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New Beginnings

As the new academic year dawns upon us, I feel a sense of both delight and duty. Delight, because given the hardship of the past two years, it would be wonderful to see our campus filled with excited and energetic students again. They are the heart and soul of the life at MIT-WPU. Duty, because it is upon our administration to ensure that Covid doesn't pose them a threat during their time here.

I consider it a privilege to be responsible for their safety and their education. Needless to say, I believe that the whole administration would leave no stone unturned to keep them safe and provide them the best-in-class education they are here for. They have proved their skills and determination by getting selected among thousands of applicants. Now we have to prove our expertise by preparing them for a bright future.

I wish one and all the best of luck for the academic year ahead. May it be the best one yet in MIT-WPU's history. Can't wait to kick it off!

Shri. Rahul V. Karad

Managing Trustee & Executive President
MAEER's MIT Group of Institutions
Executive President
MIT World Peace University



Being free in mind, body and spirit...



While looking at the eagle flying high beyond the clouds, I wondered....

- Does she worry about her home and children?
- Is she afraid for her loved ones?
- Does she fear that her specie is endangered and it may become history someday?
- Did she ever think about reframing her sense of freedom?

And just yesterday, I saw this eagle in person and was completely intrigued looking at her; taking that easy yet confident flight. She soared, taking complete charge of the air she was in, beyond the clouds. I wondered how she could break the barriers of height, clouds... basically fears, creating her own Queendom I must say.

It is relatable as it got me thinking about our own micro-freedoms and by this I would like to talk about freedom of thought, body and spirit. For me thinking about freedom that liberates is gratifying, like putting your own oxygen mask.

- To dream you must sleep; but awaken to realise it.
- There's much that we take for granted, living where we live. We should be more thankful.
- In the chaos of daily grind we forget to manifest our personal powers, and thus the start of every morning should be with a positive energy
- With the fears in mind, we forget to exercise our right to be heard. Hear more and make yourself heard
- Letting go is the hardest thing in life, but letting go is the greatest way we can honour ourselves and evolve to the best version of ourselves
- In this mortal world, knowledge is free. Learn to forgive and forget.

So often it happens that we live our lives in chains. And we never even know we have the key.

Oh, yes we do have liberty, with the keys to the freedom of our minds, bodies and spirits, and no one can take them away from us.

Vineeta Sharma

Marketing & Brand Communication,
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TOGETHER WE'VE BUILT A



"We are thrilled to be recognized as a great place to work by our employees,"

- Rahul Karad, Executive President, MIT-WPU

MIT World Peace University is now Great Place to Work®-Certified in India from August, 2022 to August, 2023! MIT-WPU is committed to creating a diverse and inclusive workforce. The University has been able to attract talent from across the country and has about half the faculty and employee base as women. A culture of maintaining respect and dignity for each employee has been the founding stone of the University's culture.

The University provides flexibility to faculty to build their career in the area of their choice of research and service suiting their career aspirations and offers full freedom and autonomy to achieve this.

In addition, the University has leveraged multiple digital interventions effectively to enhance employee experience at various levels.

Celebrating 75 years of Freedom!

The orange of the morning sky, the white of the attires, and the green of the campus: - The entire surrounding at MIT-WPU was drenched in the spirit of patriotism on the 76th Independence Day celebration at MIT-WPU.

Staff and students teemed the campus as the NCC cadets paraded the campus, followed by the school students' march. The tri-colour was hoisted at the stroke of 8 amongst thunderous claps. The National anthem echoed through the campus as each heartbeat united in the love for the great nation.

