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B. K. L. Walawalkar Rural Medical College & Hospital
Shree Kshetra Dervan Vartaptra**

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76th Republic Day Celebrated with Enthusiasm at SVJCT, Dervan



The 76th Republic Day of India was celebrated with great enthusiasm at the sports complex of Shri Vitthalrao Joshi Charities Trust. The flag was hoisted by the chief guest, renowned Dentist Dr. Sandesh Mayekar – Cosmetic and Aesthetic. Dentist. Chartered Accountant Swati Mayekar and famous gynecologist from America, Dr. Anil Nerurkar, were present as the guest of honour. On this occasion, the trustees of the organization, Mr. Ashokrao Joshi and Mr. Vikasrao Walawalkar, professors, teachers, employees from medical and sports departments, as well as students, parents, and people from the nearby area, were present in large numbers.



After the hoisting of the flag, singing of the National Anthem, State Anthem, and Flag Anthem, the Preamble of the Constitution was read out in a group. Students from pre-primary, primary, secondary, and higher secondary sections of the school delivered speeches in various languages like English, Spanish, Sanskrit and German, reviewing the glorious achievements of the Republic of India in the last 76 years.

Shlesha Pakale from Nursery School said that Republic Day brings us peace and teaches us to live in unity with love and harmony. Abhish Pradhan from Junior KG explained the importance of the Constitution in his speech and paid tribute to the freedom fighters. Vihang Adhatrao from Senior KG gave detailed information about the Indian tricolor. Myra Khalpe, a student from Class I, informed everyone about India, which celebrates various festivals and is steeped in diverse traditions. Bhavya Gulshankumar, a student from Class II, beautifully described the chariot processions that show a glimpse of various cultures, as well as the acrobatics of aircrafts in the capital of India, Delhi, on Republic Day. Shaurya Pawar, a student of 3rd grade, presented his thoughts on various national symbols of India while Rudra Mohire and Aarohi Mohire students of 4th grade, presented their thoughts on 'India of my Dreams and the progress it has made, and Swaraj Yadav and Ovi Bonde, students of 6th grade, presented their thoughts on India's natural beauty, culture and unity in diversity and the great progress it has made in science, technology and space.

**In the fierce battle of freedom, enthusiasm grew every moment, heart trembled on seeing the enemy.
May all fear and crisis be eradicated. May our flag remain high.
Flag hoisting by the chief guest Dr. Sandesh Mayekar.**



**Tanmayi Jadhav, who represented the school
at the national level in the swimming
competition was felicitated by the chief guest.**



**Honored guest Swati Mayekar guiding students
on savings and planning**

Students expressed various thoughts in English, such as Aaradhya Rajeshirke from 7th class on preserving the rights and citizenship of citizens under the Constitution, while Dhavalsing Yadav from class 11th expressed that on this Republic Day, we should not just revel in history but also make our sincere contribution to the bright future of the country.

Expressing themselves in the various languages taught in the school, Madhura Mungekar and Anushree Kolekar of class 8th appealed in Sanskrit to the role of children in the formation of the nation and to actively participate in the formation of a developed nation that benefits the world. Radha Patankar and Chinmayi Mohire of class 9th expressed in German that the parade on duty represents the culture and tradition of India. Students Isha Ranade and Ishwari Surve expressed their thoughts in Spanish on the friendly relations between Indonesia and India. Also, Asreen Chaudhary, who is from the second year of medicine, spoke in Hindi and reminded the youth of their participation in the formation of the nation and their duty as responsible citizen.

On the occasion of Republic Day, various meritorious sportspersons who represented the school at the national and state levels were felicitated by the dignitaries present with cash prizes.

The dignitaries present for the program interacted with the students. First, Mrs. Swati Mayekar, who was the guest of honor, suggested that the students open an account in a bank and save their money. Based on a survey conducted by Fortune Magazine, 55% of the population has health problems due to financial reasons. If you want to protect yourself from those problems, respect money and work. Respect Goddess Saraswati along with Goddess Lakshmi. Plan your future. Invest and grow that money by saving a little bit every month, she advised all the attendees.



