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**Lecture by Dr. Sucheta Paranjpe, Vedic Scholar from 'Bhandarkar Oriental Research Institute, Pune at  
B.K.L. Walawalkar Rural Medical College**



*Dr. Suvarna Patil felicitating Dr. Sucheta Paranjape*



*Dr. Sucheta Paranjape speaking to medical students*

A lecture titled "Bhagavad Gita for Digital Age - Insight for Young Minds" was organized at B.K.L. Walawalkar Rural Medical College on December 10, 2025. The lecture was addressed by Dr. Sucheta Paranjape, a Vedic scholar from the Bhandarkar Oriental Research Institute, Pune.

Dr. Sucheta Paranjape has completed her postgraduate education in Vedic Studies and has also worked as a professor of Sanskrit and Indology at Tilak Maharashtra University and Pune University. She contributed to the Mahabharata project of the Bhandarkar Institute. She also made her mark on the Vedas in America. She worked in the "Edition Cultural Index". While doing publicity work on the Vedas, she noticed one thing that only people who study the Vedas and study Sanskrit language and have knowledge about it come to various conferences and seminars. But our Vedas, our Sanskrit language, should be taken to such people who do not know anything about it. Often, people are interested in this subject but cannot learn it. To reach such people, she started giving information about the Vedas using methods such as speech, writing, and oratory. The love among people for Sanskrit and culture started inspiring her in this work. They are conveying the Vedas that they cherish to those people with the same devotion. She ardently says that it is our heritage and we all should turn to the Vedas. We should read the Vedas ourselves, and we should learn them. While studying the Vedas, many objections and doubts in our minds are automatically removed. She wants to give the invaluable treasure of Indian culture a golden age. She is insistent that the Vedas should reach more people in the coming times and is also working towards that end. There is a great curiosity among the people about the Vedas. The number of social classes and institutions that have an affinity for the Vedas is increasing.

In today's hectic life, in the digital age, people are experiencing increased anxiety, stress, depression, and how to make the right decision when they are in doubt - the Bhagavad Gita provides us with the right guidance on all of this. Therefore, everyone should definitely read the Bhagavad Gita.

He guided us on how Karma, Dharma, Dnyana and Bhakti Yoga are mentioned in the Bhagavad Gita. He also urged us to read the Bhagavad Gita in all languages. He guided us on how the Bhagavad Gita, even though it was written many years ago, is relevant in every era.

## Angiography Examination and Treatment of Cerebral Blood Vessels begins at Walawalkar Hospital



*Second from left- Dr. Suvarna Patil (Medical Director), Dr. Mrudul Bhatjiwale and K. E. M. Hospital's Head of Neurosurgery Department Dr. Nitin Dange (Director and Head of Department, Interventional Neurology and Stroke), Dr. Netaji Patil, Dr. Kushal Bhatia (Consultant Brain and Spine Interventional Neurology and Stroke), and their fellow neurosurgeon Mayur Gharat*

B.K.L. Walawalkar Hospital, Dervan organized the first ever Cerebral Angiography and Stroke Management Camp and Workshop on 15<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup> November 2025.

In today's dynamic world, there has been a significant increase in diseases like brain disease, paralysis, brain hemorrhage, and the rest. due to diabetes and high blood pressure. Once paralysis occurs, a person becomes permanently disabled and its adverse effects affect the entire family. But now due to the advancement in science, better solutions have become available for this. Dr. Nitin Dange (Director and Head of Department, Interventional Neurology and Stroke), Head of the Neurosurgery Department from the renowned KEM Hospital in Mumbai, and his colleagues, Neurosurgeon Mayur Gharat and Dr. Kushal Bhatia (Consultant - Interventional Neurology and Stroke of Brain and Spine) visited Walawalkar Hospital and guided all the doctors and general practitioners on how to provide this latest system to the poor and needy patients of Konkan by creating awareness among them. About 25 patients benefited from this camp. Patients from villages like Ratnagiri, Chiplun, Sangameshwar, Guhagar, Poladpur, Dapoli, Khed, Alore and the rest were benefited. Apart from that 25 the patients were examined and cerebral angiography was performed on 2 of them. For this, the latest angiography machine of the 'Digital Subtraction Lab' of Walawalkar Hospital was used. This facility will help the patient to be admitted to the hospital within four hours of symptoms of paralysis, and if treated early, the patient will be completely protected from paralysis, the doctor said. He also organized a workshop for general practitioners and B.H.M.S. doctors and senior residents. About 145 people attended this workshop. This new treatment method will protect patients at risk of paralysis, so if symptoms like sudden tingling in the limbs, loss of strength on one side, mouth twitching, dizziness due to severe headache are not ignored, it will be possible to get protection if you reach the hospital within four hours.

