programming Workshops

27th - 29th April and 2nd - 4th May, 2017

The Department of Computer Science, VVM's Shree Damodar College of Commerce & Economics, Margao in collaboration with Computer Society of India (CSI), Goa Chapter, organized a first of its kind workshop for school children on "**Programming with Scratch**" in two batches from 27th to 29th April and 2nd to 4th May, 2017 respectively.

Scratch is a visual programming language designed by MIT, Massachusetts having 2.5 million active users

worldwide. The hands-on workshop to create animations, stories and games witnessed enthusiastic participation of students between 6th to 9th standards from some of the best schools in Margao. Participants were provided with state-of-art laptops, necessary software and above all greatly engaging sessions by qualified instructors and student volunteers from the Bachelor of Computer Applications (BCA) programme.



On the first day the participants were introduced to the interface of the Scratch programming language. In the process, they learned to use sprites, design backdrop and mix sounds with movements of characters. On the second day, the participants got to work with multiple sprites especially to create games and animations. On the third day of the workshop, they learned to work with multiple backdrops with showing and hidings of sprites, keeping the objective of story creation.



Addressing the participants, Ms Shailaja Sardesai, Chaiperson, Computer Society of India (CSI), Goa Chapter congratulated the students for opting for the course and made them aware of the advanced tools that are available for students of their age group. Principal, Dr. Prita D. Mallya appreciated the animations and games designed by the participants and distributed participation certificates. Encouraged by the enthusiasm shown by the participants and valuable and encouraging feedbacks from their parents, the Department of Computer Science is all geared up to conduct the advanced level of the Scratch Programming Workshop in the near future.

Orientation of BBA (Financial Services) Programme

15th June 2017

BBA (FS) department of VVM's Shree Damodar College of Commerce & Economics conducted an Orientation Programme for First Year BBA (FS) students on 15th June 2017.

Principal Dr. Prita D. Mallya welcomed the students and the staff of BBA (FS). She informed the students about the opportunities available and the important rules and regulations to be followed in the College. She encouraged the students to actively participate in sports and extra-curricular activities and various state and national level events.



Ms. Snehal Jadhav, Programme Coordinator, made a presentation to the students about the BBA(FS) programme, activities planned to be conducted in the AY 2017-18 and the examination pattern. They were asked to adhere strictly to all dates and deadlines issued by teachers, in regard to assignments, presentations, etc. Students were also informed about the various activities conducted by the College and participation in state and national level events.

Orientation of BCA Programme

15th June 2017

The Department of Computer Science of VVM's Shree Damodar College of Commerce and Economics organised an Orientation Program on 15th June 2017, to welcome the fresh batch of students opting for the BCA Programme. Principal Dr. Prita Mallya welcomed the students as they stepped into their new intellectual journey. She assured the students that they would have a great learning experience at Damodar College, as the College emphasises not only on imparting quality education but also focuses on the holistic development of students. The objective of the session was to give students an overview of the infrastructure, information related to the curriculum, extra-curricular activities, facilities and resources available for the students.



Programme Co-ordinator, Ms. Ekta Agarwal shared the highlights of BCA programme in general and further briefed the students regarding the infrastructure, library and other facilities available for the students. She then introduced all the faculty members to the students. Mr. Sunil Naik and Ms Pooja Pai Khot informed students about mentoring, seminars, workshops, add on courses etc., conducted for the students. Ms. Namita Neurenkar highlighted some important rules related to attendance and examinations. Ms. Namrata Haldankar briefed the students regarding the bridge courses that would be conducted to help students coming from different streams. Mr Sumit Kumar updated the audience with the various activities such as Placement Fair, coaching for answering various entrance exams and other training programs organised by the Career and Placement Cell. Mr Gajanan Nial informed the students about the Technology Club – TechTrendz and Extension Activities planned by the department in order to create awareness and inculcate a sense of social responsibility among the students.

The programme concluded after an interaction with the students where all student queries were answered. The students and faculty are all geared up for an eventful academic year ahead.

International Day of Yoga

21st June 2017

The NSS unit of VVM's Shree Damodar College of Commerce & Economics, Margao celebrated 3rd International Day of Yoga on 21st June 2017 in the College Multipurpose Hall. The yoga day celebration was organised as per the direction given by the University Grants Commission (UGC). Around 250 NSS volunteers of the College participated enthusiastically in the celebration.

