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Navigating the Pulse of  
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# MUMBAI EDUCATIONAL TRUST

Mumbai Educational Trust (MET) is a conglomerate of premier educational institutions, driven by a single-minded focus on imparting quality education, to make students sharp. Training is imparted round-the-clock, seven days a week. Projects and assignments are given utmost importance and students learn on the job. Application-oriented knowledge, garnered in the lecture halls, is applied to industry assignments. The faculty spares no effort to make the students razor sharp, to build a distinguished professional identity and establishing an environment that encourages students, to push the limits of their minds. All this, to help young professionals face the challenges of life and make their mark in the corporate world.



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# VISION & MISSION

## **Vision:**

To produce global management professionals & entrepreneurs embedded with strong value system & conscience who create wealth for the society at large

## **Mission:**

To impart value-based quality management education that nurtures global competencies, entrepreneurial acumen, and a strong commitment to social responsibility.

## **Mission statements:**

1. Empower aspiring management professionals with contemporary global management concepts, skills, and theories through experiential learning.
2. Develop leadership and entrepreneurial capabilities by fostering innovation, providing support systems to create sustainable and socially responsible businesses.
3. Nurture social responsibility and sustainability through value-based, community-focused, and environmentally conscious management education.

# DIRECTOR'S ADDRESS



**Dear Readers,**

It is with great pride that I present MET Times – Volume I, which encapsulates the academic vitality, institutional ethos, and collective commitment to excellence at the MET Institute of PGDM. This publication stands as a comprehensive reflection of our pedagogical approach, student engagement, and continuous efforts toward academic and professional distinction.

The academic journey of the PGDM Batch 2025–27, as highlighted in this edition, underscores our institution's focus on outcome-based education, experiential learning, and industry integration. Beginning with Aarohan, the induction programme, students were oriented toward leadership development, professional preparedness, ethical awareness, and personal growth—values that form the cornerstone of management education at MET.

At MET Institute of PGDM, we are committed to delivering a curriculum that is rigorous, relevant, and responsive to the evolving needs of industry and society. The wide range of academic enrichment initiatives, industry workshops, research conferences, hackathons, and conclaves featured in this newsletter demonstrate our emphasis on application-oriented learning, interdisciplinary thinking, and data-driven decision-making. These initiatives not only strengthen conceptual clarity but also foster analytical ability, innovation, collaboration, and managerial competence among our students.

Equally significant is our focus on holistic development and responsible leadership. Through cultural programme, social outreach initiatives, sustainability drives, and value-based activities, we aim to nurture socially conscious professionals who uphold integrity, inclusivity, and ethical responsibility. Such engagements align with our institutional mission of contributing positively to society while preparing graduates for leadership roles in a global business environment.

The achievements documented in this edition are a result of the synergistic efforts of our dedicated faculty, motivated students, supportive alumni, and valued industry partners. I sincerely acknowledge their contributions in strengthening MET Institute of PGDM as a centre of academic excellence and professional relevance. I also appreciate the editorial team for their meticulous efforts in curating this publication, which effectively captures the depth and diversity of campus life.

As we continue our journey of growth and quality enhancement, MET remains firmly committed to continuous improvement, academic governance, research excellence, and stakeholder engagement. We strive to benchmark our practices against global standards in management education while staying rooted in strong institutional values.

I am confident that MET Times will serve as a meaningful document for our stakeholders and a source of inspiration for the MET community as we collectively work towards shaping competent, ethical, and future-ready management professionals.

Warm regards,

**CA Dr. Das Shyamsundar**  
Director  
MET Institute of PGDM

# DEAN'S ADDRESS



**Dear Readers,**

It gives me immense pleasure to present the inaugural edition of our institute's newsletter MET TIMES, a significant milestone in the journey of our business school. This first-ever newsletter, conceptualized and brought to life by our students, stands as a testament to their creativity, initiative, and collaborative spirit.

MET TIMES captures the vibrant academic, co-curricular, and extracurricular activities of the B-school, reflecting the dynamic learning environment we strive to create. From classroom engagements and industry interactions to student clubs, competitions, social initiatives, and campus events, this publication offers a comprehensive glimpse into the many facets of life at our institute.

I commend the editorial team and contributors for their dedication and commitment in documenting our collective efforts and achievements.

