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Bone Density Camp

8th March 2019



The Dept of Commerce & Management organized a free bone density camp in association with NSS on International Women's Day i.e. 8th March 2019 in the College premises. This was planned as an outreach activity ladies above the age of 20 years in and around Pedda and Comba area, and also for the lady students and staff members of the College.

Mr. Shrinivas - a technician from Isha Health Care, Pilerne, did the testing. A total of 163 ladies benefited from the camp, of whom 82 were TY B.Com girl students, 68 were staff members (both teaching and non-teaching) and 13 were women from the

surrounding ward of Comba.

The camp was held between 1.30 and 6 pm in the Smart Classroom.

Industrial Visit

17th - 21st March 2019

The Department of Commerce and Management of the College organized an industrial visit to Pune from 17th to 21st March 2019. 48 students and 3 teachers visited five companies and two colleges during the study visit. The group travelled on 17th March to Pune via Sawantwadi and Kolhapur by bus and arrived in Pune early morning next day 18th March at 4.30 am and checked in at Hotel Mukesh, Camp, Pune.

The group first visited **Poona College** where the group interacted with the Poona college staff members and students. Discussions about an MoU and the types of activities envisaged preceded the signing of the MOU by Principal Dr Anwar Shaikh and Vice- Principal Dr Rodney D'Silva. Dr Nasrin Khan coordinated all activities of the visit and was in charge of all interactions.

Later the group visited **Tech Mahindra** vehicle manufacturing plant at 11.30 am. All manufacturing activities taking place at the various units in the complex were explained to the group and the actual manufacturing of passenger cars was shown which included cutting of chassis plates, bending, painting, welding together and the actual production line. After lunch the Quality Control measures

undertaken were explained and testing procedures were shown.

In the evening at 4pm the group visited **Krohne Marshall Pvt Ltd**, a company that manufactures high grade industrial valves. The different types of valves were shown and their uses were explained. The manufacturing processes were shown. Quality Control measures undertaken were explained and actual testing procedures were shown. After the visit to Poona college and two companies for the day, the group visited Phoenix Mall.

On 19th March the group visited **Waghire College, Saswad** at 9am. Here too, discussions about MoU and the types of activities envisaged preceded the signing of the MOU by Principal Dr Nitin Ghorpade and Vice- Principal Dr Rodney D'Silva. The group had interaction with the staff members and students.

Later at 11.30am the group visited **Monga Strayfield Pvt Ltd**, a company that manufactures high temperature industrial microwave ovens. The manufacturing process and uses of the products manufactured were explained in detail.

In the evening at 3.30 pm the group visited **Knorr Bremse Systems Pvt Ltd**, a company manufacturing braking systems for vehicles. The importance of a reliable braking system was explained and the different types of braking systems were shown. The group was shown how quality was ensured through a large number of rigorous tests. The group was then dropped for shopping.



and Sawantwadi and reached Margao at 7.30 a.m.

On 20th April the group checked out from the hotel and departed for **Mapro Factory**, Mahableshwar, stopping on the way at Mapro Garden, Panchgini. At Mahableshwar the group visited strawberry gardens. Afternoon-time was for leisure and relaxation. Later in the evening at 8pm the group departed for Goa by bus via Kolhapur

Guest Lecture on Software Engineering

30th March 2019

The **Department of Computer Science** organized a session on Software Engineering for SYBCA students on 30th March 2019 from 11.30 am to 12.30 pm. The resource persons for the session were Ankush Asangaj - Software Project Coordinator, Shriom Manekar - Senior Software Engineer, Shaunak Kundaikar -Software Engineer, Yogita Shirodkar- PHP developer intern, all presently working in Online Productivity Solution Pvt Ltd. Verna, and Subrai Sambary working at Barclays, Pune. **All resource persons are alumni of the BCA Department of the College.**



Mr Sumit Kumar introduced the resource persons.

It was an interactive session wherein all the resource persons shared what development Model they followed in their projects, and students were made to realize that adaptability is the key where following software methods are concerned.