## Creation of Amrit Kumbha in the form of the Indian Constitution and Artificial Intelligence and Future Education System - Lecture by Adv. Dr. Sudhakar Awhad



*Adv. Dr. Sudhakar Awhad*

A special guidance session was organized in the school on the subject of creation of Amrit Kumbha, the Indian Constitution, and Artificial Intelligence and future education system. For this session, eminent jurist Adv. Dr. Sudhakar Awhad was invited as the guest speaker.

Inaugurating the session, Dr. Awhad explained to the students the journey from small business activities in India to the British rule. He highlighted that the British initially maintained friendly relations with Indians, but later exploited India by abusing their power.

Referring to the importance of the resolution presented in the Constituent Assembly on December 13, 1946, he used the words 'We the people of India'.

He also explained to the students the election of Dr. Rajendra Prasad as the President of the Constituent Assembly and later as the first President of India. The students also got information about the important people who contributed to the creation of the Constitution. Bengal, Narasimha Rao, is an ICS officer, and he had studied the constitutions of 60 countries for the Constitution of India. After that, he also prepared the Constitution of Burma.

Dr. Awhad said that fundamental rights are the heart of the Indian Constitution. He particularly highlighted the contribution of the architect of the Constitution, Dr. Babasaheb Ambedkar. Also, Krishna Vaidya translated the Constitution from English to Hindi and Prem Bihari Narayan Raizada wrote the entire Constitution in a very beautiful handwriting. For this, he used ink brought from England. The ink used for this original manuscript is said to last for 1000 years. The students also got information that there is a total of 22 chapters in the Constitution, and Nandlal Bose created attractive paintings corresponding to these chapters.

This session was seen to have strengthened the understanding, respect and awareness of the Indian Constitution among the students. Also, in the second session, he provided guidance on the challenges that AI will pose in future jobs and businesses and the skills that need to be developed within oneself to overcome them.

## Special Guidance Session by Mr. Neeraj Athalye on 'How to Become a Startup Founder'

A special guidance session on 'How to Become a Startup Founder' was organized on 17th November 2025 at Shri Vitthalrao Joshi Charities Trust's English Medium School and Junior College of Science, Sawarde. Mr. Neeraj Athalye, Innovation Evangelist, Sales Leader and Operations Head, was the chief guest speaker for this session. He gave detailed guidance to the students of classes 10th to 12th about the vast opportunities in the current startup culture, the growing importance of innovation and how students should move towards entrepreneurship.

Athalye initially informed the students about what a startup is, how to start one and what things to take care of in the initial stages. He explained how to identify market problems and find solutions, study customers, raise capital, team building, marketing, and how various departments of the company work. There was also a discussion with examples on how big companies become successful based on management, planning, and innovation.

The highlight of the session was the creative activity 'Imagine Your Company' organized for the students. In this, the students were asked to create a model of their own imaginary company, its structure, departments, products or services and innovations in it. The students participated enthusiastically and came up with many new ideas.

Finally, Neeraj Athalye answered the students' questions regarding startups and entrepreneurship in detail, clearing their doubts. This session has inspired the students to pursue entrepreneurship and given them the confidence to start their own ventures.



*Innovation Evangelist, Sales Leader and Operations Head Mr. Neeraj Athalye interacting with students*



*Mr. Neeraj Athalye interacting with students*

## Dr. Ajit Vartak's guidance on the topic 'Soil, Minerals and Rocks' in school

An informative lecture on the topic 'Soil, Minerals and Rocks' was organized at Shri Vitthalrao Joshi Charities Trust. Dr. Ajit Vartak, an expert in the field of geology, was present as a guide for this program.

Dr. Vartak gave detailed information about the structure of the Earth's mantle, the formation and types of soil, the characteristics of minerals and the different types of rocks. He also discussed the physical and chemical components of soil, the properties of minerals, their importance in industry, and the problems of soils in India.

The students were explained the scientific aspects related to the Earth's surface (Crust), identification of minerals, color, cleavage, hardness scale, types of gemstones, igneous, sedimentary, and metamorphic rocks. They were also given information about different types of coal.

The teachers of the school were informed by showing them actual samples of various rocks, and were given rock samples as gifts. Dr. Vartak also appealed to use them as educational tools.

The students participated enthusiastically and responded actively in the Questions and Answers session. The teachers said that this lecture has increased the curiosity of the students about the subject of Earth Science.



