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## Campus of Celebrations

During the vibrant 'celebration week' at IAR University, students showcased their enthusiasm and unity through a series of themed events. From the display of colorful ethnic attire on Traditional Day to imaginative portrayals on Character Day, and from heartfelt expressions on Signature Day to collective harmony on Group Day, the campus was abuzz with spirit, creativity, and camaraderie.





# MESSAGE FROM THE DIRECTOR

Dear IARians,

Every institution, at some point in its journey, arrives at a moment that defines its future. For the Institute of Advanced Research, that moment is now. We are not merely evolving—we are transforming. With bold decisions, pioneering programs, and a renewed clarity of purpose, we are positioning ourselves as a university that does not follow change, but leads it.

From introduction of new programs across disciplines that have the potential to change the academic landscape in Gandhinagar, to expanding our research into critical areas like cancer, plasma science, cybersecurity, AI, and logistics, and laying the foundation for multiple Centres of Excellence and the IAR Incubation Centre; these initiatives reflect our commitment to academic depth, innovation, and skill development. The pages of IARian Times capture this moment of transformation—proof that this was not any ordinary academic year, but one charged with new energy, fresh momentum, and an unmistakable sense of purpose.

This transformation is a shared achievement and I thank each one of you for being part of it. Each of us now carries the opportunity to shape the future—for our students, our university, and the society we serve. This is our time. This is IAR's moment. Together, we are shaping a university—and a future—we can be proud of.

With pride and determination,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "PC Vyas". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the "V" being particularly large and stylized.

Brig PC Vyas  
Director and Pro-VC, IAR University





As a researcher of literature and someone deeply invested in the craft of historical documentation, I have long believed that institutions, like individuals, have defining moments—periods of transformation that shape their legacy. IARian Times seeks to capture such moments in the life of the Institute of Advanced Research.

The process of curating this magazine has been far more than an editorial exercise. It has been an unfolding of the university’s spirit. With every story, initiative, and news, I have found myself more deeply connected to this university. The more one engages with IAR, the more one falls in love with its mission, its people, and its promise.

I am deeply thankful for the visionary leadership guiding this transformation. It is rare to witness individuals who devote themselves so completely to the upliftment of an institution. To have a Director who works tirelessly, not for applause, but for purpose, is both humbling and inspiring. It is a privilege to witness his silent labour behind the progress.

I sincerely thank the Registrar, Executive Registrar (Finance, Infra & Legal), Dean (Academics), and Dean (Research and Innovation) for their consistent support. I am equally grateful to Dr. Ravindra and Ms. Divya for their collaboration. A special thanks to the students, whose affection for the IARian Times and unwavering commitment have made them a strong pillar of this magazine and the spirit it represents.

This edition of IARian Times stands as a quiet witness to a defining chapter in the university’s journey—a moment when IAR is not just growing, but making history. To contribute to this chronicle is both a privilege and a responsibility. In years to come, may these pages speak of a time when vision, purpose, and collective shaped the IAR that we are proudly building today.

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## CELEBRATION OF REPUBLIC DAY

# INSTITUTE OF ADVANCED RESEARCH *The University for Innovation*



IAR celebrated the 75th Republic Day on 26th January 2025 with patriotic fervor and enthusiasm. The event began with the national flag hoisting, followed by an inspiring address by Director and Pro-Vice Chancellor Brig. P.C. Vyas, who emphasized the significance of the Constitution, the sacrifices of our freedom fighters, and the role of every citizen in preserving democracy. Thereafter Dean (R&I) delivered a powerful speech, highlighting the importance of innovation and progress in nation-building. The presence of NCC cadets added grandeur to the celebration as they showcased their discipline with an impressive march-past. The event also featured cultural performances, including patriotic songs, dance performances, and a skit depicting India's journey towards independence. Lastly Registrar IAR Dr. Manish Parmar delivered a heartfelt vote of thanks, acknowledging the efforts of the organizers and participants. The event, hosted by Dr. Pooja Rao, concluded with a sense of pride and unity as students mesmerized the audience with their performances, leaving everyone inspired.





# CONVOCATION DAY



**Guest of Honour**  
**Shri Prafulbhai Pansheriya**  
Hon'ble Minister of State - Parliamentary Affairs, Primary, Secondary and Higher Education, Higher Education, Government of Gujarat

**Chief Guest**  
**Shri Acharya Devvrat**  
Hon'ble Governor of Gujarat

**President IAR**  
**Professor Nathu Ram Puri**  
Institute of Advanced Research, Gandhinagar

The Institute of Advanced Research (IAR) held its 8th Convocation Ceremony in December 2024, marking a momentous occasion for the graduating batch. The event was graced by the Hon'ble Governor of Gujarat, Acharya Devvrat, who served as the Chief Guest of the event, adding great prestige to the ceremony.

The convocation witnessed the presence of esteemed dignitaries, faculty members, proud parents, and graduating students, all contributing to an atmosphere of pride, accomplishment, and celebration. The ceremony commenced with the traditional academic procession, symbolizing the university's commitment to academic excellence and tradition.



In his keynote speech, the Hon'ble Governor inspired students to embrace life's challenges and pursue continuous learning, drawing from his rich Vedic knowledge. In his address, the Vice-Chancellor highlighted IAR's growth, achievements, and commitment to fostering innovation and research. Degrees were formally conferred upon graduates across diverse disciplines, acknowledging their dedication and perseverance. Outstanding performers were honoured with gold medals and special awards for academic and research excellence.

The ceremony concluded with the national anthem, evoking a sense of pride and fulfillment among attendees. Serving as Masters of Ceremony, Dr. Dhara and Dr. Somanand conducted the proceedings with elegance. The 8th Convocation not only celebrated academic excellence but also reaffirmed IAR's vision of nurturing future leaders and innovators.





## FOUNDATION DAY CELEBRATION



IAR celebrated its 12th Foundation Day on October 15, 2024, with great enthusiasm. Hon'ble Minister Shri Harsh Sanghavi, Home Minister (state) and MoS for Industries, Transport, Youth, and Sports; attended as the Chief Guest, along with faculty, students, and dignitaries. The event began with a lamp-lighting ceremony, followed by an address from Director and Pro-Vice Chancellor, Brig. P.C. Vyas, highlighting IAR's commitment to excellence. Shri Sanghavi spoke on cybersecurity and digital advancements, inspiring students to contribute to national progress.

A lecture by Prof. R.G. Kothari, former Vice-Chancellor of Veer Narmad South Gujarat University, added academic insight to the occasion. A felicitation ceremony honored outstanding faculty, staff, and students for achievements in academics, research, and extracurriculars. Cultural performances made the event vibrant and memorable. Furthermore, the launch of IAR University's magazine by Prof. Kothari marked another historic moment.



A lecture by Prof. R.G. Kothari, former VC , VNSGU



Hon'ble Minister Shri Harsh Sanghavi inaugurated the Cyber Lab

The celebration concluded with a vote of thanks by Registrar IAR Dr. Manish Parmar, acknowledging the efforts of organizers, participants, and support staff. He emphasized the role of such events in strengthening institutional bonds and inspiring future endeavors. As the festivities ended, there was a renewed sense of pride among attendees, reflecting IAR's journey and its vision for fostering education, research, and innovation.



