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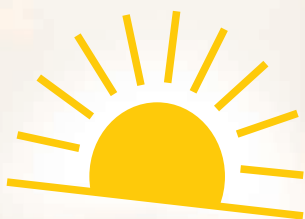
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From the Executive President's Desk

Dear Friends,

There is a distinctive form of learning that unfolds beyond the classroom, in forums where ideas are exchanged, on global platforms where talent is recognised, and through dialogues that connect institutions and democracies. This edition of Pulse explores that broader understanding of education: one defined as much by engagement, collaboration, and exposure as by formal instruction.

During the past few months, we witnessed several significant milestones that reaffirm our commitment to this vision.

At Chandigarh University, under the aegis of the Confederation of Indian Private Universities, the 3rd Bharat Higher Education Summit brought together private universities from across the country, to think collectively about where higher education in Bharat is headed. As our education ecosystem continues to evolve, such platforms become increasingly important for exchanging ideas, sharing best practices, and collectively addressing the opportunities and challenges before us. Progress in higher education is best achieved when institutions work together with a shared sense of purpose.

Equally inspiring was the achievement of our students from the MIT-WPU iOS Development Centre, who attended Apple's Worldwide Developers Conference (WWDC26) and had the opportunity to present their work at Apple Park, Cupertino. Their success is a reflection of the talent, dedication, and innovative spirit of our students, supported by committed mentors and an ecosystem that encourages creativity and excellence.

Then there was Legislators' Engagement and Action Policy Programme, jointly organised by NLC Bharat and NCSL USA, which welcomed a delegation of American Legislators, Representatives and NCSL Staff to engage with Bharatiya lawmakers, policymakers, and Academic Institutions. The programme served as a valuable platform for exchanging ideas on democratic governance, public policy, and legislative leadership. As democracies navigate increasingly complex challenges, meaningful dialogue and mutual learning remain essential to building stronger institutions and more responsive governance.

Three events, three very different tracks - academic, technological, legislative. And yet, if I look for a common thread, it is this: Each represents the willingness to step beyond familiar boundaries, embrace new perspectives, and learn through meaningful engagement.



Dr. Rahul V. Karad
Executive President
MIT World Peace University

RSOL Alumni Meet 2026

The Ram Charan School of Leadership, MIT-WPU, Pune, hosted Alumni Meet 2026, bringing together alumni, faculty, and university leaders for an evening of reconnection, shared experiences, and celebration of the bonds that endure beyond campus.

From inspiring conversations and alumni success stories to meaningful networking opportunities and memorable interactions, the event reflected the vibrant spirit of the MIT-WPU community.

A special highlight of the evening was the formal recognition of distinguished alumni whose achievements continue to inspire future leaders.

Together, we strengthen a network built on leadership, learning, and lasting connections.



Department of Civil Engineering **International Immersion Programme**

Civil Engineering students from MIT-WPU, Pune, returned from an enriching seven-day international immersion in China, gaining firsthand exposure to world-class infrastructure, smart city innovations, and advanced engineering practices.

Across Shanghai, Beijing, and Tianjin, students explored landmark infrastructure, sustainable urban planning practices, smart city initiatives, and advanced transportation systems. The programme included visits to Shanghai Jiao Tong University, the Shanghai Urban Planning Exhibition Centre, Yu Yuan Metro Station, and the Volkswagen Manufacturing Facility — providing valuable academic and industry exposure.

From high-speed rail networks to iconic engineering landmarks, the experience offered meaningful insights into contemporary engineering practices, while broadening global perspectives and fostering intercultural learning.



Mechanical Engineering & Electronics & Communication Engineering (ECE) International Immersion: Global Exposure

Mechanical Engineering and Electronics and Communication Engineering (ECE) students from MIT-WPU, Pune, explored global engineering ecosystems through an international immersion programme in China.

Through visits to the S-Factory Exhibition, Shanghai, the Volkswagen Manufacturing Facility, and Shanghai Jiao Tong University, students engaged with smart manufacturing, automation, and innovation in action.

Beyond technical learning, the experience encouraged cultural exchange, broader perspectives, and a deeper understanding of engineering in a global context.

At MIT-WPU, experiential learning opportunities continue to prepare future-ready engineers for an evolving world.



Department of Hospitality Management Culinary Summer School 2026

The Department of Hospitality Management, MIT-WPU, Pune, proudly presents Culinary Summer School 2026 — a three-day practical culinary skill development programme designed to provide immersive, industry-oriented exposure to aspiring culinary professionals and food enthusiasts.

This programme offers participants:

- Hands-on cooking sessions
- Professional kitchen exposure
- Training in international and contemporary cuisines
- Food presentation and hygiene techniques
- Guidance from professional chefs
- Participation certification

A purposeful step towards transforming culinary passion into professional expertise.



MIT-WPU, Pune Industry Academia Conclave 2026

The Industry Academia Conclave 2026 in Bengaluru successfully brought together industry leaders, academicians, and professionals for insightful discussions on industry readiness, leadership, and the evolving workforce landscape.