I encourage all students to actively engage with this platform, share ideas, and contribute meaningfully to future editions. May this newsletter evolve into a powerful medium that strengthens our academic community and chronicles our continued growth and success.

Warm regards,

**Dr. Vaishali Kulkarni**  
Dean  
MET Institute of PGDM

# EDITORIAL COMMITTEE'S NOTE

**Dear Readers,**

Welcome to our MET Institute of PGDM Newsletter's inaugural edition, MET Times. A representation of our dynamic campus vitality, ideas, and changing spirit. Every page you turn reveals a tale moulded by enthusiasm, inquisitiveness, and the shared determination that elevates MET PGDM beyond an institution and unites us as a community.

We aimed to capture the essence of MET Institute of PGDM in this edition: the accomplishments of our students, the dedication of our faculty, the innovations influencing our classrooms, and the voices that characterise our culture. Every contribution, from thought-provoking essays to imaginative exhibits, is proof of the variety of skills and viewpoints that flourish in our community.

We extend our heartfelt gratitude to our Director, CA Dr. Das, Dean Dr. Vaishali Kulkarni, Editorial Faculty Coordinator Dr. Harshada Mulay, for their invaluable support and encouragement. We also thank all student contributors, faculty members, and peers for their continuous guidance and for sharing their insights so generously. Your participation has been instrumental in transforming this vision into reality.

We hope that as you turn the pages, you will come across pieces that encourage, test, and serve as a reminder of the amazing journey we are all on. Cheers to meaningful stories, transformative ideas, and the MET Institute of PGDM spirit that keeps us going.

Warm Regards,

**Editorial Committee**  
MET Institute of PGDM

**PGDM BATCH 2025-27**  
**TRIMESTER I & II**  
**MILESTONES**

# AAROHAN

The MET Institute of PGDM welcomed the PGDM Batch of 2025–2027 and began a new academic chapter with Arohan, The Induction programme.

The ceremony began with a traditional lamp-lighting ritual led by CA Dr. Das Shyamsundar, Director at MET PGDM, alongside distinguished guests, Mr. Hemant Kaul (CEO, Marangoni South Asia Pvt. Ltd.), Mr. Mayank Hindocha

(VP, Citi), and MET alumni Mr. Mithun Sagar (AVP, J.P. Morgan Chase & Co.) and Mr. Mohit Bafna (Private Equity Fund Accountant, ARES Management). CA Dr. Das Shyamsundar reaffirmed MET's dedication to developing professionals who are prepared for the future while addressing the new cohort with motivational remarks on leadership, growth, and industry readiness. Arohan 2025 was an inspiring beginning to the students' transformative journey, with wisdom lighting the way.

Arohan 2025 equips students with the tools needed to create a professional brand, encourage mindfulness when faced with competition. By doing so, Arohan organizes the development and learning process in ways that allow each student to gain clarity, confidence, and an eagerness to continue developing knowledge as part of the path to success.

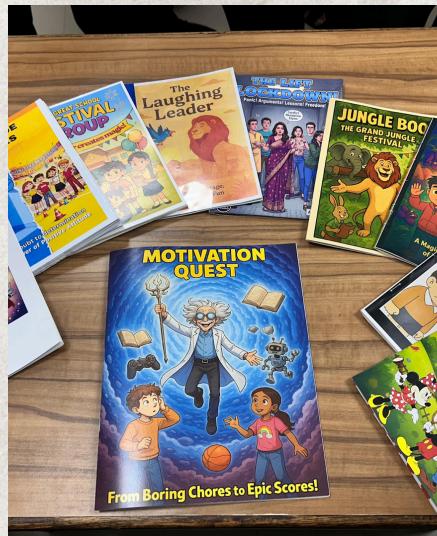


# ACADEMIC ENRICHMENT

## SMART INDIA HACKATHON

The MET Institute of PGDM hosted the MET Qualifiers for the Smart India Hackathon (SIH) on 15th September, 2025. As part of the national SIH initiative, the event aimed to engage students in solving real-world challenges through creativity and innovation.

The teams consisted of 6 members who were given problems and demonstrated their analytical and technical abilities while also taking advantage of qualification rounds as a means to reach the National level, as well as developing team abilities and encourage innovative and real-world solutions through collaboration. Qualifiers were a great opportunity for students to use their knowledge of practical problem-solving and apply this knowledge to developing practical, real-world solutions to problems.