Inauguration of IARian Times on Foundation Day

## CONFERENCES AT IAR



The Institute of Advanced Research (IAR), Gandhinagar, successfully hosted a two-day National Conference on Cancer Biology from February 28 to March 1, 2025. The conference served as a platform for distinguished researchers, oncologists, healthcare professionals, and students to discuss the latest advancements in cancer research and treatment. The event commenced with an inaugural session featuring keynote addresses by eminent scientists, highlighting groundbreaking discoveries in cancer biology. Special emphasis was placed on innovative diagnostic techniques, emerging treatment strategies, and personalized medicine. The forum provided attendees with insights into the genetic and molecular mechanisms driving cancer progression and explored how targeted therapies are shaping the future of oncology.



Discussions covered immunotherapies, precision medicine, and advancements in radiotherapy and chemotherapy. Researchers presented studies on AI in cancer detection and novel drug delivery systems. Poster presentations and workshops provided young researchers a platform to showcase their work and collaborate with experts. The conference concluded with a ceremony recognizing outstanding research contributions. It successfully promoted knowledge exchange and interdisciplinary collaboration, reinforcing IAR's commitment to advancing cancer research and inspiring further breakthroughs in treatment and patient care.



# IAR'S EXPANDING RECOGNITION

IAR University was honoured with the prestigious "Emerging Gujarat" award by the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Gujarat, Shri Bhupendrabhai Patel, on December 9, 2024. This recognition highlights the university's rapid growth, innovation, and commitment to academic excellence in the state.



Emerging Gujarat - 2024

Further strengthening its academic reputation, IAR University earned a 4-Star Rating in the Gujarat State Institutional Rating Framework (GSIRF), an initiative by the Knowledge Consortium of Gujarat (KCG) in collaboration with ICARE. Notably, the university also ranked among the top five institutions in Gujarat in the Research Area category.

Rank	University Name	Overall Score	Teaching	Research	Employability	Internationalization	Leadership
1	PANJAB UNIVERSITY	75.00	88.24	69.33	80.13	87.1	88.8
2	SRINAGAR UNIVERSITY	74.87	87.87	70.00	79.28	86.86	88.8
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GSIRF Ranking



Director at AIMA in December 2024

In a moment of pride for IAR University, our Pro-VC and Director, Brig. P.C. Vyas, was invited to represent the institution at the prestigious Vice Chancellors' Conclave in Delhi, organized by the All India Management Association (AIMA). The invitation to such a high-level forum marks a significant recognition of IAR's growing stature in the academic landscape.

# NSIL 2025

Our Pro-VC and Director Sir participated in the National Summit of Institutional Leaders 2025, themed "Shaping the Future of Higher Education in India: Perspectives from Leaders, Educators, and Learners." The summit convened eminent academic leaders, policymakers, and education experts to discuss challenges and innovative approaches in higher education. IAR's presence at this platform reflects its commitment to academic excellence, leadership, and future-ready education.

## EMERGING COLLABORATIONS WITH INTERNATIONAL UNIVERSITIES

IAR is proud to extend an invitation to foreign universities to open portals for students, offering them the opportunity to immerse themselves in a world of global academic experiences. By fostering international collaborations, IAR aims to provide students with access to diverse educational systems, cutting-edge research, and cultural exchange. This initiative will empower students to broaden their horizons, engage with global perspectives, and enhance their academic and professional growth. Through these partnerships, IAR envisions creating a dynamic, interconnected academic environment that prepares students for a future in an increasingly globalized world.

IAR University recently hosted a delegation from the **University of Wollongong** Australia's India Campus, including Mr. Nimay K., Kalyani Brahmabhatt, and Kiran Trivedi. The visit focused on academic collaboration, research partnerships, and student exchange opportunities.

Following fruitful discussions on international programs, scholarships, and global academic networks, the interaction culminated in the signing of a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU), marking the beginning of a promising partnership to enhance global exposure and opportunities for IAR students.



With Delegates from Wollongong University



With Delegates from Queen's University

IAR University was honored to host an interactive session with a distinguished delegation from **Queen's University** Belfast, aimed at exploring avenues for long-term academic collaboration and global engagement. The session focused on identifying strategic synergies that could lead to joint programs, research partnerships, and student exchange opportunities.

The delegation included Mr. Gordon Brown, Head of Global Student Recruitment, and Mr. Ashwin Merchant, Senior Advisor for Partnerships and Institutions. Their visit marked an important step toward fostering deeper international connections. Discussions centered on building sustainable academic bridges, enhancing cross-border learning experiences, and creating a framework for collaborative research. This engagement not only enriches IAR's global outlook but also contributes to shaping a more inclusive and forward-thinking academic ecosystem.



## CAMPUS NEWS



### Faculty Visit to i-Hub Gujarat

Our faculties had an inspiring visit to i-Hub Gujarat, engaging in meaningful discussions on innovation. It was a great opportunity for collaboration with start-up ecosystem, reflecting our commitment at IAR to drive creativity and innovation in research and development.



### Kashmir Youth Exchange Program

The NSS Cell at IAR University proudly hosted youth from Kashmir as part of the Kashmir Youth Exchange Program. The visit promoted cultural exchange, unity in diversity, and strengthened national integration—echoing the spirit of "Ek Bharat, Shreshtha Bharat."



### Kirti Sharma Named Best Sanskritik Speaker

Ms. Kirti Sharma was awarded Best Sanskritik Speaker of Gujarat by the Honourable CM. The image shows participant being warmly welcomed at the CM's residence, celebrating their talent, dedication, and cultural excellence.



### Pre-Comic Con Event

The Comic Quiz Event united students in a thrilling contest of Anime, DC, and Marvel knowledge. With rounds like Quick Fire, Who Said It?, Visual Round, and the Ultimate Battle, participants displayed their passion and expertise. The event was a lively celebration of comic culture, filled with energy, fun, and fandom spirit.



### Intercollege Sports Competition

IAR students actively participate in inter-university sports events, promoting a spirit of healthy competition and collaboration. Recently, they showcased their skills at the Energy Cup hosted by Pandit Deendayal Energy University (PDEU), competing in football with great enthusiasm and determination.



# IAR SIGNS MOUS WITH GIFT, GBRC, INNODESK, AND AVAAN INTELLECT TO STRENGTHEN INNOVATION AND STUDENT OPPORTUNITIES

In a strong move to enrich academic excellence and industry integration, IAR University has recently signed significant Memorandums of Understanding (MoUs) with GIFT City, Gujarat Biotechnology Research Center (GBRC), Innodesk Designovation Services, and Avaan Intellect. These partnerships aim to offer students cutting-edge knowledge, hands-on experience, and improved career opportunities across diverse sectors.

With GIFT, Gandhinagar, IAR has launched specialized courses such as AIF & IFSC in BBA (H) & MBA and a new M.Com (Global Accounting) program. The collaboration includes expert lecture series from GIFT City professionals, internships, and placement support for future finance professionals.

The MoU with Gujarat Biotechnology Research Center (GBRC), signed on December 5, 2024, strengthens biotechnology research through joint studies, fostering innovation and scientific growth.

