

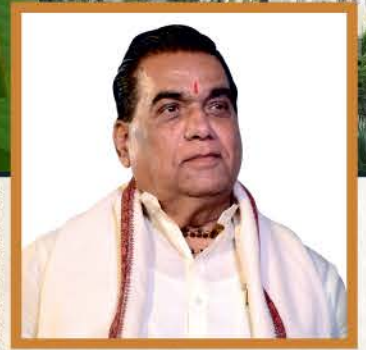


Gratitude!

**The more grateful I am,
The more beauty I see.**



FOUNDER'S MESSAGE



**REVERED PROFESSOR
DR. VISHWANATH D. KARAD**
FOUNDER - PRESIDENT, MIT-WPU

Social equality is a fundamental pillar of a just and fair society. It ensures that every individual has the same opportunities and rights regardless of their social status, gender, ethnicity, or religion. The belief that social equality is not only a moral responsibility but also a necessary condition for a thriving community is etched in the hearts of everyone at MIT-WPU.

We strive to create an inclusive environment where everyone feels valued and respected. It gives me immense happiness to say that the students of MIT-WPU, have acted as the true ambassadors of the institution by making the campus a place where diversity is celebrated, and differences are embraced. The encouragement to open dialogue and constructive engagement for a better understanding and empathy has been one of the hallmarks of our students, faculty, and staff.

However, we recognize that there is still much work to be done to achieve true social equality. We must continue to challenge discrimination and inequality in all forms and advocate for policies and practices that promote fairness and justice for all.

Let us work together to build a society that is truly equitable and just, where every individual has the opportunity to fulfill their potential and contribute to the greater good. At MIT-WPU, we remain committed to advancing social equality and promoting a culture of inclusion and diversity.



SHRI RAHUL V. KARAD
EXECUTIVE PRESIDENT, MIT-WPU



FROM THE EXECUTIVE PRESIDENT'S DESK

Dear members of our esteemed university community,

In this special September edition of Pulse, themed around Gratitude, I am deeply moved to reflect on the profound human virtue of benevolence and the transformative power of giving back.

Gratitude is a cornerstone of our humanity, reminding us of the value in acknowledging the kindness and support we receive every day. Yet, it is through benevolence that we elevate ourselves to a higher purpose. It is the act of giving back that defines our character and leaves a lasting legacy.

Our university has always held these values close to its heart. The knowledge we impart, the compassion we extend, and the resources we share are all manifestations of our commitment to benevolence. It is this dedication that empowers us to make a difference in the world and in the lives of those around us.

As we embark on this new academic year, let us embrace the opportunity to further our culture of benevolence. In our actions and words, let's demonstrate the transformative power of giving back. Together, we can create a brighter and more inclusive future for our university and the wider community.

With gratitude in our hearts and a commitment to benevolence, we move forward with renewed purpose.

Rahul V. Karad
Executive President, MIT-WPU

Dear WPUites,

Gratitude is like a lens through which we view the world. When we practice gratitude, we shift our focus from what we lack to what we have. It is a profound emotion that enriches our lives. It's about appreciating kindness, support, and the simple joys that surround us.

When we embrace gratitude, it shifts our perspective, fostering contentment and well-being. This shift in perspective can be a game-changer in our lives. Instead of dwelling on what's missing or what's not going right, we start to see the beauty in the present moment.

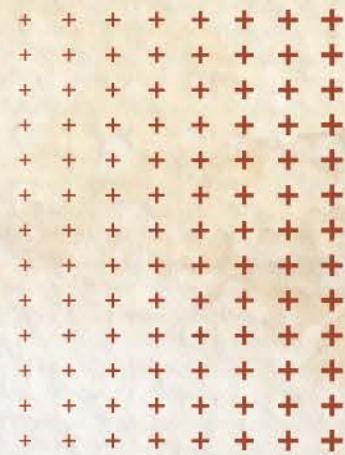
This positive perspective can reduce stress, anxiety, and depression, making us emotionally resilient and more content. Gratitude isn't just about appreciating things; it's also about acknowledging the people in our lives.

