

Dr. Girish Desai Honoured with India CSR Impact Leader Award 2025 at National Leadership Summit

Pimpri Chinchwad Education Trust and Pimpri Chinchwad University marked a proud and momentous occasion as Dr. Girish Desai, Executive Director - PCET & PCU, was invited as a Special Guest of Honour at the 16th India CSR Leadership Summit & Awards 2025, held at the prestigious PHD House, New Delhi.

At this nationally acclaimed platform, Dr. Desai was conferred with the India CSR Impact Leader Award 2025, a distinguished recognition presented by Dr. Bhaskar Chatterjee, widely regarded as the Father of Indian CSR.

The award acknowledges Dr. Desai's over three decades of exemplary leadership, his unwavering commitment to inclusive and value-driven education, and his transformative contributions towards sustainable community development and social empowerment.

The India CSR Leadership Summit is one of the country's most respected forums dedicated to advancing Corporate Social Responsibility, bringing together eminent CSR policymakers, academicians, corporate leaders, development practitioners, and social



change-makers.

The summit aims to strengthen a future-ready CSR ecosystem aligned with national priorities and global sustainability goals.

During the summit, Dr. Girish Desai was accorded the distinguished honour of felicitating eminent speakers, industry leaders, and special invitees, further underscoring his stature as a thought leader in the domain of education-led social transformation.

He also represented PCET-PCU's legacy of over 34 years, showcasing

the institution's sustained excellence in socially responsible education, community engagement, and nation-building initiatives.

Under Dr. Desai's leadership, PCET and PCU have consistently emphasized education as a powerful tool for social change, with focused initiatives in education access, employability enhancement, skill develop-

ment, and community empowerment.

The recognition at the India CSR Leadership Summit reinforces the institution's vision of integrating academic excellence with social responsibility.

This achievement stands as a testament to PCET-PCU's continued efforts in contributing meaningfully to India's developmental journey through impactful, purpose-driven, and CSR-led initiatives, and further strengthens its position as an institution committed to inclusive growth and sustainable progress.

PCU Signs MoU with International Business University, Canada

Pimpri Chinchwad University, achieved a significant milestone in its internationalisation journey with the successful signing of a Memorandum of Understanding with International Business University (IBU), Canada. The MoU marks the beginning of a high-impact global academic partnership aimed at fostering international cooperation in education, research, and innovation.

This strategic collaboration is envisioned to create global learning opportunities for students and faculty, promote joint research initiatives, and encourage the development of innovation-driven academic programs aligned with emerging global trends and industry requirements.

The partnership reflects a shared commitment by both institutions to nurturing globally competent graduates and strengthening cross-border academic ecosystems.

The MoU signing ceremony was held in New Delhi and was graced by the presence of Dr. Shankar Deosarkar, Director – International Relations, PCU and Dr. Feridun Hamdullahpur, Chancellor, International Business University, Canada. Their presence underscored the mutual intent of both institutions to build sustainable and meaningful international academic collaborations.



Hon. Chancellor Shri Harshwardhan Patil Engages in Leadership Dialogue with HODs at PCU

Pimpri Chinchwad University had the honour of welcoming Hon. Chancellor Shri Harshwardhan Patil to the university campus for a comprehensive review of ongoing academic activities and key institutional initiatives.

The visit underscored the university leadership's continued commitment to academic excellence, institutional growth, and student-centric development.

This interaction held special significance as it marked the first official leadership dialogue following the appointment of the new Vice Chancellor, Dr. Santosh Sonavane.

The meeting provided an important platform for constructive engagement between the university leadership and Heads of Departments (HODs), fostering open dialogue and collaborative planning.

During the interaction, discussions focused on enhancing academic quality, strengthening departmental performance, and ensuring effective imple-

mentation of academic and administrative initiatives across schools and departments.

Emphasis was placed on aligning departmental goals with the strategic vision of the university, with a clear focus on student development, academic innovation, and outcome-based education.