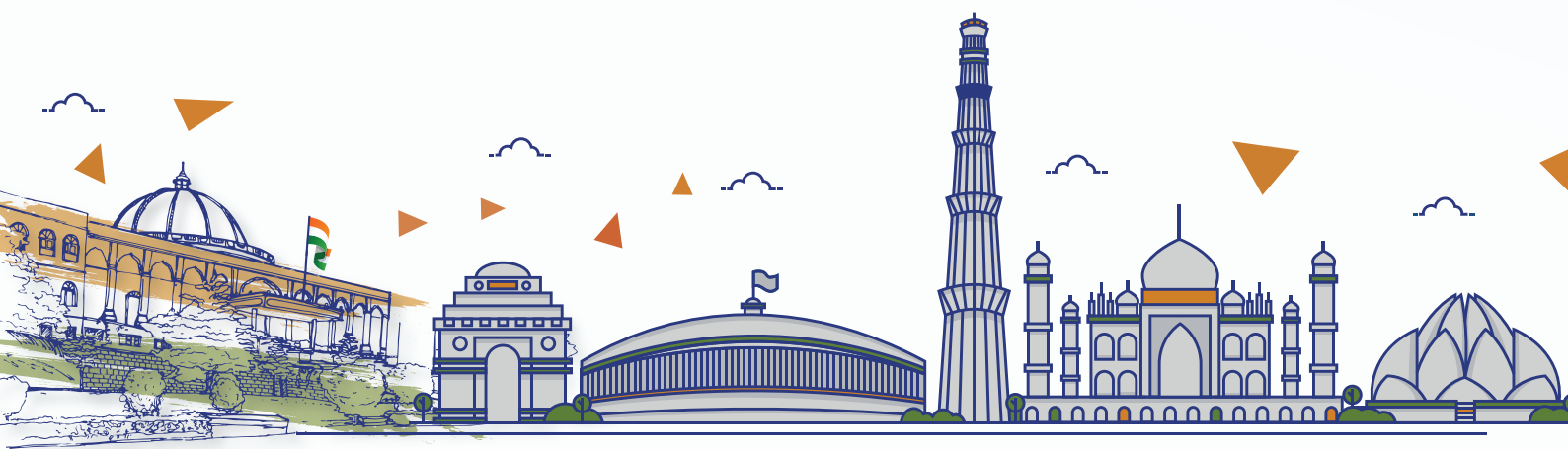
"Today is the day of remembrance, a day of acknowledgment of the immense struggle by our predecessors, the freedom fighters to overcome the ruthless, oppressive colonial power. India (has) achieved independence through the sweat, blood, and supreme sacrifice of the freedom fighters. Let us not forget them." The words of the chief guest, Air Chief Marshal Anup Raha (Retd.) echoed on the campus grounds.

The founder of MIT-WPU, Rev. Prof. Dr. Vishwanath Karad, said on the occasion, "India is emerging as a vishwaguru, a world leader to guide human society on the path of harmony and peace through a union of science and spirituality."

The Executive President of MIT-WPU, Shri Rahul Karad stressed the importance of independence in thoughts. "The younger generation should develop independent thinking. The youth should be rooted in their culture and traditions as they graduate and step into the bigger world."

The grand celebration stood as a testimony to the values that MIT-WPU has always imbibed in its students.

HAPPY
Independence Day



Awards & Accolades



Dr. Tapan Kumar Panda
Pro-Vice Chancellor at MIT-WPU.

Dr. Panda was awarded the AIMS JL Batra Best Research Paper Award and the Best Conference Research Paper Award at the 33rd Annual Convention of Association of Management Schools (AIMS) for his research papers.

Dr. Prasad Khandekar
Dean of Faculty of Engg. and Tech. at MIT-WPU.

Dr. Khandekar received the ISTE National Award by the Chief Minister of Goa, Mr. Pramod Sawant, for exceptional contribution to academia and research.



Dr. Ganesh Kakandikar
Associate Head for the School of Mechanical Engineering, MIT-WPU.

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Victory is Gratifying

2nd Place, International Triathlon

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2nd Place, International Triathlon Abhishek Nanaware

Among 2000 participants worldwide, our First Year BBA (GeB) student Abhishek Nanaware completed and earned second place in the age category of the International Triathlon held in Kazakhstan. Consisting of 3+ km swimming, 180+ km bicycle riding, and a 40+ km running sections, he successfully completed the triathlon in 12 hrs and 28 mins.