Organised jointly by MIT-WPU, Pune, and NIPM Karnataka, the conclave served as a platform for meaningful dialogue around the evolving relationship between industry and academia in an AI-driven world.

The evening featured addresses by Prof. Prasad Khandekar, CAO, MIT-WPU Pune; Mr. Sanjay Mitra, HR, ITC Ltd and Chairperson, NIPM Karnataka Chapter; and keynote speaker Mr. Thyagu Valliappa, Vice Chairman, Sona Valliappa Group, who shared valuable perspectives on workforce challenges and future-ready talent development.

The conclave also featured panel discussions on "Triple Threats: Navigating HR Through AI, Workforce Divide and Geopolitical Chaos" and "Future-Proofing Talent: The Lifelong Learning Imperative".



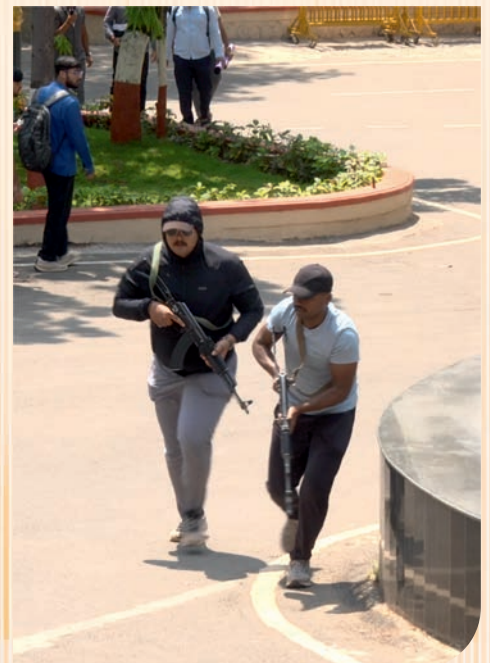
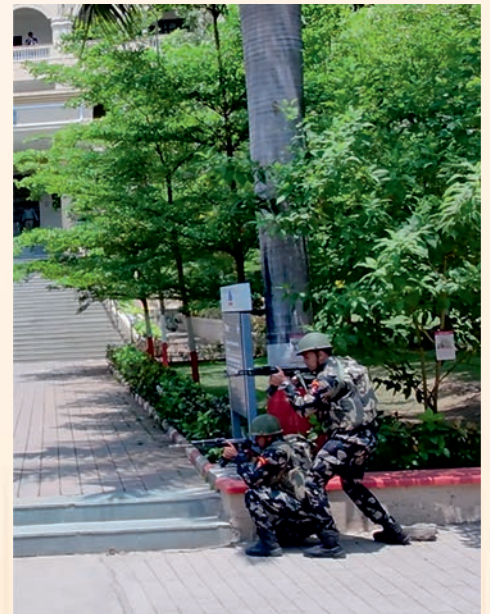
Anti-Narcotics Dog Search Conducted on MIT-WPU Campus

An anti-narcotics dog search was conducted to ensure a safe, secure, and drug-free campus environment. The initiative aimed to prevent the possession and distribution of illegal substances, deter anti-social activities, and reinforce the institution's zero-tolerance policy towards drugs. It also supported routine security measures in collaboration with law enforcement agencies.



Joint Quick Response Team (QRT) Conducted Successful Mock Drill

A Joint Quick Response Team (QRT) Mock Drill was successfully conducted at the MIT-WPU campus by the Security and Vigilance Department in coordination with the Pune QRT Team and Kothrud Police Station. The simulated emergency involved a dummy terrorist taking hostages inside Vivekanand Auditorium. The emergency response system was activated immediately, followed by a coordinated rescue operation by the QRT and police. The drill successfully tested campus preparedness, strengthened inter-agency coordination, and enhanced emergency response capabilities.



B.Tech Renewable Energy **New Programme Launched**

The future of energy belongs to innovators. The new B.Tech in Renewable Energy at MIT-WPU, Pune equips students with industry-ready skills in solar, wind, EVs, smart grids, and green hydrogen. Build a future-ready career in one of the world's fastest-growing industries.



IADC Student Chapter Technology Meet 2026

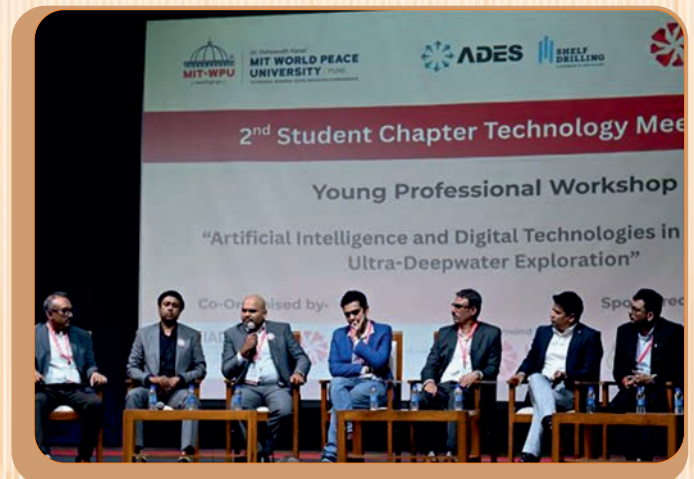
The 2nd IADC Student Chapter Technology Meet 2026 at MIT-WPU, Pune, marked a significant milestone in industry-academia collaboration.

