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GameThon 2026: A Showcase of Talent and Innovation

Fostering innovation in game development among emerging talent.

GameThon, held at Nagarjuna college of engineering and technology on 6th and 7th May, brought together talented students and aspiring game developers to showcase their creativity, technical skills, and innovation in game design and development. The event featured exciting competitions, project presentations and interactive sessions that encouraged collaboration and learning.

Prof. Varun Ch participated as a judge, evaluating the projects and providing valuable feedback to the participants, contributing to the success of the event and inspiring the next generation of game creators.

National Case Conference 2026

Picture Case Study: 3rd Prize

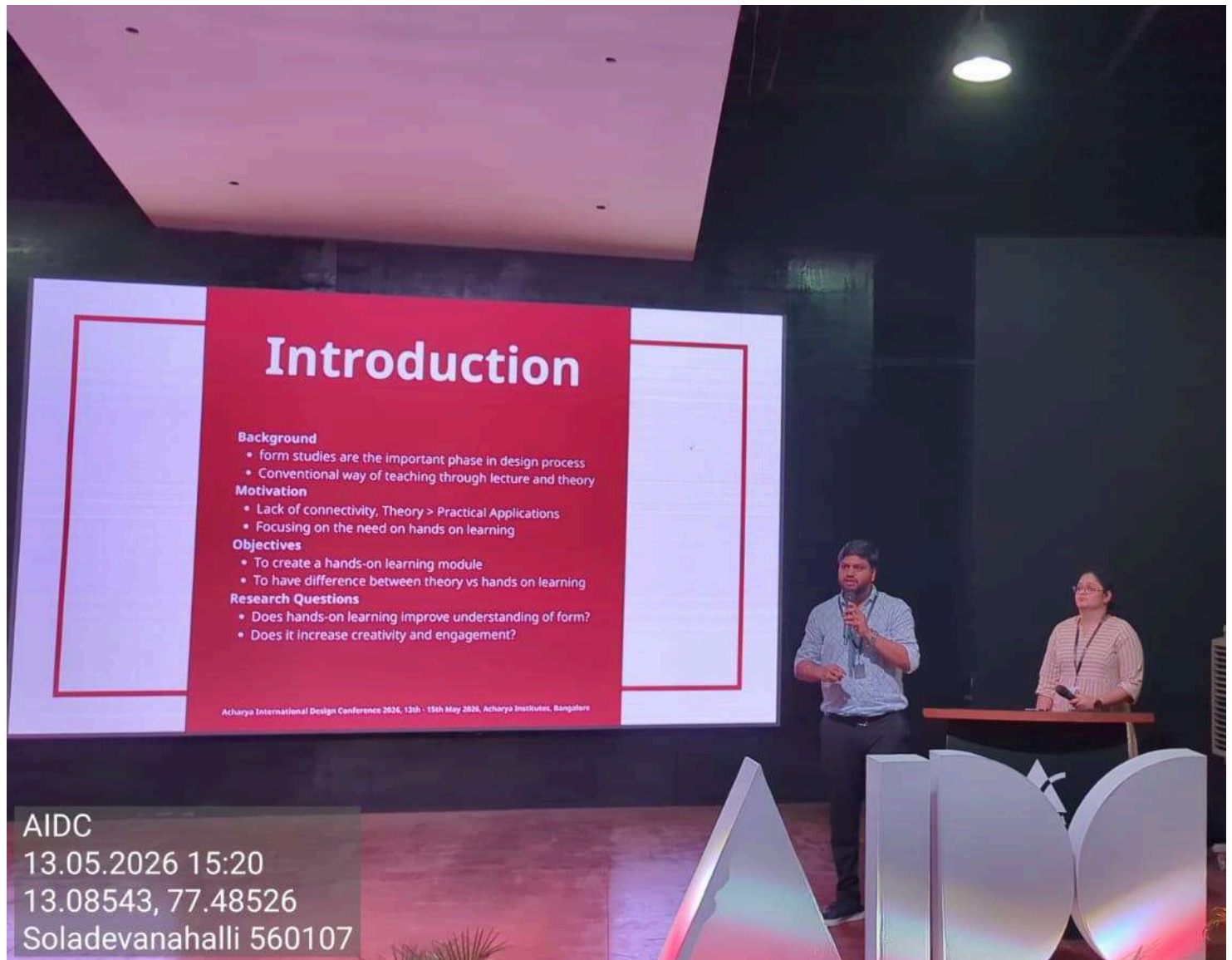


Prof. Vivek Wallabhdas was awarded the Third Prize in the Picture/Video Case Study competition at the National Case Conference held on 8–9 May 2026 at the School of Commerce and Management Studies (SCMS – PG), Dayananda Sagar University. This accomplishment showcases his creativity, analytical skills and ability to present complex ideas through engaging visual narratives.

The recognition underscores his commitment to academic excellence, innovation and effective communication. Such achievements contribute to strengthening the culture of experiential learning, interdisciplinary collaboration and knowledge dissemination within the university community while inspiring students to pursue creative and research-oriented endeavors.

