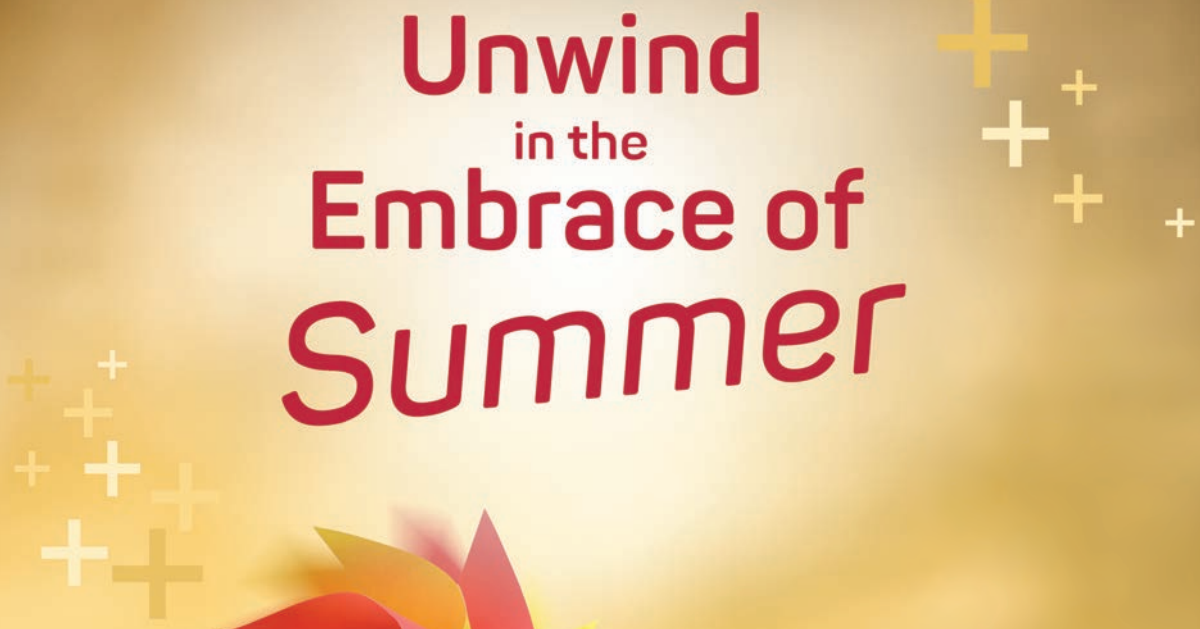
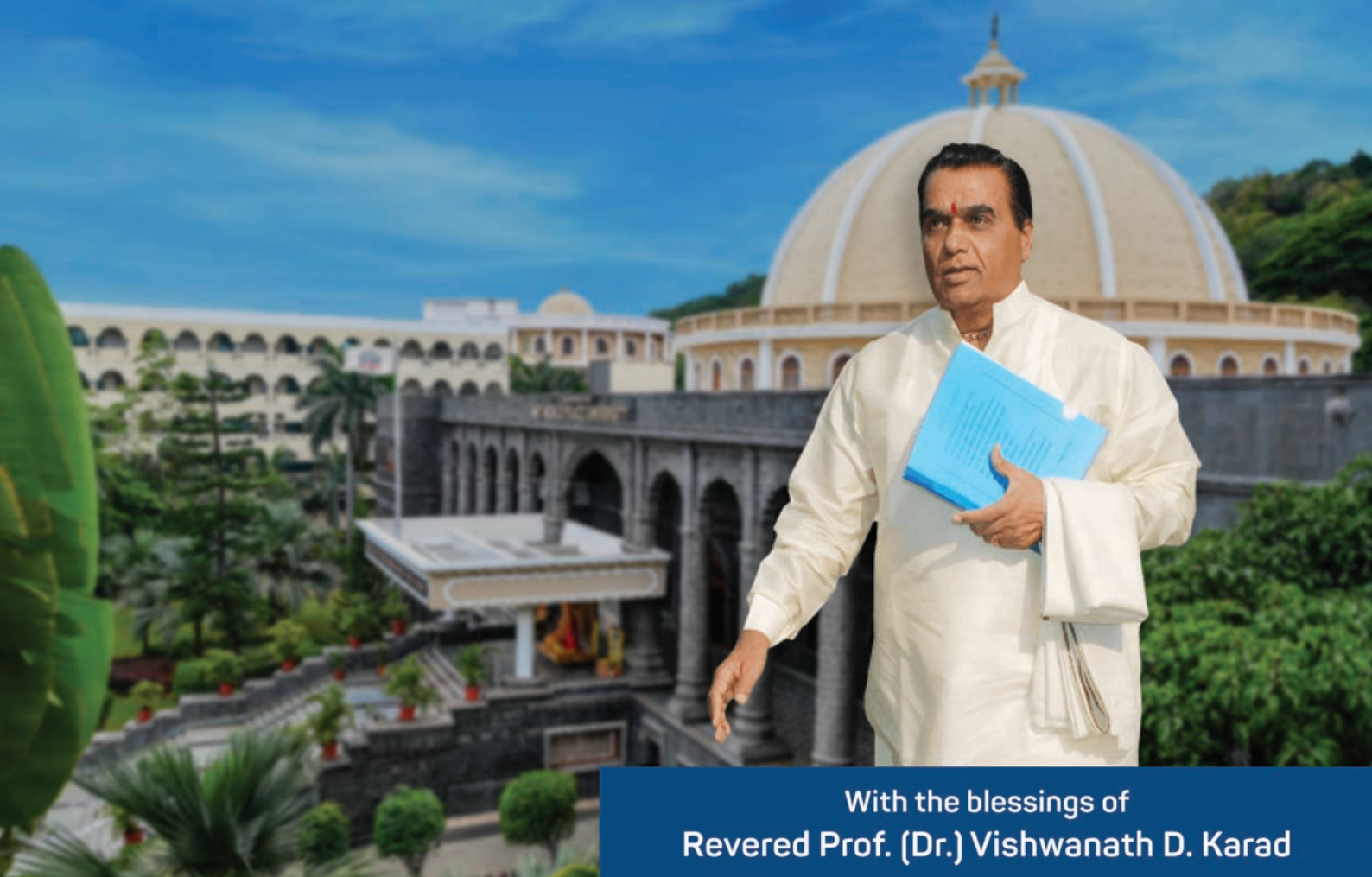