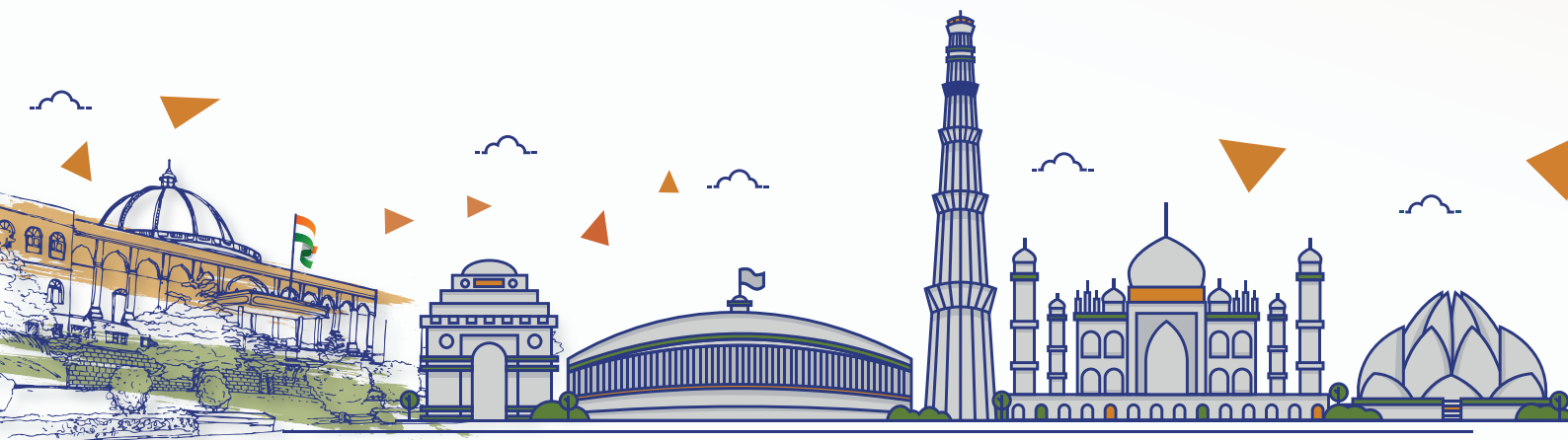
Gold & Bronze medal in National Karate Championship 2022

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**Gold and Bronze Medalist
Jeffery Donald**

Kumite, Kata and Kihon are the three main sections taught in Karate training. Our Second Year B.com (ACCA) student Jeffery Donald earned a Gold medal in Kumite and a Bronze medal in Kata in the National Karate Championship 2022.



First prize in Smart India Hackathon



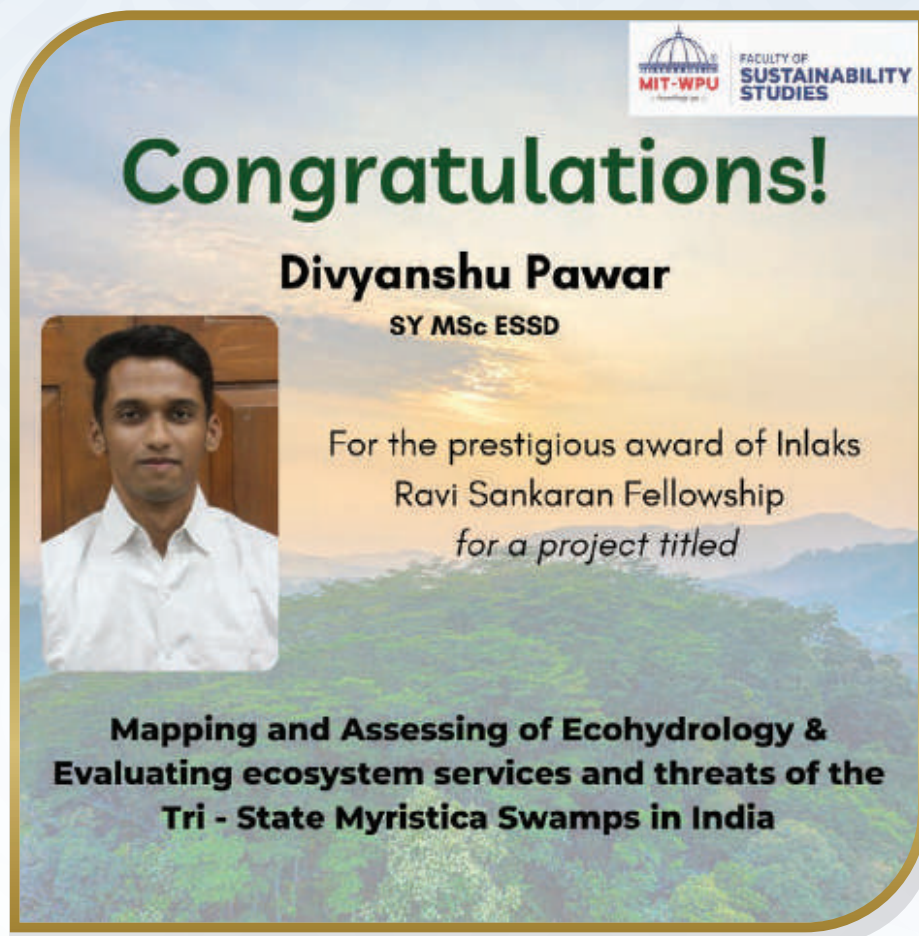
Two teams from MITWPU won first prize in Smart India Hackathon organised by MHRD and AICTE which is world's largest Hackathon. Congratulations to both the team and team members 🌸🌸