## LESSONS IN PANELS

Learning at MET Institute of PGDM goes beyond textbooks. As a trimester-end project, Prof. Dr. Rashmi Nair assigned an experiential Organisational Behaviour activity where students creatively recreated theories as comic books. Instead of simply memorising concepts like leadership, teamwork, and conflict resolution, students expressed them through imaginative stories with unique characters and dialogues. They also gathered constructive feedback on their comics, making the exercise even more interactive and insightful. Through brainstorming, sketching, and collaboration, the activity became an enjoyable and highly engaging learning experience, perfectly reflecting MET's "Learn by Doing" philosophy.

## SCENT & SCIENCE: A CAVINKARE WORKSHOP

Cavinkare Pvt. Ltd. conducted an interactive workshop for MET students, effectively bridging classroom learning with practical exposure to Market Research and Consumer Insights. Over 200 women students enthusiastically participated in a live fragrance testing study, carefully evaluating samples on likability, freshness, and intensity, gaining firsthand experience in collecting, interpreting, and analyzing consumer data. The session combined interactive learning with real-time data interpretation, helping students understand how consumer insights play a crucial role in shaping brand positioning, product development, and marketing strategy in the FMCG and personal care sectors.



# ACADEMIC ENRICHMENT

## LABOUR LAWS DYNAMICS

On November 29, 2025, the MET Institute of PGDM held a distinguished guest lecture on employer relations and labour laws, which was facilitated by renowned specialist Dr. Neil Sequeira. The session provided a thorough examination of the key provisions of Indian labour law, the organisational responsibilities related to compliance frameworks, and the fundamental principles governing employer-employee dynamics. Dr. Sequeira also emphasised the new HR-legal issues that businesses must deal with in the quickly changing business landscape of today. His thorough insights greatly enhanced students' academic and professional learning experiences by giving them a clearer and more useful understanding of the legal aspects of people management.



## BITCOIN ACROSS INDIA

On 18th November 2025, MET hosted a session as part of The Bitcoin India Tour, a nationwide initiative by SwapSo, an IIT Bombay startup. Banking expert Mr. Amol Bole discussed Bitcoin, blockchain technology, real-world applications, and career opportunities in tech and research. Students participated in a hands-on demonstration of the SwapSo platform, gaining practical insights into decentralized finance. MCA and PGDM students actively engaged, making the session both informative and inspiring interest in the future of cryptocurrency. The session also highlighted emerging trends, regulatory aspects, and the impact of blockchain technology on financial systems, encouraging students to explore innovative solutions in the digital economy.

## ADYA: DRIVING DATA-DRIVEN DECISIONS

MET Institute of PGDM organised an insightful session on Adya, an innovative AI-powered platform focused on driving operational efficiency and delivering real-time, actionable insights. The session provided valuable exposure to Adya's intuitive interface, highlighting SAI Mode for seamless, user-friendly interaction and Developer Mode for advanced customisation and in-depth analytics. Participants gained a deeper understanding of how the platform's integration and intelligent design enable faster, more precise, data-driven decision-making, paving the way for meaningful business transformation. The session also encouraged interactive discussions, for attendees to explore practical applications of AI in modern business environments.



# NATIONAL HR CONCLAVE



The MET Institute of PGDM (India) in conjunction with HR Sampark - People hosted the National HR Conclave 2025, held on September 27, 2025. This event was attended by participants from across numerous large organisations, which made the event an excellent source of information as well as networking opportunities for many. Participants learned about how AI will

change the way organisations will manage their human resources, including the areas of writing resumes, recruiting and retaining employees. The presentations provided good ideas regarding how organisations can continue to use technology to improve how their people interact and work together, while maintaining integrity and authenticity to their original core values. The future will bring many new technologies to the workplace, but the success of today's organisations will rely

rely heavily on maintaining a human-centric workplace. Success today will depend on people's ability to adapt to changes and develop a resilient mindset. The National HR Conclave was successful in providing a very informative forum for those who participated and creating a better understanding of how to use technology to maintain an effective workplace.

