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**Bharat Ratna Dr. Babasaheb Ambedkar Jayanti is celebrated with enthusiasm at Samarth Nursing College**



Bharat Ratna Babasaheb Ambedkar was born on 14<sup>th</sup> April 1891. His 134<sup>th</sup> birth anniversary was celebrated with great enthusiasm everywhere. Students at Samarth Nursing College also celebrated this birth anniversary with joy on 12/04/2025. The entire program was organized by the second-year students of G.N.M. under the guidance of Mr. Suraj Dudhdesar.

On the occasion of his anniversary, an essay competition was organized at 9:30 AM. A total of 25 students participated in it. Out of which 3 winners were awarded prizes.

**Essay competition prize distribution: From left: Suhani Bhimte, Ravi Yadav (Nursing Tutor), Jessie Jacob (Vice Principal), and Vaishali Dalvi (Associate Professor)**

After that, at 12:00 PM, the program began traditionally with the lighting of the lamp and worshipping of Babasaheb's photo. The Principal of the Nursing College, Prof. Tejal Surve, and Vice-Principal, Prof. Jessie Jacob, and other teachers were present for the program. After worshipping the idol of Babasaheb, the students delivered speeches in which they mentioned the lifestyle and work of Babasaheb. Later, the winners of the essay competition were felicitated with prizes. The Ambedkar Jayanti festival provided a meaningful platform for the students to reflect on the values of equality, justice, and education. The program was successful in instilling a sense of social responsibility and respect for constitutional values among the students.

**Progress in the medical field and latest facilities at Walawalkar Hospital - Seminars organized by the hospital**



**Spontaneous response to the seminar and Participants in the seminar were Dr. Suvarna Patil, Dr. Netaji Patil Dr. Sunil Nadkarni and other doctors.**

With the rapid advancement in the medical field, Walawalkar Hospital has started a unique program with the aim of making the doctors serving in the villages of Konkan aware of this, and in turn, the patients can benefit from it. Despite of lack of modern health facilities in the village, seminars were organized in some talukas to guide them on what precautions should be taken during treatment so that the patient's pain is reduced. Number of doctors in different talukas, such as 39 in Chiplun, 40 in Dapoli, 37 in Guhagar, 26 in Mandangad, 72 in Mangaon, 80 in Ratnagiri, 51 in Rajapur, and 40 in Khed and Devrukh, spontaneously participated in this program. This program was organized in every village itself. All the doctors appreciated all the facilities available under one roof at Walawalkar Hospital.

These seminars were guided by Dr. Sunil Nadkarni (Cervical Spine Specialist), Dr. Anand Joshi (Stomach and Liver, Pancreatic Disorders), Dr. Suvarna Patil (MD Medicine), Dr. Netaji Patil (Radiologist), Dr. Abhay Gondhale (Nuclear Medicine), Dr. Mridul Bhatjiwale (Neurologist), Dr. Pratik Shahane (Ear, Nose, Throat Specialist) and Orthopaedist and Spine Specialist Dr. Omkar Sudame.

### Goodwill gift and feedback from the Rotary Club of Pune South

"Today, all of us members visited this organization. It is truly awe-inspiring to see their work going on here in research, sports complex, medical college and hospital, and school. Behind every work done, the well-being of the population is considered, and then the work is finalised. Therefore, the emotion behind the work and quality of work is of the highest standard. Here, the power of Guru Maharaj's blessings can be seen with clear vision. Meeting all the people here, one can understand the level of dedication of a person. We have never seen a greater social work, service to God than this. We are very happy to be here. Best wishes, may God give us the wisdom to take some inspiration from this." - Rotary Club of Pune (South)



**From left - Nandan Hande, Vinodbhai Agarwal, Dr. Netaji Patil, Subhash Karandikar, Rajesh Belgaonkar, Shrikant Paranjape, Dr. Suvarna Patil, Ravindra Prabhune**

### Participation of nursing students in various sports competitions

Students of the Nursing department of Samarth Nursing College, Kasarwadi, Sawarde, participated enthusiastically in various inter-college sports competitions held recently.