Acharya International Design Conference 2026

Exploring Sustainability and Innovation Through Design

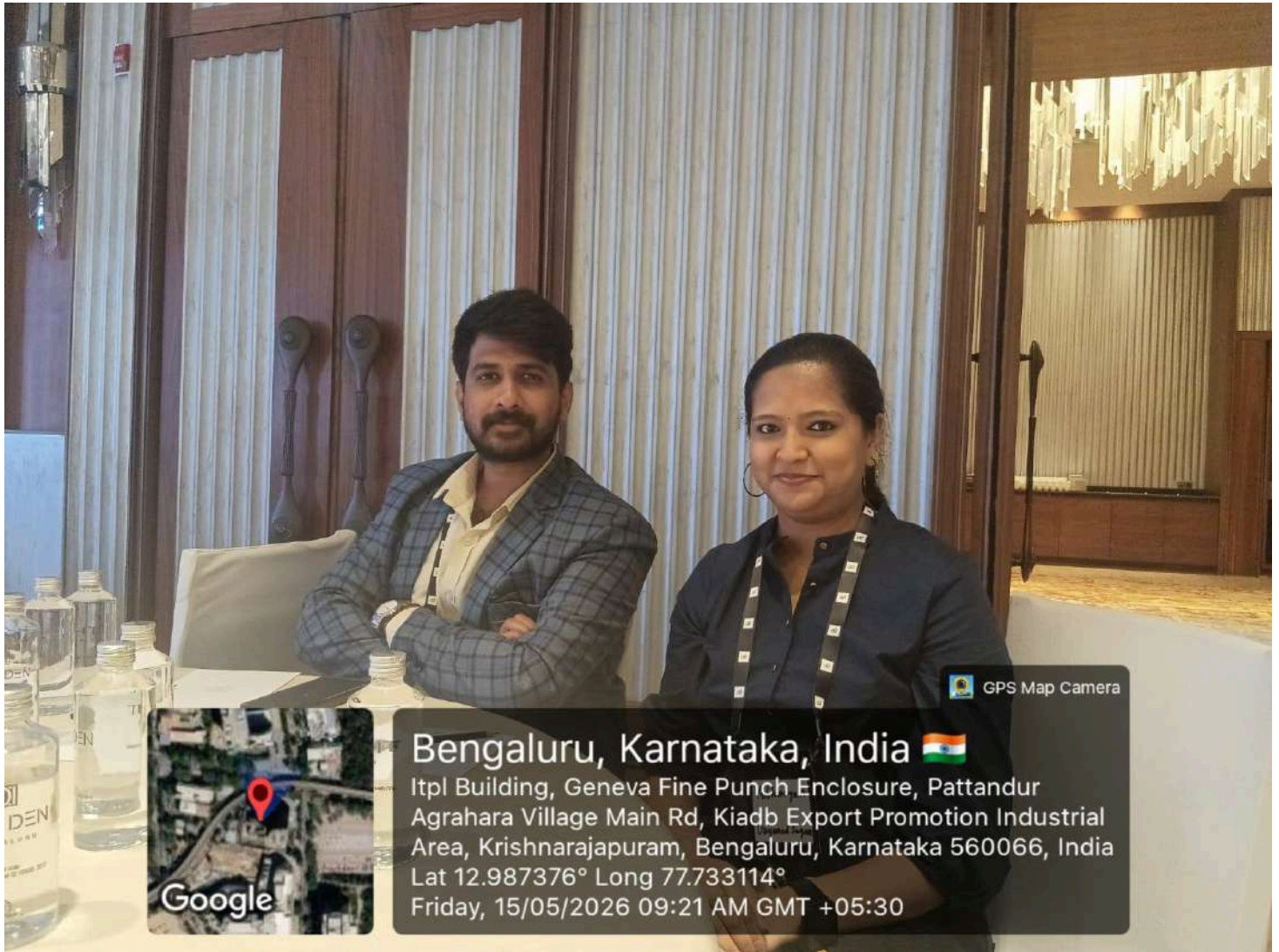


Prof. Suraj BS and Prof. Harshitha V, from SDDT, presented two research papers on selected topics, contributing to scholarly discussions and knowledge exchange at the Acharya International Design Conference (AIDC) on 13th May 2026.

Acharya International Design Conference (AIDC) 2026 brought together researchers, practitioners and students from diverse design disciplines, including Animation and Game Art, Fashion and Apparel Design, Graphic and Communication Design, Interior and Spatial Design and Product Design. Conducted in hybrid mode, the conference explored design's role in sustainability, culture and innovation.

Faculty Participation at o9 Involve 2026

Gaining Insights, Building Connections and Embracing Innovation



Prof. Varun Ch and Ms. Abhinaya A Iyer, attended the o9 Involve Conference on 15th May 2026. The conference brought together industry leaders, researchers, academicians and students to explore emerging trends in artificial intelligence, decision sciences and enterprise innovation.

Centered on the theme “The Autonomous Enterprise: Strategies for a Connected Agentic World,” the conference fostered insightful discussions on AI-driven transformation and future-ready business models. Professors Varun and Abhinaya attended the conference and had an enriching experience, gaining valuable insights while engaging with experts and professionals from diverse fields.

Faculty Engagement at the Admissions Outreach Event

Guiding Students and Parents Through Creative Careers and Future Prospects



Prof. Swapnil T.G actively participated in the College Dunia Education Fair held at Palace Grounds, Bengaluru. Faculty members engaged with prospective students and parents, providing detailed information about the school's academic programs, creative learning opportunities, and industry-oriented curriculum. The event served as an excellent platform to highlight career prospects in design, emerging industry trends, and the growing relevance of design education in today's dynamic professional landscape.

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Prof. Harshitha V actively participated in the College Dunia Education Fair held at Palace Grounds, Bengaluru, representing the institution and engaging with a diverse audience of prospective students, parents, and academic aspirants. During the event, faculty members provided comprehensive insights into the school's academic offerings, innovative learning methodologies, and industry-oriented curriculum designed to prepare students for evolving professional demands. The fair served as an effective platform to showcase the institution's commitment to excellence in design education, while also highlighting emerging career opportunities, contemporary industry trends, and the increasing significance of design thinking and creativity in today's rapidly changing global landscape.

