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## **About Us**

Under the wings of Shree Chanakya Education Society (SCES), Indira College of Commerce and Indira College of Science were established in the year 2001-2002 which was merged in the year 2007 as Indira College of Commerce and Science. Affiliated and approved by Savitribai Phule Pune University, Pune. ICCS offers the Bachelor's Program in Commerce, Bachelors in Business Administration & Computer Application, Bachelor's and M.Sc. in Computer Science and Masters in Commerce.

ICCS has been accredited with 'A' grade by "National Accreditation and Assessment Council" (NAAC) and "An Autonomous Status by UGC in 2020, New Delhi.

#### Mission statement of ICCS

ICCS as an institution of higher learning, aims at inculcating entrepreneurial attitude and values amongst the learners for their holistic development and inclusion and access of quality education. The institution believes in equipping the students with life skills to strive for excellence in education and in their life. It shall also be preparing the young minds for imbibing to learn skills useful for employment and development of their personality and to develop sensitivity to various social, economic, and National issues.

#### Vision of the institution

ICCS as an institution working for academic excellence, has a vision to develop the institution as a centre of excellence in higher learning. By inculcating innovative research and learning practices, the institution believes in transformation of youth through holistic educational development and by providing affordable quality education. The institution believes in value-based learning systems, encouraging academic excellence and establishing a society that believes in Democratic values.

# Message From the Guru's Desk



Dr. Santosh Kulkarni. Controller of Examination, Indira College of Commerce and Science,

## Dear Students, Parents, and Staff,

#### Greetings from the Examination Department!

I am delighted to welcome each one of you as the Controller of Examinations at Indira College of Commerce and Science. My role involves overseeing and managing the entire examination process to ensure fair and transparent assessments for all students. Examinations are an integral part of your academic journey, serving as a benchmark for assessing your knowledge, skills, and understanding of the subjects you are studying. At Indira College of Commerce and Science, we prioritize maintaining high standards and upholding the integrity of our examination system.

The Examination Department plays a crucial role in ensuring the smooth conduct of academic evaluations, including scheduling exams, managing results, and addressing students' queries. Our aim is to maintain transparency, accuracy, and efficiency at every stage of the examination system.

I encourage you to approach the examination process with a positive mindset and embrace it as an opportunity for growth and self-assessment. Remember that examinations are not just about grades, but also about acquiring knowledge and developing essential skills that will benefit you in your future endeavors.

With Regards,

# Workshops & Guest Lectures

#### A Guest Session on 9th Jan 2025

On **9**<sup>th</sup> **Jan. 25**, Mr. Kunal Chauvan, Finance Controller Associate at Siemens Digital Industries Software, conducted a guest session for FYBFM, SYBFM, and SY BCom students. He emphasized:

- Understanding fundamental concepts.
- Analyzing key financial statements.
- Enhancing skills with tools like Excel.
- Pursuing professional certifications and relevant courses.
- Developing strong presentation skills.

A total of **104 students** benefited from this insightful session.





**Delivering Session to Students** 

#### SAP: Empowering Career Aspirations with Data-Driven Insights on 17th Jan 2025



**Guest Interaction with students** 

On **9**<sup>th</sup> **Jan. 25**, **Mr. Debaditya Ghosh**, a Career Expert and Franchisee Support Manager at **ICA EDUSKILLS Pvt Ltd**, Pune, conducted an enriching session on System Applications in Data Processing. The session highlighted how SAP, a robust software platform, enables organizations to manage business processes efficiently and in an integrated manner.

Attendees learned about the various SAP modules, including finance, supply chain, and human resources, and their role in automating business operations. Basic SAP knowledge was shared, focusing on the user interface, data entry and retrieval, and customization to suit business needs.

**With 165 attendees**, the session provided valuable insights into how mastering SAP can help individuals gain essential skills in enterprise software, from basic navigation to advanced data management and customization.

This session was a great opportunity for professionals looking to enhance their expertise in handling SAP and optimizing business processes.