Save Earth, Save Life

Divyanshu Pawar, a second-year student of the MSc Ecology, Society & Sustainable Development program from the Faculty of Sustainability Studies, MIT-WPU has been awarded the prestigious Inlaks Ravi Sankaran Fellowship.

The Inlaks Ravi Sankaran Fellowship is a highly competitive fellowship, given to three chosen individuals from all over India applicants. The fellowship is given in the memory of the late Dr. Ravi Sankaran, a renowned conservationist, to encourage young conservationists of India.



The fellowship was awarded to Divyanshu for a project titled Mapping and Assessing of Ecohydrology and Evaluating Ecosystem Services and Threats of the Tri-State Myristica Swamps in India. The fellowship includes a sum of INR 2,00,000/- for project implementation and human resources.

The proposed project will assess the status of the Myristica swamps of Maharashtra, Goa, and Karnataka States. Myristica swamps are a unique, ancient freshwater swamp habitat that supports several endemic species. The project will be instrumental in providing conservation recommendations to safeguard the rare ecosystem.

Raining Funds

Since the beginning, MIT-WPU has been working hard to achieve the right balance of theoretical and practical value-based education while also producing top-class, industry-ready professionals, and the following MOUs have brought us closer to achieving this goal.

MOUs with up-standing organizations add immense value and help put more focus on areas like research and development, innovations, labs, edtech, start-ups, etc. These MOUs are signed on as pledges with MIT-WPU in specific areas for synergized growth and development.



Start-up Funding: 10 Crore
CapSavvy Consultants Private Limited
Mr. Anil Goyal | Founding and Managing Director

CapSavvy is a modern business advisory firm that specializes in business strategy, mergers and acquisitions, financial restructuring of an organization, and more. It is an honor that CapSavvy has signed on with the Centre for Business Innovation and pledged 10 Cr as an investment in MIT-WPU start-ups.



Edtech and Education Funding: 3 Crore
Svacore
Ms. Varsha Shah | Managing Director

Svacore, led by Ms. Varsha Shah is a firm that specializes in executive and business coaching as well as career coaching, training & facilitation, and skill development of their clients. We are very excited that Svacore has signed on with the Centre for Business Innovation and pledged 3 Cr as an investment in MIT-WPU start-ups focused on the edtech and education sectors.

Creating Leaders of Tomorrow

MIT- World Peace University - School of Public Policy organized the 13th National-Level Felicitation Ceremony of Union Public Service Commission (UPSC) Civil Services Exam (CSE) 2020-2021 toppers, at 9 am on 13/08/2022 .The function was held at Swami Vivekanand Mandap, MIT World Peace University, Kothrud, Pune.

The UPSC-CSE - 2021 rank 3 Gamini Singla was felicitated along with other 50 top rankers. Gamini was awarded a cash prize of Rs. 51000/-

President Revered Prof. Dr. Vishwanath Karad, Executive President Shri Rahul Karad, Vice-Chancellor Dr. Ravikumar M Chitnis , Registrar Dr. Prashant Dave, and other office-bearers of MIT-WPU, jointly felicitated Gamini Singla on the dais.

The felicitation aims to provide a formal and informal platform for UPSC toppers and aspirants to interact. This event doubles up as Social Leadership Development Program for students of School of Public Policy and School of Government MIT-WPU where it would kindle the flame of ethical administration in Nation building.



#BharatKiBaat

Vasudev Balwant Phadke: Father Of Indian Armed Rebellion

The fiercest armed rebellion after the war of 1857 was the rebellion of Vasudev Balwant Phadke that took place in Pune & Kalyan between 1875-1879.

Vasudev Balwant Phadke was born on 4 November 1845 in Shirdhon village, Maharashtra. He worked as a clerk in the military accounts department in Pune after he completed his graduation.

