

PCU’s First Convocation Ceremony Marks a Grand Academic Milestone

Pimpri Chinchwad University (PCU), Pune, achieved a historic academic milestone with the successful conduct of its First Convocation Ceremony, marking the formal conferment of degrees and celebrating the academic accomplishments of its graduating students.

The prestigious ceremony was graced by Padma Bhushan Dr. Vijay P. Bhatkar, eminent scientist, philosopher, and institution builder, as the Chief Guest. Widely acclaimed as the architect of India’s PARAM supercomputers and currently serving as the Chancellor of Nalanda University, Dr. Bhatkar added exceptional stature to the occasion. In his concise yet impactful address, he urged graduates to view education as a lifelong pursuit and emphasised the role of knowledge, ethics, and innovation in nation-building.

Dr. Nitin Raghunath Karmalkar, former Vice-Chancellor of Savitribai Phule Pune University, Pune, and presently serving as an Ombudsperson, attended the ceremony as the Guest of Honour. In his address, Dr. Karmalkar highlighted the importance of academic integrity, fairness, and social responsibility, encouraging students to uphold transparency and values in their professional and civic lives.

During the convocation, degrees were conferred upon more than 155 students from the School of Management and the School of Computer Applications, across programmes including MBA (General), MBA (International), MBA (Agri Business Management), MCA, and LL.M. In recognition of outstanding academic performance, four Gold Medals were awarded to meritorious students.



The ceremony was conducted in accordance with established academic traditions, commencing with the Academic Procession and the rendition of the Maharashtra Geet. This was followed by the formal opening of the Convocation by the Hon’ble Chancellor, Saraswati Pooja, lighting of the ceremonial lamp, and the felicitation of dignitaries.

In his Convocation Address, the Hon’ble Vice-Chancellor outlined the University’s academic vision, institutional growth, and commitment to value-based, learner-centric education. He emphasised PCU’s focus on fostering intellectual growth, research, innovation, social responsibility, and enduring human values.

The Hon’ble Chancellor, Shri Harshwardhan Patil, in his brief address, congratulated the graduating students and reaffirmed the University’s mission to nurture responsible, industry-ready, and socially conscious professionals aligned with global standards.

On the solemn occasion, the University also

sought the blessings of Late Shri Shankarraoji Patil, Founder Chairman of Pimpri Chinchwad Education Trust (PCET), and Late Smt. Lilatai Shankarrao Patil, former President of PCET, whose vision and values continue to guide the institution. The leadership and guidance of Hon’ble Shri Harshwardhan Patil were acknowledged for shaping the University’s academic and institutional progress.

The ceremony was attended by distinguished trustees, governing body members, and academic leaders, including Hon’ble Shri Dnyaneshwarji Landge, Chairman, PCET; Hon’ble Shrimati Padmatai Bhosale, Vice Chairman, PCET; Hon’ble Shri Vitthalji Kalbhor, Secretary, PCET; Hon’ble Shri Shantaramji Garade, Treasurer, PCET; Hon’ble Shri Rajendraj Jagdale, Director General and CEO, Science and Technology Park, Pune; Hon’ble Dr. Pandit Vidyasagar, former Vice-Chancellor, SRTMU Nanded; Hon’ble Dr. Girish Desai, Executive Director, PCU; along with members of the Governing Body, management,

faculty, and staff.

The convocation concluded with the Vote of Thanks by the Registrar, the Declaration of Conclusion by the Hon’ble Chancellor, the National Anthem, and formal photographs, followed by the dignified exit of the Academic Procession.

Convocation is not merely the conferment of degrees; it is a solemn academic tradition marking the culmination of years of learning and the beginning of a lifelong journey of responsibility and service. Pimpri Chinchwad University, with a legacy of over three decades as a proud constituent of Pimpri Chinchwad Education Trust (PCET), has consistently nurtured talent and transformed learners into competent professionals and responsible global citizens.

From Engineering, Management, Sciences, and Pharmacy to Media Studies, Design, Law, and Liberal Arts, the University offers graduate, post-graduate, and Ph.D. programmes aligned with student aspirations and global demands.

The First Convocation Ceremony of Pimpri Chinchwad University thus marked the beginning of a new chapter for its graduates and reaffirmed the institution’s commitment to academic excellence, innovation, and societal contribution.

Congratulations to all PCU graduates. From journey at Pimpri Chinchwad University as students to the successful attainment of degrees, this moment stands as a celebration of your perseverance, dedication, and achievement.

Pimpri Chinchwad University is immensely proud of each graduate.