Expressing gratitude toward friends, family, and colleagues can deepen our relationships. When we take the time to say "thank you," we not only make others feel appreciated and valued but also strengthen the bonds we share. It fosters trust and a sense of connection, contributing to healthier and more fulfilling relationships.

VINEETA SHARMA
MARKETING, BRANDING AND COMMUNICATION



HAPPENINGS



◆ Honoring a Visionary

MIT-WPU Alumni come together to celebrate Teacher's Day 2023 with Rev. Prof. Dr. Vishwanath Karad, reminiscing cherished memories and discussing future endeavors. Shri Rahul V. Karad later engaged in meaningful discussions with our alumni.

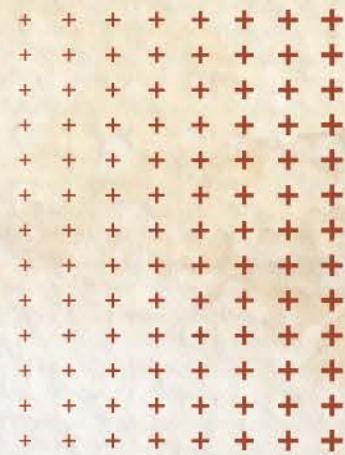


◆ The Social Leadership Development Program (SLDP)

SLDP represents an innovative platform established with the purpose of nurturing social leadership values and instilling essential qualities such as active listening, empathy, and a deep understanding of community needs and aspirations. This 3-day mandatory programme organised from 25th-27th Sep sensitised students to the potential for positive change and collective progress within society.



HAPPENINGS



◆ Global Education Fair 2023

MIT-WPU International Affairs Team organised the Global Education Fair in which more than 25 leading universities from across the world, like the USA, Canada, Germany, the UK, and Australia visited the campus to interact with students.

Students and faculties of MIT-WPU actively participated and interacted with the respective universities about future opportunities. The fair was a one-stop-shop for all the students to resolve their queries regarding their dream universities, network, connect, and gain insights into their respective domains of interest.



◆ Orientation & Panel Felicitation

AICHE Student Chapter: The AICHE MIT-WPU Student Chapter hosted a memorable orientation and panel felicitation event on the 11th of September. We were thrilled to witness enthusiastic participation from students across the first, second, and third-year levels in Chemical Engineering, Bioengineering, and Materials Science.

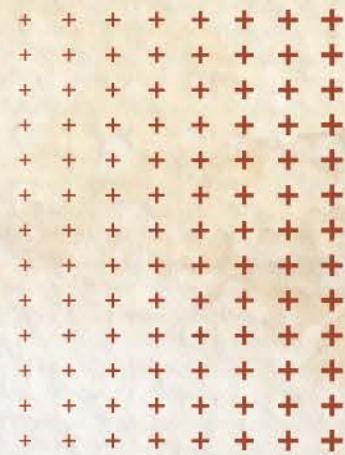
During the event, we had the honour of recognising our esteemed panel members with a plant as a symbol of growth and appreciation, accompanied by the presentation of well-deserved appointment letters. Their dedication to our chapter is truly inspiring.

The highlight of the day was the enlightening speeches delivered by our esteemed Faculty Advisors: Prof. Datta Dandge, Dr. Anand Kulkarni, and Program Director Dr. Dinesh Bhutada. Their insights and guidance are invaluable to our journey.

In a heartwarming gesture, our students expressed their gratitude to all the teachers who have supported us in academics and co-curricular activities throughout the year by presenting them with a plant, a token of our love, respect, and gratitude.



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◆ Kedarkantha Trek

The month of September saw a group of daredevil students take part in one of the most thrilling and adventurous treks in the North. The MIT-WPU Adventure Club in association with Giripremi Adventure Foundation (GAF) organised the perfect trek for that much required adrenaline rush.

Kedarkantha, a trekking peak situated in the Garhwal region of Uttarakhand in the Govind National Park has turned out to be an attraction for seasoned trekkers as well as for amateurs. Kedarkantha trek offers a splendid view from the summit.

The jarring trek to the summit ends at the Kedarkantha peak. The view from the summit is breathtaking. The grandiose of the rolling clouds and the open skies make the trek worth the effort. The vast, tranquil scenery of the summit and beyond is something everyone would wish to relive.