*Mr. Ajit Vartak answering to students' doubts*



*Mr. Ajit Vartak interacting with the students*

## 'Blood donation is the best donation' Samarth Nursing College Organizes Blood Donation Camp



*Faculty and nursing students donated blood at the blood donation camp*

In the noble spirit of human service, 'Blood donation is the greatest charity', a blood donation camp was organized by Samarth Nursing College, Kasarwadi, to extend a helping hand to the needy patients of the society. This initiative aimed to create a sense of social responsibility among the students and to increase a positive attitude towards healthcare.

On 1<sup>st</sup> October 2025, a blood donation camp was organized at B.K.L. Walawalkar Hospital Blood Bank in collaboration with Samarth Nursing College, Kasarwadi. A total of 23 participants participated in this camp, out of which 18 students and 5 faculty members participated enthusiastically.

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In this initiative, students voluntarily donated blood and set an inspiring example for others in the society. Blood group testing, health assessment of donors, and information sessions were organized during the blood donation camp.

The college Principal Prof. Tejal Surve, Vice Principal Prof. Jessie Jacob and Mr. Ravi Yadav (Nursing Tutor) and other faculty members, as well as the medical officers and staff of B.K.L. Walawalkar Hospital Blood Bank worked hard to organize the successful blood donation camp.

This social initiative was a great experience for the students in terms of humanity, service and the core values of the nursing profession. By embodying the sentiment that 'blood donation is life donation', Samarth Nursing College set a great example of

## Dussehra festival celebrated with enthusiasm, joy and unity at Samarth Nursing College and Hospital



*All the students watched a video explaining the importance of the nine colors of Navratri and the nine forms of the Goddess*

One of the major festivals in India is Dussehra or Vijayadashami. This festival is celebrated on the Shudh Dashami of Ashwin. On the occasion of this event, an inspiring video about the nine colours of Navratri and their spiritual and social significance was shown to all the students of nursing and advanced courses. Through this video, the students got an opportunity to know the value and positivity of each color in life.

After this, a special Garba was organized for the students in a colourful atmosphere. The students in traditional attire celebrated the festival by worshipping the Goddess through dance. The program was organized successfully with the joint efforts of the college principal, teachers and student representatives. This festival was a joy for everyone. It was a confluence of unity and culture.

## Emotional farewell ceremony of GNM third year and ANM second year students at Samarth Nursing College



*All the teaching staff and the 25th batch of ANM along with the Principal of Samarth Nursing College Prof. Tejal Surve for the Farewell Program*

In the backdrop of today's growing environmental problems, it has become very important for educational institutions to voluntarily accept the responsibility of sustainable development. In line with this, the concept of 'Green Campus' has emerged. Adopting the goal of creating a clean, green and eco-friendly environment, the main objectives of Green Campus are energy saving, water conservation, waste management, conservation of biodiversity and creation of a pollution-free environment. It is the need of the hour to create awareness of environmentalism among students, as well as to provide a safe and healthy environment for the next generation by adopting green practices. Therefore, the Green Campus initiative is not just an effort to enhance beauty but an important step towards a sustainable future and in line with this initiative, the nursing students took an oath to plant a tree on their birthday.

This initiative has been ongoing since August, and under this, all the students of ANM, GNM, B.Sc.(N), P.B.B.Sc.(N), and M.Sc. (N) courses in the Nursing College, whose birthday falls in every month, plant trees on the last day of the month. And those students take the responsibility of taking care of that tree. Thus far, Golden Champak, Mohagani, Hibiscus and the rest trees have been planted. To start this initiative, Mr. Vinayak Dhange took the initiative under the guidance of the principal of the college, Prof. Tejal Surve and Vice Principal, Prof. Jessie Jacob and maintained the continuity. After the tree plantation, all the teachers wished the students who had birthdays on their birthdays. This initiative is celebrated every month. Due to this, students have a significant role in protecting the environment.

**Excellent participation of Samarth Nursing College students in sports competitions at the state level conference organized by the Trained Nurses Association of India**

Trained Nurses Association of India (TNAI) is the leading national organization working for the rights, welfare and professional development of nurses in the country. Established in 1908, this organization continuously strives for the quality of nursing education, improvement of working conditions and professional ethics. Through TNAI, nurses from various states are provided with training, guidance, research enhancement, participation in professional conferences and knowledge of modern healthcare methods. The organization aims to enhance the prestige of the nursing profession and make patient care more effective.