PCU Strengthens India-Japan Academic Engagements

Pimpri Chinchwad University, Pune, has taken a significant step towards strengthening global academic collaborations through its active participation in the India-Japan Higher Education Mission.

Dr. Santosh Sonavane, Vice-Chancellor, Pimpri Chinchwad University, was recently being on an official international visit to Japan as part of an Association of Indian Universities (AIU)–ACUMEN led delegation.

The strategic visit, organised by the Association of Indian Universities (AIU) in collaboration with ACUMEN, was conducted recently across Tokyo, Osaka, and Kyoto.

The mission aimed to foster long-term academic partnerships and deepen institutional cooperation between higher education institutions in India and Japan.

During the visit, Dr. Sonavane engaged in meaningful academic and institutional deliberations with

leading Japanese universities and organisations, including the University of Tokyo, Sophia University, Kyoto University of Advanced Science, and the Japan External Trade Organization (JETRO).

These interactions focused on identifying mutually beneficial areas of collaboration.

Key discussions centred on student and faculty exchange programmes, short-term and summer schools, joint research initiatives, and industry-academia partnerships, with particular emphasis on emerging domains such as technology, innovation, sustainability, and global talent development.

The visit marks an important milestone in PCU’s internationalisation and global outreach efforts, opening new avenues for cross-cultural learning, collaborative research, and enhanced global exposure for students and faculty members.



PCU Showcases Global Education and Industry Engagement at Sakal Global Impact Forum 2026, Zurich



Pimpri Chinchwad University (PCU) marked a strong global presence at the Sakal Global Impact Forum 2026, held in Zurich, Switzerland, alongside global dialogues during the World Economic Forum (WEF) week. Dr. Girish Desai, Executive Director, PCET and PCU represented PCU at the prestigious international forum.

The forum highlighted Maharashtra’s growing leadership in technology, investments, infrastructure, and global partnerships, positioning the state as a key contributor to international economic and innovation ecosystems.

The event was inaugurated by Hon’ble Shri Devendra Fadnavis, Chief Minister of Maharashtra, who also felicitated Dr. Girish Desai, Shri Sachin Itkar (Governing Body Member, PCU and Vice President, MEDC), and several leading industrialists from Maharashtra, recognising their contributions to global engagement and development.

During the forum, Dr. Desai engaged with global policymakers, industry leaders, and academicians to strengthen India–Switzerland collaboration, with a particular focus on education–industry partnerships, innovation-driven learning, and globally aligned skill development. Key international interactions included discussions with Mr. Florin Müller, H. C. Shri Nik Gugger, and Mr. Govind Sovale, reflecting PCU’s commitment to fostering mean-



ingful global partnerships.

A key highlight of the forum was a fireside chat on “Maharashtra: Technology, Investments & Infrastructure,” featuring Shri Kaustubh Dhavse and Shri Deependra S. Kushwaha, which offered insights into Maharashtra’s policy direction, investment climate, and infrastructure growth.

The forum was also graced by Hon’ble Shri Uday Samant, Minister of Industries, Government of Maharashtra, who interacted with delegates and industry leaders. On this occasion, Dr. Girish Desai presented a detailed report on GEC-Dubai to the Hon’ble Minister, who was introduced as the Chief Patron for GEC Dubai 2025.

Shri Uday Samant appreciated PCET and PCU’s global vision, international outreach, and growing impact in the field of education and innovation.

The Sakal Media Group was prominently represented at the forum by Ms. Janhvi Pawar, Mr. Nilesh Khare, Shri Samrat Phadnis, Shri Rupesh Mutalik, Mr. Rahul Jadhav, and Ms. Shital Pawar, reinforcing the forum’s strong media and global outreach.

Through its active participation at the Sakal Global Impact Forum 2026, PCU continues to strengthen India’s global education and innovation narrative, reaffirming its commitment to international collaboration, industry integration, and future-ready education.



**Book Recommendation:**  
*Atomic Habits by James Clear*

An ideal New Year read, this book highlights how small, positive habits can lead to meaningful long-term change. It offers practical insights for students and professionals looking to build focus, discipline, and sustainable success in the year ahead.



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**Movie Recommendation:**  
**Movie Name: "The Pursuit of Happyness"**  
**(2006)**

A deeply inspiring story that reflects the spirit of the New Year-perseverance in the face of adversity and the belief that every setback carries the potential for a fresh start. The film encourages viewers to pursue their goals with determination, discipline, and optimism.

## Dr.Girish Desai Represents PCU at MCCIA Pune Expo 2025

Dr. Girish Desai, Executive Director PCET, Pimpri Chinchwad University, participated in the MCCIA Pune Expo 2025, at the Autocluster, Chinchwad.