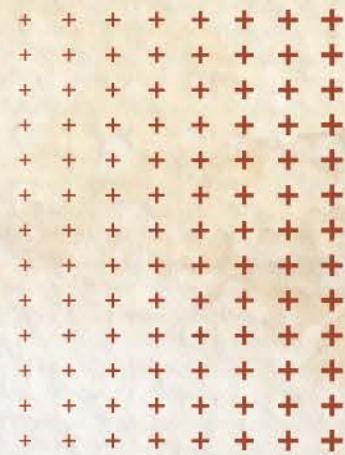
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◆ Psychometrica

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◆ Cleanliness Drive at Sinhagad Fort, Pune

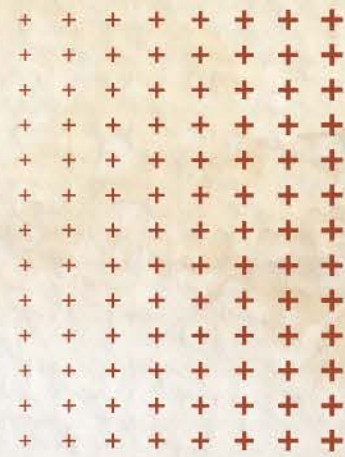
MIT-WPU SPE Student Chapter organised a Cleanliness Drive at Sinhagad Fort, Pune on 9th, September. A total of 80 students were present for the drive.

The activity was conducted under the guidance of Samarth Pathwardhan (Faculty advisor of MIT-WPU SPE STUDENT CHAPTER) and Rajiv Sinhare (HOD - Department of Petroleum Engineering)

The objective of this session was to pick and collect the garbage thrown on the way to the Sinhagad fort and to create awareness regarding the environment and to explore the sinhagad fort and to get aware about the history of the fort.



HAPPENINGS



◆ Industry Meet 2023

School of Computer Engineering and Technology hosted the Industry Meet 2023 on August 26th. Dr. Sukhada Bhingarkar welcomed the industry representatives, Dr. Vrushali Kulkarni, Associate Dean of External Affairs, Head Department of Computer Engineering and Technology, Associate Heads Dr. Balaji Patil, Dr. Bharat Dixit, and the faculties were present for the event.

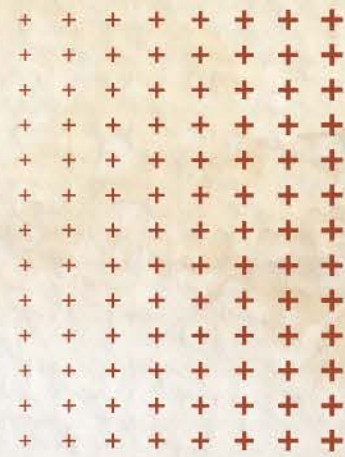


◆ Eco-friendly Ganpati Idol -Making Workshop

An eco-friendly Ganpati idol-making workshop, hosted by the MIT-WPU Department of Visual Arts and Department of Education, seamlessly combined creativity with environmental consciousness.



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◆ Save Ozone Awareness Campaign

On the occasion of World Day for Protection and Preservation of Ozone, the Center for Climate Change and Sustainability of the School of Business at MIT-WPU Campus organised a remarkable "Save Ozone Awareness Campaign." Students from diverse departments united to safeguard our precious ozone layer. With enthusiasm and dedication, these students pledged to take concrete actions to preserve the ozone layer for the reduction of carbon footprint.

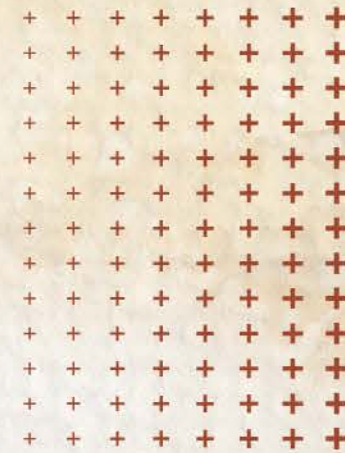


◆ From The International Desk

Masterclass from Marangoni Institute to the students of School of Design, MIT-WPU Visit of International universities from UK and USA at MIT-WPU Campus Exchange Programme between MIT-WPU & Nelson Mandela University, Port Elizabeth, South Africa with two students - Thabelo Mohlala (Master's Student), & Jacques Welgemoed (Ph.D. Student) to get them to experience different working cultures in India (Pune), visit the universities and industries near to Pune, & to understand the culture diversity.