# Unwind in the Embrace of Summer





With the blessings of  
**Revered Prof. (Dr.) Vishwanath D. Karad**

The pathway to higher education is a journey that takes learning beyond classrooms, beyond degrees. At MIT-WPU, we groom generations who will be the architects of tomorrow, drivers of positive global change and ambassadors of world peace. Over the past 4 decades, students of MIT-WPU have created their footprints of excellence all over the world that inspire the spirit of transformation, change, and perseverance. Here, we encourage our students to curate their own stories, carve their own trajectories, and build their own paths. The success of our students guide our methodologies and builds bonds with them that are everlasting.

The MIT-WPU academia is coherent with what Swami Vivekanand once said and I quote, "Union of Science and Religion/Spirituality alone will bring Peace and Harmony to the entire Humanity".

With a world class contingent of academicians, scientists, engineers, & technologists here to guide our students through a plethora of academic programmes segmented across 150+ academic disciplines, our students are in for one of the most enriching curricular experiences that also empower them to be physically strong, mentally alert, intellectually sharp, and spiritually elevated.

Our walk is long, and the journey a continuous one, with students joining the caravan and marching ahead as they accomplish their goals and realize their dreams.



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**Dear MIT-WPU Community,**

**Greetings to all!**

As we embrace the warmth and vibrancy of Indian summers, I am delighted to share some reflections with you in this month's newsletter.

Indian summers have always been a source of inspiration, teaching us resilience, adaptability, and the beauty of diversity. Just like the diverse climates across our vast nation, our university community thrives on the richness of different ideas, perspectives, and talents.

Just as the summer sun nourishes the earth, it is essential for us to take care of ourselves to thrive and excel. Indeed, it's the best time for the much needed breaks, as we look back to the ending of one fiscal and academic year and march onto the next.

I encourage each one of you to make the most of this season, embracing its energy and using it as an opportunity for personal and professional growth. Together, let us create a summer filled with memorable experiences, new discoveries, and moments that will shape our future.

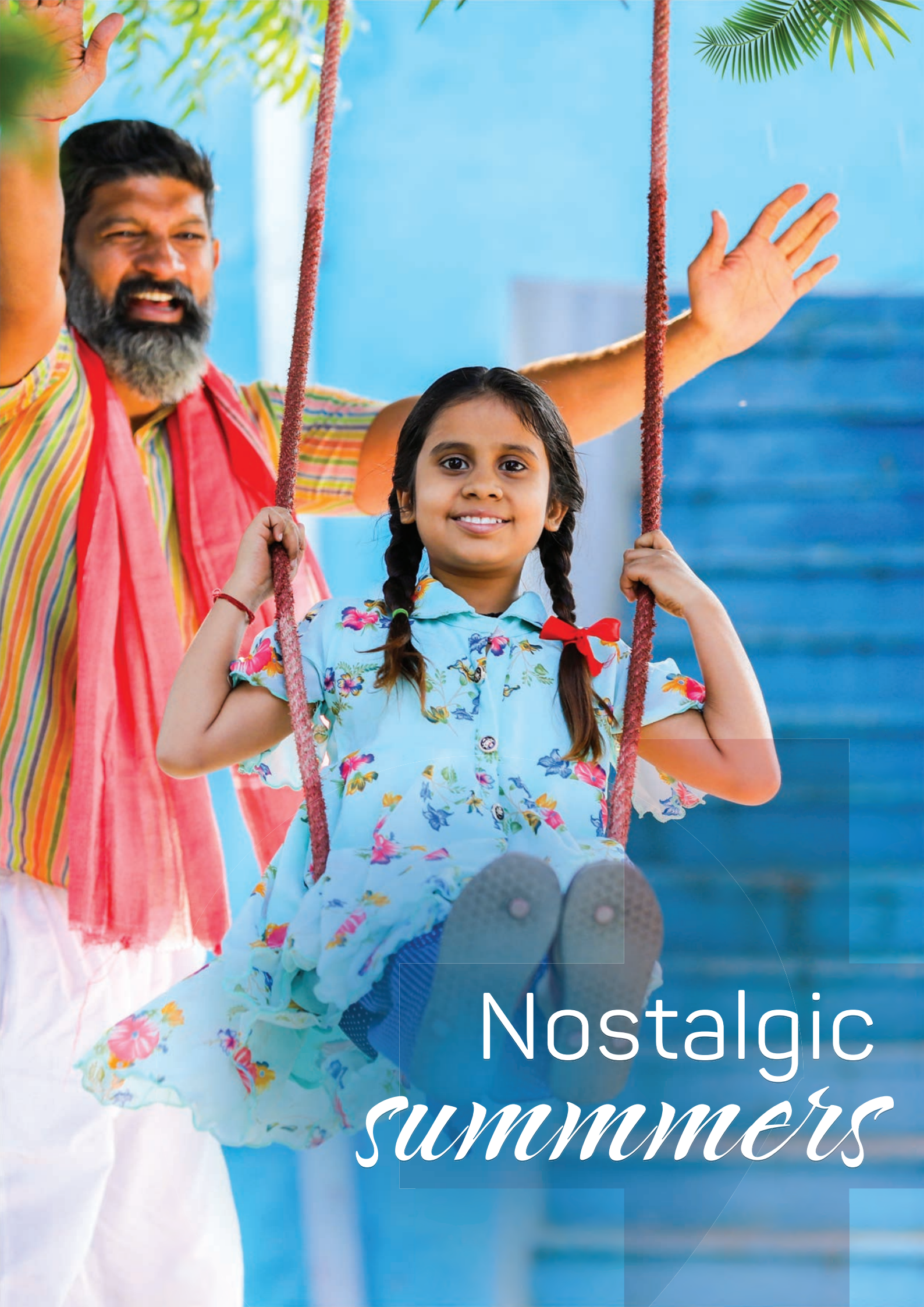
*Wishing you all a joyful and productive Indian summer!*