Through its partnership with Innodesk Designovation Services, IAR promotes design-driven innovation. Focus areas include Design Thinking, Entrepreneurship, Emerging Technologies, and Innovation Management, preparing students for real-world problem-solving.

In collaboration with Avaan Intellect, IAR has introduced a BBA (Hons) in Logistics & Supply Chain Management program, offering strong industry exposure, internships, and placements.

These MoUs reflect IAR University's commitment to combining academic rigor with real-world relevance, ensuring students are ready to thrive in today's evolving landscape.



MoU Signed with GIFT



MoU Signed with GBRC



MoU Signed with Innodesk Designovation



MoU Signed with Avaan Intellect

# SCHOOL OF BIOTECHNOLOGY AND BIOENGINEERING

## Healing Minds, Changing Lives: World Mental Health Day



The School of Biotechnology and Bioengineering (SBB), IAR, organized an impactful event promoting academic excellence and student engagement. On World Mental Health Awareness Day (October 21, 2024), the theme “The Neuroscience of Resilience” guided a series of enriching activities. Dr. Meera Suny (IIT Gandhinagar) delivered a talk on cognitive science and resilience psychology. Student-led skits explored mental health challenges, nature’s healing role, and NEP integration. A poster session and a debate on social media’s impact, further encouraged critical discussions on youth mental health.

## CRISPR-Cas9 Talk: Shaping the Future of Genetic Engineering

On 19th February 2025, the School of Biotechnology and Bioengineering (SBB), in collaboration with the IAR Environmental Club, organized an expert talk on CRISPR-Cas9 and Genetic Engineering. The session provided valuable insights into gene editing, plant genomics, and microbial biotechnology. It highlighted the role of CRISPR in advancing medicine, sustainable agriculture, and environmental solutions. The event fostered engaging discussions and reflected IAR’s commitment to promoting scientific innovation and research-driven learning.



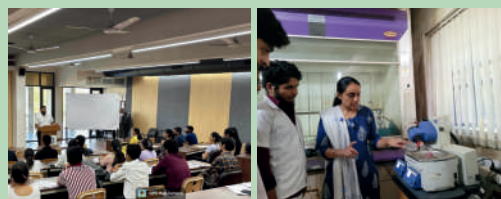
## Exploring Excellence in Pharma: Industrial Visit to Amneal



The industrial visit to Amneal Pharmaceuticals provided a practical understanding of pharmaceutical manufacturing and quality control. Students observed advanced techniques like HPLC, GC, and Dissolution Testing in the QC Lab, along with stability chambers for shelf-life analysis. The automated warehouse and strict SOPs demonstrated efficient storage. In the Manufacturing Unit, key processes like CAPA and material verification were explored. The visit concluded at the SEZ Facility, showcasing global-standard export production and regulatory compliance.

## Microbial Marvels: A Workshop on Fermentative Pigment Science

The School of Biotechnology and Bioengineering (SBB), IAR, organized a two-day workshop titled “Microbes to Market: Fermentative Production of Pigments” on March 28–29, 2025. The event provided hands-on training in fermentation techniques, pigment extraction, and purification. Expert talks, including one by Dr. Suransh Jain, along with valuable technical support and volunteer efforts, enriched the experience. Support from university leadership and seamless logistics ensured success. The workshop reflected IAR’s commitment to promoting applied biotechnology, student engagement, and research-driven learning in microbial pigment production.



## Industry Visit to Adani Ports & SEZ



Students and faculties of the School of Biotechnology and Bioengineering (SBB) visited Adani Port for a two-day industrial tour, gaining insights into port operations, logistics, and global trade. The visit provided hands-on exposure to cargo handling, warehousing, and security protocols, showcasing the port’s advanced infrastructure. This experience bridged theoretical learning with real-world applications.

## Exploring Food Biotech at Amul



On 8th February 2025, students from the School of Biotechnology and Bioengineering (SBB) visited the Amul Milk Plant for industrial exposure. They explored milk processing, cheese and butter production, and operations at the Amul Chocolate sections. The visit offered insights into food biotechnology, automation, and quality control, enhancing their practical knowledge and understanding of large-scale dairy and food processing industries.

# SCHOOL OF BUSINESS AND MANAGEMENT

## Mundra Diaries: Learning with the Adani Group

As part of the Adani Foundation's Project Udaan, BBA and MBA students visited Adani Group's world-class facilities in Mundra, Gujarat. Guided by SBM's faculties, the two-day industrial tour offered hands-on insights into FMCG manufacturing at Adani Wilmar, port logistics at Adani Ports & SEZ, cargo handling at West Coast Terminal, energy production at Adani Power, and solar innovation at Adani Solar. The visit highlighted key aspects of infrastructure, sustainability, and business strategy, giving students a real-world perspective on large-scale operations and future-ready industries.



## Entrepreneur Edge: Winning with Sales & Marketing



The School of Business and Management (SBM), in collaboration with the SSIP Cell, organized a One-Day Workshop on Effective Sales and Marketing Strategies for Entrepreneurs on February 20, 2025, at the Institute of Advanced Research, Gandhinagar. Renowned marketing expert Prof. Kapil Kumar Kella conducted an engaging session focusing on advertising techniques, persuasive sales pitches, and strategic marketing approaches. The workshop provided students and aspiring entrepreneurs with hands-on learning and valuable insights to enhance their skills and succeed in today's competitive business landscape.

## Applying Theory to Travel: A Managerial Planning Showcase

As part of experiential learning, first-year BBA students at the Institute of Advanced Research participated in project titled "Exploring Management in Action". Students were challenged to plan a 3-4 day tour, applying core management functions such as planning, organizing, and controlling. The activity encouraged creativity, critical thinking, and teamwork, as each group presented innovative and practical tour plans. This hands-on initiative successfully bridged theoretical learning with real-world application in a fun and engaging way.



## Workshop on Enhancing Communication Skills and Personality Development



A one-day workshop on "Communication Skills and Personality Enhancement" was held on February 14, 2025, for MBA Semester II students at IAR, conducted by Prof. Lubna Sugarwal from Gardi Vidyapith, Rajkot. The session covered key topics like the 7 C's of communication, importance of body language, personal behavior, and professional appearance. Various activities were conducted to enhance listening skills, teamwork, and leadership. The workshop aimed to develop effective communication abilities and boost overall personality for professional and personal growth.



## GIFT Lectures Series



As part of the SBM-GIFT Expert Lecture Series, students had the privilege of attending an insightful session with Mr. Sandeep Shah, Head of IFSC at GIFT City. He discussed the evolution of IFSCs, India's growing global financial role, and the influence of fintech and regulations. The session offered valuable industry insights and enriched students' understanding of international finance.



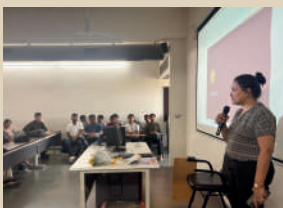
The School of Business and Management hosted Mr. Vivek Srivastava, Chief Executive of GIFT City IBU at Axis Bank, for an expert session on international banking. He highlighted global banking trends, GIFT City's role in economic growth, and key skills required for success in the BFSI sector, inspiring future finance professionals.



