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Department of Master of Computer Applications

Induction Program for FYMCA Students

The **Induction Program** for First-Year Master of Computer Applications (FYMCA) students was organized by the Department of Master of Computer Applications on **9th September 2026**. The program aimed to familiarize newly admitted students with the institution, its academic systems and procedures, while helping them understand the culture of the institute and develop meaningful bonds with their peers and faculty members.

The program was inaugurated with Maa Saraswati Vandana. **Prof. Harshada U. Salvi** welcomed the principal, faculty members and students and briefed the audience about the objectives and other aspects of the induction program. **Prof. Supriya S. Surve** felicitated the dignitaries, faculty members and staff by presenting them with roses as a gesture of warmth and respect. The inauguration program was anchored by **Prof. Harshada U. Salvi**. **Prof. Ravindra V. Kerkar** Coordinated the program.

The **Principal, Dr. Kaushal K. Prasad**, delivered the keynote address to the First-Year MCA students. He welcomed the students and congratulated them on choosing the MCA program as a pathway for building their careers. He provided an overview of the history of the institute and explained how it was founded by Late Shri P. P. Chhabria. He also emphasized the importance of continuously building and strengthening technical and professional skills and encouraged students to keep updating their knowledge in the rapidly evolving field of Information Technology. He highlighted the career opportunities available to MCA graduates and explained how the institute's infrastructure and facilities support students in their academic and professional development.

Prof. Tejas V. Joshi, Head of the MCA Department, introduced the Department of MCA to the newly admitted students. He explained the curriculum, syllabus and examination scheme and encouraged students to attend lectures regularly and maintain a consistent approach towards their studies. He also highlighted the systems and mechanisms followed by the department to facilitate effective teaching and learning.

Prof. Ravindra V. Kerkar, SAM Faculty In-charge introduced the students to the Student Association of MCA (SAM). He explained the objectives of SAM and briefed students about the various activities and events organized by the Student Association of MCA and the Department of MCA.

Prof. Kishor R. Bhosale, Training and Placement Head, provided guidance to students regarding training and placement-related opportunities and activities. His interaction

helped students understand the importance of career preparation and developing the skills required for professional growth.

An important highlight of the program was an industry interaction session with distinguished alumnus **Mr. Yogeshwar Shendye, Data Engineer at IBM, Canada.** Drawing from his professional experience and journey in the IT industry, he shared valuable insights with the students. He discussed higher education opportunities abroad, ways to prepare for pursuing education overseas, and current trends and job profiles in the software industry, particularly in the areas of Artificial Intelligence and Machine Learning (AIML) and Data Science. The interactive session provided students with an opportunity to engage with an industry professional and seek answers to their questions.

Prof. Harshada U. Salvi, Departmental Coordinator, Mentorship Committee, explained the significance and benefits of the Mentorship Program. She highlighted how healthy mentor–mentee interaction can motivate students in their academic journey and how counselling and mentoring can help students address both academic and personal concerns.

Prof. Waman R. Parulekar proposed a vote of thanks and expressed gratitude to the dignitaries, faculty members, staff and students for their valuable participation and support.

The FYMCA Induction Program provided newly admitted students with a comprehensive introduction to the institution, the MCA department, academic practices, student activities, career opportunities and mentorship support. The interaction with faculty members and an accomplished alumnus also gave students valuable perspectives on academic and professional growth. The program thus marked a meaningful beginning to the students' MCA journey and helped them embark on their academic life with greater awareness, confidence and enthusiasm.