Institute of Nursing, Kasal, Sindhudurg, organized the 'Inter-College Championship 2025 - Kho Kho Competition' on 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> March 2025. In this competition, G.N.M. and B.Sc. students of SVJCT participated and won the championship trophy by playing excellently. Players included Sankesh Durgoli, Abhijit Pawara, Siddhesh Warekar, Aditya Nanavare, Pranay Mahadik, Shubham Shirsat, Om Gitte, Anup Harchakar, Shreyas Chavan, Pranay Waghmare, and Prafulla Jagkar. Due to this achievement, the name of the college has become famous, and the students are being congratulated everywhere.

Also, Dr. Ulhas Patil Medical College, Jalgaon, organized inter-collegiate competitions (Pyrexia - 2025), which included games like cricket, volleyball, football, basketball, and the rest in it.

Students of B.K.L. Walawalkar Medical College, along with Samarth Nursing College, participated in the games of football, volleyball, and cricket. Here too, our students secured second place in football and were honoured with medals and certificates for their participation in volleyball and cricket. The students received valuable guidance from the college teachers, Mr. Ravi Yadav and Mr. Prasad Shinde, for these competitions.

The students' success is due to their hard work, regular practice, and the guidance and motivation of the college's sports department. This time, it was once again proven that participation in sports competitions increases team spirit, physical fitness, and self-confidence among students.

The college principal congratulated the students and wished them luck for better performances in the future.



### Opportunity to learn surgical skills in a Johnson & Johnson van



Dervan Hospital gave all the students the opportunity to learn surgical skills in a Johnson & Johnson van. Surgical skill development is crucial to achieve proficiency in surgery. Training increases patient safety and surgical effectiveness. Consistency in practice is essential to achieve proficiency in surgical techniques. Walawalkar Hospital and Rural Medical College organized a 'Basic Skill Training Program' for MBBS, Nursing, Physiotherapy, Junior Resident, and BPMT students in collaboration with Johnson & Johnson from 27<sup>th</sup> to 29<sup>th</sup> March 2025. This training is imparted in a Johnson & Johnson van. Since the student capacity of the van was only 22 students, 5 groups of B.Sc. 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> year students were formed and sent for training. Each group was given one hour. During this session, a video was shown to the students to understand the sequence of how to put on and take off gloves, gowns while assisting in surgery, and then they were shown various surgical techniques. The students also got a chance to practice, and the trainer observed the students and corrected their mistakes. It was a very new and amazing experience for the students. In this way, training is provided for all groups, and the students benefit from it.

## Girls from the Dervan cohort received training for traditional Ganeshotsav decorations



This year, a total of 24 girls from Chiplun, Sangameshwar, and Guhagar talukas participated enthusiastically in the handicraft training organized at the S.V.J.C.T. Skill Development Center in Dervan. This training on teaching eco-friendly and traditional handicrafts for Ganpati decoration was given by Chandrika Kamat (Mumbai), an instructor of Arts and Crafts. She gives demo programs on the topic of 'Art and Craft' on various renowned TV channels. She also conducts workshops for TV artists and fashion designers from Mumbai and Delhi. Under the direction of Hemant Trivedi and as per the designs of Shayna N.C., she has specially designed sarees for the charity fashion show of the 'Cancer Patients Association'. She conducts various workshops on the occasion of Ganpati and Diwali every year.

Girls were taught decorations like pleated flowers, sunflowers, and fan folds. Training was given to make jumbo flowers, colourful peacocks. Each girl was given their materials and was given hands-on activities. The girls said that they can start handicraft decorations for the Ganpati festival as a business and earn income using this skill. This initiative, under the guidance of Kamat Madam, has created confidence in the girls, and their creativity has been unleashed.

## Kantha Work Training



'Kantha work' is a type of traditional embroidery, it is also called 'hand embroidery'. Hand embroidery is done on new clothes, pillow covers, sarees, etc. Mrinmayi Avachat, founder of 'Nikai Fashion Studio', came to provide training on this. She is a fashion designer and entrepreneur. She has worked as a faculty member at Pearl Academy. She has completed an executive program in fashion design in London.