Hon. Chancellor Shri Harshwardhan Patil shared valuable insights and guidance on leadership, governance, and institutional responsibility, encouraging departments to adopt forward-looking approaches and best practices in teaching, research, and academic administration. The dialogue also reinforced the importance of teamwork, accountability, and continuous improvement in achieving long-term institutional objectives.

The visit and interaction served as a significant step in strengthening leadership engagement at PCU, setting a clear direction for collaborative efforts aimed at nurturing academic excellence and creating a robust, student-focused learning ecosystem.



PCET and Pimpri Chinchwad University Host University of Cambridge Delegation to Explore Global Academic Collaborations

Pimpri Chinchwad Education Trust and Pimpri Chinchwad University were delighted to host a distinguished delegation from the University of Cambridge

at the PCET campus, marking an important step towards strengthening international academic engagement and global learning opportunities for students and faculty.

The delegation comprised Ms. Sarah Hales, Senior Regional Manager South East Asia; Ms. Asha Patel, Deputy Regional Manager; and Dr. Nirupama Kocherlakota, Internationalization Consultant. The visit facilitated an enriching and forward-looking interaction focused on expanding academic pathways, research collaboration, and student mobility between the institutions.

The esteemed guests were formally felicitated by the PCET leadership, including Shri Dnyaneshwar Landge, Chairman; Smt. Padma Tai Bhosle, Vice-Chairperson; Shri Vitthal S. Kalbhor, Secretary; Shri Shantaram Garade, Treasurer; and Mr. Ajinkya Kalbhor, Management Representative, reflecting the institution's commitment to fostering meaningful global partnerships.

Key discussions during the visit centred on academic advancement opportunities for PCET and PCU students, with the Cambridge team providing detailed insights into scholarships and funding options available for meritorious students aspiring to pursue Master's and PhD programmes at the University of Cambridge. These opportunities were highlighted as significant avenues for support-



ing academically bright learners in accessing world-class education.

The interaction also explored student collaboration initiatives, including summer schools and semester-abroad programmes, which

would enable undergraduate students to study as full members of the University of Cambridge.

These programmes are graded, accompanied by certificates of completion, and may also be credit-bearing, subject to consultation with the home university, thereby enhancing students' global academic exposure.

Further areas of discussion included joint faculty research initiatives, student participation in international management conferences, and the proposal of an International Hackathon to be organised by the Engineering Department at PCCOE, Pune, in 2026, aimed at promoting innovation, problem-solving, and global collaboration among students.

The engagement was coordinated and supported by Dr. Roshani Raut, Head International Relations; Dr. Aishwarya Gopalakrishnan, Head, European Studies; Dr. Sonali D. Patil; Dr. Anuradha Thakare, along with PCET staff members, who were present during the interaction.

The visit of the University of Cambridge delegation reaffirmed PCET and PCU's vision of internationalisation, reinforcing their commitment to providing globally relevant academic opportunities, fostering research excellence, and preparing students to thrive in an increasingly interconnected world.

Book Recommendation:
A Christmas Carol by Charles Dickens
A timeless literary classic that explores goodwill, compassion, redemption, and the transformative power of self-reflection. The book's message of empathy and renewal makes it especially relevant for both the Christmas spirit and the idea of new beginnings as the year turns.

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Movie Recommendation:
Movie Name: It's a Wonderful Life (1946)
Directed by Frank Capra, this iconic film is a profound reflection on purpose, gratitude, and the unseen impact of one individual's life on others. Set during Christmas, it carries a universal message that extends seamlessly into the New Year.

PCU Signs MoU with Partex.AI to Advance AI and Technology Innovation

Pimpri Chinchwad University achieved another significant milestone with the successful signing of a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with Partex.AI.

This strategic collaboration marks an important step towards strengthening academic-industry partnerships and advancing education, research, and innovation in the rapidly evolving fields of Artificial Intelligence and technology.