Honorable guest Dr. Anil Nerurkar telling students the importance of positivity being talented.



Chief guest Dr. Sandesh Mayekar expounding the virtues of and hard work to the students.

Dr. Anil Nerurkar, in his speech, appealed to everyone to develop four qualities. He explained the importance of IQ, emotional intelligence, financial intelligence, and compassion in life and explained the value of the qualities of kindness, restraint, and charity. Through ideal instance of generosity, Shri Kaka Maharaj and Shri. Walawalkar Sir expressed his gratitude for the social revolution initiative created in places like Dervan.

Dr. Sandesh Mayekar, who was present as the chief guest, while interacting with the students, said that “every person should decide and write down what they want to do in life, act accordingly, and change it with time. As shown in the advertisement, the actors never use that product. They encourage increasing the product and earning money from it. Therefore, do not imitate actors. Everyone should have at least one mentor in their life so that they can open their minds to that mentor, and their mental stress will go away. They should analyze themselves and identify their strengths. Take advantage of the many facilities available in schools and sports academies and become national athletes. Do not waste time. Money can come back, but time does not. Also, make a habit of helping

others. Make good habits. Think positively and look at everything positively with a smile. Make a wish and work hard for it. Your dreams will come true.”



**Nursery student
Shlesha Pakle**



**Senior KG student
Vihang Adhatrao**



**9th standard student Radha Patankar and
Chinmayi Mohire
(presenting ideas in the German language)**



**4th Standard
Rudra Mohire and Aarohi
Mohire**



**6th Standard,
Swaraj Yadav and Ovi
Bonde**



**Senior KG, Ira Lokare
and Jignesh Berde -
Expressing themselves in
Spanish**



**8th Standard Madhura
Mungekar and Anushree
Kolekar expressing
themselves through Sanskrit
Language**

After the speeches of the dignitaries, showcasing the cultures and traditions of various states like Kashmiri, Bengali, Assamese, Goan, Manipuri, and Gujarati dance forms were performed by the students representing 'Unity in Diversity'. The students of the primary section presented a mass drill the students of the secondary section presented lezim sports. The school's yoga team presented skillful yoga poses, and the Mallakhamb team presented breathtaking Mallakhamb demonstrations, earning the appreciation of the audience. The students' flexibility, concentration, confidence, discipline, team spirit, adherence to rules, etc., qualities were evident.

The program was hosted by Grishma Nandoskar and Satyajit Sanap, students of class VIII. The guests were introduced by Janhvi Chalke, Principal, Primary Department, and teacher Geetanjali Sakpal. The program concluded with a vote of thanks by Pallavi Tendulkar, Principal, Pre-Primary Department, and then a morning procession was taken out by the students of the school. Food was also distributed to all the students.



Educationist Mr. Manoj Deshpande, Dr. Shridhar Gadre and Entrepreneur Mr. Narendra Kale visit Shri Kshetra Dervan



From Left: Dr. Arvind Yadav, Dr. Manoj Deshpande, Mrs. Kale, Mr. Narendra Kale, Dr. Shridhar Gadre, Dr. Mrs. Gadre and Dr. Suvarna Patil

Famous entrepreneur in the field of Information Technology, Mr. Narendra Kale, renowned scientist in the field of computational and theoretical chemistry in India, Dr. Shridhar Gadre, and educationist Mr. Manoj Deshpande, along with Mrs. Kale and mathematics expert Dr. Gadre, visited Dervan on 10th February.