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Nostalgic  
*summers*

The memories of summers hold a special place in my heart, filled with nostalgia and cherished moments. Amongst the bustling routines and responsibilities, the respite of summer vacations stands out as a precious treasure. As a child, those blissful days meant escaping to my grandmother's house, nestled in the embrace of nature. There, time seemed to slow down, and the simple joys of life took center stage.

The rustic charm of village life enveloped me where hours would melt away as I immersed myself in the pure bliss of play, carefree and unburdened. Mangoes and litchis, plucked straight from our own farm, became our sweet indulgence. Those fruits carried the essence of our land, nurtured by the soil and sunshine, a reminder of our roots and the abundance of nature's offerings.

As the years passed and I ventured into college, the frequency of those cherished summer vacations dwindled. However, it was during this transitional phase that I began to truly appreciate the kaleidoscope of colors that summers bring. Flowers became my companions, and their beauty enchanted me. Marigolds and roses painted the landscapes with their vibrant petals, infusing the air with a fragrant symphony. But it was the sunflower that captivated my soul, standing tall with unwavering resilience.

The sunflower's unwavering devotion to the sun, facing it with unwavering determination, became a profound metaphor for life itself. Its radiant presence taught me to embrace challenges head-on, to bask in the light of optimism even in the face of adversity. Just as the sunflower turns to the sun for sustenance and strength, I learned the power of seeking inspiration and nourishment from within myself, harnessing my own inner light.

Summers taught me the art of finding beauty in simplicity, the joy of immersing myself in the present moment. The memories of those carefree days, spent under the open sky and amidst the company of loved ones, have become my guiding light. They remind me to slow down, to appreciate the smallest of joys, and to nurture the connections that truly matter.

As I journey through life, the lessons learned during those summers continue to shape my perspective. They remind me to seek solace in nature, to find inspiration in the simplest of things, and to face challenges with unwavering determination that serve as a reminder to live each day with gratitude and an open heart.





## A *Filmy Feather* in our Cap!

On April 30, 2023, the 153<sup>rd</sup> birth anniversary of Dadasaheb Phalke, the father of Indian cinema, MIT World Peace University unveiled the latest addition to its 40+ years legacy in the education sector of Maharashtra-Dadasaheb Phalke International Film School (DPIFS).

The event was attended by renowned film personality, Shri Nana Patekar, and eminent filmmaker Shri Abhijit Panse, who will be serving as the Creative Director of DPIFS.

On the occasion of the event, MIT-WPU launched a brand-new undergraduate honours programme in B.A. Filmmaking. With specializations in direction, acting, cinematography, and sound design, this programme promises to be a one-of-a-kind offering where leading stalwarts of film and theatre guide students to turn their passion into a profession.



# Aarohan 2023

## Celebrating the Success of Cultural Unity

The Cultural Fest '**Aarohan 2023**', hosted by MIT-World Peace University, Pune, was a remarkable celebration of diversity and cultural exchange. From the 28<sup>th</sup> to the 30<sup>th</sup> of April 2023, Pandit Farms in Karve Nagar, Pune, came alive with the talents of renowned artists and performers.

Respected Mandar Gadgil, an esteemed alumnus of the university, graced the inaugural function with his mesmerizing Indian classical vocal performance. Mr. Magesh Borgaonkar was the guest of honor, who sang a soulful jagar during the ceremony. Dr. Ravikumar Chitnis, the Vice Chancellor of MIT-WPU, Dr. Mangesh Thorwe, the Director of Events, MIT-WPU and Dr. Shantini Bokil, Head, Department of Civil Engineering and faculty coordinator of Aarohan 2023 were also present at the event.

Aarohan 2023 created a platform for passionate students from different colleges to connect and foster empathy & teamwork through various events like music performances, dance competitions, theatrical plays, art exhibitions, stand-up and literary events.



# TEDxMITWPU: A Knowledge-Sharing Extravaganza

TEDxMITWPU hosted by MITWPU on the 20<sup>th</sup> May of 2023 was a resounding success, providing an extraordinary platform for knowledge sharing. With 7 distinguished speakers and 2 intriguing performances, attendees had the opportunity to delve into various professions, ideas and mindsets. TEDx is known for having a multilateral panel of the speakers, including UPSC educator Vijender Singh Chauhan, theatre artist Ajitesh Gupta, commerce educator and entrepreneur Ashish Choudhary, Founder of Women's CricZone Yash Lahoti, IPS Officer Ratan Lal Dangi, Chattisgarh Taxation Officer Pratishtha Thakur Haritwal, and CEO of Bharat Metro Digital Service Malik Gilani. Listening to their captivating talks imbued a feeling of mindfulness amongst the attendees. Getting to interact with such visionaries also added an extra dimension of understanding for the audience members and helped them bring forth their own ideas for discussion. Not just the talks and performances, but TEDxMITWPU is provided a flagship experience to its attendees. With a complete package of TEDx customized merchandise along with lunch and high tea, left all guests happy and smiling. The Swami Vivekananda Hall at MIT-WPU, Pune, provided the perfect venue for this enriching TEDx event, leaving the door open for more such thought-provoking opportunities.