Organized by the Mahratta Chamber of Commerce, Industries and Agriculture (MCCIA), Pune, the Expo emerged as a significant platform for strengthening India's Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSME) ecosystem.

The Expo was inaugurated in the august presence of Ms. Sudha Keshari, ADC-DCMSME, Government of India, as the Chief Guest, along with Mr. P. Velrasu, CEO, MIDC, and Mr. Pansare, Managing Director, MSSIDC, as Guests of Honour.

The inaugural ceremony marked a strong and promising beginning to the three-day industry-focused event.

MCCIA Pune Expo 2025 brought together key stakeholders from across the MSME landscape, including industry leaders, entrepreneurs, policymakers, financial institutions, and academic representatives. The event focused on policy awareness,

technological innovation, skill development, and sustainable enterprise growth, with an emphasis on manufacturing, services, rural industries, and agriculture-based enterprises. It served as a knowledge-sharing and networking platform, promoting collaboration and highlighting emerging opportunities for MSMEs at regional and national levels.

A moment of pride for the Pimpri Chinchwad Education Trust (PCET) was the felicitation received from Shri Prashant Girbane, Director General, MCCIA, in recognition of PCET's contribution as a Silver Sponsor for Pune Expo 2025.

The honour underscores PCET's continued commitment to fostering innovation, entrepreneurship, and holistic MSME development.

The presence of Team PCET at the Expo further reflected the institution's proactive engagement with industry and its sustained efforts to support India's growing MSME sector through education, collaboration, and knowledge exchange.

## PCET Conferred 'Medal of Honor' at National Divine Aviatio-Education-Culture Summit



Pimpri Chinchwad Education Trust (PCET) has been conferred with the prestigious "Medal of Honor" by the Defence Force League -DIFT Foundation at the National Level Divine Aviation-Education-Culture Summit, themed "Know Your Army."

The occasion also marked the launch of the inspiring 'Wall of Heroes' World Record Attempt Campaign, dedicated to honouring India's defence personnel.

The recognition acknowledges PCET's unwavering commitment to education grounded in values of honesty, dedication, and patriotism, and its meaningful contribution towards the national vision of Viksit Bharat and India@2047.

The honour reinforces the Trust's belief that education extends beyond knowledge dissemination to active nation building.

Adding to the pride of the institution, Dr. Girish Desai, Executive Director, Pimpri Chinchwad University (PCU), was personally honoured with the "Divine Shikshan Ratna Award" for his distinguished contribution to education.

The recognition further strengthens the institution's resolve to serve society through purpose-driven and value-based education.

The summit was inaugurated by Air Marshal Bhushan Gokhale (PVSM, AVSM, VM – Retd.) and graced by the Hon-

ourable Governors of Arunachal Pradesh and Mizoram. The event was also attended by Air Marshal Shashikumar Ramdas (Retd.), former Chairman and Director of Indian Airlines and Air India.

A key highlight of the summit was an in-

sightful address by Dr. Anil Sahasrabudhe, Chairman, National Assessment and Accreditation Council (NAAC) and National Educational Technology Forum (NETF), who deliberated on NEP 2020, accreditation reforms, and the transformative role of digital technologies and artificial intelligence in enhancing institutional quality.

The summit witnessed the presence of eminent dignitaries, including Lt. Gen. Dr. Madhuri Kanitkar, Member, PM-STIAC and Vice-Chancellor, Maharashtra University of Health Sciences (MUHS), Nashik, along with Lt. Gen. Rajeev Kanitkar. Lt. Gen. Dr. Madhuri Kanitkar was specially honoured as a Paramvirangana. Several prestigious awards were also presented, including the Sword of Honor Award to MIT ADT University, Pune, received by Dr. Sunita Karad.

Other distinguished attendees included Mrs. Suvrita Saxena (DGCA), Air Cmde. Surendra Tyagi (Retd.), Padmashri Muralikant Petkar, Dr. Arvind Natu, and Brig. Jayprakash Sapatnekar (Retd.), among others.

The launch of the 'Wall of Heroes' campaign marked a historic initiative aimed at preserving and celebrating the legacy, sacrifices, and valour of India's defence forces for future generations.

## Dr. Girish Desai Addresses 21st International Education Conference & Leadership Awards 2025 as Chief Guest



Dr. Girish Desai, Executive Director, PCET, Pimpri Chinchwad University, was invited as the Chief Guest at the 21st International Education Conference & Leadership Awards 2025, hosted by Ramachandran Institute of Management (RIIM), Pune, in association with Brain World and the Pune Management Association

(PMA).