Certification in AI for Human Resource Management

Advancing Interdisciplinary Expertise through NPTEL–IIT Guwahati SWAYAM Initiative



Elite

NPTEL ONLINE CERTIFICATION

(Funded by the MoE, Govt. of India)



This certificate is awarded to

RASHMI KULKARNI

for successfully completing the course



AI in Human Resource Management

with a consolidated score of **64** %

Online Assignments	25/25	Proctored Exam	39/75
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Total number of candidates certified in this course: **6423**

Jan-Apr 2026
(12 week course)

Dr. Salil Kashyap
Coordinator, Centre for Educational Technology,
IIT Guwahati



Indian Institute of Technology Guwahati



Roll No: NPTEL26MG19S1650206512

To verify the certificate



No. of credits recommended: 4

Ms. Rashmi Kulkarni, from SDDT, successfully completed the NPTEL Online Certification course titled “AI in Human Resource Management,” offered by IIT Guwahati under the SWAYAM platform. The 12-week programme, supported by the Ministry of Education, Government of India, focused on integrating artificial intelligence with human resource practices. She achieved a consolidated score of 64%, demonstrating consistent engagement through assignments and proctored examinations.

This certification reflects her commitment to continuous learning and professional growth, while enhancing interdisciplinary understanding of AI applications in HRM, contributing to the evolving landscape of technology-driven management education and industry-relevant skill development.

NPTEL–AICTE Faculty Development Programme

Strengthening Skills in Design Practices for Intelligent Product Design



NPTEL-AICTE Faculty Development Programme

(Funded by the MoE, Govt. of India)



This certificate is awarded to

HARSHITHA V

for successfully completing the course

Design Practices for Intelligent Product Design

with a consolidated score of **83 %**

Prof. Andrew Thangaraj
NPTEL Coordinator
IIT Madras



(Feb-Apr 2026)

Roll No: NPTEL26DE11S650203380

Duration of NPTEL course : 8 Weeks

The candidate has studied the above course through MOOCs mode, has submitted online assignments and passed proctored exams. This certificate is therefore acceptable for promotions under CAS as per AICTE notifications dated 16th Nov, 2023, similar to other refresher / orientation courses.
F.No. AICTE / RIFD / FDP through MOOCs / 2023

The NPTEL–AICTE Faculty Development Programme certificate was awarded to Prof. Harshitha V for successfully completing the 8-week online course titled “Design Practices for Intelligent Product Design,” coordinated by IIT Madras. She secured a consolidated score of 83%.

The programme, funded by the Ministry of Education, Government of India, was conducted through the SWAYAM MOOC platform and involved structured learning, assignments and examinations. This achievement reflects her dedication to continuous professional development and her commitment to enhancing teaching and learning practices in design education, while staying aligned with emerging industry and academic advancements in intelligent product design methodologies.