On 22nd and 23rd May 2025, S.V.J.C.T. Skill Development Center and Dervan Cohort Project girls were trained in Kantha Work. The girls in the new batch were taught small shapes' running stitch, mirror work, and Sindhi taka. They were also taught how to do slip stitch, hemming, how to do finishing of table-runners and how to do clean and beautiful work without any complications in the stitches while embroidering. Some girls have also got employment from this.

## Alumni gathering at Samarth Nursing College



On 29th March 2025, the alumni meet of the Nursing Department was held with great enthusiasm at Samarth Nursing College. The program began with the lighting of the lamp and Saraswati Vandana. The principal of the college, Professor Tejal Surve, as the chief guest, and other faculty members were also present. In her speech, she highlighted the importance of the nursing profession. Many alumni shared their experiences and guided the new students. Some alumni shared their experiences about the social services provided by them.



Various games, cultural programs, and song concerts were organized to interact between the current and former students. At the end of the program, all the former students were honoured. This gathering was an inspiring and memorable experience for everyone. The college principal, Professor Tejal Surve, concluded the program by thanking all the attendees.

## Summer camps for various sports were filled with enthusiasm



To enhance their sports skills by making good use of the annual summer holidays, the SVJCT Sports Complex is becoming a rightful place for players. From April 10 to the end of May, various renowned coaches and players have come to take advantage of the international-level physical facilities, like a synthetic track, football ground, well-equipped gymnastic hall, and swimming pool here. Players are getting advanced facilities and modern guidance here to prepare for representing at the national and international levels. Players from various districts like Mumbai, Thane, Dombivli, Ahmednagar, Kolhapur, Satara, Nashik, and Chhatrapati Sambhajnagar participated in the training

camp. The number of resident players in these two-month camps organized at different periods was 660, with athletics having the highest attendance.

Players from Rising Star Club in Mumbai, which has been organizing camps continuously for the past four years, came for the athletics training camp. According to Coach Yogesh Satam, the energy provided by the sports complex inspires us to perform well in various competitions throughout the year. The practice here helps in technical improvement in the players and helps them acquire the desired proficiency. As a result, the players in the camp perform well in the competitions and face the competition with confidence. While praising the management of the organization, he also said that the camp is becoming more successful due to the excellent facilities and cooperation provided for the camp. He also expressed his hope to organize the camp regularly in the future, which will develop budding players and bring new talent to the field of sports.

Achievers Sports Club coach Nilesh Patkar from Thane was present for a month-long training camp with a team of players. National players like Nikhil Dhaka, Harsh Raut, Rishabh Yadav, Akanksha Gawade, Mihika Surve, Shrestha Shetty, and Smit Sarode participated in his team. The international standard ground in the sports complex is the main reason, along with the swimming pool, gymnasium, indoor stadium, good accommodation, and food facilities that complement the players, which makes the children's practice perfect. During the camp, the students are not only taught physical fitness, but also self-discipline, which is a need of the current youth generation, which is why we organized the camp here, he expressed his opinion.

A sports camp was organized for 60 players under the guidance of coaches Jagdish Gawde and Amol Kadam of 'Jidd Academy', who brought a team of athletics players from Kalyan and Dombivli. We have organized this camp to provide fitness training to young players on the track and in the enclosed field here. These new players should also get to experience how players representing at the national level practice, which will definitely benefit them in the future, Gawde emphasized.

Along with this, 36 players from Anandrao Chavan Vidyalaya in Kolhapur are practicing hard under the guidance of coach Pratik Kadam. Even though the weather here is hot, we have organized this camp to prepare them to face the challenges during the competition season. He expressed the opinion saying, along with practice, the players from rural areas received guidance on diet and recovery from minor injuries, which will benefit them in the coming year.

Along with this, SVJCT Sports Complex also organized various other Summer Sports Camps. Along with sports, an attempt was made through this camp to create characterful players, keeping the national interest in mind. Training camps for sports like kabaddi, football, archery, handball, and rifle shooting were held in the sports complex in the month of May.

It was summer, so athletes and sports enthusiasts from the vicinity of Walawalkar Hospital enjoyed swimming for more than 12 hours a day.

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