The MoU signing ceremony was conducted in the esteemed presence of Mr. Rajesh Patil, Head Corporate Affairs, Forbes Marshall and Governing Body Member, PCU; Mr. Gaurav Tripathi, Co-founder and Chief Technology Officer, Partex.AI; and Prof. Juergen Scheele, MD, PhD, Chief Medical Officer and Senior Vice President, Partex.AI.

Their presence highlighted the shared vision of both institutions to integrate academic excellence with

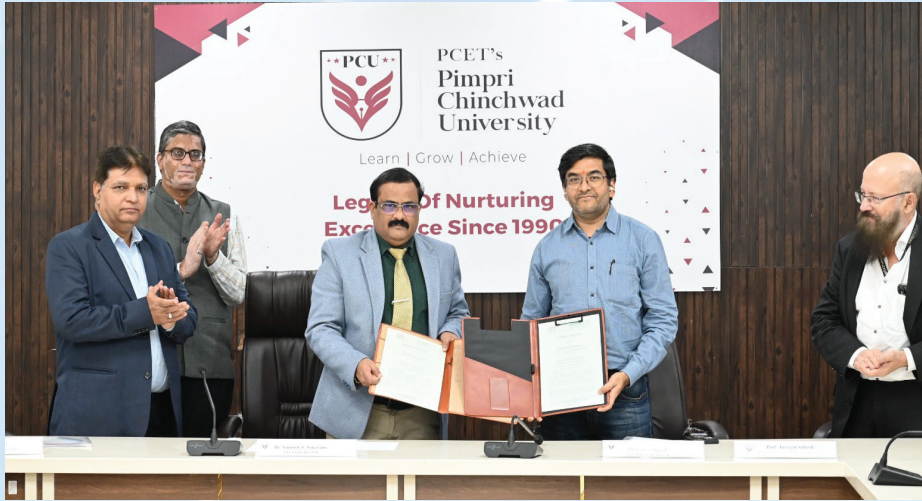
cutting-edge industry practices.

This collaboration is designed to create meaningful learning and research opportunities for students and faculty, including exposure to real-world AI applications, collaborative research projects, and innovation-driven initiatives aligned with industry needs.

The partnership is expected to enhance skill development, foster interdisciplinary research, and support the development of future-ready talent in emerging technology domains.

By partnering with Partex.AI, PCET and PCU reaffirm their commitment to innovation-led education, industry engagement, and the promotion of advanced technological research.

The university looks forward to a productive and impactful association with Partex.AI, aimed at nurturing talent, driving innovation, and contributing to the broader technological ecosystem.



Strengthening Indo-Korean Collaboration

Dr. Girish Desai Represents PCU at Korea SMEs & Startups Day 2025

Pimpri Chinchwad University, marked a significant step forward in advancing global partnerships for SME and startup growth as Dr. Girish Desai, Executive Director PCET, was invited as a Special Dignitary to the Proclamation Ceremony of Korea SMEs & Startups Day (K-SS Day) 2025.

The prestigious event was jointly organised by the Korea SMEs and Startups Agency (KOSME), the Korean SMEs Association in India (KOSMA), and the Federation of Indian Micro and Small & Medium Enterprises (FISME) at the KOSME Global Business Center, Gurugram.

The ceremony witnessed the presence of eminent Korean leaders and key ecosystem stakeholders, including Mr. Seok-jin Kang, President, KOSME; Mr. Dong-Sung Pak, Vice Chairman, KOSMA; Mr. Jae Kyeong Lee, Director, KOSME; and Ms. Yujin Han, CEO, StaraJin.

The gathering served as an important platform to strengthen bilateral cooperation between India and Ko-

rea in the areas of entrepreneurship, innovation, and SME development.

During the event, Dr. Girish Desai was felicitated for his significant contributions to advancing Indo-Korean academic industry collaboration, fostering innovation-driven initiatives, and supporting the growth of SMEs and startups through education and institutional partnerships.

In a gesture symbolising mutual respect and collaboration, Dr. Desai also felicitated Mr. Seok-jin Kang in recognition of his leadership role in enhancing Korea-India SME cooperation.