## Guest Lecture on the Topic "Career Opportunities in Investment Banking" on 29th Jan 2025

On **29**<sup>th</sup> **Jan. 25**, a guest lecture on **Career Opportunities in Investment Banking** was conducted for the students of **SYBCOM** and **SYBFM**. Dr. Aarti Kulkarni from Global Business School and Research Center, Dr. D.Y. Patil Vidyapeeth (Deemed to be University), Tathawade, Pune delivered the session.

Dr. Kulkarni provided valuable insights into the **dynamic field of investment banking**, discussing the various **career pathways**, the **essential skills** required, and the **industry expectations**. Through this session, students gained a clearer understanding of the diverse opportunities available in the sector and learned how to effectively prepare for a successful career in investment banking.

72 students, who actively participated and engaged with the content, attended the session. It was a fantastic opportunity for students to explore the potential careers in investment banking and gain guidance from an industry expert.



During Session on Carrier opportunities in Investment Banking by Dr. Aarti Kulkarni



# **Conferences**

Indira College of Commerce and Science (ICCS) is set to host a National Conference on **25th January 2025**, bringing together **researchers**, **academicians**, **and students** to explore "Recent Trends in Computer Science and Applications" and "Recent Trends in Commerce, Management & Other Social Sciences." With **158 attendees**, the conference serves as a dynamic platform for exchanging knowledge, discussing emerging trends, and showcasing the latest advancements and innovations in these domains. The event will be graced by **Dr. Aditya Abhyankar**, Dean of the Information Technology Department at Savitribai Phule Pune University, as the Chief Guest.

ICCS publish selected papers in **Sameeksha**: Peer Reviewed, Double Blind, International Journal of Commerce, Economics & Management bearing ISSN and **Revelation**: Students' Conference Proceedings (Commerce) with ISBN. In addition to this **Anveshan**: Students' Conference Proceedings (IT) with ISBN.

Web Link: https://iccs.ac.in/conference



**Release of Student Conference Proceedings** 



**Paper Presentations by Faculty Members** 

# **Industrial Visit**

#### Mahabaleshwar Visit of FY BBA-HTM & FY BBA-IE on 7th Jan 2025

On 7th Jan 2025, 64 students in field trip, engaged in a series of hands-on activities, including:

- 1. Nature Walks: Exploring local ecosystems.
- 2. Honey Production: Learning the process of honey making.
- 3. Milk Purity Testing: Using a lactometer to test milk quality.
- 4. Water Purification Plant Visit: Observing glass bottle filling and sealing processes.
- 5. **Dina Hotel Visit**: Enjoying traditional Parsi dishes at the historic **120-year-old Dina Hotel**.

These experiences provided students with valuable practical knowledge and cultural insights.



At Gourish Resort - Mahableshwar



Honey Extraction Demo – Mahabaleshwar

#### Mahabaleshwar Visit of FY BBA-IB on 8th Jan 2025



At Gourish Resort- Students learning about Honey production

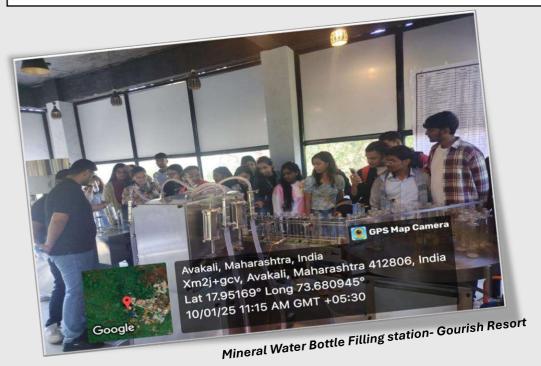


Learning about organic strawberry farming

On 8<sup>th</sup> Jan. 25, 90 students engaged in a hands-on learning experience focused on sustainability and environmental conservation. The day included scenic nature walks, where students connected with the outdoors, and explored local organic farming practices, including honey production and strawberry cultivation without harmful chemicals. They also discovered eco-friendly water purification methods that preserve natural nutrients. The event emphasized the importance of adopting sustainable living practices to protect the environment and promote conservation.