Every two years, a state-level conference is organized by TNAI, and it includes various competitions, games, seminars, quizzes, paper presentations, posters, one-act plays, elocution competitions, fashion shows, painting, pencil sketches, and the rest for nurses and student nurses. Also, this year's conference was planned by TNAI Maharashtra State Branch at Latur. This XXXI SNAI BIENNIAL STATE CONFERENCE was held on 10th and 11<sup>th</sup> October at Lakshmi Grand Hall, Khadgaon Road, Latur. The objective of this conference was "Learning Today, Leading Tomorrow: The Journey of a Nursing Student".

Among the various competitions in this conference, a total of 9 students of Samarth Nursing College participated in the sports competition. These included long jump, high jump, and volleyball. The students performed excellently and achieved success in these sports. In this, Pratiksha Kekan (BSc Nursing 6<sup>th</sup> semester) won second place in long jump (girls), Abhijit Pawara (BSc Nursing 6th semester) won first place in high jump and second place in long jump (boys). At the same time, in the volleyball competition, the students of Samarth Nursing performed well and won the third-place trophy. The students included Ajinkya Shigwan, Sankesh Durgoli, Abhijit Pawara, Siddhesh Warekar, Shubham Shirsat and Om Gitte.

Samarth Nursing College organized a farewell ceremony in the multipurpose hall on 23<sup>rd</sup> August and 20<sup>th</sup> September to bid a fond farewell to the second-year ANM and third-year GNM students. This was the 25<sup>th</sup> batch of ANM and 24<sup>th</sup> batch of GNM students studying at Samarth Nursing College. In this batch, there were 20 ANM and 60 GNM students.

The program began with the lighting of the lamp by all the faculty members along with the principal of the college, Professor Tejal Surve. After that, the junior students expressed their gratitude towards their senior students. Later, the GNM and ANM students who were bidding farewell expressed their experiences and feelings.

**Special lecture on Hepatic Disorder and Its Management for B.Sc. Nursing students**



*Prof. Sumita Verma guiding BSc Nursing students on the topic of liver diseases and their remedies*

A special lecture was organized for the B.Sc. Nursing students at Samarth Nursing College on 23<sup>rd</sup> September 2025 at 12:00 PM. The main topic of this lecture was 'Hepatic Disorder and its Management'

Professor Sumita Verma, a hepatologist from England, was the keynote speaker for the lecture.

The Principal of the College of Nursing Prof. Tejal Surve welcomed them with a bouquet and Miss Ruchira Niwale (Assistant Professor) introduced the keynote speakers. In this lecture, Professor Sumita Verma, who is working as a professor at Brighton and Sussex Medical School (UK) and is working as an honorary consultant hepatologist at University Hospitals Sussex NHS Foundation Trust, delivered the lecture. During the lecture, she gave detailed information and guidance to the students about the types of liver diseases, symptoms, diagnosis, and proper treatment and care methods.

Samarth Nursing College's spontaneous participation in the workshop on Intellectual Property Rights for Healthcare Professionals



*Professors from all departments, nursing faculty and nursing students participated in the IPR workshop*

A workshop on 'Intellectual Property Rights - IPR' was organized for health professionals on 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> September 2025 by B.K.L. Walawalkar Physiotherapy College and Samarth Nursing College.

Dr. Mugdha Oberoi (PhD, MPT, Neuroscience, Associate Professor and HOD of Electrotherapy Electrodiagnosis at K.J. Somaiya College of Physiotherapy) was the keynote speaker for this workshop.

The workshop provided detailed information about the importance of intellectual property rights, its various types, new research, innovations and their legal protection. Various activities were organized in the workshop, which gave the participants a great opportunity to express their views. Moreover, Dr. Mugdha cleared everyone's personal doubts.

**Pledge to make campus green: Student's birthday eco-friendly initiative**



*College Principal Prof. Tejal Surve, others while planting trees on the occasion of the birthday celebration, along with faculty and all the students*

During all these competitions, Mr. Saurabh Malvade (Nursing Tutor) was under the guidance of the college principal, Prof. Tejal Surve. He stayed with the children and guided them well. The principal of the college, Prof. Tejal Surve, praised the children for their excellent performance and wished them all the best for future competitions. Best wishes were given. The children also expressed their gratitude for the guidance and support provided by the principal.