Under the theme "Beneath Subsea, Beyond Offshore – Powering Progress Together", the event brought together 39 industry professionals, including strong representation from Women in Oil and Gas and Young Professionals.

With support from the International Association of Drilling Contractors (Houston and South Central Asia), along with contributions from ADES Holding Company, IADC, IOGS, and FORESITE, the event reflected the strength of industry collaboration and collective expertise.

The event brought together leaders from Baker Hughes, Halliburton, SLB, Worldwide Oilfield Machine, and Aban Offshore, alongside students from PDEU and IIT (ISM) Dhanbad.

A platform that did not merely connect ideas — but actively powered progress.



Celebrated the 12th International Yoga Day

MIT-WPU, Pune, celebrated the 12th International Yoga Day with a rejuvenating and spiritually enriching session at the iconic Vyas Building. Bringing together students, faculty, and leadership, the energy during the event continues to inspire our MIT-WPU, Pune, community towards holistic well-being.

True to our core philosophy of blending science and spirituality, participants enthusiastically engaged in physical asanas, breathing exercises, and mindful reflection. The session served as a powerful reminder of our commitment to 'Peace through Education' and to cultivating wellness as a sustainable lifestyle.



Department of Polytechnic **Team Carecode @ Techfiesta**

An impressive accomplishment by the Department of Polytechnic, MIT-WPU, Pune.

Team Carecode secured 3rd Place at Techfiesta, a 24-hour national-level hackathon organised by PICT InC.

Competing in a high-intensity environment that demanded innovation, technical expertise, and collaboration, the team demonstrated exceptional problem-solving abilities and an unwavering commitment to excellence.

This achievement highlights the talent, dedication, and future-ready mindset of our students.

Congratulations to Team Carecode on this well-earned milestone.



Sidhanta Parida and Krushna Jain contributed to Marathi feature film **Swapnasundari**

We are proud to celebrate the achievement of our B.A. Filmmaking students, Sidhanta Parida and Krushna Jain, who contributed to the Marathi feature film *Swapnasundari* as part of their Cinematography specialisation. Their hands-on industry experience reflects MIT-WPU, Pune's commitment to experiential learning, preparing students for successful careers in the world of cinema.

Congratulations

SIDHANTA PARIDA

Cinematography Specialisation

Working closely with a film crew and understanding the technical side of storytelling made this experience a valuable learning journey.



Congratulations

KRUSHNA JAIN

Cinematography Specialisation

Proud to see your passion for cinema take shape through your contribution to the Marathi feature film Swapnasundari.



Worldwide Developers Conference (WWDC26) **@ Apple Park, Cupertino, USA**

Gayatri Goundadkar and Shloka Shetty, both Third-Year B.Tech Computer Science and Engineering students and Swift Student Challenge 2026 Distinguished Winners from the MIT-WPU iOS Development Centre, are attending the Worldwide Developers Conference (WWDC26) at Apple Park, Cupertino, USA.

Launched in July 2025, the iOS Student Developer Program — Powered by Apple and Infosys at MIT-WPU — has enabled students to build impactful applications through mentorship, technical expertise, and innovation-driven learning. Their participation at WWDC26 is a reflection of this journey and the global opportunities it has created.

As part of the event, Gayatri had the opportunity to showcase her app at Apple Park and interact with Apple's CEO, Tim Cook, and Apple's incoming CEO, John Ternus. Their presence at WWDC26 highlights the strength of the MIT-WPU innovation ecosystem and its commitment to nurturing future technology leaders.