Faculty Development Program Participation

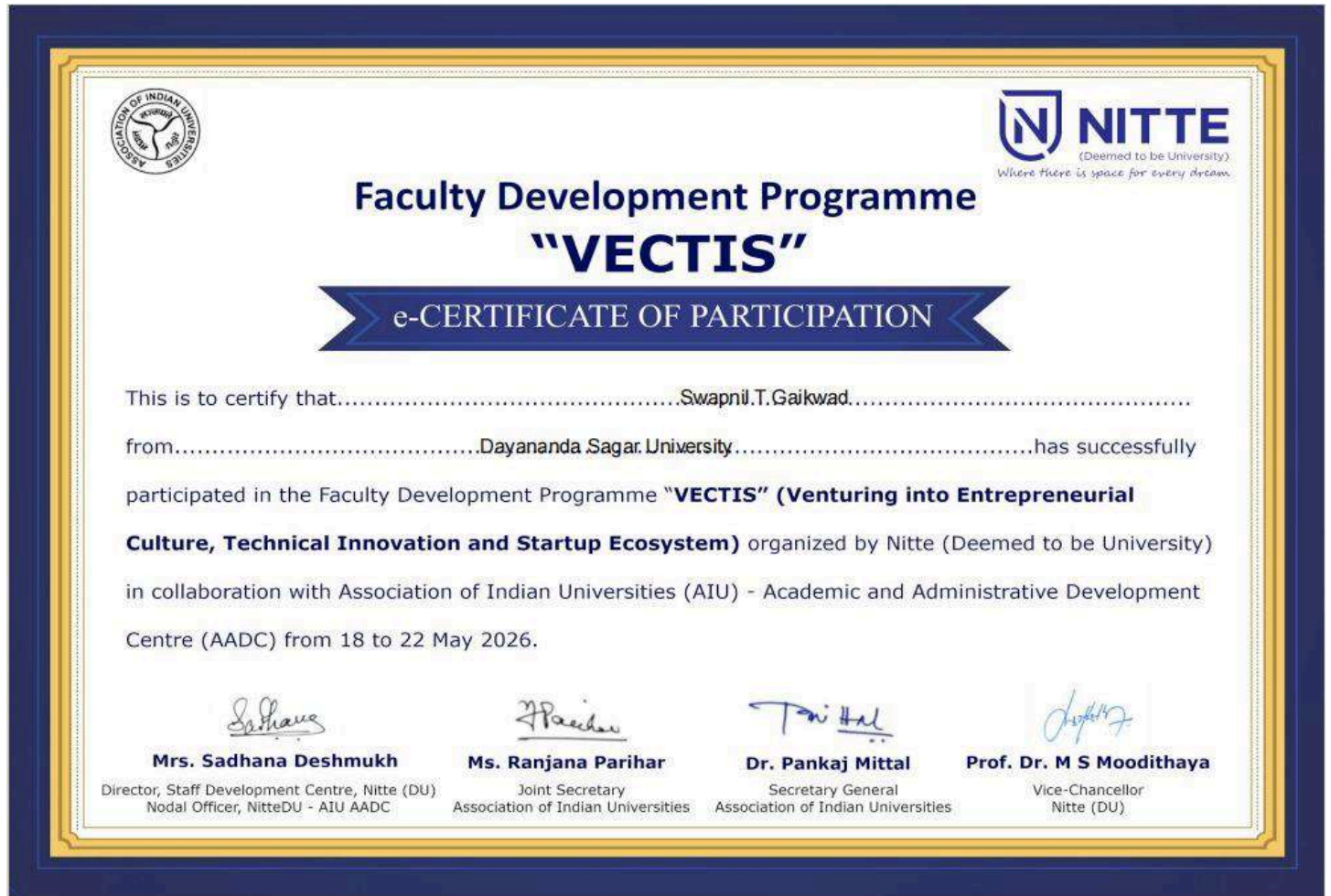
Embracing Future-Ready Teaching Practices for Academic Excellence



Prof. Varun Ch and Prof. Komala D S, from SDDT, successfully completed the Faculty Development Program on Future-Ready Teaching Practices held from 6th to 8th May 2026. The program focused on innovative pedagogical approaches, digital integration and learner-centric strategies aimed at enhancing academic delivery. Their participation reflects commitment to continuous professional growth and excellence in teaching.