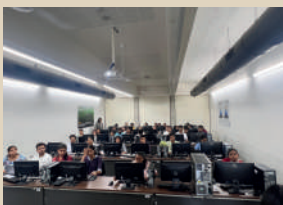
On March 13, 2025, IAR hosted a workshop on Alternate Investment Funds led by Ms. Vasudha Khandelwal. The session provided valuable insights into AIF structures, regulatory frameworks, and their role in diversifying portfolios. Students gained practical knowledge on investment strategies beyond traditional assets, enhancing their understanding of modern financial instruments.



On March 20, 2025, Shri Nitesh Jaiswal conducted an expert session at IAR on "Capital Market - IFSC." He shared insights on the functioning of capital markets within GIFT City's IFSC framework, highlighting opportunities, regulatory advantages, and India's growing presence in global finance. Students gained practical understanding of financial market dynamics.



On March 27, 2025, Ms. Ketki Mehta led an expert session at IAR on the "Legal Aspects of IFSC." She discussed the regulatory framework, compliance requirements, and legal structures governing financial entities in GIFT City. The session enhanced students' understanding of legal intricacies in international finance and cross-border transactions.



The SBM Expert Lecture Series with GIFT kicked off with an engaging session by Mr. Ramya Pandya, Company Secretary at GIFT Power Company Limited. He shared valuable insights on corporate governance practices in financial hubs like GIFT City, enriching students' understanding of compliance, ethics, and effective corporate management.

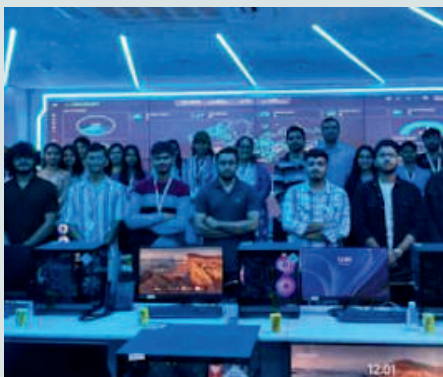
# SCHOOL OF COMPUTING AND TECHNOLOGY

## Empowering Faculty: Enhancing Teamwork Skills

The School of Computing and Technology (SCT) hosted a Faculty Development Programme (FDP) on "Working and Communicating in Teams" on February 8, 2025. Led by Mr. Brijmohan Yajnik, Head of Learning and Development at Gardi Vidhyapith, Rajkot, the session, coordinated by Dr. Brijesh Jajal (HOD, SCT), Dr. Pankti Bhatt, and Ms. Twinkle Patel, focused on enhancing teamwork and communication skills. Participants engaged in interactive activities and group tasks, gaining practical insights for collaborative work in academic settings. The FDP reinforced IAR's commitment to faculty development and professional growth.



## Hands-on Cybersecurity: IAR's Heritage Cyberworld Visit



On November 29, 2024, 7th-semester Computer Engineering and 5th-semester BCA students from IAR visited Heritage Cyberworld LLP, Ahmedabad. This visit, organized by Dr. Zalak Thakker and Dr. Deepak Kumar, aimed to provide students with firsthand exposure to the latest in cybersecurity practices. Students learned about network security, threat intelligence, and vulnerability management, with experts highlighting the growing demand for cybersecurity professionals. The visit concluded with students participating in discussions, and several applying for internships, showcasing the strong link between academia and industry.

## Building the Future: Node.js & React.js Hands-On Training

On March 7-8, 2025, SCT conducted an Intensive Training Programme (ITP) on Advanced Node.js and React.js for MCA Semester 2 students. Led by Dr. Sanjay Sonar, the training covered modern web development, including NoSQL databases, user authentication, state management, and API integration. Held at the CISCO Lab, 50 students gained hands-on experience in building full-stack applications. The event successfully enhanced their technical skills, preparing them for real-world software development challenges and reinforcing IAR's commitment to cutting-edge education.





## Strengthening Bonds: IAR's Family Day Celebration



On January 26, 2025, a Family Gathering was organized to strengthen community bonds by Dr. Brijesh Jajal. The event observed 41 faculty members and 31 family members who participated in fun games and activities such as Lemon-Rose-Blue, Dodge Ball, and a Lucky Draw. Special couple activities added excitement, and winners received awards. This gathering fostered team bonding and promoted work-life balance, offering a joyful and memorable experience for all attendees.

## Mastering Python: IAR's Intensive Training Programme

The SCT hosted an Intensive Training Programme (ITP) on Python on January 24-25, 2025. The session, led by Dr. Brijesh Jajal, was attended by 46 students from CE, CSE, and IT Semester 4. It covered core Python concepts, object-oriented programming, Django framework, and real-world applications such as image processing. Held at the CISCO Lab, the training provided practical exposure, equipping students with skills that align with industry demands, and furthering IAR's commitment to professional development in tech education.



## Empowering Students: Cyber Awareness Skit at GU



On February 18, 2025, IAR participated in the Cyber Rakshak Natya Utsav at Gujarat University (GU), an event organized by CAWACH Kendra to raise awareness about cybercrime. Coordinated by Dr. Brijesh Jajal and Dr. Maitri Patel, the event featured a skit illustrating real-life cyber threats like cyberstalking and hacking. Law enforcement officials also addressed the audience, educating them on cybercrime laws. The event concluded with a powerful message: "Cyber crime ko report karein... aur insaaf paayein" (Report cybercrime and seek justice). It effectively raised awareness about cyber safety and the importance of legal action against cyber offenses.

## Creative Section

At the Institute of Advanced Research, we believe in nurturing not only technical acumen but also the creative spirit that fuels innovation and enriches our community. With this vision in mind, IARian Times is delighted to introduce a dedicated section to feature select works of art, creative expressions, and literary pieces from our talented students, faculty, and staff.



-Hand Drawn by **Vidyalaxmi Gattu**  
BCA Hons.

## Faculty

### AI-Generated Song for IAR University

जहां ज्ञान की गहराई होती है  
सपनों को ऊंचाई मिलती है  
हर कदम है जोश से भरपूर  
यही है हमारी पहचान का नूर

हमारा आईएआर यूनिवर्सिटी  
गर्व हमारा  
सपने पूरे करता ये सहारा  
कंप्यूटर हो  
बायोटेक या मैनेजमेंट  
ज्ञान का हो हर पल रिसर्चमेंट

हर लैब में एंजीनियरिंग चमके  
हर होस्टल में दोस्ती के धागे  
क्लासरूम में रहते सपने सजीव  
यहीं बनती है जिदगी की तर्कशील पीढ़ी

हमारा आईएआर यूनिवर्सिटी  
गर्व हमारा  
सपने पूरे करता ये सहारा  
कंप्यूटर हो  
बायोटेक या मैनेजमेंट  
ज्ञान का हो हर पल रिसर्चमेंट

अध्यापन का मंदिर ये न्यारा  
हर कदम पे प्रगति का सहारा  
जहां हर दिल में हो जूनून  
यहीं गढ़ते हैं हम नई धुन

हमारा आईएआर यूनिवर्सिटी  
गर्व हमारा  
सपने पूरे करता ये सहारा  
कंप्यूटर हो  
बायोटेक या मैनेजमेंट  
ज्ञान का हो हर पल रिसर्चमेंट