Manoj Deshpande is the MD and CEO of 'Myelin'. Myelin is an organization that wants to bring about a radical change in the field of 'Communication and operational management' in private schools. Under the leadership of Mr. Deshpande, the organization works in areas such as the school-admission process, teacher-parent collaboration, and performance evaluation, while also guiding schools to get funding from the industrial sector. This organization strives to make the education system efficient by using 'AI', meaning artificial intelligence, and maintain continuity and progress in it. He has worked in organizations like Opus, Infosys, and Persistent. He also participates in 'Ultra Marathon' (a race longer than a marathon). He has combined technology and pedagogy to create a comprehensive, easy-to-use platform for teachers that will not only reduce the administrative burden on teachers but will also enhance their professional and academic quality and that of their students. They have expressed their views about the organization through social media.

"Living in India and working on a subject I love, I learn something new every day. It's boring here." I can't even find the moment! Yesterday I got the chance to visit SVJCT's school. This school is located in Dervan, a village in Maharashtra with a population of around 1700. I was very impressed by it! The comforts of the school that can be found only in exceptional schools, that too at a very low cost or free of cost, and their efforts and commitment to removing the barriers to education due to financial constraints are clear. What impressed me the most was the sense of unity and shared vision among teachers, directors, sports teachers, and support staff. They all speak the same 'language'. 'Our children should be empowered; it is our responsibility.' They are all united in nurturing the thinking power of the children and are bridging the gap in opportunities between urban and rural areas. The premises of the school are a perfect example of what an ideal school should be. The comprehensive health system and spacious playground are conducive to physical and intellectual growth. This visit of mine inspired me, gave me energy, and gave me more concentration than before. The unique blend of spirituality, faith, and excellence that has been achieved here creates a truly unique atmosphere. Thirty hours have passed since I saw the children playing Mallakhamb, running around the playground, and overflowing with enthusiasm; yet, they are still clearly dancing before my eyes! This school not only teaches 'studies' but also brings about radical changes in the lives of the students and shapes their future. This institution not only develops its children but also goes beyond that and runs many programs to empower students, parents, and the surrounding community in other schools, provides nutritious food to the malnourished, and runs a nursing training school. If you want to form a team to carry out a task, it requires such vision and tireless leadership. I am very grateful to Shri. Narendra Kale, sir, for introducing me to

the very amazing social initiative. I am also grateful to the director of this school, Sharayu Yashwantrao, and her colleagues. I wish I could also get the opportunity to participate in this work and come to work.”

Dr. Shridhar Gadre is a renowned scientist in the field of computational and theoretical chemistry in India and was awarded the Dr. Shantiswaroop Bhatnagar Award for Chemical Sciences in 1993. He has taught at various positions at the University of Pune and IIT Kanpur for a long time. He has produced many talented students and has played a major role in the growth of computational chemistry and scientific computing in India. During his visit to Dervan, he interacted with medical students in the biochemistry laboratory and provided valuable guidance to them.

Mr. Narendra Kale is a multi-faceted industrialist, co-founder and mentor of 'Bhau Institute', director of 'Kale Logistics', and founder chairman of 'Kale Consultants'. In his opinion, he writes, “My annual trip to Dervan completely recharges my batteries for the year! I am delighted to have the opportunity to visit Dervan once again and witness the remarkable transformation that has taken place there in the last two decades. This silent revolution is a perfect blend of traditional Indian knowledge and modern medicine and technology. The Guru-Shishya tradition, where the disciple strives to make every dream of his Guru come true in a better way than he had imagined, is flourishing here.

The once remote and neglected village of Dervan in Konkan has now become a great medical center. A proud 750-bed hospital equipped with facilities like Nuclear Medicine, C.T. Scan, MRI, and Chemotherapy is now here. Moreover, 750 medical students are studying here. There is an English medium school from K.G. to XII. A nursing college, an Olympic-standard sports complex, and many social health and women’s empowerment initiatives are being implemented here. And the special thing is that all this has been provided by the Shri Vithalrao Joshi Charities Trust at a very small, negligible cost.”

Dr.



