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As we step into the first half of January, it's the perfect time to welcome new beginnings with hope and confidence. A new year brings new opportunities to learn, grow, and shine. Every small effort you make now is a step toward a brighter version of yourself. Let's start 2026 with positivity, passion, and purpose!



Sanvi Sawant
SE-COMPS

Sanvi Sawant started January on a joyful note with a family trip to Indore, visiting Mahakal and Omkareshwar temples and spending quality time together. Another highlight was her energetic flashmob performance at the college fest inauguration, which was both exciting and memorable. She has also begun the new semester with enthusiasm, eager to learn new concepts and grow her skills.

Shannon Fernandes experienced a January filled with growth and new opportunities. She participated in a three-day yoga retreat at Kaivalyadhama, Lonavala, which enhanced her discipline, focus, and overall well-being. She also appeared for a professional interview with Reliance Transport and Trade, gaining valuable exposure to corporate work culture and developing key soft skills like communication, confidence, and professionalism.



Shannon Fernandes
SE-COMPS



Srishti Kotian
SE-IT

Srishti Kotian had a meaningful start to January, beginning the month with temple visits alongside her family, which brought peace and positivity. She also attended a DevOps value-added course, gaining valuable knowledge and understanding of important technical concepts. Overall, her January began with a beautiful balance of family time, spirituality, and learning.

Khushi Thorat successfully completed a DevOps course and explored her interest in technology through hands-on learning. She also participated in the 24-hour Technova Hackathon, where her team secured third place among the XIE teams, making the experience both exciting and rewarding. Alongside academics, she is enjoying her college life and looks forward to upcoming events, new skills, and more memorable experiences.



Khushi Thorat
SE-COMPS



Jidnyasa Patil
SE-EXTC

Jidnyasa Patil had an enriching start to January, spending three peaceful days at the Kaivalyadhama Yoga Retreat in Lonavla, where she reconnected with herself through yoga, meditation, and a disciplined routine. She also attended an AI Lab workshop by the Red Dot Foundation in collaboration with the Kingdom Consulate of the Netherlands, gaining valuable insights into how artificial intelligence can be used for social impact and real-world problem-solving. Overall, her January began with a perfect blend of mindfulness, learning, and growth.

The first half of December was an interesting and artistic time for Vrishty Gothwal. She visited the Jahangir Art Gallery to attend the *Dream Vision* art exhibition, exploring creative expressions and visual storytelling. She also participated in the book exchange event organized by the Cultural Committee at XIE, where she exchanged *The Midnight Library* and received *The Fault in Our Stars*, making the experience both unique and enjoyable.



Vrishty Gothwal
SE-CSE



Yashashree Suvarna
SE-CSE

Yashashree Suvarna had a busy and exciting start to January, as she regularly visited college to work on Spandan decorations. She was actively involved in planning, designing, and setting up the décor, making it a collaborative and creative experience. She also choreographed two flash mobs for the inauguration and Traditional Day, which required consistent practice, coordination, and teamwork. Alongside college activities, she also did shopping and preparations for the upcoming Ganesh Jayanti celebration at home.

Angelina N began January by overcoming a personal milestone — the fear of writing about herself and her achievements publicly. Taking this step made her proud and marked a positive start to the new year.

A major highlight of the month was securing **3rd prize at the Technova 24-hour Hackathon** among shortlisted XIE teams. As her first hackathon, the achievement taught her teamwork, persistence, and confidence in her ideas.

The college fest season added memorable experiences, including wearing a saree publicly for the first time during Traditional Day, which boosted her confidence. She also contributed creatively by designing tickets and posters for student council events.

Overall, her January began with meaningful firsts, growth, and gratitude for new opportunities.



Angelina Y. Nadar
SE-COMPS



Dhriti Agarwal
SE-COMPS

The first fifteen days of January were exciting and productive for Dhriti Agarwal. She began the month celebrating her birthday on 6th January with family and friends, making the day special with loved ones and thoughtful gifts. During this period, she also completed a 15-day Gel-X nails course, gaining professional techniques and hands-on experience. Alongside this, she learned to build a remote-control car for her mini project and looks forward to exploring it further.



Marisa Menezes had a great start to the year, spending quality time with friends, attending her neighbour's wedding, and actively helping the council's decoration team. She also practiced for the inauguration dance and continued learning through the DevOps course conducted by the Technical Committee. Her inauguration performance turned out very well, making it a proud moment. Overall, January was an enjoyable beginning filled with learning, participation, and skill-building.



Marisa Menezes
SE-COMPS



Aarya Ingavale
SE-COMPS

Aarya Ingavale had a truly special start to January, enjoying peaceful long drives with her family that brought her happiness and relaxation. During this time, she successfully completed her DevOps course, marking a significant personal achievement. Alongside this, she actively contributed to college life through event decorations, participating in a flash mob, and music practice, which allowed her to express herself creatively. Overall, the first half of January helped her grow, learn, and create beautiful memories.

Harshali Mohite began January with an educational and cultural visit to Hampi, Karnataka. Exploring its historic monuments and architectural heritage made the experience enriching, especially as it aligns with her interest in history and ancient architecture. She also successfully completed her DevOps course, strengthening her technical skills and practical understanding. Soon after, she resumed her academics with the start of Semester 4, making this period productive and meaningful for her overall growth.



Harshali Mohite
SE-CSE



Keiyona Rodrigues
SE-COMPS

Keiyona Rodrigues experienced January as a phase of self-exploration and quiet progress. She focused on organizing her daily routine and setting clear goals for the year ahead, which helped her stay motivated and disciplined. She explored new areas of learning out of curiosity and worked on improving consistency in academics and personal habits. Taking time to reflect on her strengths and areas for improvement gave her clarity about her future direction. Overall, January helped her build self-awareness, discipline, and a strong foundation for the months ahead.

"The secret of getting ahead is getting started."

— **Mark Twain**