As part of the ongoing MoU between KOSME Global Business Center, New Delhi, and PCET's Pimpri Chinchwad University, meaningful discussions and exchanges were held on key focus areas, including academic-industry partnerships for innovation, startup and SME development, technology and knowledge collaboration, and global entrepreneurship opportunities.



PCU Observes Constitution Week with Panel Discussion on “Women Empowerment in the Indian Constitution”

Pimpri Chinchwad University observed Constitution Week with an insightful and thought-provoking panel discussion on “Women Empowerment in the Indian Constitution”, aimed at creating deeper awareness about women’s rights and the constitutional provisions that uphold gender equality.

The event witnessed enthusiastic participation from students and faculty of the School of Law.

The programme commenced with a traditional lamp-lighting ceremony, symbolising the values of knowledge and justice enshrined in the Constitution.

The session was anchored by Amruta Yadav and Radha Rani.

As part of the opening segment, students viewed an inspiring video highlighting the contributions

of the 15 women members of the Constituent Assembly, followed by a soulful Constitution-themed song presented by Archana Awsarmol.

A special tribute to noted feminist writer and social activist Kamla Bhasin was presented by Ms. Shreya, Assistant Professor, School of Law, along with Bhumiika Singh.

Excerpts from Understanding Gender were shared, setting a reflective and intellectually engaging tone for the discussion.

The panel discussion was subsequently moderated by Ms. Shreya, who guided the conversation with clarity and purpose.

PCU was honoured to host a distinguished panel of speakers comprising Mrs. Maya Vijay Yewale, Director, Atharva Yewale Social Foundation; Mr. Mahadev Waghmare, Journalist and Professor, Bafna College; Mr. Sandeep Bhegade, Reporter, Sakal; and Ms. Reshma Bhandari, Senior Advocate, Pune and Vadgaon Maval District Court.

The panelists offered insightful perspectives on Articles 14, 15, and 16 of the Indian Constitution, underlining their significance in ensuring equality and non-discrimination for women.

They also addressed contemporary challenges such as workplace bias, unequal pay, domestic violence, cyber harassment, and the critical need for greater representation of women in leadership and decision-making roles.

The interactive session saw active student participation, with thought-provoking questions on women’s safety, workplace rights, legal awareness, and equal opportunities, making the discussion both engaging and impactful.



PCU Welcomes Senior Industry Leaders from Mahindra Vehicle Manufacturing Ltd.

Pimpri Chinchwad University had the privilege of welcoming senior industry leaders from Mahindra Vehicle Manufacturing Ltd., marking an important step towards strengthening industry-academia collaboration and experiential learning opportunities for students.

The university hosted Mr. Sameer Rawte, Vice President, Product Quality (Personal Vehicle, Auto Sector), Mahindra Plant, and Mr. Ashutosh Gondhalaykaar, Head Product Quality, Mahindra Auto, Chakan (ICE Engines). Their visit brought valuable industry insights and reinforced the importance of aligning academic learning with real-world industrial practices.

The distinguished guests were warmly felicitated by the Hon. Vice Chancellor, Dr. Santosh Sonavane, in recognition of their professional contributions and their engagement with the university community. The interaction provided a platform for meaningful dialogue on quality standards, manufacturing excellence, and evolving industry expectations.

The visit underscored PCU’s commitment to fostering strong industry partnerships that enhance student exposure to practical applications, support innovation-driven learning, and prepare graduates to meet contemporary industry requirements. Such engagements play a vital role in bridging the gap between academia and industry, contributing to the development of skilled, industry-ready professionals.