## Mahabaleshwar Visit of FY BBA (B Div) and FY BBA-IB (A & B Div) on 10th Jan 2025

On **10**<sup>th</sup> **Jan. 25**, **90 students** participated in a day focused on environmental awareness and sustainable practices. The event included scenic nature walks, learning about honey production, and testing milk purity with a lactometer. Students also visited a water purification plant and observed eco-friendly purification processes. The day ended with a cultural visit to the historic 120-year-old Dina Hotel, where they enjoyed traditional Parsi cuisine. This immersive experience helped students connect with nature and learn sustainable practices first hand.





At Gourish Resort - Mahabaleshwar

## Mahabaleshwar Visit of FY BCA (Sci.) on 20th Jan 2025



FY BCA (Sci.) Students at Mahabaleshwar

On **20**<sup>th</sup> **Jan. 25**, **92 FY BCA students** from Indira College of Commerce and Science participated in a Green Tour visit to Mahabaleshwar. The field trip provided hands-on learning about agricultural practices, particularly strawberry cultivation techniques. Students also gained insights into entrepreneurship, marketing, and product development through a visit to the Mapro outlet. Additionally, they explored a beekeeping farm, learning about the economic potential of beekeeping and the value-added products derived from honey and beeswax.

#### Mahabaleshwar Visit of FY BBA-CA on 21st Jan 2025

ICCS organized a Green Tour Visit to Mahabaleshwar for FY BBA-CA students on **21**<sup>st</sup> **Jan. 25**. A total of **91 students** participated in the educational trip, where they explored agricultural practices, beekeeping, and natural resource management.

The students learned about strawberry cultivation, entrepreneurship, and marketing strategies at Mapro, as well as the economic benefits of beekeeping, including honey and beeswax production. The tour also included a visit to a Natural Mineral Water Plant, where students gained insight into the production and supply of mineral water.

The visit aimed to provide practical knowledge on sustainable agricultural practices, entrepreneurship, and eco-friendly business operations.



Gourish Resort - Mahableahwar

#### Mahabaleshwar Visit of FY BBA-CA on 27th Jan 2025

On **27th Jan. 25**, **39 FY BBA-CA students** from ICCS embarked on a fascinating Green Tour to Mahabaleshwar. The visit provided valuable exposure to agricultural practices, entrepreneurship, and eco-friendly business operations.

The students had the opportunity to:

**Learn about Strawberry Cultivation**: They explored modern farming techniques for strawberry cultivation, gaining practical insights into agricultural practices.

**Visit Mapro Outlet**: Through interaction with staff, students observed operations at Mapro, gaining knowledge on entrepreneurship, marketing strategies, and customer engagement.

**Experience Beekeeping**: Students visited a beekeeping farm, where they learned about the economic potential of beekeeping and the production of honey and beeswax.

**Explore a Natural Mineral Water Plant**: The visit also included a tour of a Natural Mineral Water Plant, where students discovered the process of water production and its environmental significance.

The field visit was an enriching experience, helping students connect theoretical learning with real-world practices in agriculture, entrepreneurship, and sustainability.



Mineral Water Bottle Filling station- Gourish Resort

## Mahabaleshwar Visit of FY BCom on 28th Jan 2025

On **28**<sup>th</sup> **Jan. 25**, **51 students** participated in an enriching trip focused on environmental issues, conservation, and sustainable practices. The event included exploring scenic viewpoints, enjoying local delicacies, and hiking through nature trails. Students gained insights into agro-tourism and agro-marketing, learning about honey production, strawberry cultivation, and the challenges of agricultural practices. They also discovered how to test milk purity using a lactometer, further enhancing their understanding of food processes and quality control.



At Gourish Resort Students gathered for further Move



At Gourish Resort – Students learning Honey Extraction and strawberry farming process

## Mahabaleshwar Visit of FY BCom on 30th Jan 2025

On **30**<sup>th</sup> **Jan. 25**, **83 students** participated in a trip aimed at raising awareness about environmental issues, conservation, and sustainable practices. The visit included exploring scenic viewpoints, enjoying local delicacies, and hiking nature trails. Students learned about agro-tourism and agro-marketing, gaining insights into honey production, strawberry cultivation, and the challenges faced in agriculture. They also discovered how to identify milk purity using a lactometer, further enhancing their understanding of agricultural processes and quality control.