Prabhakaran Dorairaj visits Walawalkar Hospital

Dr. Prabhakaran Dorairaj, MD, DM(Cardiology), MSc, FRCP, New Delhi, Director of Centre for Chronic Disease Control (CCDC), and Dr. Pournima Prabhakaran, Director of Centre for Health Analytics Research and Trends (CHARTS), visited B.K.L. Walawalkar Hospital and Medical College on 24th December 2024. 'CCDC' is an

Dr. Sudhir Kulkarni and Dr. Yamini Kulkarni

organization affiliated with 'ICMR'. This organization continuously researches chronic diseases like diabetes, hypertension, and heart disease. As a part of this, the Executive Director of the organization, Dr. Prabhakaran's co-operation with Walawalkar Hospital is valuable. His visit to Dervan was important in terms of how digital technology can be used to provide health services to villagers in the hilly areas. During his visit, he visited Dervan Dhangarwadi. He saw firsthand what the lifestyle is like in the villages of Konkan. After that, he inspected the research and social projects being implemented in the hospital, discussed them and provided valuable guidance. At the end of this visit, CCDC stated that it intends to provide computerization and digital health in Walawalkar Rural Medical College and Hospital

Lecture by Dr. Sudhir Kulkarni on the topic of 'Drug Discovery'



Scientist Dr. Sudhir Kulkarni gave a lecture on the innovative topic of 'Drug Discovery' on 6th January 25 at Walawalkar Hospital. Due to diabetes, patients have to endure many complications like foot wounds, inflammation, gangrene, and sometimes even surgery on the foot, and have to spend the best days of their lives in bed. Dr. Sudhir Kulkarni, after completing his PhD in Biochemistry, used his knowledge to alleviate the suffering of such patients. A very simple but effective medicine is designed for foot wounds caused by diabetes.

The drug was first developed in the laboratory for testing and then used in 'pre-clinical' that is, on mice. After its good results were found, it was used for 'clinical trials' and now the Central Drugs Standard Control Organization (CDSCO) has recently approved its production in India. The company has licensed this product to 'Ipca Laboratories Limited' under the name 'Dialcus'. It is currently being used for the treatment of Diabetic foot, Psoriasis, and other skin diseases. Dr. Kulkarni gave a detailed presentation to the medical students on the process of drug development from its production to its marketing and expressed the hope that this presentation would definitely encourage the students to develop an interest in this subject. Dr. Yamini Kulkarni, who accompanied him, is currently working as an Intellectual Property (IP) consultant in a biotechnology company and works on patent drafting, litigation, patent search, and literature. She also addressed the students on her subject.

From left: Dr. Netaji Patil, Dr. Purnima Prabhakaran, Dr. Prabhakaran, Professor Velhal, Dr. Suvarna Patil, Rupali Chavan and medical Students

Goodwill visit of Sunil Gosavi, Chief District and Sessions Judge Ratnagiri, at Shrikshetra Dervan

“Yesterday, Joshi Maharaj made arrangements to show me Shivshruti, Ashram, Goshala, Sports Complex, and Walawalkar Hospital, so I was able to see all these things in a short time. Such a big social work is being done there without any fuss, and no donations are being taken from anyone for it. I was surprised and happy to see that extreme cleanliness is maintained everywhere, and such beautiful service and social work are being done. You all helped to show me how all this is done. I would like to come to your organization in the future. Thank you very much for all your help. Please convey my regards to Joshi Maharaj.” Feedback given by Sunil Gosavi, Chief District and Sessions Judge, Ratnagiri, during the visit (30 January,2025)

Mr. Jeevan Kayande’s goodwill visit to Walawalkar Hospital



Mr. Jeevan Kayande, President, Maharashtra Seva Samiti Sanghatana (Calgary Alberta, Canada) paid a goodwill visit to Walawalkar Hospital on 18th February 2025. During the visit,

Crescent moon and Sunspots seen through school telescope

he praised the organization saying, “This service done to improve the quality of life of the people in the area is wonderful.” He also assured that ‘M.S.S.O., Canada’ is ready to

provide financial support to this work for patient service.