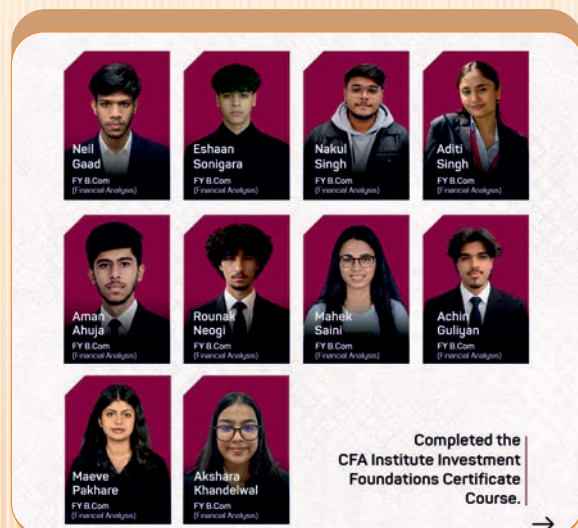
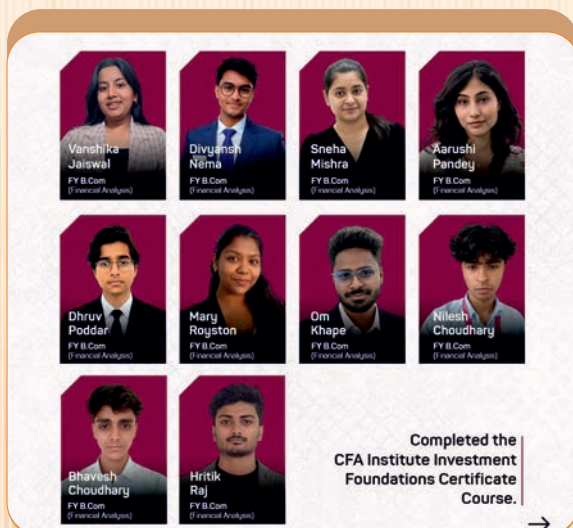
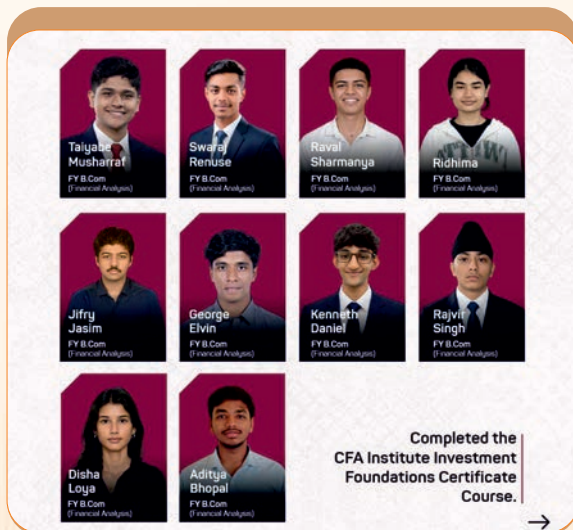
Students Shined Globally in Apple's Swift Student Challenge 2026

The iOS Development Centre of DCET at MIT-WPU, Pune, has earned global recognition by winning in Apple's Swift Student Challenge 2026. All 12 apps ranked among the Top 350 globally, with two securing places in the Top 50. The Top 50 winners and Gayatri & Shloka from MITWPU are currently representing the university at WWDC 2026 in Apple Park, Cupertino. This achievement highlights MIT-WPU's commitment to fostering innovation, creativity, and excellence in app development.



B.Com Students Earn Globally Recognised CFA Foundations Certificate

First-year B.Com (Financial Analysis) students from the School of Economics and Commerce at MIT-WPU, Pune, have successfully completed the CFA Institute Investment Foundations Certificate Course. This globally recognised certification equips students with a strong foundation in finance and investment management early in their academic journey. The achievement reflects the school's commitment to preparing industry-ready finance professionals.



Outstanding Success

Association of Chartered Certified Accountants (ACCA)

We are proud to share that students from the B.Com International Accounting and Finance programme at MIT-WPU, Pune, have successfully cleared their Association of Chartered Certified Accountants (ACCA) March 2026 examinations.

Clearing advanced papers such as Strategic Business Leader, Advanced Taxation, Strategic Business Reporting, Advanced Performance Management, Advanced Audit and Assurance, and Advanced Financial Management reflects their dedication, analytical thinking, and consistent hard work.

Their achievement marks an important step towards building successful careers in the global finance and accounting industry.



BBA LLB Students Excelled at Nyaya Udghosh 2026 Writing Competition

TY BBA LLB students Shaily Solankee and Prasad Mali from the School of Law at MIT-WPU, Pune, secured a place among the Top 10 at the prestigious Nyaya Udghosh National Judgement Writing Competition 2026. Their achievement reflects exceptional legal acumen, analytical thinking, and judgement-writing skills. This recognition is a testament to the university's commitment to nurturing future legal professionals.



School of Law Students Excelled at National Moot Court Competition

Students from the School of Law at MIT-WPU, Pune, delivered an outstanding performance at the National Moot Court Competition hosted by NMIMS Indore. Ketan Rajput, Lissa, and Riyana Sharma from FY LL.B. won the Best Memorial Award, while Ketan Rajput also received the Best Speaker Award. Their achievement reflects exceptional legal research, advocacy, and courtroom presentation skills.

Integrated B.Tech Student Won First Place at National-Level Hackathon

Darshan Nayak, a student of the Integrated B.Tech CSE-AI-DS programme in the Department of Polytechnic and Skill Development at MIT-WPU, Pune, secured first place at a national-level hackathon. Competing as a solo participant against 2,800 peers, he demonstrated exceptional technical expertise and problem-solving abilities. His achievement was further recognised by a panel of industry judges from Google and Figma.