# *sunshine..*

*Sun shines brighter  
but envied by the moon!  
Moon can only shine in moon light  
Yet, its envious deeds have no bound!*

*Moon wished to share in stardom!  
But only found, more worries...*

*Despite, moon or planets envying shining of sun  
The entire system is "Solar" system*

*Moon wished it was a "Lunar" system in dreams!  
began working, burning the midnight oil,  
and slept in the morning?*

*Sun never worried, shining brighter during summer  
took rest in winter*

*Everyone sensible adores the sun, for removing the  
darkness.*

*Happy Summer vacation,  
Hope there is less holiday homework!*

**Asst. Prof. Kiran Johnson**  
Department of Sustainability Studies,  
MIT World Peace University

# MIT-WPU Empowers Educational Leaders with the Second Edition of the *Leadership Development Programme*

MIT-WPU recently hosted the second edition of the **Leadership Development Programme** (LDP) at Le Meridien, Kochi. This program, aimed at educational leaders, provided a futuristic learning platform to enhance their leadership skills. The expert team from MIT-WPU conducted sessions on effective leadership and management, fostering knowledge exchange and skill development. Dr. Dhanashree Tharkude, Associate Dean, External Relations, Ramcharan School of Leadership, and Dr. Swati Bankar, Associate Dean, External Relations, School of Business, along with Mr. Virendra Gupta and Mr. Akhil Ajayan, played instrumental roles in ensuring the success of this inspiring event.



## Leadership Development Program

@ Kochi



# The Department of Education shines yet again!

## MIT-WPU Implements Co-creation Programme for Societal Problems

MIT-WPU has become the pioneer institution to implement a Co-creation program for all first year students. The 'Co-creation for Societal Problem' Program was offered by MIT-WPU in collaboration with Athena Institute, VU University, Amsterdam, Netherlands. The Department of Education oversaw this initiative. Dr. Joske Bunders, the program coordinator, trained the core team. Master Trainers, including Dr. Archana Chaudhari, Prof. Dr. Sandeep Chavan, Prof. Deepali Javale, Asst. Prof. Priya Kale, and Asst. Dr. Gopinath T., trained 350+ faculties under the guidance of Dr. Mrudula Kulkarni, Dean of Student Affairs, and Dr. Joske Bunders. The program engaged 4,774 students from January to March 2023. Notably, students identified and addressed 372 societal problems in areas such as addiction, safety, environment, mental health, psychology, social media, technology, women and gender, and education and proposed possible solutions.





## Heartfelt Farewell to Department of Education's Graduating Students

The Department of Education organized a farewell event to bid adieu to its second-year B.Ed. and M.Ed. students. Dr. Santosh Kumar and Dr. Varun Sahni, esteemed guests, shared valuable insights on the changing landscape of education and the pivotal role of teachers. Dr. Archana Chaudhari, the Program Director, highlighted the timeless nobility of the teaching profession. The ceremony marked a significant milestone as the students prepared to embark on their journeys as future educators, with heartfelt wishes for success and fulfillment.



# Dr. Jagdish Hiremath Leads Life-Saving CPR Training at *'Project Dhadkan'* event

The highly anticipated *'Project Dhadkan'* CPR training session, held at MIT-WPU in Pune on April 29, 2023, was a resounding success. Led by renowned cardiologist Dr. Jagdish Hiremath, the event aimed to equip participants with life-saving skills. Dr. Hiremath's captivating presence and wealth of knowledge engaged the audience as he demonstrated proper CPR techniques. The session, organized in association with Rotary Club Pune-Laxmi Road, empowered attendees to respond effectively in emergency situations. Participants actively participated in practical exercises, gaining confidence and leaving inspired to make a difference in their communities. *'Project Dhadkan'* fostered a culture of compassion and preparedness within the MIT-WPU community.



## **Grishma Ritu:**

# Embracing the Vibrant Indian Summer Season



From our earliest days, we have learned that India experiences three seasons: Summer, Rainy, and Winter. However, according to the lunisolar Hindu calendar, the tapestry of India's climate unfolds through six distinct seasons or ritus every year. These ritus are *Vasant Ritu* (Spring), *Grishma Ritu* (Summer), *Varsha Ritu* (Monsoon), *Sharad Ritu* (Autumn), *Hemant Ritu* (Pre-winter), and *Shishir* or *Shita Ritu* (Winter). Remarkably, each of these seasons is comprised of 12 unique months (two for each season).

Grishma Ritu, also known as the Indian Summer Season, manifests as a gradual intensification of heat across most regions of the country. This season encompasses the two Hindu months of Jyeshtha and Aashaadha, corresponding to May and June.

During Grishma Ritu, India comes alive with a multitude of vibrant festivals deeply rooted in Hindu culture. Among these celebrations are notable events like Vat Pournima, Rath Yatra, and Guru Purnima. It is during this period that one of the two traditional Indian/Hindu marriage seasons takes place, further illuminating the significance of this time in the lives of many.

Grishma Ritu offers a distinct experience, as the land exudes warmth and vitality under the summer sun. It is a time when nature flourishes with vibrant colors and abundant growth, and communities gather to partake in ancient traditions. The scorching heat becomes a backdrop against which the rich tapestry of Indian culture unfolds, offering a unique and enchanting experience.

**Chetan Shirasi**

Branding & Marketing  
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# Ek Earth event successfully organised by the Department of Biosciences and Technology

Congratulations to all participants and winners of the **"Ek Earth"** competition organised by the Department of Biosciences and Technology. Your dedication and creativity towards the environment are truly inspiring! Special recognition to the winners, who earned prizes and a research internship. Let's continue inspiring others and work towards a better and greener future for our planet!