Sky-gazers Club: Observing the Universe Through Telescopes

A sky observation program was successfully organized at Shri Vitthalrao Joshi Charities Trust English Medium School and Junior College of Science, Sawarde on 20th



From right: Dr. Suvarna Patil, Dr. Netaji Patil, Mr. Vikasrao Walawalkar, Justice Sunil Gosavi and others



abd 21st February 2025.

Aeronautics and Space Exploration Company Engineers Mr. Kailash Belekar, Mr. Shashikant Gawari and their colleagues were the expert guides for sky observation.

At the beginning of the program, the attendees were given a PPT presentation on astronomical phenomena such as origin of the universe with the Big Bang, galaxies visible in the sky, nebulae, various constellations, newly born stars and the identification of stars that are setting. After that, all the students were taken to the field for sky observation First by guiding us how to find the Pole star in the sky, they showed Orion, Kritika Nakshatra, Sharmishta Nakshatra, Rohini Nakshatra: the bright stars ‘Altair’, ‘Deneb’, ‘Vega’, which are the imaginary vertices of the summer triangle; planets like Jupiter, Venus, Mars and the rest. as well as the zodiac signs like Taurus, Gemini, Leo, Virgo, Scorpio etc. with explanations. While showing all these in the sky and the signs associated with



From left: Dr. Suvarna Patil, Mrs. Kayande, and Mr. Kayande



them, He narrated the mythological stories from Hindu, Greek, and Egyptian Cultures and explained the scientific approach behind them.

The attendees enjoyed observing the sky through telescopes, two brought by expert guides and one from the school. The red-coloured Mars, the core of Venus, Jupiter and its four moons, as well as the Orion Nebula, The Kritika Constellation, the Binary stars- Vashishtha and Arundhati, the Beehive cluster, the Moon, craters on the moon, were shown through telescope at night and after sunrise, blocking 99.99% of the sun's rays and showing sun spots on the Sun. Curiosity aroused among the students, seeing the astronomical concepts in person that are seen only in pictures.

SVJCT School organized this sky viewing program and accommodation for the students free of cost. 140 students and teachers participated in this astronomy observation program and received a spontaneous response. Many teachers and students expressed their happiness and said that the experience of observing planets and stars clearly through the telescope was unforgettable.



The 38th National Mallakhamb Games were held in Uttarakhand from February 11. In this competition, Maharashtra players won 4 gold, 4 silver, and 5 bronze medals. For this competition, the pre-competition practice and training camp of six boys and girls from the Maharashtra team was held at the SVJCT Sports Complex. This camp was conducted under the guidance of the Maharashtra Olympic Association, Maharashtra Amateur Mallakhamb Association, and Ratnagiri District Mallakhamb Association. The players of the team practiced hard.

Team coach Sandeep Shinde, team manager Pankaj Shinde, and women's coach Sakshi Garge gave the twelve players a thorough workout. They were taught various tactics. Out of 150 players, 12 players were selected for the National Games in Wadala. Uttarakhand has a cold climate. At the same time, the oxygen level is also low. Against this backdrop, this training was conducted from 5 to 9 in the morning and from 5 to 9 in the evening. Along with the training, the team was also given lessons on team bonding, team activities, as well as swimming, workout, running, and meditation. With the help of Walawalkar Hospital, the players' medical examination was also conducted. With the advice of doctors from Dervan



The stars come down to Earth to lighten courtyard let the darkness of mind be vanished.

Hospital, proper guidance from massage therapists and dieticians, the players were given a proper diet. In this way, everything was being given to these players. Therefore, the coaches of this team, Sandeep Shinde and Pankaj Shinde, expressed their confidence that these players will achieve great success in this national competition.

Two players in the Maharashtra team have received the Shiv Chhatrapati Award, while many have previously played in the national competition. Therefore, women's umpire Sakshi Garge expressed confidence that they will achieve great success in this competition this time too. The players displayed their skills in Pole Mallakhamb, Rope Mallakhamb, and Hanging Mallakhamb.