Photographs



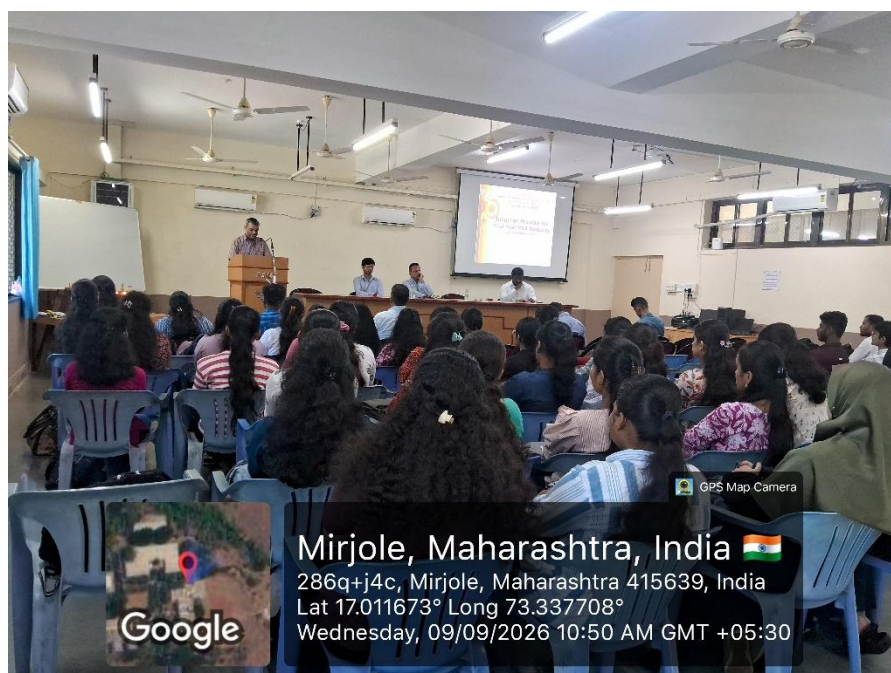
Prof. Harshada U. Salvi welcomed the principal, faculty members, students



Maa Saraswati Vandana marking the auspicious beginning of the FYMCA Induction Program



Principal Dr. Kaushal K. Prasad addressing the students of First-year MCA



Prof. Tejas V. Joshi, Head of the MCA Department introducing Department of MCA to students and guiding students



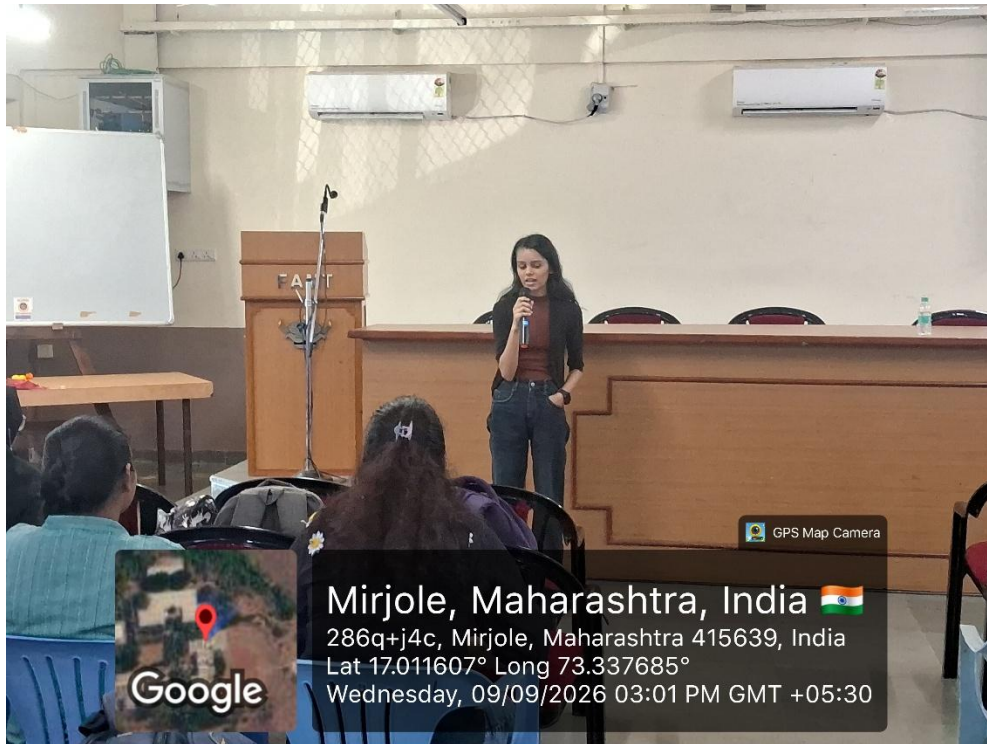
Prof. Waman R. Parulekar expressing vote of thanks



Prof. Ravindra V. Kerkar giving information of Student Association of MCA



Principal Dr. Kaushal K. Prasad felicitating the student representatives of First-year MCA



FY MCA Students introduction session



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Mr. Yogeshwar Shendye, alumnus of the MCA 2021 batch, interacting with students