# Spontaneous Response to *MIT-WPU Career Guidance Seminar* in Dhule



MIT-WPU's '**Mega Career Guide**' was held on 29<sup>th</sup> April 2023 at Ganpati Palace, Dhule. The seminar provided information on new careers in engineering, robotics, and computer science. Former Union Minister of State Dr. Subhash Bhamare inaugurated the program. Dhule Police Superintendent Sanjay Barkund, Honorable Member of Parliament Rajvardhanji Kadambande and Mayor Mrs. Pratibha Chaudhari were present for the event. The program started by lighting the lamp, and 600 students and parents of class 12 participated in this program. Dr. Dinesh Bhutada, Dr. Deepak Hujre, Dr. Ajit Deore, Prof. Shital Girase, Dr. Pankaj Dhattrak, Prof. Chetan Patil, Dr. Mahendra Suryavanshi guided students

An information booklet was also given to the students present. The professors gave information about various courses and the future of the field after that through PPT presentations. For the success of the program, Prof. Yogesh Salunkhe, Prof. Umesh Bhandarkar, Prof. Dr. Vilas Badgujar and Prof. Girish Salunkhe provided valuable support in making the event a success.

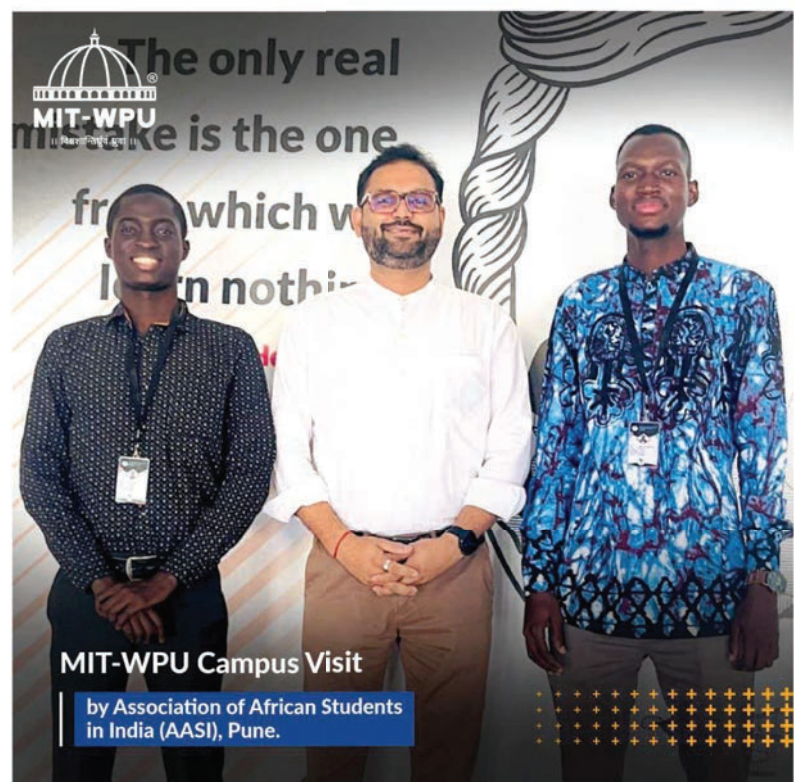


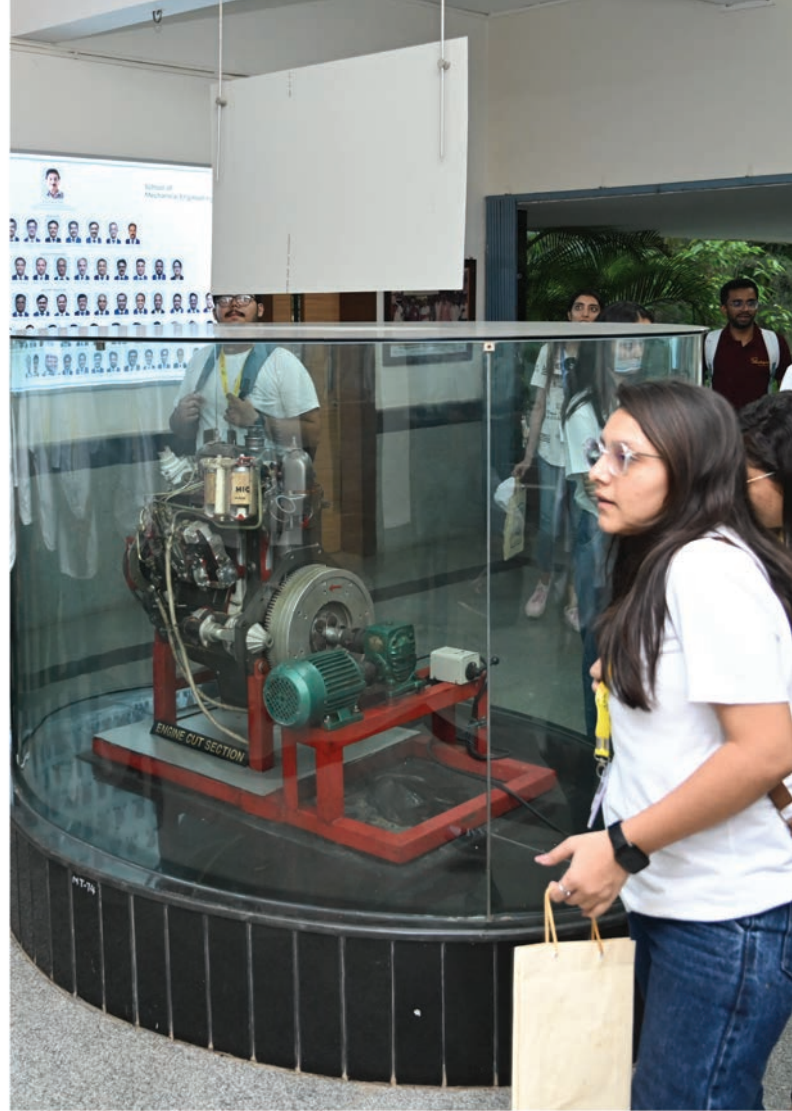


# Glimpses from the visit of students from *The Association of African Students in India (AASI)*, one of the largest student bodies in Pune.