All together squeezing in the group pic



Student enjoying the ambience and scenic beauty and creating memories

# Social Outreach

NSS Camp: 21st to 27th Jan 2025



Waste collection in NSS Camp at village (Shelkewadi)

Indira College of Commerce and Science held its **National Service Scheme (NSS)** camp at Shelkewadi-Pimpaloli from **21**<sup>st</sup> **to 27**<sup>th</sup>**Jan 25**, with **50 students** participating in various initiatives. Since 2015-16, over 2,500 trees have been planted, earning Shelkewadi the title of a "Green Village." This year, students planted 200+ trees and learned about local agriculture.

A plastic collection drive was conducted in Shelkewadi, Gawarwadi, and Pimpaloli, with guidance from Mrs. Vineeta Date on plastic waste's environmental impact. Expert lectures and awareness campaigns on conservation were held, with support from Prof. Sumit Sasane and Prof. Avinash Shingte.

Dignitaries, including Dr. Tarita Shankar and Dr. Pandit Mali, praised the students' efforts and encouraged other colleges to follow suit. Special guidance was provided by Principal Dr. Janardan Pawar and former Sarpanch Shri Babaji Shelke.







Glimpses of NSS Camp



# Rooting for a greener future!

# Indira College students are turning Shelkewadi into a green village

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magine 50 students armed with shovels and saplings, descending on Shelkewadi from January 21 to 27. They weren't just planting trees; they were planting hope.

Students of Indira College in Tathawade have planted over 2,500 indigenous trees in Shelkewadi as part of a National Service Scheme (NSS) initiative. Thanks to the dedicated care of the villagers, Shelkewadi has now earned the moniker of 'Green Village.'

The college organised its annual Shelkewadi (Pimpaloli) NSS camp from January 21 to 27, where 50 enthusiastic students engaged in various community-driven activities, including cleanliness drives and tree plantations.

Since 2015-2016, the college has held the Shelkewadi NSS camp annually, planting and maintaining over 2,500



the plantation recently

trees. The villagers' proper care has transformed the entire Shelkewadi village into a green paradise.

This year, students planted more than 200 trees of various local species through a massive labor donation in areas with available water.

Students visited homes in Shelkewadi, Gawarwadi, and Pimpaloli, providing information on various trees and crops, and raising awareness about environmental conservation. Indira College, in collaboration with the Environmental Conservation Committee (ECA), a nongovernmental organisation, conducted a plastic collection drive in these areas.

ECA member Vineeta Date guided the students on the environmental impact of plastic waste and their role in mitigation.

The camp also featured a lecture series by experts such as Pravin More, Dr Chandrashekhar Pawar, Ganesh Ghadge, and Professor Amol Gaikwad.

During this camp, students raised awareness of environmental and water conservation by visiting households in Gawarwadi and Shelkewadi. Professor Sumit Sasane and Professor Avinash Shingte provided guidance to the students. Esteemed guests from various fields visited the camp and praised the students' efforts.

They also noted that other colleges should emulate Indira College's initiatives. Principal Dr Janardan Pawar provided special guidance to the students, and former sarpanch Babaji Shelake offered valuable support. Dr Tarita Shankar, chairperson of Indira Group, and CEO Dr Pandit Mali appreciated the various initiatives and efforts of the students.

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# Competition

Vachan Sankalp Maharashtracha and Result of Book Review Writing Competition: 1st Jan 2025 to 15th Jan 2025

From 1<sup>st</sup> to 15<sup>th</sup> Jan. 25, several enriching activities were organized for students. A **Book Review Competition** was held, with 56 reviews submitted, showcasing unique literary insights. After careful evaluation, the four best reviews were selected for their creativity and depth.

Library hours were designated for group reading sessions, promoting collaborative learning. Librarian Prof. Shilpa Pawar also delivered a session on how to write a book review.