The team includes international players Janhvi Jadhav and Rupali Gangavane, who will be honored with the Shiv Chhatrapati Award. It also includes national players Neha Kshirsagar, Pallavi Shinde, Nidhi Rane, Pranali More, Aditya Patil, Vrishabh Ghubade, Sohail Sheikh, Darshan Maniyar, Shardul Rishikesh, and Mrigank Pathare.

The annual sports competition of the Rural Sports Development Project concluded with enthusiasm



In the SVJCT Sports Complex on 16th February 2025, the annual sports competition of the Rural Sports Development Project, organized by 'Jnan Prabodhini Kridakul and Tata Trusts', was held. In this competition, five schools under the Chiplun Center Hub, which is one of the important centers in Maharashtra, participated: New English School Sati-Chinchgari, Mahadevrao Shirke Secondary and Higher Secondary School Bhom, Mohan School and Junior College Akale, New English School and Junior College Ambadus, 'R.C. Kale Secondary and Higher Secondary School Pedhe. A total of 195 players from all five sub-centers represented their respective sub-centers in these competitions.



At the inauguration of the competition, Dr. Anand Lunkadsar (National Coach of Kho Kho) started the competition by breaking the coconut. Also present were Project Manager Sankalp Thorat, Sport Psychologist Ashwagandha Parde, Sports Director Shrikant Paradkar, Chiplun Kendra Kridakul Project Co-ordinator Tushar Kadam, Assistant Center Sports Coach Vishal Surve, Ganesh Sawardekar, Satish Sawardekar, Amol Surve, Devraj Gargate, and Gyan Prabodhini Chiplun member Madhav Musale, Dr. Mrs. Swati Musale, and the rest. dignitaries were present.

In this competition, team events like Dodgeball, Langadi, modified round run, 8x50 m relay, and individual events like 50m/100m Running, Medicine Ball Throw, and Tennis Ball Throw were held. The sub-centre that won the most games in these competitions was awarded the best sub-centre. The competition was fierce between Aakle and Bhom sub-centres for this title, and in the end, Bhom emerged as the best sub-center this year by a very small margin of points.



The important thing is that through this competition, some talented players will be selected and those players will get the opportunity to represent Chiplun Center in the Central Competitions to be held at Nigdi on behalf of Chiplun Center. In these central competitions, a total of four hubs, Baramati, Harali, and Maval, along with Chiplun Center, will come face to face through the competition.

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Dervan Youth Games from March 10

The 11th Dervan Youth Games, organized by Shri Vithalrao Joshi Charities Trust on the occasion of Shiv Jayanti, has been organized from March 10 to March 17, 2025.

Preparations have begun in full swing for the 18 sports Competitions at the sports complex in Dervan. The competitions include athletics, gymnastics, badminton, table tennis, swimming, archery, shooting, chess, carom; to promote indigenous sports, Kabaddi, Kho Kho, Langdi, Mallakhamb, Yoga, as well as football, volleyball, basketball. Along with this, the adventure sport of wall climbing, which has been included in the Olympics, will also be included in the competition.

More than eight thousand athletes from across the state will participate in this competition, which is a fusion of Indian sports and the Olympic Games. This year too, the winners will be felicitated with medals, cups, and cash prizes. 1200 medals, 115 trophies will be given in the competition. Many national players have decided to participate in this competition. The audience will get the opportunity to watch the breathtaking performances of the players from the state in various sports.

The inauguration of the competition will be held on March 10th in the presence of Dipali Deshpande, coach of Dronacharya Awardee and Olympian Swapnil Kusale, in rifle and pistol shooting.

Players from under 8 to under 18 years of age will participate in this competition. Registration will continue till March 08, and online registration has started on the website www.svjctsportsacademy.com. To register for the competition, contact the following mobile numbers: 9822639306 / 8805228922 / 9850883283 / 9325449201.

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