*The Association of African Students in India (AASI)*, one of the largest student bodies in Pune visited the MIT-WPU campus on May 04, 2023.

Check out the glimpses of the team from AASI, consisting of Santo Ochan, President, Babucarr Secka, Vice President, Ahmed Moustapha, IT and Designer, and Osman Ahmed, Student coordinator during their campus visit at MIT-WPU.





## Glimpses from the Campus Visit by the students of the **Aga Khan Youth and Sports Board**

More than a hundred members, consisting of students and coordinators visited the MIT-WPU campus on the 12<sup>th</sup> May and gained valuable exposure and insights on the various programmes, opportunities that lie ahead of them, the teaching pedagogy, infrastructure, and the placement records of MIT-WPU. The Aga Khan Youth and Sports Board is a non-profitable and volunteer community institution based in Gujarat.



**9 Female Students of The Department of Polytechnic, MIT-WPU win scholarships worth ₹. 1,50,000/-**  
(One Lakh Fifty Thousand) each under CRS activity of Fiserv



# Barefoot Adventures of Indian *Summers*



*In the golden realm of childhood's delight,  
Where days stretched long and dreams took flight,  
I reminisce about Indian summers past,  
Those cherished memories, forever to last.*

*In the scorching heat, under shady trees,  
We sought refuge, a gentle summer breeze,  
Playing hide-and-seek amidst nature's embrace,  
Chasing butterflies, juggling cards was  
a sight to chase.*

*Mangoes, ripe and succulent, we devoured,  
Their sweet nectar, our taste buds empowered,  
Laughter echoing, as children played,  
In the sun's embrace, memories were made.*

*The melodic tune of ice cream carts,  
Their jingles summoning us like magic arts,  
Coins in hand, we'd savor each icy treat,  
A taste of childhood's bliss, oh so sweet.*

*Evenings were lit with tales by the fire,  
Legends and myths, our hearts would inspire,  
Grandparents' stories, their voices so wise,  
Painting pictures of magic before our eyes.*

*And as the sun dipped beneath the horizon's line,  
Indian summers cast their final shine,  
A kaleidoscope of memories, forever enshrined,  
In the depths of our hearts, an eternal bind.*

*Oh, Indian summers of childhood's embrace,  
You bring me back to that innocent space,  
Those carefree days, a treasure to hold,  
In my heart, forever, as pure as gold.*

**Ms. Pallavi Lakhe**

Executive Writer, Pro Vice Chancellor Office  
MIT World Peace University



# The Effects of the Navagrahas on Cell Growth: *Jyotisha Microbiology*

In my previous position at the S-VYASA Yoga University in Bangalore, I was privileged to supervise two Ph.D's on Jyotisha astrology. My first student, Dr Ramesh Rao Narayan, was a veterinary scientist who had been practising Jyotisha on the side for over 25 years. After achieving considerable success in medical Jyotisha predictions, he concluded that Jyotisha conditions must influence biological processes in single cells. His aim was to do a PhD in Jyotisha. My own 20-year experience of Jyotisha made me happy to supervise his project.

Two experiments concerned growth of veterinary vaccines for bacterial diseases of sheep and goats, Black Quarter and Hemorrhagic Septicemia. The first, for Black Quarter, tested the overall hypothesis, Time of Flask Infection is a valid Muhurtha; and two hypotheses about growth. Guru (Jupiter) in Lagna would promote vaccine production, while Rahu (North Node of the Moon), either in Lagna, or with Muhurtha during Rahukala, would decrease it.

A new book on Jyotisha Astrology: Its experimental proof in cell biology and the science behind it! Unbelievable?

Could you possibly imagine a book that provided a scientific proof of astrology? One that not only tells the story of many scientific experiments testing and verifying astrological predictions, but which also provides a full physical theory of the science behind it? In other words: a book that examines astrology on a full scientific basis? *The Science of Medical Astrology: The Experimental Proof of Jyotisha* does exactly that. Written by a rare combination of supremely skilled individuals, one a top expert in veterinary science, with a reputation that takes him for private consultations all over India, and the other a scientist with top qualifications from two of the world's best scientific universities, a Master's in Natural Sciences from the UK's University of Cambridge, and a PhD from M.I.T., partly directed by a famous Nobel laureate in physics. Ramesh Rao Narayan PhD and Alex Hankey PhD are the authors of this extraordinary text.

As a young vet from Bangalore, Ramesh Rao Narayan refused to accept a Jyotishi's warnings of a nearly fatal accident. Over the next three years, as he lay in bed recovering, he learned India's ancient system of Jyotisha astrology. As luck would have it, Professor Alex Hankey, who directs PhD research at the S-VYASA Yoga University, met Ramesh Rao and agreed to become his PhD guide on the very day that he joined the university.

The book is an outgrowth of Ramesh Rao's insights and PhD research combined with Alex's scientific skills. It tells a simple story: first experiments on vaccination of sheep and goats were compromised by a deadly storm that killed a third of the flock. Resulting data were problematic. Friendship with the Director of the Institute producing veterinary vaccines for all Karnataka led Ramesh Rao to embark on a new series of experiments, where predictions were made about the success of such production processes. Very clear results were obtained: Jupiter and the Moon supported life, while Rahu, the North Node of the Moon, opposed it. Solar eclipses had even stronger inimical effects than Rahu. Ramesh Rao's research was much acclaimed and won him the Best Research in Conference Award at the WAIRCO Conference in Colombo in 2013. Alex developed a theory combining complexity biology and quantum astrophysics that India's greatest living physicist could not fault. The rest is history, compellingly narrated in the book.