**Students gave a positive message, 'Mental Health: The Need of the Hour', through various programs organized on the occasion of 'World Mental Health Day 2025' at Samarth Nursing College**



*Mrs. Vaishali Dalvi (Associate Professor) and other faculty members evaluating the Rangoli competition organized on the occasion of World Mental Health Day*



*BSC (N) 6th semester students praying at a program organized on the occasion of World Mental Health Day*

World Mental Health Day is celebrated every year on October 10<sup>th</sup> globally. The main objective of this day is to raise awareness about mental health, dispel misconceptions about mental illnesses, and ensure equal access to mental health services for all. Modern lifestyles, stress, changes in relationships, and the increasing influence of technology have further highlighted the importance of mental health. Therefore, creating a positive environment for maintaining mental health at all levels of society is the need of the hour. And for this reason, Samarth Nursing College also organized a day on that day.

Various programs were organized on October 10<sup>th</sup>. The program began at 9:30 AM with a Rangoli competition. A total of 15 students participated in the Rangoli competition, it was evaluated by Mrs. Vaishali Dalvi. A total of 13 students participated in the Poster Competition, which was evaluated by Varsha Khambe. Also, a total of 3 groups participated in the Reels Competition. The first 3 positions were declared from each of these competitions, and the winners were honored with prizes.

On this Mental Health Day, apart from the above competitions, a small program was organized and for this program, the principal of the college Prof. Tejal Surve, other teachers and all the students were present. This program was moderated by Shreya Patekar and Anup Harchkar. The program started with a beautiful prayer. After that, Akash Sable gave information about the theme of Mental Health Day. The theme was "Access to services Mental Health in Catastrophes and Emergencies". After the theme, the students of the third semester presented a beautiful play and through it presented excellent information about how mental health is important and how to maintain it.

After the play, the college's Vice Principal Prof. Jesse Jacob and Principal Prof. Tejal Surve expressed their views and guided the students about mental health.

All the competitions and programs were organized by the Department of Mental Health Nursing under the guidance of the principal of the college, Prof. Tejal Surve, and were managed well by Ruchira Nivale, Mr. Ravi Yadav and Mr. Suraj Dudhade. At the end of the program, Rahul Tambe thanked everyone and the program came to an end.

**Goodwill visit to Shri Vitthalrao Joshi Charities Trust by Dr. Aparna Patil from Goa and Prof. Dr. Venkat Radhesham from Tirupati**



*Dr. Suvarna Patil felicitating Prof. Venkat Radheshyamji, the dean of Sri Venkateswara Vedic University in Tirupati*



*From left, Shrihari Hasbanis, Dr. Chandrashekhar, Sharayu Yashwantrao, Madhavi Joshi, Rohan Gupte at behind, Dr. Aparna Patil (Acharya from Shri Vidya Pathshala Goa) Dr. Suvarna Patil, Sneha Ingale, Dr. Sachi Paranjape*

Acharya Dr. Aparna Patil and Acharya Prof. Dr. Venkat Radheshamji paid a goodwill visit at Dervan. Dr. Patil is a scholar of Sanskrit and is a member of the Executive Committee of Goa University. She is the Secretary of the Shri Subrahmanya Arsh Vidya Parishad Trust. This trust was established in 2014 to promote the traditional study of Indian philosophy. Dr. Aparna Patil has a PhD in Sanskrit and has specialized in the branch of Jurisprudence (Law) in Indian Logic. She is working at the prestigious Sanskrit Pathshala 'Shri Vidya Pathshala' in Goa. Mahamahopadhyay Devdutt Patil is handling the charge as the chief guide. In this institution, Nyaya, Grammar, Mimamsa, Vedanta and fundamental texts in subjects like Dharmashastra are studied in the traditional manner. This institute has achieved remarkable success in various national level competitions.

Venkat Radheshamji, a profound scholar of philosophy and traditional Indian knowledge traditions and methods, also came from Tirupati and guided all the attendees regarding the preparations for the establishment of the planned university at Dervan. The two of them also guided all the concerned in Sanskrit and English on how the education system should be in line with Indian traditions.

**"Matrubhumi Parichay Shibir (Motherland Introduction Camp)" successfully concluded at Dervan Sports Complex**



*Students participating in 'Matribhumi Prachichay Shibir', office-bearers of Janhit Pratishthan and Mr. Shrikant Paradkar*

The 'Matrubhumi Prachichay Shibir' initiative organized by Janhit Pratishthan Primary and Secondary School, Baramati was successfully completed at SVJCT Sports Complex from 27<sup>th</sup> October to 3<sup>rd</sup> November 2025. This camp, which brought together patriotism, social awareness and cultural preservation, was very inspiring for the students.

The inaugural ceremony of the camp was attended by dignitaries from Janhit Pratishthan like Atul Kute, Sachin Nale, Rohan Savale, Pallavi Potdar, Shraddha Kadale, Sports Director Shrikant Paradkar and others. The aim of this camp is to instill a sense of patriotism, social commitment, discipline and love of nature among the students and to introduce them to Indian culture.