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### मेरी लाइब्रेरी की यात्रा

कमरे में था बस किताबों का एक कोना,

सपना देखा, उसे सहेजना-सजाना।

सूनी अलमारियाँ, बिखरी किताबें,

हर पन्ना जैसे आवाज़ लगाए।

दो साल पहले जो था अधूरा,

आज वह पुस्तकालय है गौरवशाली पूरा।

नीति बनाई, हर नियम सजाया,

ज्ञान का दीप हर कोने में जलाया।

सूची से सिस्टम, सब कुछ संजोया,

पढ़ने वालों के लिए द्वार मैंने खोला।

किताबों की खुशबू, पन्नों की बात,

अब है यह जगह ज्ञान का सौगात।

RFID से हुई यहाँ पहचान,

डिजिटल संसाधन हैं अब वरदान।

संस्थागत संग्रह, वेबसाइट की सुविधा,

अब पुस्तकालय है पूर्ण स्वचालित व्यवस्था।

मेहनत रंग लाई, सपने हुए साकार,

मेरी लाइब्रेरी है अब शानदार।

Dr. Prakash Makwana  
Librarian

# Faculty

## The Biotechnology of Love

In the petri dish of destiny, life takes root,  
Cultured in moments, tender and acute.  
A plasmid of hope, spliced into our genes,  
Love's recombinant code, beyond what it  
seems.

Through the microscope's gaze, our flaws  
magnify,

Yet symbiotic bonds ensure we unify.

Regulators of trust, promoters of care,

Amplify emotions we're eager to share.

Our hearts, bioreactors, with rhythms precise,  
Fermenting affection, no need to think twice.

Each enzyme of kindness catalyses grace,  
transforming the substrate of time and space.

Signal pathways ignite with every embrace,  
A cascade of feelings we cannot replace.

Ligands of passion, receptors aligned,  
Binding us closer in a love redefined.

We extract the essence, purify the truth,  
Isolating joy, the elixir of youth.

Mutations may come, trials may unfold,  
But evolution ensures our story is told.

So here we stand, in this grand assay,  
Engineering a love that won't decay.

A living system, dynamic and free,  
Forever encoded in our shared DNA.

Dr. Jain Suransh  
Faculty, SBB

## Unfinished Journey: A Dance Between Hope and Time

The poem is a reflective journey through life — from childhood innocence and academic pressure to adulthood responsibilities and the search for peace. It questions societal expectations and emphasizes that true fulfillment lies in living the present moment meaningfully, not just chasing degrees, careers, or conventional milestones

ଆମେ ଛୋଟ ଛୋଟ ହାତ ସହିତ ଏହି ଦୁନିଆରେ ପାଦ ଦେଉଛୁ,  
ଆଶୁ ଆଶୁରେ ପରିପୁର୍ଣ୍ଣ, ଅଶେଷ ଯୋଜନା ସହିତ।  
ପାଶୁରେ ମିଠା ଲୋଭୀ ସହିତ ପଥର,  
ଯେତେବେଳେ ସମୟ ତାର ନିରନ୍ତର ତାଳ ପ୍ରସ୍ତୁତ କରେ।


କୁଞ୍ଚିବା ପାଦଠାରୁ ପ୍ରଥମ ଦିନର ଶ୍ରେଣୀ ପର୍ଯ୍ୟନ୍ତ,  
ସଂଖ୍ୟାର ପାଠ, ପାଠ ଯାହା ବିତିଯାଏ।  
ପୁସ୍ତକଗୁଡ଼ିକ ରକ୍ତ ହୋଇଯାଏ, ସ୍ୱପ୍ନ ଉଡ଼ିଯାଏ,  
ସକାଳ ପିଛା କରିବା, ରାତିରେ ପାଠପଢ଼ା।  
ତା'ପରେ ଚୌଡ଼ ଆସେ, କିଶୋର ଚଢ଼ିବା,  
ଏକ ବିଶ୍ୱ ଏତେ ବିଶାଳ, ସମୟ ପାଇଁ କୌଣସି ସ୍ଥାନ ନାହିଁ।  
"ସର୍ବୋତ୍ତମ ହୋଇ କର, ଶ୍ରେଷ୍ଠ ହୁଅ," ସେମାନେ କୁହନ୍ତି,  
"ନଚେତ୍ ଜୀବନର ମହାନ ଦ୍ୱାରଗୁଡ଼ିକ ମଳିନ ହୋଇଯିବ।"

ଦ୍ୱାଦଶ ଆସିଯାଏ, ଏବଂ ମନ ଏବେ ବି ପୁରି ବୁଲୁଛି,  
ଅନିଶ୍ଚିତ ମୁକ୍ତାରେ ଖୋଦିତ ଏକ ଉଦ୍ଦିଷ୍ଟତା।  
"ପରବର୍ତ୍ତୀ କଲେଜ, ତା'ପରେ ଏକ ମାଷ୍ଟରଙ୍କ ନାମ,  
କିମ୍ବା ଅଗ୍ନିକୁ ଉତ୍ତମ ଦେବା ପାଇଁ ଏକ ପିଏଚଡ଼ି।"  
ଡିଗ୍ରୀଗୁଡ଼ିକ ପାହାଚ ପଥର ପରି ଗତା ହୁଏ,  
ତଥାପି ଭିତରେ ଏକ ସ୍ୱର ଧୀରେ ଧୀରେ କଣ୍ଠସ୍ୱର କରେ—  
"ଏହା କ'ଣ ଲକ୍ଷ୍ୟ? ଏହା କ'ଣ ଶେଷ?  
ନା ଶାନ୍ତି କ'ଣ ଆମେ ଏବେ ବି ଏପରି ଏକ ପଥ ଯାହାର ଅଭିନୟ କରୁ?"  
ପ୍ରେମ ପରବର୍ତ୍ତୀ ସମୟରେ ଆଶ୍ରୟ ଆକର୍ଷିତ ହୁଏ, ମାପକାଠିରେ,  
ଏକ ହୃଦୟ ନିରାପଦ ଏବଂ ଉଷ୍ଣ ଆଶ୍ରୟ ଖୋଜେ।  
ଆମେ ଏକ ସାଥୀ ବାନ୍ଧୁ, ମୂଲ୍ୟ ରୁକନାରେ,  
କିନ୍ତୁ ବାଛିବାରେ, କ'ଣ ସ୍ୱାଧୀନତା ହଜିଯାଏ?  
ବିବାହ ପଶି ବାଜିଥାଏ, ସୁନା ଶୁଖିଲ,  
ଆନନ୍ଦର ଜୀବନ, ତଥାପି ନୀରବ ଧାର।  
ଏକ ଘର, ଏକ ନାମ, ଏକ ସମ୍ପାଦକ ଧରିବା ପାଇଁ,  
ଆଉ ଏକ ଚକ୍ର, ପିଠିବା ପାଇଁ ଅଧିକ ଚିନ୍ତା।  
ସମୁଦ୍ର ପାଦ ଏବେ ଚୌଡ଼ୁଛି,  
ହସ ପ୍ରତିଧ୍ୱନିତ ହେଉଛି, ଏକ ଶାନ୍ତ ଶବ୍ଦ।  
ତଥାପି ସମୟ ଆଉ ଏକ ସନ୍ଧାନ ଦାବି କରେ,  
ଉଦ୍ଦିଷ୍ଟତାର ନିରାପଦ, ଏକ ସୁନ୍ଦର ସଜ୍ଜିତ ଜୀବନ।  
ବର୍ଷ ଆଗକୁ ବଢ଼େ, ଏବଂ କୁଞ୍ଚିତ ବଢ଼େ,  
ଦର୍ପଣ ଆମେ ଯାହା ଜାଣୁ ତାହା ଦୃଢ଼ପୂର୍ଣ୍ଣ କରେ—  
"ସ୍ୱପ୍ନ ପିଛା କରାଯାଇଥିଲା, କିନ୍ତୁ ଆମେ କ'ଣ ଦେଖୁଛୁ?  
କ୍ଷଣସ୍ୱୟୀ ସୌନ୍ଦର୍ଯ୍ୟ, ସମୟ ମୁକ୍ତ?"