INDICACADEMY



THE SCIENCE OF  
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## THE SCIENCE OF MEDICAL ASTROLOGY

THE EXPERIMENTAL PROOF OF JYOTISHA



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For Black Quarter, Muhurthas were at five times on eight days: two with Guru in Lagna, one with Rahu, one during Rahukala, and one neutral time. These Grahas move slowly, so their positions moved little over the 17 days of the experiment. Results were not entirely what had been hypothesized: five days were consistent, but on three Rahu exerted little effect. However Dr Ramesh Rao noticed that, on those days, moon, Chandra, was strong, This discovery, being unpredicted, was 'Ad Hoc'. Why should Chandra have that effect? She represents Devi Ma, the Divine Mother, with well-known abilities to defeat Rakshasas, celebrated at Navaratri!

The second bacterial growth experiment, culturing Hemorrhagic Septicemia vaccine starting at five times on seven days, had this new prediction among its experimental hypotheses. Its results upheld all three 'conjectures': Muhurtha time concept, and effects of Guru, Rahu and Chandra; this time, the last was not 'Ad Hoc'.

Dr. Ramesh Rao's thesis work included many more experiments. Similar results were obtained for viral infections, and days of solar eclipses. In the first, Guru protected cells from attack, while Rahu amplified attacks. In the second, a highly malefic influence was observed while the eclipse touched earth's surface, interpreted as evidence in support of the Gaia Hypothesis.

In conclusion, Dr Ramesh Rao's experiments confirmed highly unusual, novel predictions of Jyotisha astrology. They suggest investigations of Jyotisha in more experimental situations, testing further kinds of prediction. Our book describing them, 'The Science of Medical Astrology: The Experimental Proof of Jyotisha', is available on Amazon.

**Dr. Alex Hankey**

Professor Emeritus of Biology,  
MIT World Peace University

## उन्हाळा! म्हटलं की..

उन्हाळा... म्हटलं कि कडक, झोंबणारं उन्ह,  
लाही लाही असस वाटणारं काही न?..  
पण त्याशिवाय का पाऊसाची मजा येणार ?

उन्हाळा... म्हटलं की आठवते ती सुट्टी, ती मजा, ते आजोळ  
आहाहा, ते गावाकडच शेत, ती आमराई, ती नदी..

उन्हाळा... म्हटलं कीं ते मोकाट हिंडणं, भांडणं, रडणं, हसणं  
परत परत आठवणं आणि आठवणीत त्या रमून जाणं

उन्हाळा... म्हटलं की, ते इतर भावंडं भेटणं, मनसोक्त गप्पा मारणं  
कशाची घाई नसणं आणि काहीच महत्वाच नसणं...

उन्हाळा... म्हटलं की ते न थकता सिनेमा पाहणं  
ते झाडाखाली निवांत बसणं, ते ओढ्यात पाय सोडून आनंद घेणं

ते रानमेवा खाणं आणि शेतावरच झोपणं,  
काय काय म्हणून सांगावं...  
ते तासंतास पते कुटणं, ते धिंगाणे घालणं आणि काय नाही... ते विचारा

आपण अनुभवलेला उन्हाळा आता पाहायला मिळणे कठीणच  
त्याचे शब्दांत वर्णन पण जरा अवघडच

ना सुखाची फिकीर, ना दुःखाची पर्वा  
कडक उन्हाळ्यातही मिळत असे गारवा पण...  
आजच्या पिढीला माहित आहे का ह्यातल काही? नाही...

आजची पिढी एकलकोंडी झालीये... ह्याला कोण कारणीभूत?  
म्हटलं तर आपणचं, म्हटलं तर परिस्थिती

चला घेऊन जाऊ ह्यांना अश्या सुंदर सहलीवर...  
कळणार पण नाही ह्यांना कधी होतो मोबाईलवर...

### संगीता भास्करवार

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Dear Sir/Ma'am

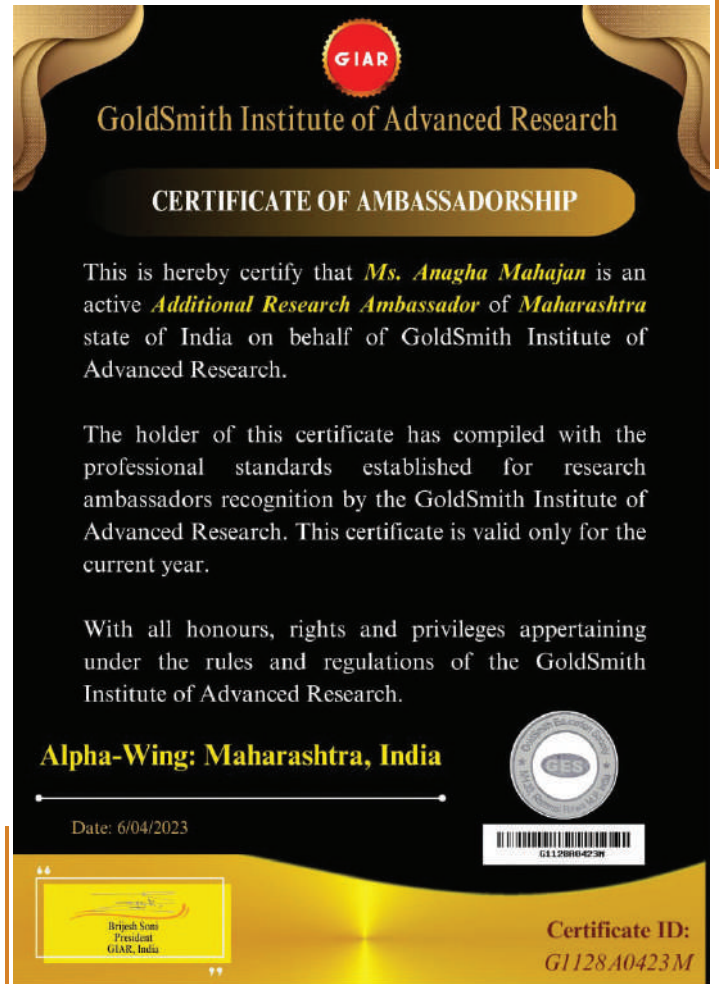
On behalf of GoldSmith Institute of Advanced Research, we are happily nominating you for the position of Additional-Research-Ambassador Alpha-Wing (Maharashtra, India, Asia) in our organization.