During the conference, Dr. Desai shared his insights on the theme "Transformed India's Education for Tomorrow: Resilience, Relevance & Reach."

His address emphasized the need for an education ecosystem that is adaptive to rapid change, aligned with evolving industry and societal needs, and capable of extending its impact at a



global level. The deliberations highlighted the critical role of leadership, innovation, and institutional agility in shaping the future of education in India.

The conference brought together eminent educators, academicians, policymakers, and institutional leaders, providing a meaningful platform for dialogue on educational transformation and excellence.

The event also celebrat-

ed institutional achievements and leadership contributions across the education sector.

Dr. Desai expressed his appreciation to Mr. Suraj Sharma, Chairman, RIIM; Dr. Ajit Sane, Campus Director, RIIM; Mr. Pradeep Tupe, Vice President, PMA; and Ms. Reshu Aggarwal, Managing Director, Brain World Group, for their leadership and for curating a thought-provoking and impactful conference.

Such international conferences, Dr. Desai noted, play a vital role in recognizing institutional excellence and nurturing visionary leadership that can drive sustainable and inclusive transformation in the education landscape.

## PCU School of Law, Organises Educational Visit to Yerwada Central Jail

The School of Law, Pimpri Chinchwad University (PCU) successfully organised an educational visit to the historic Yerwada Central Jail for First-Year LL.B and B.A. LL.B students, as part of its experiential learning initiatives.

The visit was conducted under the guidance of faculty members and led by Mr. Priyank Rana, Head of the Department, School of Law. During the visit, students engaged in insightful interactions with jail authorities, gaining first-hand exposure to prison administration, correctional mechanisms, and the practical functioning of the criminal justice system.

The immersive experience provided students with a deeper understanding of legal procedures beyond the classroom, enabling them to connect theoretical concepts with real-world practices. The interaction also sensitised students to the rehabilitative aspects of the correctional system and the role of law in upholding justice and human rights.





## Expressions Beyond Words



BEAUTY OF WINTERS (Expressed by- Mauli Chavan, School of Media and Communication)

## GLIMPSES OF PCU'S 1ST CONVOCATION





“Education is the best friend.  
An educated person is re-  
spected everywhere.”

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“Time is not measured by the  
passing of years but by what  
one does, what one feels, and  
what one achieves.”

### PCU Hosts National Financial Awareness Workshop in Collaboration with SEBI

Pimpri Chinchwad University, through its School of Management, successfully organised a National Financial Awareness Workshop in collaboration with the Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI), aimed at enhancing financial literacy among management students.

The workshop was conducted by Mr. Kiran Patil, representative from the Bombay Stock Exchange (BSE), who shared practical and actionable insights on key aspects of the financial ecosystem.

The session covered topics such as understanding financial markets, fundamental principles of investing, and regulatory frameworks and investor protection mechanisms.

Students from the BBA and MBA programmes actively participated in the

workshop, gaining valuable clarity on financial planning, risk management, and ethical investing practices—skills that are increasingly essential in today’s dynamic and complex economic environment.

The workshop provided students with real-world exposure to financial systems and regulatory practices, reinforcing the importance of informed decision-making and responsible investment behaviour. Such industry-academia collaborations reflect PCU’s commitment to integrating academic learning with practical, industry-relevant knowledge.

Pimpri Chinchwad University expressed its gratitude to SEBI and Mr. Kiran Patil for their valuable contribution towards empowering students with financial awareness and investor education.



### PCU Conducts Induction Programme for Tata Motors Employees Under Industry-Academia Partnership



Pimpri Chinchwad University, Pune, marked a significant milestone in its industry-academia engagement by successfully conducting the Induction Programme for employees of Tata Motors Passenger Vehicles Limited (TMPVL) under the PCU-TMPVL Diploma Programme in Mechatronics Engineering.

The induction programme welcomed participating employees to PCU’s academic ecosystem and formally commenced their learning journey under the industry-aligned diploma programme.

The initiative reflects PCU’s continued commitment to integrating academic excellence with real-world industrial requirements through structured, skill-oriented education.

The PCU-TMPVL Diploma Programme in Mechatronics Engineering has been designed to address the evolving needs of the automotive and manufacturing sectors by equipping learners with practical competencies in areas such as automation, mechanical systems, electronics, and industrial applications.

The programme aims to enhance technical pro-

ficiency while enabling working professionals to upskill in alignment with contemporary industry standards.

Through this collaboration, PCU reinforces its vision of fostering strong academia-industry partnerships that promote applied learning, innovation, and workforce readiness.

Partnerships with leading organisations such as Tata Motors enable the University to create learning pathways that are directly relevant to industry expectations and future technological advancements.

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