Faculty Development Program Participation

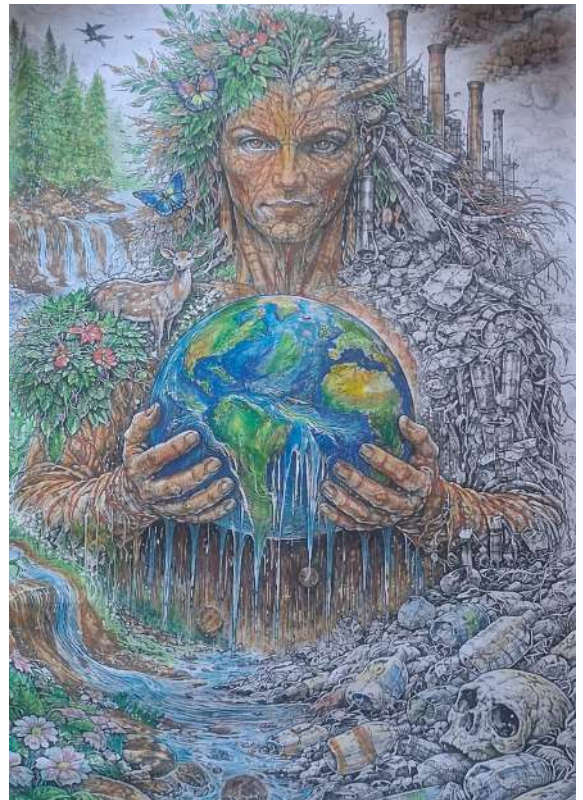
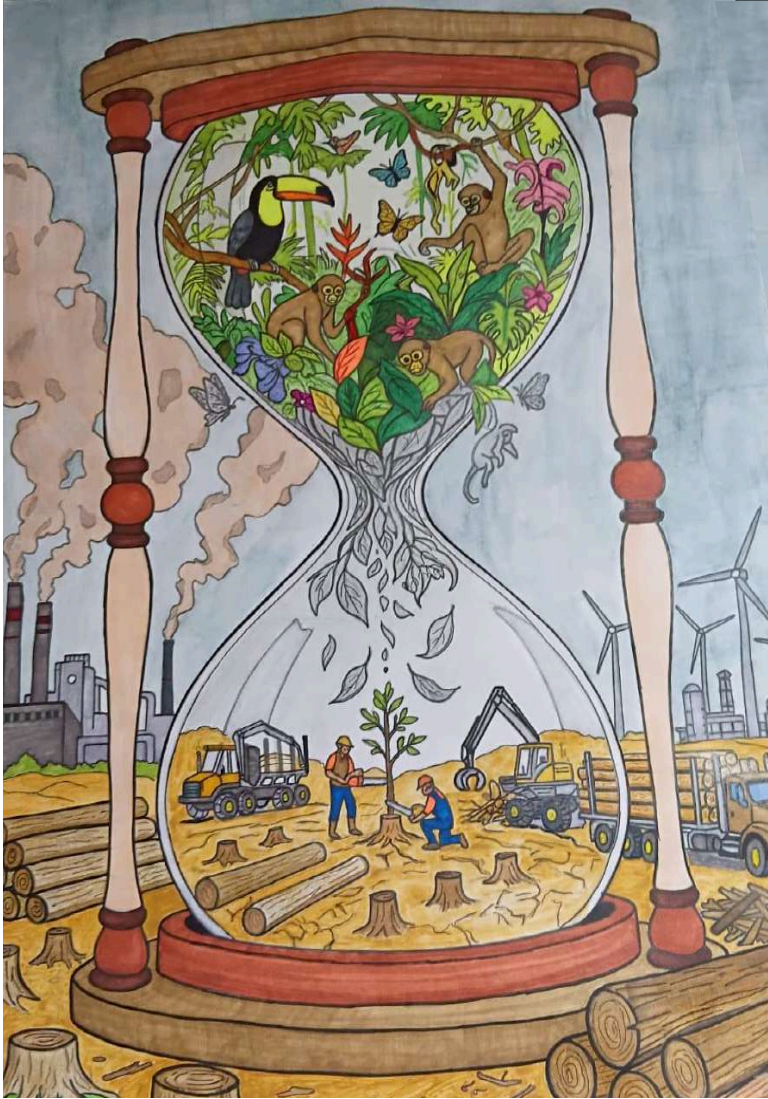
Faculty Engagement in the "VECTIS" Faculty Development Programme



Prof. Swapnil T. Gaikwad successfully participated in the Faculty Development Programme (FDP) "VECTIS – Venturing into Entrepreneurial Culture, Technical Innovation and Startup Ecosystem", organized by Nitte (Deemed to be University) in collaboration with the Association of Indian Universities (AIU). Conducted from 18–22 May 2026, the programme provided valuable insights into entrepreneurship, innovation, startup development and industry–academia collaboration, strengthening participants' ability to foster an entrepreneurial mindset and innovation–driven learning environment.

Students Work

Paint, Purpose, Perspective





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