Double National Triumph for Team Shrimati Setu

A remarkable achievement by Team Shrimati Setu from the Department of Polytechnic, MIT-WPU, Pune. Competing on the national stage, the team delivered an exceptional performance, securing:

These accolades reflect the team's technical expertise, innovative thinking, and commitment to solving real-world challenges through technology. Congratulations to Team Shrimati Setu on this outstanding accomplishment and for representing MIT-WPU, Pune, with excellence.



Pragyantra 2026
National Level AI Hackathon



National Level Project Expo



B.Tech CSE Students Secured 1st Place at 24-Hour Hackathon

MIT-WPU, Pune, is proud to celebrate the achievement of Varad Charholikar and Manas Jain, students of B.Tech CSE (CSBS), Department of Computer Engineering and Technology, who secured first place at a 24-hour National Hackathon organised by Sharda University.

Under the guidance of Dr. Shamla Mantri, the team developed a project aimed at democratising quality education in India through the integration of Retrieval-Augmented Generation (RAG), Large Language Models (LLMs), and Conversational AI.

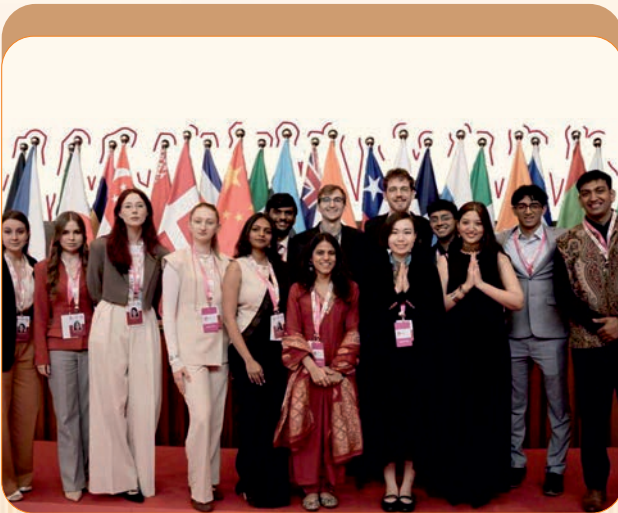
Competing across four rigorous evaluation rounds, their solution stood out for its innovation, social relevance, and technological application — earning them the top position along with a cash prize of ₹1 lakh.

This accomplishment reflects the culture of innovation, research, and problem-solving that is fostered at MIT-WPU, Pune.



Students Selected for Prestigious NXT Fellowship Leadership Programme

Akshita Saxena (B.Tech-ECE), Chetna Purohit (BBA-GM and EM), and Shreya Deshmukh (Pharm.D) from MIT-WPU, Pune, were selected for the prestigious NXT Fellowship. As part of the programme, they participated in an eight-day immersive experience at Bharat Mandapam, gaining valuable exposure to leadership, policymaking, and global perspectives. The fellowship included interactions with national and global leaders, masterclasses by experts, and an address by the Hon'ble Prime Minister of India.



B.Sc. Chemistry (Hons.) Student Qualified IIT JAM 2026 in Chemistry

Change the content to: Congratulations to Abhinav PM, a student of B.Sc. Chemistry (Hons.) at MIT-WPU, Pune, on successfully qualifying IIT JAM 2026 in Chemistry. This remarkable achievement reflects his dedication, perseverance, and academic excellence.



Chemical Engineering Students Achieved Impressive Ranks in GATE 2026

Students from the Department of Chemical Engineering at MIT-WPU, Pune, achieved commendable results in Chemical GATE 2026. Murtaza Kapadia secured AIR 778, while Arman Shaikh earned AIR 1010, reflecting their dedication and academic excellence. Their achievement highlights the strong academic foundation and commitment to engineering excellence fostered by the university.

B.Pharm Students Successfully Qualified GPAT Examination

Vrushali Deshmukh, Adi Gadre, and Rahul Tiwari from the B.Pharm programme at MIT-WPU, Pune, have successfully qualified the GPAT examination. Their achievement reflects dedication, consistency, and a strong foundation in pharmaceutical sciences. This milestone underscores the university's commitment to nurturing future-ready healthcare professionals.



Materials Science Students Excelled in GATE 2026 with Top AIR Rankings

B.Tech Materials Science and Engineering students from MIT-WPU, Pune, delivered an outstanding performance in GATE 2026. Likhith Punmiya secured AIR 563, while Arya Kanchan achieved AIR 867, reflecting their dedication and academic excellence. Their achievement highlights the strong academic foundation and quality education offered by the university.

Students Shined with Top Ranks in GATE XE 2026

MIT-WPU, Pune, proudly congratulates our students for their exceptional performance in the GATE XE 2026 examination. Krishna Chamarthi from B.Tech Computer Science and Engineering secured an outstanding All India Rank 118, and Rohini Kamble from M.Sc. Chemistry (Industrial Polymer Chemistry) successfully qualified the examination. These achievements reflect the students' dedication, academic excellence, and commitment to continuous learning. We are proud to celebrate their success and wish them the very best in their future endeavours.