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We will only meet virtually once a month for 2 hours, at most. We do hope that you will admire favorably to this nomination to benefit the researchers in our society with your business acumen, knowledge and skills.

Respectfully Yours,

Brijesh K Sont  
President  
GIAR, India



Assistant professor Anagha Mahajan from the Department of Education has been appointed as the Additional Research Ambassador for Maharashtra state on behalf of the Goldsmith Institute of Advanced Research.



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School of Business, MIT-WPU)

For winning the *Assistant Professor Award*  
at **AAHAR WAYS Awards 2022-23**

Prof. Chetan Mungantiwar of the Department of Hospitality Management has won the Assistant Professor Award at AAHAR WAYS Awards 2022-23.

***Pulse congratulates all the faculty members!***

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APRIL 2023



## Ms. Arunima Pardeshi | Examination

In absence of ACOE, Arunima has shouldered division responsibilities that needed immediate attention and execution of important work of the Exam department with zero error, in spite of her health condition during that time. Value added to system standardization, smooth planning, preparations and conduction of April - May Exams. Received appreciation letter from COE for the outstanding performance.

## Ms. Prachi Pande | Registrar Office

Ms. Prachi Pande has been a consistent performer. She has impeccable time management skills. She has been instrumental in smooth conduction of very important; Academic Council, Board of Management, Governing Body meetings. Her punctuality trait has helped the department (Registrar Office) to complete various assignments on time.



## Mr. Baliram Lad | Operations (Facility- Building Maintenance)

Baliram has successfully managed the deputed work activities of All India VC Conference at Sheraton, Pune for 3 days. Upon receiving last minute instructions, he promptly expressed interest and went to Patna and completed all NLC kit distribution smoothly without any prior bookings. He provided excellent support and effort during the ongoing BBA exams at Chanakya Building.



## Ms. Manisha Tilwani | Admission (Counselling)

Manisha has worked tirelessly on University emails and whatsapps queries, ensuring candidate/parent satisfaction. Despite her leg injury not allowing her to move from the bed, she has worked long hours to ensure queries during MIT-WPU CET get answered on the same day, even on holidays. She ensured that a candidate was able to attend her exam despite having lost all access to her registered mobile & email. She exhibited customer-centricity, professional demeanor, sense of ownership and proactive approach.



# ONBOARDING @ MIT-WPU ACADEMICIANS

9 new academicians joined MIT-WPU in the month of April 2023. MIT-WPU welcomes each one of them with an open heart and a lot of happiness.

Let's get to know them.



**Vinay Murlidhar Mundada**

Professor & Dean

B.E., Mumbai University  
M.Des, IIT Bombay



**Saurabh Kumar**

Associate Professor & Associate Dean

UG Diploma Program in Accessory  
Design, NIFT, New Delhi  
M.Des, NID Ahmedabad  
Ph.D, Shri Jagdishprasad Jhabarmal  
Tibrewala University



**Gopa Nayak**

Professor

B.A., Utkal University  
M.A., Delhi University  
Ph.D, Oxford University



**Purna Sharma**

Research Associate

BJMC, Indra Prasta University, Delhi  
M.A., Raksha Shakti University,  
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B.A, Bharathidasan University,  
Tamilnadu  
M.A, Bharathidasan University,  
Tamilnadu  
Ph.D, Bielefeld University, Germany



**Waseem Ahmad Khan**

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B.A., Aligarh Muslim University  
M.A., Aligarh Muslim University  
Ph.D, Aligarh Muslim University



**Krishna Dixit**

Assistant Professor

B.A., University of Allahabad  
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**Anu Nair**

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Ph.D, Bharathiar University



**Sridhar D**

Assistant Professor

B.Sc CS, Bharathiar University  
MCA, Bharathiar University  
Ph.D, Bharathiar University

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07 new non-academicians joined MIT-WPU in the month of April 2023. MIT-WPU welcomes each one of them with an open heart and a lot of happiness.

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**Jayant Ramesh Sathe**  
Associate Director - Communications

B.Com, Vikram University, Ujjain  
MPM, Jiwaji University, Gwalior



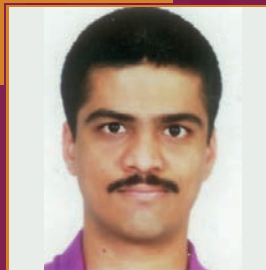
**Anupama Mondal**  
Assistant Director - Administration  
& Promotions

B.A., University of Lucknow  
MBA, Swami Vivekanand  
Subharti University



**Mahesh Vishnu Gurav**  
Deputy General Manager -  
System & Applications

B.E., Dnyaneshwar University,  
Pune  
MBA, Savitribai Phule Pune  
University



**Nandan Ajit Pelapkar**  
Manager - Outreach

B.E., Pune University  
MBA, Pune University



**Rohan Yashwant Kulkarni**  
Assistant Manager - Finance &  
Accounts

B.Com, Symbiosis University  
MBA, Symbiosis University



**Avakash Vinay Jha**  
Assistant Manager - Internal Auditor

B.Com, Pune University



**Ajay Murlidhar Mahajan**  
Assistant Registrar

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