Team Invictus from Y. B. Patil Polytechnic Shines at National Entrepreneurship Challenge 2024

Akurdi, Maharashtra – Students from Dr. D. Y. Patil Pratishthan's Y. B. PATIL POLYTECHNIC, Akurdi, have brought laurels to the institution by securing an impressive 18th All-India Rank at the National Entrepreneurship Challenge 2024 (NEC), hosted by the prestigious E-Cell of IIT Bombay.

NEC is a renowned platform that fosters entrepreneurship by helping colleges establish actively functioning E-Cells. The six-month-long competition challenged over **700 colleges across India** to complete tasks critical for developing a vibrant entrepreneurial ecosystem. Remarkably, **Y. B. Patil Polytechnic** was the **only polytechnic institution** to participate in this national-level event.

Formation of Team Invictus

Guided by Mr. Rahul Naval Baviskar (Lecturer, Mechanical Engineering), students from the Mechanical Engineering Diploma and Computer Engineering Diploma programs formed Team Invictus. Over the competition's six months, the team showcased exceptional dedication, hosting events like Shark Tank YBPP, Illuminate Workshop, Quiz Competitions, and Debate Competitions under IIT Bombay's mentorship.

A Journey of Excellence

After successfully completing all assigned tasks, Team Invictus emerged in the **top 18 teams nationwide**, qualifying for the **Final Round**, held on IIT Bombay's campus.

The **three-day finale** was a grueling series of challenges, including:

- Group Discussions
- Business Presentations
- Business Report Making
- Debate Competitions

Despite their young age group of 16–18 years, the students competed fiercely against top engineering colleges across India. Advancing to the semifinals, their remarkable performance earned **standing applause from the judges and IIT Bombay officials** for their innovative ideas and outstanding execution. Although narrowly missing the championship, their journey to the national level remains a commendable achievement.

Meet the Team

The dedicated members of Team Invictus included: Vedant Sonar, Vasudev Kamble, Shrutika Mahandule, Durafsha Momin, Reva Dhas, Gunjan Kapare, Shreya Bhanja, Aaditi Gawari, Fiza Vathare, Yash Tidke, Kartik Rawat, Hardik Gawade, Vaibhav Hebale, Abhijeet Kusmude, Prajwal Gaikwad, Sanket Lambrud, and Yash Kangane.

Faculty Support and Mentorship

The team's success was bolstered by strong support from the faculty:

- **Dr. Sapna Thakur Raje** (Lecturer, Science and Humanities) Played a vital role in enhancing students' personality development, presentation skills, and debate preparation.
- **Mr. Rahul Naval Baviskar** Not only guided the team through NEC 2024 but also serves as a mentor for **E-Summit 2025**, organized by IIT Bombay.
- **Mr. Nandkumar Swami** (HOD, Mechanical Engineering) and **Mrs. Pooja Ahuja** (HOD, Computer Engineering) Provided key insights and guidance.
- **Dr. Arvind S. Kondekar** (Principal) Inspired students with his continuous motivation and encouragement.

Institutional Appreciation

The management extended their heartfelt appreciation, with special thanks to **Rear Admiral Amit Vikram (Retd.)**, Campus Director, and trustees **Hon. Mr. Satej Patil** and **Hon. Mr. Tejas Patil**, for their constant support and encouragement of students and faculty.







TASKS

Preliminary Ignite Propel Venture Quest Bonus Comprehensive

Eureka! Pitching Competition Deadline: 5/10/24

Status: Checked
Points: 180/200
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Illuminate Workshop Organization

Deadline: 21/12/24
Status: Checked
Points: 400/400
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LEADERBOARD

Rank	NEC ID	Team Name	Points
1	NEC240139	E-Cell KITCOEK	2220
2	NEC240060	INNOVATORS	2210
2	NEC240178	E-Cell RIT	2210
3	NEC240099	Ecell MET	2195
4	NEC240098	Aura	2190
5	NEC244758	E-Cell S.P.I.T.	2185
6	NEC243197	E-cell JEC	2140
7	NEC240860	Pinnacle	2115
8	NEC240726	SAC	2103
9	NEC240101	E-Cell Ignite	2100
10	NEC240890	Ecell_Vivek College of Commerce (Autonomous)	2075
10	NEC243770	Udyam E-Cell	2075

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