ଏବେ ହାତ ଦୁର୍ବଳ, ପାଦ ଧୀର,  
ବିଶ୍ୱ ଏବେ ବି ତାର ମହାନ ପ୍ରଦର୍ଶନରେ ଗତି କରୁଛି।  
ସୂର୍ଯ୍ୟ ଏବେ ବି ଚମକୁଛି, ନଦୀ ଗୁଞ୍ଜୁରୁଛି,  
କିନ୍ତୁ ଶାନ୍ତି କେଉଁଠି? ପ୍ରଶ୍ନ ଆସେ।  
ଏହା ସୁଲ ପଡ଼ିଆ ଦିନଗୁଡ଼ିକରେ ଥିଲା?  
କିମ୍ବା ବିବାହ ପ୍ରତିଜ୍ଞା, କିମ୍ବା କ୍ୟାରିୟର ଖେଳ?  
ପିଲାଟି ପ୍ରଥମେ ହସିଥିଲା?  
ନା ବୁଝାବୁଝାରେ, ଏତେ ନମ୍ର, ଏତେ ମୃଦୁ?  
ସତ୍ୟ, ହୁଏତ, କହୁ-ମିଠା,  
ମିଳାମିଠା, ଶାନ୍ତି ସେହି ହୃଦୟରେ ମିଳେ ଯାହା ମିଳିଯାଏ।

ଡିଗ୍ରୀ କିମ୍ବା ସଂଗୃହୀତ ଧନରେ ନୁହେଁ,  
ଉଦ୍ଦିଷ୍ଟତାରେ କିମ୍ବା ଅତୀତରେ ନୁହେଁ।  
ପ୍ରତ୍ୟେକ ପଦକ୍ଷେପ ପାଇଁ, ପ୍ରତ୍ୟେକ ମୋଡ଼ ପାଇଁ,  
ଶିକ୍ଷଣ ଗରୀବ, କିନ୍ତୁ ଶିଖିବାକୁ କଷ୍ଟକର—  
ଜୀବନ ବର୍ତ୍ତମାନ, ଏବଂ ବର୍ତ୍ତମାନ ହିଁ ସବୁକିଛି,  
ଆମେ ଟିକା ପଢ଼ିବା ପୂର୍ବରୁ, ପଢ଼ିବା ପୂର୍ବରୁ।

Dr Murari Behera,  
Faculty, SBM



## Student

### TWENTY TOMORROW

I am nineteen today,  
Twenty tomorrow.  
Yet there's no place for me  
In this world of joy and sorrow  
The numbers keep on changing  
Leaving me with all the memories clinging

Yesterday's plan for today  
Doesn't get an execution  
As I stand astray  
Everything's in motion

Don't know where I'm going  
Am I still or still walking  
Trapped in this crate of pleasures  
Forgetting the world's real treasures

I won't say there are grey clouds  
But neither is the sky clear  
There ain't any brazen wounds  
But still I have nothing bound

There's no room for faults  
Time leaps as if it summersaults  
Still waiting for the cosmos to flower  
To lead a harmless meteor shower

The sky smiles when it's dark  
But what happens when it's lit  
Why does every little thing break  
To make everything fit

Fallen into a pool of agony  
Endless misery  
Such a trickery  
In this world of joy and sorrow  
I am nineteen today,  
Twenty tomorrow.

**Tanya Jangid**  
B.Tech Biotechnology

### Elysium

I tasted freedom in my dreams last night,  
And oh, it feels like a warm, golden light.  
A place where wolves can't chase me down,  
Where I can run wild, making no sound.

No fear of teeth, no fear of might,  
Just the wind in my hair, shining bright.  
I'm a bird set free, I'm a soul on fire,  
Unshackled from the chains that I've desired.

In this dreamland, I roam and play,  
Where the sun dips into a peaceful bay.  
No shadows that lurk, no eyes that stare,  
Just a thrill of freedom, beyond compare.

I dance with the stars, I sing with the night,  
My heart beats loud, my spirit takes flight.  
I'm a wildflower blooming in the dark,  
Unfurling my petals, like a work of art.

No chains to bind me, no weights to hold,  
Just the rush of freedom, young and bold.  
I'm a river flowing, I'm a stormy sea,  
Unstoppable and wild, that's me.

But dawn awakens, and I'm back in my skin,  
The wolves still lurk, the fear creeps in.  
Yet I hold on to that dream so tight,  
A glimmer of hope, a light in the night.

**Mishra Aadhya**  
B.Tech Biotechnology

## Student



**Gayatri S. Gadave**  
M.Sc. Biotechnology



**Pradyumna Pravin Bisne**  
IAR M.Sc. Biotechnology

## HALLUCINATION OR REALITY?

Grace never in her life ever thought that she was going to encounter the weird creature she used to draw in her past.

Grace a nineteen-year-old, has always been distinct from people her age, she has a weird habit of drawing icky creatures which can be disgusting for normal human eye in short wretch, monster sort of creatures so more likely she had no friends.

It was a cloudy day in the streets of Australia, people doing their routine everything was great until a sudden earthquake just swept away everything people, buses. People were holding onto each, silence for few minutes when suddenly a deafening sound came people started getting confuse from what they have seen,

**A LARGE HEADLESS MAN AS LARGE AS SIREN HEAD.**

Grace passing through that street was dumbfounded by what she has saw, it was exactly like how she has drew, their power everything was such that, running to her house immediately, opened her sketch book, that dropped from her hands suddenly knocking on her door, "WHO'S THERE?" said frighteningly, her dad replied "it's me" come out see the news

Everything was getting destroyed from the homes to union embassy they were destroying everything, she was scared

The curfew was announced by government and all the man's from each house have to participate in this war, her father getting ready, saying goodbye it's then grace stopped and told her father she wants to accompany, of course declining n times she at last did.

The situation out in town was worst, the headless creatures were killing the people, taking people in their control making them hallucinate about the things they desire for most. Grace knew they were sensitive to sound and light.

Leaving you at a cliffhanger

"SO WHAT DO YOU THINK IT ENDS AS?"