# KNOWLEDGE BEYOND CLASSROOMS



## TRADE TRACK

MET Institute of PGDM strongly believes that experience is the best teacher. To give students real market exposure, Prof. Mezbin Khan organized a hands-on activity in the last week of July 2025, where students formed groups, set up stalls, and sold products to students and staff. Offering items from food to handmade crafts, students applied marketing strategies like combo offers and lucky draws, while learning the importance of pricing, promotion, and customer engagement. The activity provided practical business insights and fostered teamwork, creativity, and problem-solving skills. Students also experienced firsthand the challenges of managing inventory, handling customer queries, and making quick decisions, making the exercise a truly immersive learning experience that complemented classroom knowledge with real-world application.

## NATURE TRAILS

In July 2025, students of MET Institute of PGDM participated in a two-day Outbound Training programme at Nature Trails, Sajan (Vikramgad), organized by WooshBizz. The programme emphasized experiential learning, teamwork, and confidence building. Set amidst lush greenery, students engaged in activities like kayaking, treasure hunts, zip-lining, rope swings, and trekking, which enhanced cooperation, focus, and courage. A key highlight was paddy farming, offering hands-on learning and a meaningful connection with nature. Beyond adventure, the programme encouraged students to step out of their comfort zones, develop problem-solving skills, and build lasting bonds with their peers, making it an enriching and memorable experience that perfectly blended learning with fun.



## TALENT HUNT

Like every year, MET Institute of PGDM provided students a platform to showcase talents, boost confidence, and celebrate creativity through its annual Talent Hunt. Held on 5th August 2025, the event was graced by C.A. Dr. Shyamsundar Das, Director, and Dr. Vaishali Kulkarni, Professor and Dean, whose presence and encouragement added value. The event featured vibrant performances including dance, singing, poetry, and fashion walks, reflecting dedication and passion of students. The audience enthusiastically cheered each act, creating an energetic, supportive atmosphere. Such events give students opportunity to explore and express abilities while strengthening peer connections. Moments like these highlight MET Institute of PGDM's commitment to nurturing creativity alongside academics, ensuring holistic development for every student.



# CULTURAL FIESTA

## SHRI SATYANARAYAN PUJA CEREMONY

With the constant support of our faculty, the Cultural Committee of MET Institute of PGDM, organised a heartfelt Satyanarayana Puja on 7th August, 2025. The sacred rituals, performed with devotion and sincerity, brought together students, professors, directors, dignitaries, and well-wishers from across MET as everyone gathered to seek Lord Vishnu's blessings for peace, prosperity, and harmony.

More than 500 participants were present during the ceremony, filling the campus with a warm sense of unity and positivity. Beautiful rangoli designs, vibrant floral decorations, and the aroma of freshly prepared prasad created an atmosphere of celebration and togetherness that truly reflected MET's cultural spirit.



## HAR GHAR TIRANGA INITIATIVE

MET Institute of PGDM hosted a 'Har Ghar Tiranga' campaign, Rangoli competition on 14th

August, 2025, combining creativity, national pride, and responsibility.



## GRATITUDE TO GURUS

Teachers' Day at MET Institute of PGDM was a tribute to our mentors and educators who mentor us, motivate us, educate us, and are our guiding light through every step of the way, shaping our values, nurturing our potential, and inspiring us to strive for excellence.



## NAVARATRI UTSAV

Students, faculty and staff came in very brightly coloured attire that added a great deal of energy to the Garba Night 2025, which was celebrated on 23rd September 2025 by the MET Institute of Post Graduate Diploma in Management (PGDM).



## SECRET SANTA

On the 24th of December, the students and faculty of MET Institute of PGDM celebrated Secret Santa with great enthusiasm on the occasion of Christmas Eve, spreading joy, warmth, and festive cheer across the campus. The celebration was marked by cheerful interactions, thoughtful gift exchanges, and moments of laughter that strengthened the spirit of togetherness and camaraderie, making the occasion a memorable one for everyone present. The event beautifully reflected the values of sharing, gratitude, and unity, creating lasting memories and fostering a joyful bond among the MET PGDM family.