Students also asked many questions ranging from how they should go about their Third Year project, their placement or further education to what is the first salary they can expect after passing BCA. Since all

resource persons were BCA alumni, students got all the answers. It was a very enlightening session.

Ms Anusree Sadanandan proposed a vote of thanks to the resource persons. A total of 46 students attended and benefited from the session.

Outbound Training Programme

3rd April 2019

The **Internal Quality Assurance Cell (IQAC)** in collaboration with **JCI Salcette Coastal**, organized an Outbound Training Programme for the teaching faculty of all programmes. The training was organized at NV Eco Farm, Dabal, Sanvordem Goa on 3rd April,



2019. The theme of the training was **MOTIVATION AND TEAM BUILDING**. The Resource Persons of the training programme were, **Mr Adrian Torres and Mr Rajesh Gaonkar**. 45 teachers attended the training.

The trainers divided the participants into four groups on the basis of their month and date of birthday. Each group was told to give their group a name, make a slogan and act out the slogan. Each team also chose their leader.

The training was fully based on group activities and games. Some of the activities conducted were spoon and ball race, passing of the balls, filling of water in the bottle through a glass with multiple holes, standing of the entire team in limited space, Balloon walk, sign language and change of positions.

The objectives of all the activities were to develop leadership, encourage planning, development of

strategies, group discussion, team work, motivation and competitive spirit. All the participants were actively involved in the games and tasks given to them by the trainers.

The training ended with feedback by the participants and closing remarks by the Principal.



Farewell and Graduation Day 2019

5th April 2019

The Students' Council of the College organised the **Farewell and Graduation Day** programme for TY B.Com, BCA and BBA(FS) students on 5th April 2019 at 10:00 am in the Multipurpose Hall.

The programme started with the entry of students and teachers with lighted candles into the hall. The comperes of the programme Mr. Trevon Dias and Ms. Ipshita Singh welcomed the gathering. This was followed by address of the Principal Dr. Prita D. Mallya enlightening the students on various aspects of having a bright future. A number of cultural items were performed which included solo song, group songs, mime and solo dance. The programme also included games and spot prizes. A student representative of each department provided their feedback about their experience in the college and expressed their gratitude towards the College, especially to the Principal and all the teachers, in moulding their personalities. Vice-Principal Dr. Rodney D'Silva, Dr. Lira Gama, Head of the Department of Economics & Banking, Ms. Ekta Agarwal, Coordinator of BCA programme and Ms. Cinola Vaz, Department of BBA(FS) gave an inspirational message to the students. Mr. Oscar Gonsalves, Administrator of Sharada Mandir School was invited specially on this



occasion to deliver a motivational talk for students.

A presentation of different photographs of the students was shown depicting their college life which took them down memory lane. The programme ended with the 'tossing of the hat' ceremony.

Graduation and Farewell of M.Com Part II

11th April 2019



The Graduation and Farewell function for the M.Com Part II was organized on 11th April 2019. The M.Com Part I students conducted the function on the theme 'Oscars' at the college GD Auditorium. The program began at 11:00 a.m. where the students walked in wearing graduation gowns, with lighted candles along with the Vice Principal Dr. Rodney D'Silva and the M.Com faculty Asst. Prof.Mrs. Sheryl Da' Silva, Asst. Prof.Mr. Frazer Taylor and Asst. Prof.Mr.AkshayNaik.

Students of M.Com Part I presented a short program to entertain their seniors to the fullest. They also had a presentation of all the activities of the past 2 years, which gave a flashback to all their college memories. Some exciting games and spot prizes were organised for them.

The second edition of the M.Com bulletin, 'M.Com Insider' was released by the Vice Principal and the Faculty of the department.

The Vice Principal and other faculty members wished the students the best for their future endeavours. They asked them to do their best and face life's challenges with confidence. Further, the program was made memorable with a few memories that were shared by some seniors in their speech that created an emotional moment. They expressed their deep love and gratitude towards the institution and teachers.