The hour-long programme began at 7.30 am with a prayer and chanting of Omkara. Shri Sudhakar Naik, College Director of Sports & Physical Education and a trained yoga teacher, gave an introductory talk about the importance of Yoga in today's fast paced world. This was followed by

yogic jogging by students and teachers. After yogic jogging, the participants performed several asanas, led by College sportspersons Miss. Bharti Prasad and Shri. Rajdeep Desai under the guidance of the yoga teacher Shri. Sudakar Naik. The asanas included Taadasana, Vrikshasana, Pada hastasana, Ardha Chakrasana, Trikonasana, Bhadrasana, Makarasana, Bhujangaasana, Sarvangasana, Pavana muktasana, Shavasana etc. This was followed by Kapaalabhaati, pranayama, meditation and shaanti paatha.



During the concluding function, NSS chief Programme Officer Dr. Sarath Chandran appreciated the students for participating in large numbers for the programme and highlighted the importance of celebrating this day every year. Principal Dr. Prita D. Mallya said yoga should become part of our daily routine as it is important for the holistic development of the personality,



particularly for students. Senior teacher and avid follower of Yoga, Smt. Nirmala Gopinathan proposed the Vote of thanks. Vice Principal Dr. Sanjay Dessai, NSS Programme Officers Dr. B.P. Sarath Chandran, Mr. Vishal Chari and Ms. Preksha Chopdekar were actively involved in the programme.

Two Day Leadership Training Camp

21st June 2017 - 22nd June 2017

The Students' Council of VVM's Shree Damodar College of Commerce & Economics organized a two-day Leadership Training Camp in association with the renowned M. R. Pai Foundation and Forum of Free Enterprise, Mumbai on 21st and 22nd June 2017. The camp, organised to build up leadership skills among our youth, was attended by 62 students.

The inaugural session was attended by Ms. Swati Kapadia, Director, Forum of Free Enterprise and M R Pai Foundation and Ms. Hoofreez Batliwala. In her welcome address, Principal Dr Prita D. Mallya welcomed the students and urged them to make the best use of the sessions to develop their personalities, leadership skills and team-building skills. Ms. Swati Kapadia spoke about the M R Pai Foundation and its activities, particularly among the youth. Expert trainers Mr. Sachin Kamath and Mr. Vivek Patki were also present.



The training camp was divided into six sessions, with each session focusing on important

qualities that are required to develop the personality of the students and develop them as young leaders. The sessions were activity-based, involving games, group discussions, team work, etc.

In the session on self-esteem, students were taught how to develop and consistently maintain their self-esteem through use of proper skills, knowledge and attitude. During the session dealing with developing effective skills of communication, the students were taught how to communicate in each and every situation in life by medium of games & interactive activities. Students were then asked to identify or set their goals in life and they realized the importance of having a goal for a bright future. Students were also trained on effective time management, self-management, on how to work as a team through cooperation and mutual understanding.

Mr. Edwin Barreto, Convenor of the Students' Council welcomed all the students and guests to



the Valedictory function. Ms. Arti Parulekar, presented a brief summary of the learnings from each of the 6 sessions, which was followed by several participants enthusiastically sharing their feedback about the programme and their key takeaways from the Camp. Mr. Sumit Kumar, Faculty Member on the Students' Council delivered the Vote of Thanks. Faculty members on the Students' Council, Ms. Preksha Chopdekar, Ms. Cinola Vaz and Ms. Poorva Gude were present.

Session on Scholar@SAP by BCA Department

21st June 2017 - 22nd June 2017



The Department of Computer Science of VVM's Shree Damodar College of Commerce & Economics in association with SAP LABS, Bangalore organized a pre-hiring orientation on the Scholar@SAP program for SY and TY BCA students on 23rd June, 2017. 60 students along with faculty members attended the session. Ms. Jisa Mary John from the Early Talent Team, Mr. Kumar, Senior Software Developer and Ms. Raniya from the Human Resource Department of SAP Labs were the resource person for the session from SAP team. The session aimed at creating awareness among the students of the career opportunities offered by SAP through the Scholar@SAP program.

With the idea of conventional classroom teaching method withering away, especially for the professional courses, the Scholar@SAP program offers students a hands-on-experience in the study area along with theoretical knowledge. Scholar@SAP is a vocational training programme that provides education-cum-work experience for the students. The aim of the programme is to mould a group of young professionals who would meet the talent requirements of SAP Labs India. Scholar@SAP is a four year course in eight semesters.

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Mr. Kumar and Ms. Jisa, through their meticulously designed presentations gave the students a quick glimpse of SAP as an organization, its infrastructure, its work culture, facilities and career opportunities. Mr. Kumar moved on to introduce the Scholar@SAP program and briefed the students regarding the eligibility criteria. The most attractive aspect of Scholar@SAP is the on-the-job training. The students under this programme would work during the weekdays (Monday to Friday) on various live assignments. There would be academic classes on weekends at the SAP campus by BITS Pilani faculty.