This eight-day camp included yoga, exercise, Surya Namaskar, various sports, visits to tourist sites, prayers, general knowledge competitions, guidance on sports competitions from taluka level to Olympic level, as well as interactions and workshops to instil loyalty towards the motherland. The campers experienced firsthand the values of social responsibility, discipline, and self-confidence.

The campers benefited greatly from the various facilities provided at the SVJCT Sports Complex for the successful completion of the camp. All the facilities like spacious and clean accommodation, state-of-the-art playgrounds, gymnasium at the Dervan Sports Complex were helpful in effectively implementing each activity of the camp. During the camp, the participating students had easy access to the necessary facilities for the use of modern sports equipment, health and fitness sessions, as well as inspirational lectures. At the same time, the well-organized organization, disciplined atmosphere and coordinated cooperation of the organization enabled the campers to experience self-confidence, discipline and patriotism. Due to all these facilities, the 'Matribhumi Prachichay Shibir' initiative was completed with enthusiasm, expressed Atul Kute.



### **Kolhapur, Satara, Sangali top the zonal school field competition**



The Kolhapur Divisional School Field Tournament was organized at SVJCT Sports Complex from 28<sup>th</sup> to 30<sup>th</sup> October 2025. A record number of 1423 players from 08 teams from 5 districts and 3 Municipalities of Kolhapur division participated in this tournament. This tournament was organized for boys and girls in the age group of 14, 17 and 19 years. State and national players also participated in this tournament.

District Sports Officer Vijay Shinde, Sports Executive Officer Aishwarya Sawant, Sports Guide Sachin Mandavkar, Sports Officer Sunil Koli, Ganesh Jagtap, Ganesh Khairmode, Sandeep Tawde of Ratnagiri District Athletics Association, Sports Director Shrikant Paradkar, Sports Teachers and other dignitaries were present at the inauguration of the competition.

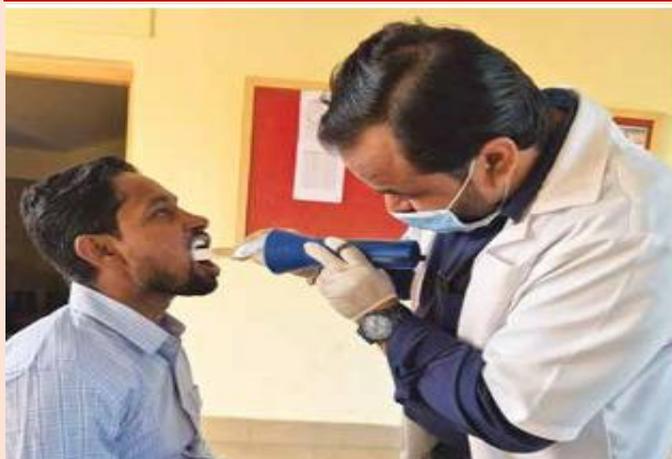
District Sports Officer Vijay Shinde appealed to all the players present to maintain self-discipline while taking advantage of this updated sports complex. Similarly, he said that the winning players from Kolhapur division should record excellent performance in the state-level school field sports competition to be held from November 11 to 14 and reach the stage of the national competition.

Kolhapur, Satara and Sangali districts performed excellently and secured the top position in the competition. In this competition, the players showed their skills in various sports such as running competitions of various distances, long jump, high jump, discus throw, shot put, hammer throw, javelin throw and cross-country. The players of Kolhapur district took the lead in the total points and secured the first position. In this competition, in boys, Swanand Tatyasaheb Kumbhoje (Ichalkaranji Municipal Corporation) discus throw - 41.59 m, Vedant Milind More (Satara) long jump - 6.90 m, Manoj Chavan (Kolhapur Municipal Corporation) javelin throw - 58.09 m, Aniruddha Patil (Kolhapur Municipal Corporation) shot put - 14.81 m, in girls, Suhana Inamdar (Satara) discus throw - 24.85 m, Anushka Kiran Mhetre (Kolhapur) long jump 4.62 m, Durva Dattatreya Shewale (Satara) javelin throw 46.06 m, Anjali Mane (Sangali) shot put 10.60 m, these players enhanced the competition by performing well.

Sandeep Tawde highlighted the importance of such competitions in developing physical fitness, sportsmanship, and team spirit among the students. He expressed the opinion that modern facilities like Dervan Sports Complex are beneficial for the players in rural areas. The winning players of the competition were honored with medals and certificates. The first two winning players in each sport have been selected for the state-level competition to be held at Dervan from 11<sup>th</sup> to 14<sup>th</sup> November 2025.