**Mahi Shah**  
B.Tech Biotechnology

# Student Clubs

Student life at our university goes far beyond academics. At the heart of our vibrant campus life are 12 dynamic student clubs, each offering unique opportunities for growth, expression, and impact.

Whether you're passionate about the arts, technology, environment, entrepreneurship, or social change, there's a place for you to thrive.

From organizing inspiring workshops and creative competitions to hosting awareness drives and innovative events, these clubs are run by students, for students—fostering collaboration, leadership, and real-world skills.

Browse through the columns ahead to learn what each club stands for, the events they've brought to life.



# Student Clubs

## Social Outreach Club: Creating Impact Through Action

The Social Outreach Club drives positive change while nurturing members' personal growth through community support, education, volunteering, and personal development. The club's impactful initiatives include a successful Cloth Donation Drive and menstrual hygiene awareness programs, distributing sanitary pads to support women's health and dignity. By bridging social gaps and promoting inclusivity, the club fosters responsibility and inspires students to create lasting change in communities and individuals alike.



## Entrepreneurship Club: Fostering Innovation

The Entrepreneurship Club empowers students by nurturing creativity, innovation, and business skills through workshops, competitions, and interactive sessions. From business plan contests to pitch fests and design thinking, the club inspires bold and creative thinking. A standout event, The Startup Story Slam, challenged participants to craft imaginative tales of fictional startups, navigating challenges and breakthroughs—capturing the essence of entrepreneurship.

## Kalabhoomi Club: A Stage for Impact

The Kalabhoomi Club, IAR's acting and performing arts club, captivates audiences through thought-provoking and socially relevant performances. One of their standout acts was a powerful drama on Draupadi's Cheer Haran, creatively compared to modern-day issues faced by women. By drawing parallels between mythology and contemporary society, the club sparked meaningful conversations and left a lasting impact on the audience. Kalabhoomi continues to use theatre as a medium for awareness, expression, and change. The club's signature play, Arjuna Krishna Anuvad, centered on dharma, is performed annually on Foundation Day and was recently staged at ISKCON Temple.



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## EchoGrooves Club: Keep Growing, Keep Grooving

The EchoGrooves - Music & Dance Club is a vibrant space for dancers, musicians, singers, and enthusiasts to explore and enhance their artistic skills. Through performances, jamming sessions, and collaborations, members gain confidence, develop talents, and connect with fellow artists.

Recently, the club hosted a unique talent competition where members shared dance and music performances on social media, competing for the most likes and shares. This innovative format showcased talent, expanded the club's online presence, and fostered community spirit.



## Literary & Debate Club

The Literary & Debate Club cultivates expression, critical thinking, and confidence through debates, discussions, and creative events. It empowers students to voice their ideas and sharpen their communication skills. Key initiatives include a vibrant Hindi Divas celebration. The club also hosts weekly debates, fostering analytical thinking and respectful discourse. The club inspires students to become thoughtful, articulate, and socially aware individuals.



## Rikriate Club: Crafting Art, Embracing Sustainability

The Rikriate - Art & Craft Club blends creativity with sustainability, inspiring students to transform waste into art and celebrate cultural crafts like Maticha Ganpati, Lippan Art, and Clay Creations. Through workshops and competitions, the club nurtures artistic talent and environmental awareness.

The signature Ganesh Idol Making Competition encourages students to create innovative, eco-friendly idols using biodegradable materials, fostering both artistic expression and sustainability.



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## Computer Society and Gaming Club

The Computer Society and Gaming Club (CSGC) at IAR University is a dynamic platform for students passionate about technology, programming, and gaming. The club actively engages members through coding workshops, gaming tournaments, and discussions on emerging tech trends, promoting both learning and innovation. It provides opportunities to enhance technical skills, strategic thinking, and teamwork in a collaborative environment. With over 14 successful events conducted in the current academic year, CSGC continues to make a strong impact on the campus community.



## Clique: Freeze Moments, Create Magic

The Clique - Photography Club is a dynamic community for photography, videography, editing, and graphic design enthusiasts. Through workshops, competitions, and creative projects, members develop their skills and express their artistic vision. Recent events include photography challenges, editing sessions, themed photo walks, and a logo competition to redefine the club's evolving identity, fostering creativity and collaboration.

## Cyber Club

The Cyber Security Club at IAR University is dedicated to raising awareness about digital safety and equipping students with essential skills to navigate the cyber world securely. The club conducts workshops, hands-on sessions, and awareness drives on topics such as ethical hacking, phishing, data protection, and secure online behavior. It provides a platform for students to explore careers in cyber security while promoting responsible digital citizenship. Through real-world case studies and interactive activities, the club empowers members to protect themselves and others in an increasingly connected world.



# Student Clubs

## STEM Club

The STEM Club at IAR University is a vibrant platform that brings together students passionate about Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics. The club aims to promote scientific curiosity, innovation, and critical thinking through hands-on projects, workshops, competitions, and guest lectures. It encourages interdisciplinary collaboration and provides opportunities for students to explore real-world applications of STEM concepts. By fostering a spirit of inquiry and creativity, the STEM Club plays a key role in nurturing future scientists, engineers, and innovators



## Research Club

The Research Club promotes academic curiosity and fosters a spirit of exploration through seminars and interactive sessions. The club began its journey with an inaugural session on “The Role of Artificial Intelligence in Healthcare and Research” by Dr. Brijesh from SCT which offered insights into the integration of AI in medical innovation and scientific discovery. Through such initiatives, the club continues to inspire students to engage with emerging trends and contribute to a research-driven academic environment.

## Environment Club

The Environment Club is committed to fostering environmental consciousness and sustainable practices among students. It aims to cultivate a sense of responsibility towards nature through education, engagement, and action. Among its various initiatives, the club organized an Essay & Eco-Friendly Crafts Competition, encouraging students to creatively express their thoughts on environmental issues while promoting the use of recycled and sustainable materials. By inspiring eco-conscious behavior, the Environment Club plays a vital role in nurturing a more responsible campus community.



# Career Advancement Cell

The Career Advancement Cell plays a pivotal role in shaping the careers of students by connecting them with industry leaders and reputed organizations. With a dedicated team working towards fostering meaningful employer-student interactions, the cell has consistently facilitated successful placements and career growth opportunities.

## Campus Recruitment Drives

The Career Advancement Cell organized impactful recruitment drives this year, connecting students with top industry leaders.

- Intas Pharmaceuticals: Offered roles in research, production, and quality assurance in the pharmaceutical sector.
- Aditya Birla Health Insurance: Provided opportunities in sales, analytics, and customer relations.
- Heritage Cyberworld, Ahmedabad: Focused on cybersecurity and IT solutions, attracting tech-enthusiastic candidates.

These recruitment drives provided students with valuable exposure and career-defining opportunities.



## Alumni Meet: Connecting Past & Present

In addition to placement drives, the Career Advancement Cell hosted a successful Alumni Meet, where former students shared industry insights and career guidance. The event promoted networking, mentorship, and alumni engagement, inspiring current students to navigate their career paths with confidence.