Phadke was greatly disturbed by the plight of the nation & the society. He realised that the harsh socioeconomic policies of the colonial government were pushing society into serious deprivation. British government's apathy & their oppressive economic policies during the Great Famine of 1876-1878 shook him to the core. Vasudev, then went on tour through Deccan urging people to join the fight for Swaraj. The educated & the elite classes gave him a cold shoulder, but the backward communities like Ramoshis, Kolis, Bhils and Dhangars showed him massive support. He gathered a band of around 300 men & taught them to shoot, ride and fence. He was finally ready to take on the British head-on.

Phadke chose the "Robinhood model" to fight the British. He & his band raided the British treasury, looted the unfairly collected tax & distributed it among the famine-stricken villagers. Many such raids were carried out in areas around Pune. These raids tormented the British day after day & sucked the living daylight out of them. One of the most successful of these attacks was when he took complete control of the city of Pune for a few days. Support for Phadke's cause grew & numbers of his band members swelled.



**V.B Phadke on a postal stamp
released by the Government of India in 1984.**

The activities sent shockwaves throughout the British Empire, and the news of his exploits reached England. Petrified, the British officials announced a hefty bounty. This move, unfortunately, worked. Phadke was betrayed & was finally captured on 20th July 1879.

He was sentenced to life and transported to jail in Aden in Yemen. Here, Phadke underwent a hunger strike and breathed his last on 17th February 1883.

In the coming days, Vasudev Balwant Phadke became an inspiration for armed revolutionaries across the nation. His acts of valour even inspired the plot of Bankim Chandra Chattopadhyay's famous novel Anandamath (1882). He is, therefore, rightly addressed as Father Of Indian Armed Rebellion.

Chetan Shirasi

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Driving Without a Driver

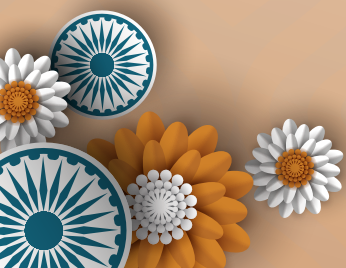
Bolt On Autonomous System (AI electric vehicle)



Created by B.tech students - **Yash Keskar, Sudhanshu Manerikar, Sourabh Damkale, Shubhanga Kulkarni, Pratyaksh Pandey and Prerna Kolipaka**, who are now our Alumni, the Bolt On Autonomous System is an AI electric vehicle is a unique invention that showcases the talent of the budding engineers from MIT-WPU. This new technology is one of many that is emerging due to the culture of innovation that is actively inculcated at MIT-WPU.

This invention gained tremendous popularity and has had articles featured in top newspapers like Puneekar, NDTV, Lokmat, The Logical Indian, Economic times, Sakal, Tarun Bharat and more.

The head of this project **Prof. P. B. Joshi** very eloquently states that “This is a self-driving car programmed to run without physical supervision. Many cities now have metros that people prefer as means of transport to help reduce the traffic and pollution caused by the vehicles and it is also economically efficient. This AI electric vehicle could be used by people to travel from their homes to the metro stations without any hassle. I also believe that this vehicle could be a great contribution to the Prime Minister’s Atma Nirbhar Yojna in many ways.”



Career Connect with Anand Kumar



Shri. Anand Kumar, a renowned mathematician and journalist, is known for his Super 30 approach throughout the nation. The phrase comes from the concept of his teaching module where he chooses 30 ambitious children from marginalized communities and empowers them to excel in the IIT-JEE examinations by guiding and mentoring them free of cost. Many of his students have made a name for themselves and they credit it to his efforts in providing them with the resources that would not have been available to them otherwise.

Recently **Shri. Anand Kumar** gave a motivating and inspirational talk at the 'Career Connect' event organized by MIT-WPU in collaboration with Divya Bhaskar Publications in Surat, Gujarat. Over 300 aspiring students who attended the event jumped at the opportunity to not only interact with him but also with other well-established academicians present there. The purpose of the event was to offer career guidance, motivation, and support to students and help them choose the correct path in life.

Alumni Success Story

Need is the mother of all inventions

A business idea stuck me while planning my daughter's birthday event which was quite a task. The unorganized market segment led to a novel thought of creating a platform, Zoomvenues.com an e-commerce platform catering to online booking of venues & services that further helps every individual find the right venue & the services around it, more conveniently and gives better visibility & accessibility to venue providers.

2 lovely years at MITSOM, Pune was one of the best times I have ever had. Professors were like friends, very supportive & guiding throughout. I firmly believe, the early inception of thoughts is built by our teachers and they get us ready for our firm footing into the real world.