Session on Financial Literacy

24th April 2019

The **Department of Economics & Banking** organized a session on Financial Literacy for the Multi-Tasking staff (MTS) of all VVM institutions on 24th April 2019 from 11.00 am to 1 pm. The theme of the session was Fundamentals of Investment. Vice-Principal Dr. Rodney D'Silva welcomed the participants and Dr. Lira Gama introduced the resource person Mr. Sandesh G.Gaonkar Assistant Professor in Commerce.



Mr. Sandesh Gaonkar spoke about the various investment avenues. He said that one has to invest in a smart way depending upon risk appetite. One can invest smartly by doing SIP i.e. Systematic Investment Plan or investing a lumpsum amount as and when Market moves up and down in emerging market. The resource person spoke about the importance of Investment

Planning in every individual's life. He also spoke about how to beat inflation by adding value to money through Risk Free Return and Risk Adjusted Return. He spoke about how to create wealth for retirement, education, marriage and dream holidays, which provide security, emergency funds and reduce debt for the individual and his/her family. The session was conducted in Konkani.

The session was attended by 13 MTS and housekeeping staff from Shree Damodar College of Commerce & Economics, and 7 MTS from Vidya Vikas Academy.

Skill Enhancement Certificate Workshop

27th April - 04th May 2019

The **Department of Economics & Banking** of the College organized a Skill Enhancement Certificate Workshop **SkillStir 2019** from 27th April to 04th May 2019.

Skills such as flower-making, thermocol decoration and gift wrapping were taught during the six days workshop. The resource person for the same was Asst. Prof. Ms. Lizette D'Costa. A total of 15 students enrolled for the workshop.



The welcome address on the first day was delivered by Dr. Rodney D'Silva, Vice-Principal of the College in the presence of Dr. Lira M. Gama, Head of the Department of Economics, Dr. Shami Pai, IQAC Coordinator and Ms. Lizette D'Costa, Workshop Coordinator.

The workshop began at 10:00 a.m. and continued till 01:00 p.m. Students received hands-on knowledge on how to make different kinds of flowers with different types of materials. On the next three days students were taught the basic art of thermocol decoration wherein they learnt to make various types of decorations which could be used for different occasions. On the third day students were taught various techniques of gift-wrapping. On the whole, the workshop was a very informative and enriching.

The students were very satisfied with the workshop and the skills learnt therein. The workshop concluded on 04th May 2019 at 01:00 p.m. with a small exhibit of all that was learnt during the course of the workshop fulfilling the objective of stirring up and enhancing the art skills within the students.

Workshop on Programming in Python

29th April – 4th May 2019



The **Department of Computer Science** in collaboration with Robokart - reach partner of E-Cell IIT Mumbai conducted a workshop on **Programming in Python** from 29th April to 4th May 2019. This workshop aimed at helping students get practical knowledge from experts in the domain. The resource person was Mr. Pravin Patil, Senior R&D Engineer, Robokart.

The software platform used for the programming was Python IDLE 3.7.3.2. The resource person introduced the topic and briefed participants about the syntax and logic and started with basic programs such as simple calculator, factorial program, swapping program to make the students familiar with the programming environment of Python.

During the session, students were introduced to Python concepts of creating Objects and defining Classes, and Tkinter (the GUI interface). Programs such as calculator, Bank Management, Library management, etc. were developed using Tkinter control tools and libraries using GUI interface. Students had sessions on image processing. They installed and worked with pip, Numpy, Scipy and Matplotlib, required for image processing and QR code generation. Mr. Pravin Patil taught students camera access techniques, face and eye detection. In the last session, the resource person provided information about the platform where students could search for projects, learn and execute programs in Python.

40 BCA students attended the 5-day, 30-hour workshop and will receive course completion certificates issued by EDC IIT Mumbai.

Dear Readers,

In spite of April being a month of evaluations and examinations, several noteworthy activities took place during this period.

We are delighted to present the reports of the above in this edition of the newsletter.

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