**'Side-effects of Tobacco Consumption' camp on the occasion of Sports Festival at Shri Vithalrao Joshi Sports Complex**



*Dr. Vaibhav Chandra of the Preventive Oncology Department at Tata Memorial Hospital examining Ratnagiri District Sports Officer Mr. Vijay Shinde*

*Dr. Vaibhav Chandra of the Preventive Oncology Department at Tata Memorial Hospital conducting cancer screening of the camp's players, coaches and parents*

Cancer is increasing rapidly worldwide and the young generation is also mainly suffering from oral cancer. Notably, in Konkan, the incidence of oral cancer is equal in both men and women due to tobacco and hookah addiction. The most effective solution to this is prevention. After the Zilla Parishad school inspection conducted by Walawalkar Hospital, it was found that students start consuming gutkha/tobacco at a young age and hence, on the initiative of Dr. Sharmila Pimple of Tata Memorial Hospital and Dr. Velhal, Head of the Preventive

Department of Walawalkar Hospital, it was decided to create public awareness about tobacco among the players on the occasion of the sports festival. Accordingly, the school athletic state-level competition and the interzone athletic meet (university level) were organized from 13 to 16 November 2025 at the sports complex of BKL Walawalkar Medical College and Hospital. During this, a four-day health camp was organized. On this occasion, athletes from many districts of Maharashtra came together and were guided collectively for health promotion.

About 180 players, coaches and parents were screened, while about 750 people were made aware through tobacco cessation sessions. Two of them were sent to Walawalkar Hospital for further examination after showing cancer-like symptoms. Throughout the four days, the camp focused on early diagnosis, health education, and preventive measures in the sports community. This initiative was taken with the aim of informing the youth and children about the ill effects of tobacco, perhaps the incidence of oral cancer could be somewhat controlled. The Director of the Sports Complex, Mr. Paradkar, provided valuable support for this work. Dr. Vaibhav Chandra and Dr. Pankaj Kumar conducted a physical examination and created awareness. Intern Dr. Harshal Pawra, Dr. Rita Pawra, Dr. Shruti Patil and Dr. Malvika Patil, Sister Mrunal, Amita Rahate worked dedicatedly for the smooth functioning of the camp.

### State-level school athletics competition turns out to be remarkable due to record participation



The state-level school athletics competition was organized at the SVJCT Sports Complex in Dervan from 11<sup>th</sup> to 14<sup>th</sup> November 2025. A record number of 1680 athletes from 36 districts in 09 divisions of Maharashtra including Nagpur, Mumbai, Pune, Latur, Chhatrapati Sambhajnagar, Amravati, Nashik, Krida Prabodhini and Kolhapur participated in this competition, giving an exciting look to the competition. In the 100, 200, 400 m. sprint race, Mumbai and Pune divisions dominated, while Kolhapur divisions dominated in sports such as shot put and hammer throw. The performance of Pune division was also good.



The competition was organized for boys and girls aged 14, 17 and 19. The competition witnessed the participation of many talented players who have excelled at the state, national and international levels, providing a high standard of play.



At the inauguration of the competition, Suhas Patil Deputy Director Kolhapur Division, Vijay Shinde District Sports Officer, Aishwarya Sawant, Apeksha Sutar - Sports Executive Officer, Ratnagiri District Athletics Association's Sandeep Tawde, Sports Officers Ganesh Jagtap, Sunil Koli, Sunil Dharulkar, State Sports Guide Sachin Mandavkar, Ganesh Khairmode, Sports Director Shrikant Paradkar, as well as the Technical Committee members Poonam Navgire, Seema Patil, Avinash Patil, Suresh Kakad, Subhash Pawar, Arvind Chavan, Mahesh Patil, Kumar Jadhav and other dignitaries were present for the competition.

The winning players of the competition were awarded medals and certificates. The winning players who secured the first two positions have been selected for the national competition. The players and coaches who came to the Dervan Sports Complex for the first time for this competition appreciated the high-quality sports facilities. Special satisfaction was expressed about the international synthetic track, accommodation, and food arrangements of

the rating. Many parents thanked the organization for arranging more than 500 parents in the complex. The players and coaches expressed special satisfaction about the good accommodation available for the players very close to the field, safe environment, and nutritious food arrangements. The coaches also said that the benefit of the international standard synthetic track in the sports complex has helped in improving the performance of our players. The state-level school field competition held at the Dervan Sports Complex was successfully concluded in an enthusiastic atmosphere, good management and with record participation.