# Women Cell

The Women Cell at IAR University is committed to ensuring a safe, supportive, and inclusive environment for all female students and staff. It organizes various awareness programs, workshops, and interactive sessions on topics such as gender equality, women's rights, personal safety, and health. The cell serves as a platform to address concerns, promote confidence, and empower women through education and dialogue. By fostering respect and awareness, the Women Cell plays a vital role in shaping a gender-sensitive campus culture.



## Celebrating the 50th International Women's Day



IAR University marked the International Women's Day with a series of impactful activities promoting women's empowerment and safety. Highlights included a Self-Defence Training Program, a session on "Cyber Safe Girls", and a drama addressing online safety. The celebration concluded with the felicitation of women faculty and staff, recognizing their valuable contributions. The event reflected the university's commitment to creating an inclusive and empowering environment for women.



## CIC Cell

The Chamber of International Collaboration (IAR-CIC) is established to promote global academic collaboration. With the signing of the MoU with the University of Wollongong, Australia-India, the CIC marks a step toward furthering joint research and knowledge exchange, reinforcing IAR's commitment to academic excellence.

## SC/ST Cell & EOC

The SC/ST Cell and Equal Opportunity Centre are established to promote an inclusive academic environment. The SC/ST Cell supports the academic and personal well-being of SC/ST students, while the Equal Opportunity Centre ensures equal access for all, regardless of background. Together, they foster a respectful, diverse, and supportive campus culture.

# National Service Scheme (NSS)

## Swachhta Hi Seva: NSS Cell Leads the Way in Cleanliness Drive

As part of Swachhta Hi Seva, the NSS Cell of IAR University organized a cleanliness drive at Sabarmati Bench near the campus. Students, volunteers, and faculty actively participated, promoting hygiene, sanitation, and environmental responsibility. The initiative reflected unity, civic duty, and IAR's strong commitment to a cleaner, greener, and healthier India under the Swachh Bharat vision.



## National Integration Camp (NIC) 2024: Celebrating Unity in Diversity

Four NSS volunteers from IAR University participated in the National Integration Camp (NIC) 2024 at HNGU, Patan, from 7th to 14th November. With students from 11 states, the camp fostered national unity and cultural exchange. IAR students took part in Mono Acting, Poster Making, workshops, and discussions, reflecting the university's commitment to holistic growth, leadership, and social responsibility.



## Pride of IAR: MBA student shines at Pre-RD Camp, Maharashtra

Jadeja Meetrajsinh Vikramsinh, an NSS volunteer from IAR University, proudly represented the institute at the prestigious Pre-Republic Day (Pre-RD) Camp 2024 held in Maharashtra. His selection stands as a testament to his unwavering dedication, discipline, and leadership. Participating at a national level, he exemplified the spirit of youth empowerment and commitment to nation-building, bringing great honor to IAR University on this distinguished platform.



## Empowering Communities: The National Service Scheme

On 26th November 2024, the NSS Cell, ELC, and Cultural Committee at IAR University celebrated National Constitution Day. Brig. P. C. Vyas and Dr. Pooja Rao highlighted its significance, while Dr. Keval Gandhi led the constitutional pledge. The event instilled pride and awareness of constitutional values among students and faculty, celebrating unity, justice, liberty, equality, and fraternity.



## NSS Village Outreach Camp at Valad: A Week of Service

The NSS Cell held a 7-day village camp in Valad, Gandhinagar, promoting community awareness on water conservation, plastic reduction, voting, and road safety. Volunteers engaged locals through interactive sessions, encouraging sustainable living and civic responsibility, while upholding the NSS motto, "Not Me, But You."



# Student Startup and Innovation Policy (SSIP)



## Start-up and Entrepreneur Meet 2024

The Start-up & Entrepreneur Meet 2024, held on October 16 at IAR, brought together entrepreneurs, experts, and students for talks, discussions, and networking. Highlights included keynote speeches, a panel discussion, and exciting idea and poster competitions, encouraging innovation, collaboration, and real-world learning. The event reinforced IAR's commitment to entrepreneurial growth and celebrated creativity and problem-solving among young innovators.



## Celebration of "National Start-up Day"

IAR celebrated National Start-up Day with a Start-up Story Slam and Entrepreneurial Speed Networking. The events sparked creativity, idea-sharing, and collaboration, fostering innovation and start-up spirit among participants. Students shared imaginative business ideas, explored real-world entrepreneurial scenarios, and gained fresh perspectives in a fun, inspiring environment.



## Organizing Innovation & Entrepreneurship Outreach Program in School

On 24th February 2025, IAR conducted an Innovation & Entrepreneurship Outreach Program at SAFAL VIDYALAYA, Gandhinagar, themed "How to Become an Entrepreneur." Led by Dr. Jyotin Kateshia, the session introduced students to entrepreneurship, innovation, and the support provided by ATL and SIC. The event encouraged creative thinking, problem-solving, and transforming ideas into real ventures. Students engaged in interactive discussions and explored the mindset and skills needed for future entrepreneurial success.



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# National Cadet Corps (NCC)

The NCC at IAR University provides students with a prestigious opportunity to develop leadership, discipline, and patriotism through military training under the Ministry of Defense. With 160 allotted vacancies, IAR is proudly part of the “2nd Gujarat Independent Company NCC Battalion.”

Under the guidance of Dr. Tvarit Patel, our dedicated NCC caretaker officer, cadets are trained in physical fitness, leadership, and teamwork. The program instills values like courage, comradeship, honesty, and national pride, while preparing students to serve and lead with purpose.

## First Rally of IAR: A Proud Moment for NCC

For the first time, the NCC unit of IAR University proudly participated in the Republic Day rally, marking a memorable milestone in the university's commitment to national pride and student development. The cadets displayed remarkable discipline, coordination, and patriotism, earning praise from the entire campus community. This achievement has set a strong foundation for future NCC activities at IAR.



## NCC Cadets Participate in Blood Donation Drive at Raj Bhavan



On 18th January 2025, NCC cadets of IAR University had the honour of participating in a Blood Donation Programme organized by Gujarat Raj Bhavan to mark the birthday of Hon'ble Governor Shri Acharya Devvrat. This noble initiative encouraged cadets to come forward and contribute towards saving lives, reflecting the true spirit of service and social responsibility. The enthusiastic response and active participation of our cadets added great value to the event, showcasing their commitment to humanitarian causes and community welfare.

## Balanced Training: Theory and Physical Sessions by NCC

The NCC program at IAR University offers a well-rounded training experience through both theory and physical classes. Theoretical sessions cover topics such as national integration, leadership, military history, and social service, helping cadets build knowledge and awareness. Physical training includes drills, parades, obstacle courses, and fitness routines that enhance discipline, stamina, and teamwork. Together, these classes aim to develop confident, responsible, and patriotic citizens.



# In Loving Remembrance



The IAR family fondly remembers Dr. Manju Sharma, one of our founding members and a trailblazing biotechnologist of India, who served as the first Director of IAR. A Padma Bhushan awardee and former Secretary of the Department of Biotechnology, Government of India, Dr. Sharma was a pioneering force in advancing scientific research and institutional development across the nation. Granddaughter of Madan Mohan Malaviya, Dr. Sharma was a legendary scientist, who transformed our understandings in plant sciences. She received an Honorary Doctorate from Purdue University in 2012.



Dr. Manju Sharma  
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