Startup companies do face certain challenges while scaling up specifically, retention of good resources is not easy but every difficult situation gives a new direction and we have been sailing through this efficiently so far. Incubated under In5 Tech, The Tecom Group, it supported and provided different platforms to showcase our venture. This gave us a strong footing in the market and an edge over others. As an HR professional it gave me an opportunity to grow professionally and as an individual and encouraged me to invigorate Zoomvenues.

During my journey, I realized 3 main things that one should keep in mind for a new venture.

- Conducting the basic research before initiating the process is particularly important
- Understanding of the market demographics where the product has to be launched, is critical
- Last and the most important comes the initial revenue sustainability of any business which will help the company to sail through the initial hiccups until the company becomes self-sustainable.



& then of course, the most important ingredient to add to all above 3 points is one's Passion & Perseverance which I strongly believe in.

"World has changed and will see many more changes across Businesses, Education, Healthcare & general lifestyle in the coming few years. We will have to constantly adapt to this changing world and keep moving ahead".



Lighting Lives

Lighting although essential for our Existence, Comfort and Safety, still unfortunately it is taken lightly. The subject of Lighting is understood by few and misunderstood by many.

Therefore there is a need of Bringing Awareness among masses on the subject of Lighting.

Further the Indian Lighting Market is expected to grow at a CAGR of 24.3% during the period 2021-2026. It therefore calls for the development of Lighting Professionals through appropriate Courses / Programs.

Above points were explained through appropriate presentations by Mr.Satyabrata Chakraborty, Consultant-Lighting Technology & Educationist (Ex-Vice President, Bajaj Electricals); Er.Sudhir Patil of Leap InfoSystems ; and Mr.Abhijit Salunke of Beuno Lighting Design during the subject Webinar. The event was organized by ASSOCHAM-Green Energy Movement (GEM) and supported by Indian Society of Lighting Engineers on 29 July,2022. As one of the Speakers during the event Dr.Milind Pande, Pro Vice-Chancellor, MIT-WPU University, Pune emphasised on the need of formal Lighting Education in the country. He also gave a brief on the First Ever Techno-Managerial Industry Oriented "Advanced Diploma in Lighting Technology & Management" being launched under MIT World Peace University, Pune. The Webinar was moderated by Dr.Prakash Barjatia, Governing Body Member & Director - Education & Training : ISLE; Hon. Member : ASSOCHAM – National Council for Green & Eco-friendly Movement (GEM) ; and Professor Emeritus & Advisor (Lighting) of MIT World Peace University, Pune. It was also addressed by Mr.Shubhabrata Rath, Joint Director, ASSOCHAM GEM Green Building Certification Program.

The poster is for a webinar titled "Potential for Lighting Education in India" held on Friday, 29th July 2022, from 4:00 PM to 5:30 PM. It is organized by ASSOCHAM Council for Green and Eco-friendly Movement (GEM) in collaboration with the Indian Society of Lighting Engineers (ISLE). The poster lists a moderator and six speakers. It also includes a QR code for registration, a registration link, and logos of sponsors ReNew Power and Spicejet. Contact information for three individuals is provided at the bottom.

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- Mr. Satyabrata Chakraborty**
Consultant
Lighting Technology & Educationist
- Dr. Milind Pande**
Pro-Vice Chancellor
MIT World Peace University, Pune
- Mr. Abhijit Salunke**
Lighting Designer & Consultant
Beuno Lighting Design

Speakers:

- Mr. Sudhir Patil**
IoT Expert
Founder & CEO, Leap Info Systems
Hon. Secretary, ISLE (Pune Local Chapter)
- Mr. Neeraj Arora**
ASG & Head
GEM Green Building Certification Program
- Mr. Shubhabrata Rath**
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ASSOCHAM GEM Green Building Certification Program

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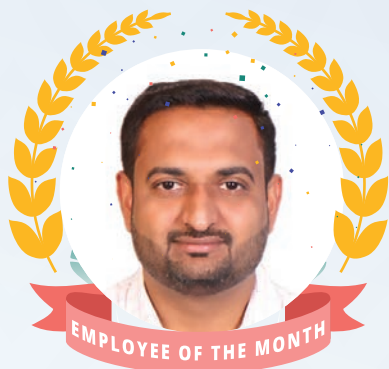
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EMPLOYEE OF THE MONTH, AUGUST 2022