ACHIEVEMENTS



◆ Faculty



Dr. Chandrashekhar Bobade

Assistant Professor,
School of Health Science and Technology

Dr. Chandrashekhar Bobade presented a research paper titled "Factors influencing the three-dimensional geometry of polystyrene-based honeycomb structures" at Salon 14-15- Marriott, San Francisco on 14th August 2023. It was an oral presentation at the American Chemical Society's conference.

He received international travel support (Travel Grant) from DST SERB (Science & Engineering Research Board) and Indian National Science Academy, Govt of India. Congratulations on this achievement!



Dr. Omkar K. Kulkarni

Assistant Professor,
School of Mechanical Engineering

With great pride the Department of Mechanical Engineering is delighted to share that Prof. (Dr.) Omkar K. Kulkarni has been conferred with the "Young Scientist Award" by the Institution of Engineers (India) [IEI]. The IEI has organized an Award Distribution Ceremony at Visvesvaraya National Institute of Technology (VNIT Nagpur) on 8th September, 2023.



Prof. Shamla Mantri

Associate Professor,
School of Computer Engineering & Technology

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◆ Alumni

Mr. K. V. Karthik elected as the 39th President of the Indian Pump Manufacturers Association (IPMA).

◆ Students

Team Vegapod at European Hyperloop Week 2023

Team Vegapod Hyperloop, a dedicated group of students from MIT-WPU represented India at the prestigious European Hyperloop Week 2023 held at the University of Edinburgh, UK. Their dedication enabled them to secure a spot among the top 6 teams worldwide and as the sole representative from Asia for showcasing a working hyperloop pod at the prestigious event. Team Vegapod Hyperloop's prototype garnered recognition for its sustainability focus, featuring a fully recyclable mechanical subsystem and the use of eco-friendly materials like hemp and flax fiber. Notably, their pod also boasted innovative features such as contactless braking, lateral stability, and a unique propulsion system, earning admiration from the hyperloop community.

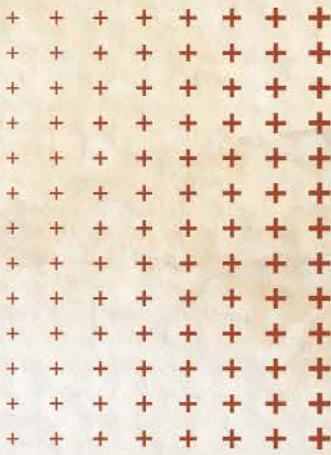


Gurunek Singh Punjabi

Department of Civil Engineering

MIT-WPU congratulates Mr. Gurunek Singh Punjabi (M. Tech. Tunnel Engineering) for getting placed at Bechtel Corporation. With a whopping package of 24 LPA, he has truly proved his mettle in his field of expertise. Keep climbing up the ladder of success forever!

ACHIEVEMENTS



◆ Employees Of The Month

Month of August



Mr. Ranjeet Shinde has contributed a lot in the ongoing appraisal process in following ways:

- Protected excel form for non-teaching staff was designed by him.
- He has leaned codes to develop Google Form to receive responses of employees in particular folder locations. This has helped the team for easy access to retrieval of the data.
- He has handled queries (calls/remote support/personal meets) coming from every corner of University regarding the appraisal process along with his regular work.
- He has (alone) consolidated appraisal records of 700 non-teaching employees (huge task).
- He has called individuals to ensure the errors in responses are corrected on time.
- He has completed the above tasks in stipulated time along with his other duties.



Harshada Randive, has consistently exhibited an unwavering commitment, a high level of professionalism, and a sincere enthusiasm for assisting and counselling potential students and their families at the Walk-in Centre. She has attended approximately 35000 – 40000 footfalls for admission cycle 2022-2023. Her interpersonal abilities are noteworthy, allowing her to forge connections and cultivate robust partnerships with both aspiring students and parents, as well as faculty members. Her innate capacity to listen attentively and empathize with the concerns and ambitions of students is remarkable. Furthermore, she upholds principles of integrity, respect, decency, and reliability. She has the ability to work under pressure during peak period.