In the first two years of the programme, the students get an opportunity to work on three different assignments of seven months duration each. In the next two years, the students can pick any one topic out of the three and continue working on it in a broader way. Once the students complete four years successfully, they will be formally inducted by the company into their broader area of study during the last two years. SAP Labs India pays towards the entire tuition fees of the programme for every student. Apart from that, it also pays Rs. 16,000 per month in the first two years and Rs. 25,000 per month in the last two years. Under the Scholar@SAP, the students have an option to get placed in SAP Labs India on the basis of their performance after the first two years of the programme.

The next session was on enhancing the confidence of the students to face interviews. Ms. Raniya from the SAP team shared some of the experiences of jobseekers and recruiters during their interviews. She emphasized that 30 minutes at an interview would decide their future course of life and it was crucial for students to focus on soft skills along with technical knowledge. She also suggested some basic concepts in the core areas of computer science the students should be focusing on.



All in all, the session was an eye-opener for the students giving the students yet another area to explore as a career option. It reinforced the importance of strong fundamentals in domain knowledge, good academic record and soft skills in the corporate world.

Orientation Programme - Career and Placement Cell

24th June - 1st July 2017

The Career and Placement Cell (CPC) of VVM's Shree Damodar College of Commerce & Economics organized an Orientation Programme for the Final Year students of B.Com, BCA, BBA(FS) & M.Com- II, from 24th June to 1st July 2017. The aim was to explain the objectives of the Cell and the importance of students' involvement in the various activities carried out by the Cell.

The first session was conducted for BCA students. Ex-students were invited to interact with students and they shared their experience, particularly in respect of how the trainings helped them in grooming their personalities. The second session was devoted to the B.Com students.



Principal Dr. Mrs. Prita D. Mallya introduced the Placement Officers and highlighted the importance of attending the various skill based sessions. She emphasized that the activities of C&P cell are designed so as to equip the students with skill sets that are valued for professional growth in the corporate world.

BBA(FS) students were oriented in the third session. They were informed of the different activities of the Cell and how it would help them to bridge the gap from campus to corporate life. The M.Com-II students were part of the orientation programme and were explained the benefits and impact of the Career & Placement Cell sessions.

Overall, the entire orientation programme was enthusiastically received by all the students and student representatives for every class were selected. The student representatives have been charged with the task of collecting student data in order to plan the activities of the Cell so as to meet the needs and demands of students.

The entire team of C&P Cell, the Placement Officers Ms. Namita Neurenkar, Ms. Prachi Kolamkar, Ms. Purva Gude, Ms. Shameem Memon, Ms. Ashwini Korde and Mr. Gajanan Nial were actively involved in the Orientation Programme. Ms. Ekta Agarwal (BCA Coordinator), Ms. Snehal Jadhav (BBA(FS) Coordinator) & Mr. Sumit Kumar (Convenor, C&P Cell 2016-17) were also present for the Orientation Programme and they highlighted the importance of students participation in the activities of the Cell for career growth.



NCC Report- Naval Wing

Ship Attachment Camp

P.O Cadet Mulla Nausabh and P.O.Cadet Virdikar Amruth attended the Ship Attachment Camp at Western Naval Command Mumbai from 06th to 17th June 2017.



Combined Annual Training Camp At Kittur

Cadet Shaikh Sakina Bi, Cadet Pattanshetty Saloni, Cadet Bandodkar Panchami, Cadet Gadekar Urja and Cadet Radhika S Naik attended a 10-day Combined Annual Training Camp At Kittur. The Camp was conducted by 5 Karnataka Girls BN NCC, Dharwad, from 17th to 26th May 2017.



ANO's Conference at 1 Goa Naval Unit at Panaji :16th June 2017

Introduction to NCC Cadets



NCC introduction was held for the cadets for the training year on 18th June 2017. Lt. S. Bhat, ANO NCC Naval Wing, briefed the cadets about the training Programme for the Year. He explained the various types of camps conducted by NCC.



International Day of Yoga

The NCC Naval wing of VVM's Shree Damodar College of Commerce & Economics celebrated International Yoga Day on 21st June 2017 at the College Multipurpose Hall. The Programme started with prayer at 7.30 a.m. At 7.35 a.m. Shri. Sudhakar Naik , Director of Physical Education and Sports explained the importance of Yoga. Cadets then performed Yogic Jogging, Asanas, Pranayam which were demonstrated by Ms. Bharti Prasad and Mr. Rajdeep Desai. The programme concluded at 8.45 a.m.



Dear Readers,

Inspite of evaluations, results and other serious and demanding activities being carried out in May-June, we still had some noteworthy events and news to share in this edition of the E-Newsletter.

As we embark at the beginning of a new academic year, we also take this opportunity to wish all our readers and stakeholders a very enriching and fruitful year ahead. . .

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