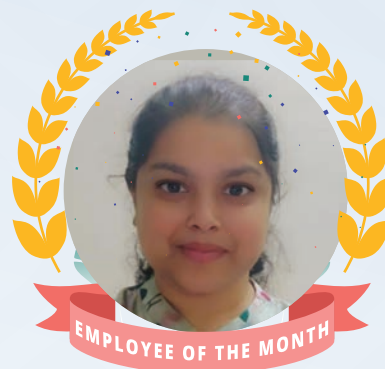
The HR Department, MIT-WPU announces the first ever 'Employee of the Month' awards to facilitate the extraordinary work of its employees with a **certificate** and an honorarium of **Rs 2500.** for those who go above and beyond to make MIT-WPU what it is, a symbol of hardwork and dedication.



Harish Chandra Deshmukh

Examination

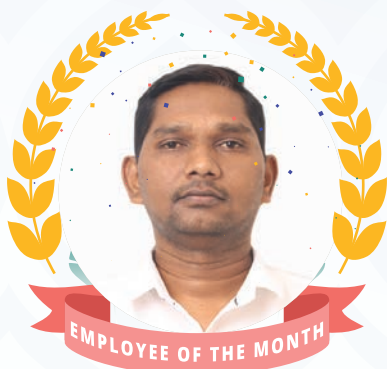
Harish Chandra is a core member of Examination department & played active role in implementing CodeTantra platform. He has a good analytical mindset, adaptable and is a quick learner to new technology. He displays positivity in team building & quite innovative in building student related projects.



Namrata Vijaysingh Sawant

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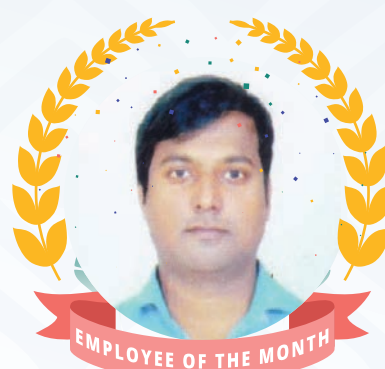
Namrata identifies the numerous issues with the application process, highlights them to her seniors, resolves the candidates' queries and coordinates the changes in the application forms to smoothen the process. For the new joiners in the marketing team, she is the unofficial SPOC for helping them settle down and understand the internal workings.



Dinesh Londhe

Finance

Dinesh with his dedication has managed to get a term sheet of Rs 110 Crores from ICCI Bank within 2 month's time. This is the biggest loan in MITWPU and fastest too. The loan processing work was in addition to his existing duties.



JyotiRam

EP Secretariat

JyotiRam is a part of EP Secretariat, however he often goes beyond the boundaries of function & role. He supported departments like HR,IT & CIAP in streamlining data . He worked with Non teaching departments very closely to frame the budget for the year 2022-2023. He also helped other colleagues in building computer Excel skills.

Onboarding @ MIT-WPU

33 new employees joined in the Month of June and MIT-WPU welcomes each one with open heart and a lot of happiness. Let's get to know each other.



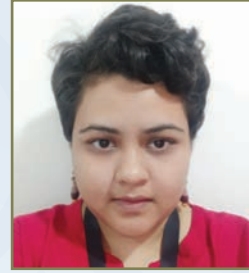
Anand Prakash

Assistant Professor



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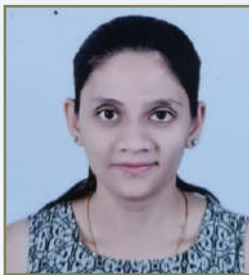
Dr. Pritha Chakrabarti

Assistant Professor



Nachiket Prakash Baviskar

Assistant Registrar



Sae Omkar Sumant

Assistant Professor



Dr. Sonia Mukherjee

Assistant Professor



Pratik Rajendra Satpute

Assistant Professor



Dr. Mohsin Rehman Shaikh

Associate Professor



Dr. Dinesh Balkrishna Khisti

Associate Professor



Dr. Prashant Vilas Chaudhary

Assistant Professor



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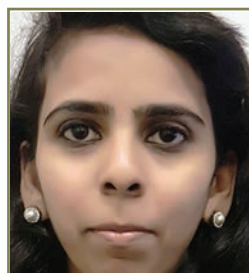


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Assistant Professor



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HR Operations



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Syed**
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**Aniket Rajendra
Ghat**
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Purchase



**Kaustubh Gurunath
Deshpande**
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Maiti**
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