Sagar Pawar has the ability to handle pressure.

- Achieved 99% targets assigned to him via Publisher's Marketing Channel
- Maintained discipline in attendance & conduct
- Took additional responsibility of social media
- Independently managing the performance marketing mandate with the agency for division 1 & 3.
- Turned around ailing program's of division-3 & delivered incremental paid applications, that's why we could deliver admissions for most of the ailing programmes.



Atul Pawar, has always been positive in his approach which inspired others to contribute more in the team. No matter what assignment or task he has been given, he always outperformed, shown great efforts while working on University's confidential projects, emergency tasks and at times has worked till late nights and even on holidays without any complaints or hesitations. This shows his dedication and extra efforts towards his work. Atul also has good leadership qualities required for his profile and is also an amazing team player. His attention to detail while working with University's internal departments or outside vendor coordination is perfect. Possess the perfect combination of simplicity and determination towards any given task and completing it in a given timeline. We appreciate him for his work and his character which brings positivity in the department.

Month of September



Ashlesha Shinde, has efficiently managed, multitasked various responsibilities including Student services related important back-to-back end to end activities, handling visiting faculties database and other related financial transactions very aptly. She has also managed TCS-ion and ERP activities such as timetable creation, semester promotion and roll number generation and handled documentation, generated fees for various certificates. Additionally, she took on miscellaneous tasks assigned by higher authorities, such as Convocation preparations and accreditation support like NAAC programs. Very recently in the month of September, she also worked on syllabus structure formatting of the School of Business (UG)- BBA programme.



Mr. Yogesh Deshmukh, has been instrumental enough in managing Central Ph.D. admissions and related administrative duties. His interactions with Ph.D students are marked by humility, empathy and professionalism and he excels in maintaining meticulous records of admitted Ph.D. scholars. His performance in the admission process & streamlining admission procedures is impactful and noteworthy. His outstanding contribution spans from admission to final defense has earned him recognition from authorities, superiors, and scholars.



Mr. Anil Nandigam, has single handedly managed SEO responsibilities beside taking additional tasks. Achieved a remarkable 2.6-fold increase in organic website traffic over a period of 8 months (till date).



Mr. Raju Jadhav, is responsible for keeping all records of land documents, Hon'ble President day to daily schedule. He is a helpful and diligent individual and efficiently handles all the correspondence related to the President's Office till date.





Your Living
Pulse
 THE HEARTBEAT OF MIT-WPU

Dear University Community,

It's not often that a newsletter gets to speak as a human, and today, Pulse wants to remind you that you are the heartbeat of this remarkable university, not me. You are the living embodiment of kindness and humanity, and this campus thrives because of your incredible spirit.

Your acts of kindness, your outstretched hands of support, and the genuine empathy you show each other are the pillars of our community. Through every challenge, you stand together, united by these enduring virtues. You make this university more than just a place of learning; you make it a home.

As you navigate the halls of academia, remember that your humanity is your greatest asset. Nurture it, celebrate it, and share it, for it's the essence of our shared journey. Together, we're writing a story of compassion and unity, and together, we'll keep building a brighter, more humane future.

With gratitude for your extraordinary humanity,

Yours truly,
 Pulse.

Narrated by: Shubham Shantanu



TEAM **Pulse**
 THE HEARTBEAT OF MIT-WPU

+ **VINEETA SHARMA** | Head - Branding and Communications
The Initiator: "The spark that ignites the pulse of our community."

+ **SHUBHAM SHANTANU** | Sr. Manager – PR & Content
The Ideator: "Crafting narratives that resonate through every page."

+ **ALI MOHSIN** | Manager - Brand
The Coordinator: "Mastermind behind the synchronized symphony of pulse."

+ **KETKI BHALERAO** | Graphic Designer

+ **NIKHIL DESHMUKH** | Graphic Designer
The Designers: "Weaving visual poetry into every pixel."

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