Department of Computer Engineering and Technology **NEXUS 2026 Catalyst Award**

We are proud to share that the Department of Computer Engineering and Technology, MIT-WPU, Pune, has been honoured with the NEXUS 2026 Catalyst Award in the category of Innovation Hub Pioneer Award by L&T EduTech, Mumbai.

This prestigious recognition reflects our commitment to fostering innovation, academic excellence, and meaningful industry engagement that prepares students for the future of technology.

The achievement stands as a testament to the collective efforts of our faculty, students, and industry collaborators who continue to drive impactful learning and innovation.



Greenex Environmental participated in India-Norway Green Strategic Partnership Summit

Greenex Environmental is honoured to have participated in the prestigious India-Norway Green Strategic Partnership Summit held in Oslo, in the esteemed presence of the Hon'ble Prime Minister of India, Shri Narendra Modi, and the Prime Minister of Norway, H.E. Jonas Gahr Støre.

We are proud to share that Founder and Managing Directors Mrs. Arati Bhosale Ahiwale and Mr. Sagar Ahiwale were selected among the Top 20 Industry Delegates representing India at this global summit, focused on sustainability, ESG leadership, and climate action.

This recognition reflects their continued contribution towards environmental innovation and green transformation.

Adding to this achievement, both leaders are currently pursuing M.Tech. in Environmental Engineering at MIT-WPU, Pune, further strengthening their commitment towards sustainable development and impactful environmental leadership.

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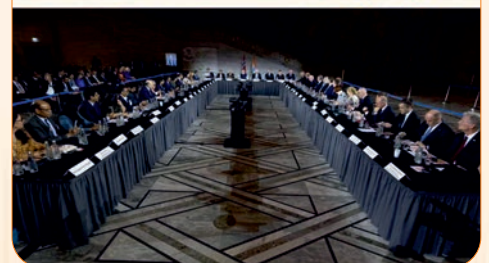
India on a global platform

for sustainability and innovation.



Driving conversations around

- Climate Action
- Sustainability
- Green Transformation
- ESG Leadership



The summit was held in the presence of Hon'ble

Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi Ji
& Prime Minister of Norway
H.E. Jonas Gahr Støre

highlighting the growing collaboration between India and Norway towards a greener future.



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*Dr. Anand Kulkarni Authored New Book on **AI in Marathi***

Dr. Anand Kulkarni, Professor and Associate Director at the Research Institute of AI, MIT-WPU, Pune, has published his Marathi book, 'AI' Madheel Sandhi. The book explores key aspects of Artificial Intelligence, including AI policies, global research, start-ups, and emerging opportunities. This publication makes AI knowledge more accessible to regional language readers and promotes wider awareness of the evolving technology.

From AI policies and global research to emerging start-ups and future possibilities, the book offers valuable insights into the evolving world of AI.

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Dr. Shvetank Bhatt Recognised Among the World's Top 5% Scientists in 2025

Dr. Shvetank Bhatt, Associate Professor, Department of Pharmaceutical Sciences at MIT-WPU, Pune, has been recognised among the World's Top 5% Scientists in the 2025 SciRank Global Registry. This prestigious recognition honours his outstanding research contributions and global impact in the field of pharmacology. His achievement reflects the university's commitment to advancing research excellence and scientific innovation.



Included in the 2025 **SciRank Global Registry** for outstanding global research impact and scholarly contribution.

This recognition reflects his **contribution to Pharmacology research, scientific innovation and academic excellence.**



Dr. Kirtikumar Kondhare Secured Prestigious PM Research Grant

Dr. Kirtikumar Kondhare, Assistant Professor, Department of Biosciences and Technology at MIT-WPU, Pune, has been awarded the prestigious Prime Minister's Early Career Research Grant by the Anusandhan National Research Foundation. His research focuses on enhancing the shelf life of sweetpotato storage roots through phytohormone gene studies. The recognition underscores the university's commitment to impactful research and sustainable agricultural innovation.

Awarded a ₹60 lakh grant by the Anusandhan National Research Foundation under the Prime Minister Early Career Research Grant Scheme for the **project titled "Utilizing sprout initiation-associated phytohormone genes to enhance the shelf life of sweetpotato (*Ipomoea batatas*) storage roots"**, focused on advancing sustainable agricultural innovation.



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Assistant Professor,
Department of Biosciences and Technology,
MIT-WPU, Pune



Faculty Research Publications

Dr. Satish Polshettiwar's Research Team Publishes High-Impact Study in Computers in Biology and Medicine

MIT-WPU congratulates PhD Scholar Mrs. Shradha Chaudhari, along with co-authors Shikha Gaikwad and Dr. Satish Polshettiwar (Department of Pharmaceutics, School of Health Sciences and Technology), on the publication of their research in Computers in Biology and Medicine (Vol. 209, 111710; Impact Factor 6.4, Q1).