# RESPONSIBLE LEADERSHIP



## POST-GANESH CHATURTHI BEACH RESTORATION DRIVE

On 7th September 2025, following the Ganesh Chaturthi celebrations, MET Institute of PGDM students along with faculty members, came together for a Beach Clean Up Drive at Juhu Beach, arriving early in the morning at 7 am to start their day by contributing towards a cleaner environment. Both 1st year and 2nd year students volunteered to help restore the beach's cleanliness. Equipped with gloves, bags, and a sense of environmental responsibility, they collected debris and idols left behind post Ganesh Visarjan day. The initiative not only focused on cleaning the beach but also on spreading awareness about sustainability and collective action. This effort reflected MET's dedication to building a cleaner, greener tomorrow.

## DIWALI WITH JEEVANDHARA NGO

On 14th October 2025, Mumbai Educational Trust (MET) hosted underprivileged children from Jeevandhara NGO for a special Diwali celebration, commemorating the birthday of Hon. Shri Chhagan Bhujbal Sir, Founder Chairman, MET.

Organised by the Cultural Committee and CSR Club of MET Institute of PGDM, the event featured games, creative activities, and performances, filling the campus with festive joy. Mr. Pankaj Bhujbal, Hon. Trustee, MET, and Mrs. Vishaka Bhujbal, Senior Management Representative, MET, graced the occasion.

Faculty members and PGDM students distributed school bags, study kits, and gifts, making the celebration a meaningful reflection of Diwali's spirit of sharing happiness and light.



## NASHA MUKT CAMPAIGN

The Cultural Committee of MET Institute of PGDM organized a Skit Competition under the Nasha Mukt Bharat Abhiyaan (NMBA), where students delivered impactful performances highlighting the harmful effects of substance abuse. Through powerful storytelling and meaningful enactments, the participants emphasized the importance of self-discipline, family support, and making responsible life choices.

The performances conveyed a strong social message — "Say No to Drugs, Yes to Life" — leaving a lasting impression on the audience. Such initiatives reflect MET's commitment to nurturing socially responsible individuals and contributing towards a drug-free, healthy, and progressive India.

# INTERNATIONAL RESEARCH CONFERENCE

The MET Institute of PGDM had successfully organised the International Research Conference on Sustainable Development and Inclusive Growth on 22nd November 2025, bringing together eminent industry leaders, academicians, researchers, and students for a day of enriching academic exchange. The conference commenced with a ceremonial lamp

lighting and Saraswati Vandana, followed by the felicitation of distinguished dignitaries by CA Dr. Das Shyamsundar, Director of the MET Institute of PGDM.

A major highlight of the conference was the panel discussion on "Diversity and Inclusion: Rethinking Business Strategies," where senior leaders from industry and academia shared valuable perspectives on inclusive leadership, organisational culture, and future-ready business practices. The event also featured research paper presentations by faculty

members, researchers, and PGDM students, which were evaluated by an esteemed academic and industry jury. The conference concluded with a prize distribution ceremony and a valedictory address by Dr. Hema Diwan, IIM Mumbai, reaffirming the MET Institute of PGDM's commitment to research excellence, global collaboration, and sustainable growth.



# MET INSTITUTE OF PGDM ACHIEVEMENTS



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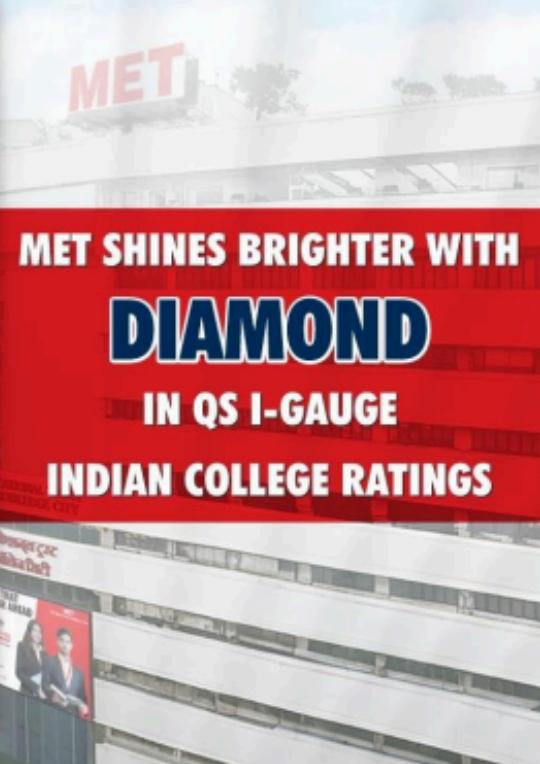
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