On **National Youth Day**, January 13, 2025, the library celebrated Swami Vivekananda's legacy with a photo worship ceremony. Asst. Prof. Sanskruti Jodh then delivered an inspiring talk on Swami Vivekananda's teachings and their relevance to today's youth. Result of the Book Review Writing Competition:

Book Review Writing Competition Result				
Rank	Student Name	Medal		
1	Shrushti Vinayak Chinchwade (FYBSC-CS)	Gold		
2	Aditya Sanjay Dhembare (FYBSC-CS)	Silver		
3	Sejal Rahul Rukari (FYBSC-CS)	Runner up		
4	Janhvi Chandrashekhar Kadu (FYBBA-CA)	Runner up		



**During Vachan Sankalp Maharashtracha** 

# **Days Celebration**

## National Youth Day on 13th Jan 2025

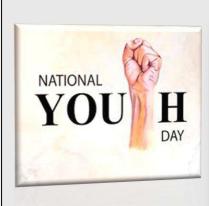
The ICCS Library celebrated Youth Day on 13<sup>rd</sup> Jan 25, with a meaningful event honoring the legacy of Swami Vivekananda. A total of 205 students attended the program, which began with a heartfelt photo worship ceremony to pay tribute to the great leader.

The highlight of the event was an inspiring talk by **Asst. Prof. Sanskruti Jodh**, who shared valuable insights into Swami Vivekananda's teachings and their ongoing relevance to today's youth. She also emphasized the importance of the **Chicago Conference thoughts**, urging attendees to remember and incorporate them in the modern era.

The session deeply resonated with the students, fostering a spirit of motivation and reflection, aligning with Swami Vivekananda's vision for empowered and thoughtful youth.



Celebration of Swami Vivekananda Jayanti"





**Prof. Sanskruti Jodh sharing valuable insights** 

## National Tourism Day Poster Exhibition on 25th Jan 2025

On **25**<sup>th</sup> **Jan. 25**, ICCS celebrated **National Tourism Day** with an engaging event at Dhruv Auditorium. The program featured distinguished speakers, including Mr. Nilesh Bhansali, President of the Travel Agents Association of Pune, who discussed sustainable tourism, and Mr. Srinivasa Rao, CEO of Telleme Digiinfotech, who highlighted the role of technology in revolutionizing tourism.

The event also featured cultural performances, including Indian folk dances, and a poster exhibition on 'India's Hidden Gems,' showcasing lesser-known destinations. A unique highlight was the immersive **Virtual Reality Tour** of popular tourist spots in India, powered by Telleme VR. Students also participated in the '**TRAVEL FOR LIFE**' Pledge, committing to responsible tourism.

The event successfully brought together students, faculty, and industry professionals for insightful discussions and cultural exploration, reinforcing the significance of tourism in India's development.





Taking the 'TRAVEL FOR LIFE' Pledge for sustainable tourism



Students presenting and explaining their projects during the event

# **Achievements**

#### "Students Achievements"

The **TECHLOGICA-2025 Intercollegiate Event** held at St. Mira College in Pune on **8**<sup>th</sup> **Jan 25** was a great success!

- Rushikesh Jagtap (S.Y. B.Sc. CS) won First Prize in the Electronics Project Competition.
- Pratik Shevkar and Abhijeet Sangewar (S.Y. B.Sc. CS) secured Second Prize in the Electronics Poster Competition.

A wonderful achievement for the students and a proud moment for college!



**During Prize Distribution** 



## 11th National Elocution Competition on 10th Jan 25

On 10<sup>th</sup> Jan. 25, the 11<sup>th</sup> National Elocution Competition was held at Bharathi Vidyapeeth, and it was an excellent platform for students to showcase their public speaking skills. Nirbhay Ganesh Shukla, a student from FY B.Sc. CS Div C, achieved remarkable success by securing 2<sup>nd</sup> Position in this prestigious competition. His achievement highlights his exceptional oratory and presentation skills, standing out among numerous participants at the national level. This accomplishment reflects not only his talent but also the importance of honing communication skills for personal and professional growth.





**Trophy and Certificate** 



"Staff Achievements"



**Dr. Dhanashree Kulkarni** was honored with the **Best Paper Presentation Award** at the **International Conference on Computational Methods, Data Science, and Networking (ICCMDN) 2025**. Her insightful research and exceptional presentation were recognized for their significant contribution to the field of management. Congratulations to Dr. Kulkarni for this remarkable achievement!



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