Title: Integrated Computational and Structural Understanding of Prunus bokharensis-Derived β -Glucan: HRMS, Network Pharmacology, Docking, and MD Simulations for Multi-Target Therapeutic Discovery

DOI: <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.compbimed.2026.111710>

The study integrates structural characterisation, network pharmacology, molecular docking, and MD simulations to uncover the therapeutic potential of β -glucan – a notable contribution to pharmaceutical sciences research at MIT-WPU.

Faculty Research Published in Frontiers in Climate

MIT-WPU congratulates Anagha Bhaga and Manasi Mishra on their publication in Frontiers in Climate (Impact Factor 4.1, Q1), dated 28th May 2026.

Title: Climate-Driven Shifts in Soil Microbiomes: Implications for Plant Resilience in Agriculture

DOI: <https://doi.org/10.3389/fclim.2026.1803685>

The paper examines how climate change is altering soil microbiomes critical to plant growth, and highlights microbiome-based interventions for sustainable, climate-smart agriculture.

Dr. Amruta Naik, Department of Biosciences and Technology, MIT-WPU, has recently published two significant research articles advancing the fields of cancer biology and regenerative medicine.

The first study, "Investigation of Anticancer and Osteo-Inductive Potentials of Desmodium gangeticum Leaf Extract", published in the Journal of Herbs, Spices & Medicinal Plants, demonstrated the ability of a medicinal plant extract to inhibit breast cancer cell growth and migration while simultaneously promoting bone-forming activity, highlighting its potential for managing breast cancer-associated bone complications. The second publication, "Network Pharmacology and In Silico Docking-Based Prediction of Molecular Targets of Pterospermum acerifolium in Primary Breast Cancer and Metastases to Bones", published in Computational Biology and Chemistry, employed advanced computational approaches to identify key molecular targets and pathways through which the plant may exert therapeutic effects against breast cancer and bone metastasis. These publications reflect MIT-WPU's commitment to impactful interdisciplinary research integrating natural products, cancer therapeutics, and translational medicine.

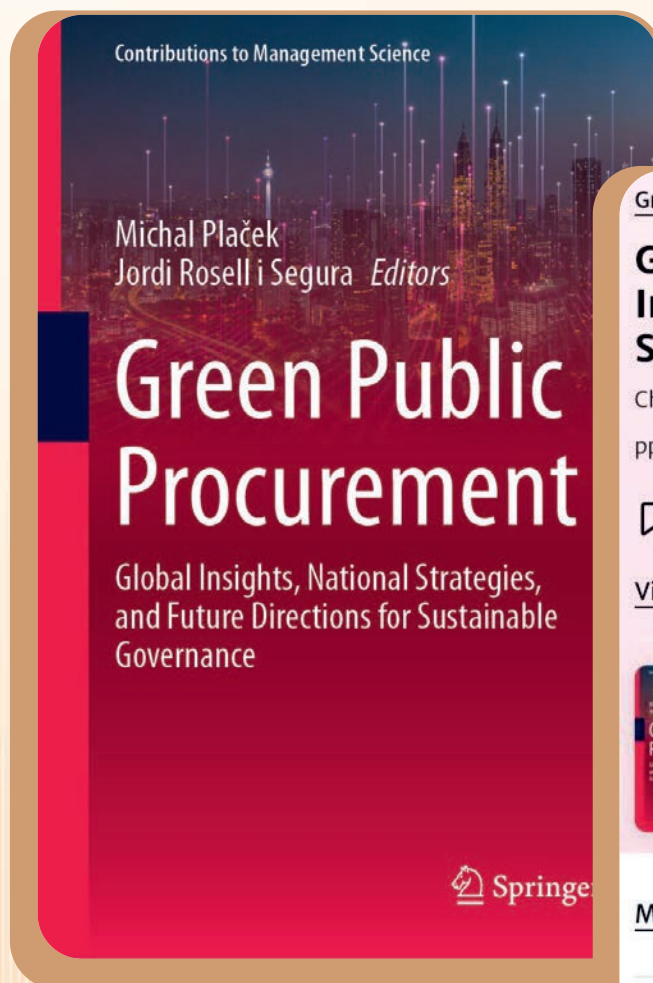
Rashmi Rane and Kalyani Gokhale Represented MIT-WPU at ERASMUS+ Meeting in Sri Lanka

Ms. Rashmi Rane from the School of Computer Engineering and Technology and Ms. Kalyani Gokhale from the Knowledge Resource Centre represented MIT-WPU, Pune, at the ERASMUS+ CBHE Project "NSIS Program" Intermediate Management Meeting held at the University of Kelaniya, Sri Lanka. The programme focused on capacity-building tools and frameworks, reinforcing the university's commitment to global academic collaboration and institutional excellence.



Manjiri Dhawade Published Springer Book Chapter on Sustainable Governance

Manjiri Dhawade of MIT-WPU, Pune, has published a book chapter titled Green Public Procurement in India: Policy Pathways to Sustainability in a Springer Nature volume. The chapter explores India's evolving green public procurement landscape, highlighting policy initiatives, implementation challenges, and strategies for sustainable governance. This publication contributes to global research on environmentally responsible public procurement.