“The good will is not good because of what it effects or accomplishes, but because of its volition—that is, it is good in itself.” - Immanuel Kant

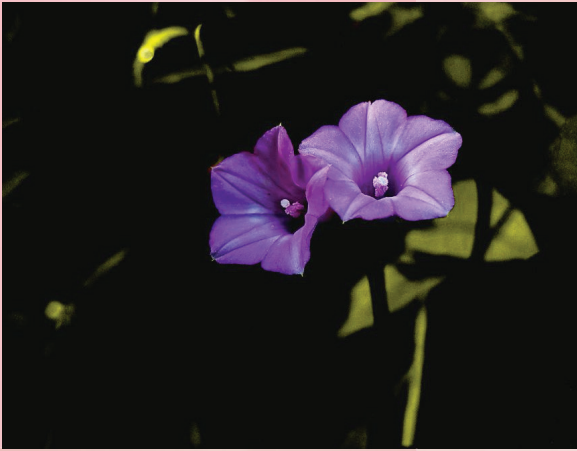


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“It is never too late to be what you might have been.” -George Eliot

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PCU Marks Strong Presence at DIDAC India 2025 with Leadership Engagement and Global Showcasing



Pimpri Chinchwad University, Pune, proudly marked its presence at DIDAC India 2025, Asia's largest exhibition and conference dedicated to the education and skills sector, held at Yashobhoomi (India International Convention and Expo Centre – IICC), New Delhi.

The event was further highlighted by the visit of Dr. Girish Desai, Executive Director, PCET, who actively engaged with global educators, academic innovators, and industry leaders participating in the exhibition.

His interactions focused on exploring emerging trends in education, skill development, and technology-enabled learning, reinforcing PCU's commitment to academic excellence, innovation, and international collaboration.

Adding to PCU's impactful participation, the university showcased its Korean Facilitation Centre and Cosme Learning Centre through dedicated stalls at the event. Established by PCU, these centres reflect the university's strong global partnerships and its focus on providing future-ready, industry-aligned learning opportunities for students.

The stalls attracted considerable interest from delegates, highlighting PCU's initiatives in international education, skill enhancement, and cross-cultural academic engagement.



PCU's presence at DIDAC India 2025 reaffirmed its strategic vision of staying aligned with global educational advancements while actively contributing to the national and international discourse on education and skills development.

The participation also strengthened the university's positioning as a forward-looking institution committed to building globally competent graduates through innovation-driven and collaborative academic practices.

PCU Observes National Pollution Control Day with Tree Plantation Drive

Pimpri Chinchwad University marked National Pollution Control Day with the organisation of a meaningful and impactful Tree Plantation Drive on its campus, reaffirming its commitment to environmental sustainability and responsible campus practices.

The initiative was graced by the presence of Dr. Santosh S. Sonavane, Vice Chancellor, PCU, who actively participated in the drive along with members of the PCU team.

Their involvement added significance to the event and highlighted the university leadership's dedication to promoting ecological awareness and sustainable development among students, faculty, and staff.

The tree plantation drive aimed at encouraging collective responsibility towards environmental conservation, emphasizing the role of educational institutions in addressing issues such as pollution control, climate change, and ecological balance.

By planting saplings across the campus, the university took a tangible step towards enhancing green cover and fostering a healthier learning environment.

Through such initiatives, PCU continues to sensitise its academic community to the importance of small yet consistent actions that contribute to long-term environmental impact. The observance of National Pollution Control Day through this drive reflects the university's vision of nurturing socially responsible citizens and contributing to a greener, cleaner, and healthier future for generations to come.



PCU's "Silence... Pune is Reading" Initiative Celebrates Reading Culture

Pimpri Chinchwad University (PCU), Pune, successfully organised the landmark reading initiative "Silence... Pune is Reading" at the Swami Vivekananda Library, witnessing enthusiastic participation from students, faculty members, and avid readers.

Record for Collective Reading, while reinforcing the university's commitment to nurturing a strong reading culture on campus.



The event marked a significant step towards achieving a World Record for Collective Reading, while reinforcing the university's commitment to nurturing a strong reading culture on campus.

The initiative was organised by the Swami Vivekananda Library, PCU, in collaboration with the Pune Book Festival 2025, transforming the library space into a vibrant hub of silent reading and intellectual engagement.