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Dr. Rahul Dandage Receives National Honours for Academic and Professional Excellence

Dr. Rahul Dandage of MIT-WPU, Pune, was invited as the Guest of Honour at the Convocation Ceremony of the first Piping Engineering batch at Suvidya Institute of Technology, Mumbai. He was also elected as a Senior Member of the Indian Institution of Industrial Engineering (IIIE), recognising his contributions to academia and the field of industrial engineering. These honours reflect his professional excellence and leadership.



MIT-WPU Strengthens Industry Collaboration with Baker Hughes and Jindal Stainless

MIT-WPU, Pune, has entered into strategic collaborations with Baker Hughes and Jindal Stainless to enhance experiential learning, research, and industry engagement. The partnerships will focus on innovation and digital transformation in the energy sector, as well as sustainability and applied learning in Tunnel Engineering. These collaborations will provide students with valuable industry exposure and real-world learning opportunities.



MIT-WPU, Pune is **WDSAI Approved Institution - 2026**

We are honoured to be recognised as a WDSAI Approved Institution-2026, reflecting our continued commitment to academic excellence, innovation, and future-focused learning in Artificial Intelligence.

As education evolves alongside technology, MIT-WPU, Pune, remains dedicated to empowering students with industry-relevant knowledge, cutting-edge research opportunities, and the skills required to lead in an AI-driven world.

MIT-WPU, Pune

is proud to be recognized as a



Proudly on the journey toward
DASCA accreditation.



MIT-WPU Inaugurated *Dadasaheb Phalke International Film School Studio*

Today marked a significant milestone in advancing film education at MIT-WPU, Pune, with the inauguration of the Dadasaheb Phalke International Film School Studio.

The studio stands as a testament to our commitment to bridging academic learning with industry-grade infrastructure — creating an environment where aspiring filmmakers can learn, experiment, and lead the future of cinematic storytelling.

We were honoured to have Shri Uday Samant, Hon'ble Cabinet Minister for Industries and Marathi Language, Government of Maharashtra, grace the occasion virtually as Chief Guest.

We also had the privilege of welcoming Shri Nagraj Manjule — Renowned Film Director and Actor, Shri Sanjay Mishra — Indian Hindi Cinema Actor, and Shri Santosh Juvekar — Marathi Cinema Actor, Television, and Theatre personality. Along with Dr. Rahul V. Karad, Executive President, MIT World Peace University, and Dr. R. M. Chitnis, Vice Chancellor, MIT World Peace University, Pune.

The inauguration of the Dadasaheb Phalke International Film School Studio reflects a larger vision of nurturing creative minds and building future-ready leaders for the global film industry.



The Bright Side of Becoming Your Own Mother

To All Those Who Have Been Their Own Mother

To all those who nurtured themselves,
who mothered themselves in times of distress —
In failure, in silence, in the face of every challenge
that life placed quietly at their door.



To those who had no one to share it with —
who had to carry it all on their own,
and heal themselves too.

To those who grew up without the warmth of a mother's
love,
who looked for it in the world and found only silence —
you found it in yourself instead.
That is no small act of love.



This day is for you —
every quiet, brave, tender version of you
that showed up, even when no one was watching.

**Happy Mother's Day to you —
the mother you always were, to yourself.**

Debopriya Chatterjee

Assistant Professor,
Department of Education,
MIT-WPU



The Road to **Becoming**

The weight of books, the race for grades,
Often leaves young hearts in shades.

The tests we fear, the goals we chase,
Teach us patience, grit, and grace.

A parent's scold may sting with pain,
Yet helps the mind learn self-restraint.

A teacher's lesson, beyond the text,
Prepares us for what life brings next.

For education is more than a degree,
It shapes the person we're meant to be.

And when we stand with purpose in sight,
We understand the journey's bright side.

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Dear Readers,

As we conclude the **35th edition of PULSE**, we reflect on a journey defined by growth, innovation, and excellence. This edition, themed "**The Bright Side**", celebrates how MIT-WPU, Pune, continues to honour its core values while embracing new opportunities and global perspectives.

Over the past few months, our students, faculty, and researchers have achieved remarkable milestones across academics, research, innovation, sports, entrepreneurship, and the arts. From international recognitions and impactful research to industry collaborations and student accomplishments, every achievement featured in these pages reflects our shared commitment to creating meaningful impact.

These stories are a testament to the dedication, resilience, and passion of the MIT-WPU community. They reinforce our vision of nurturing well-rounded individuals who combine academic excellence with innovation, leadership, and social responsibility.

As we move forward, we remain committed to creating an ecosystem that inspires curiosity, encourages collaboration, and empowers every learner to contribute to society with purpose and confidence.

We sincerely thank our students, faculty, staff, alumni, and partners for being an integral part of this journey. Your unwavering support and commitment continue to shape the legacy of MIT-WPU.

With gratitude,

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