Participants from across disciplines gathered to collectively immerse themselves in books, reflecting the shared belief that reading remains a powerful tool for learning, reflection, and personal growth.

The overwhelming response and active participation from the PCU academic community played a crucial role in the success of the event. Students and faculty alike contributed to creating a focused and serene reading environment, symbolising the collective pursuit of knowledge and lifelong learning.

The initiative not only encouraged habitual reading but also highlighted the importance of libraries as dynamic centres of academic and cultural enrichment.

"Silence... Pune is Reading" stood as a celebration of the joy of reading and the transformative power of books, aligning with PCU's broader vision of holistic education. By associating with the Pune Book Festival 2025, the university further strengthened its engagement with the city's literary ecosystem and promoted reading as a shared social and intellectual experience.

The success of the event has brought PCU a step closer to creating history through a World Record for Collective Reading, while reaffirming its role as an institution that values knowledge, culture, and community participation.

“Nothing is predestined: the obstacles of your past can become the gateways that lead to new beginnings.”

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“Life is a series of natural and spontaneous changes. Do not resist them; that only creates sorrow.”- Lao Tzu

PCU Strengthens Industry Engagement at Global TPO & HR Summit 2025, Hyderabad

Pimpri Chinchwad University Pune, proudly participated in the Global TPO & HR Summit 2025, held in Hyderabad, reaffirming its commitment to strengthening industry connect and enhancing student employability.

PCU was represented at the summit by Dr. Shitalkumar Rawandale, Dean Centralised Training and Placement Cell, Pimpri Chinchwad Education Trust and Pimpri Chinchwad University; Shri Pan-kaj Sonar, Training and Placement Officer; and Shri Rahul Udata Udata, Assistant Training and Placement Officer.

Their participation highlighted the university's proactive approach towards aligning academic outcomes with industry expectations.

The summit was organised by the Telangana TPO Association (TTPOA) under the visionary leadership of Dr. Shitalkumar Rawandale, and brought together Training and Placement Officers and HR leaders from across the country.

The event served as a dynamic plat-



form for deliberations on future employability skills, evolving recruitment trends, and strengthening HR-academia collaboration in a rapidly changing job market.

During the summit, the PCU delegation actively engaged in knowledge-sharing sessions, panel discussions, and networking interactions with industry professionals and academic peers.

These interactions enabled the team to gain valuable insights into best practices in placements, talent acquisition strategies, and industry expectations, while also exploring new avenues for industry partnerships, internships, and placement opportunities for PCU students.

PCU's participation in the Global TPO & HR Summit 2025 reflects the university's continued efforts to build strong industry linkages and ensure that students are equipped with relevant skills, industry exposure, and career-ready competencies, in line with national and global employment trends.

School of Pharmacy, PCU Organises Industrial Visit to NuLife Pharmaceutical Pvt. Ltd.

The School of Pharmacy, Pimpri Chinchwad University, Pune, successfully organised an industrial visit to NuLife Pharmaceutical Pvt. Ltd., Pimpri, Pune, for students of the D.Pharmacy programme, providing them with valuable industry exposure and practical insights into pharmaceutical operations.

The visit proved to be highly informative, offering students first-hand understanding of real-time pharmaceutical processes, quality control practices, and industrial workflows followed in a professional manu-

facturing environment. Through this experiential learning opportunity, students were able to bridge the gap between classroom learning and industry application.

The D.Pharmacy students displayed keen enthusiasm and active participation throughout the visit, engaging with industry professionals and gaining clarity on various aspects of pharmaceutical production and operations.

Such interactions helped enhance their understanding of industry expectations

and professional practices within the pharmaceutical sector.

The industrial visit was coordinated by Ms. Ankita P. Jatale under the guidance of Dr. Rajesh R. Patil, whose support and supervision ensured the smooth and effective conduct of the activity.

The School of Pharmacy continues to emphasise industry-oriented learning and practical exposure as an integral part of its academic approach, enabling students to develop the skills and knowledge required to succeed in the pharmaceutical industry.



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