### Asmita League Athletics Competition concluded with enthusiasm at Dervan Sports Complex



The District Level 'Asmita' League Athletics Competition, organized by the Sports Authority of India and the Athletics Federation of India was held on 21<sup>st</sup> November 2025 at SVJCT Sports Complex, Dervan. 135 players from Ratnagiri district participated in this competition in two age groups of girls under 14 and 16 years.

The competition was inaugurated by 'Khelo India' coach Krishnat Patil. On this occasion, Ratnagiri District Athletics Association Secretary Sandeep Tawde, Sports Director Shrikant Paradkar, Coach Avinash Pawar and other dignitaries were present. This Asmita League Athletics competition has been organized from 300 districts of India. The main objective of this competition is to select talented players. Sandeep Tawde said that this quality search Asmita Athletics competition will create a medium for girls of Ratnagiri district. Expert guides from the Sports Authority of India have tested the quality players from this competition and selected them for further competition and training.

The players from Ratnagiri district responded well to this competition and proved their quality by performing very well during the competition. The first three players were awarded medals and certificates. Such competitions will be organized every year in various districts of India and talented players will be selected from this. It is truly an unforgettable experience for these children that these children are getting the opportunity to play in such a modern SVJCT sports complex, said Khelo India coach Krishnat Patil, expressed this time. 'We have also had the experience of practicing on this ground,' he also said emphatically.

**Competition results for girls under 14 years:** (first 3 places respectively) Triathlon A - Aarohi Shirke (Sangeshwar), Gayatri Potdar (Ratnagiri), Sanskruti Jankar (Khed). Triathlon B - Arsin Khatin (Sangeshwar), Shreya Nalapalle (Rajapur), Daniya Juvele (Sangeshwar). Triathlon C - Shubhra Sarfare (Ratnagiri), Soumya Sarfare (Ratnagiri), Ichcha Bhinge (Chiplun).

**Girls under 16 years:** 60m run Shreya Markad (Lanja), Zoya Fatima Shah (Sangemeshwar), Najifa Bagalkot (Sangemeshwar). 600m run - Humera Syed (Chiplun), Swati Akhade (Khed), Sonali Dingankar (Guhagar). Long jump - Vedika Jagdale (Sangemeshwar), Ichcha Bhinge (Chiplun), Siddhi Gawde (Ratnagiri). High jump Sanvi Chavan (Lanja). Shot put - Zoya Majgaonkar (Sangemeshwar), Nashara Solkar (Ratnagiri), Zareen Pawaskar (Ratnagiri), Plate throw Sanjana Rawat (Khed). Javelin throw - Madiha Borkar (Ratnagiri), Umekulsum Solkar (Ratnagiri).



## School state level table tennis competition concludes with enthusiasm at Dervan Sports Complex



A state-level school table tennis tournament was organized at SVJCT Sports Complex from 04 to 06 November 2025. 288 players from 09 divisions namely Nagpur, Amravati, Pune, Mumbai, Chhatrapati Sambhajnagar, Latur, Nashik, Krida Prabodhini, Kolhapur participated in this tournament. This tournament was organized for boys and girls between the ages of 14 and 19 years.

District Sports Officer Vijay Shinde, Sports Executive Officer Aishwarya Sawant, State Table Tennis Association member and Ratnagiri District Table Tennis Association member Ajit Galvankar, Sports Officer Sunil Koli, Ganesh Jagtap, Sports Guide Sachin Mandavkar, Sports Director Shrikant Paradkar, Sports Coach Sameer Kalekar, Mohsin Patel, Selection Committee member and Chief Umpire Madhukar Lonari and other dignitaries were present at the inauguration of the competition.

The result of the competition is as follows:

In this competition, in the team category of boys under 14 years, Mumbai team won the gold medal by securing the top position in the group. Also, Ch. Sambhajnagar team won the silver medal and Pune team won the bronze medal. In the girls under 14 years, Ch. Sambhajnagar team defeated Mumbai team in the final match and won the gold medal. Also, Pune team won the third position.

In the under-19 boys' category, Pune team emerged as the champion while Ch. Sambhajnagar team secured second place. Kolhapur team secured third place. In the under-19 girls' category, Mumbai team won the championship by a thrilling victory over Kolhapur team and Nashik team secured third place.

The winning players of the competition have been selected for the national competition. The winning players The medals and certificates were presented by dignitaries like Dinesh Pujari, Dr. Shrihari Hasbanis and Sudhir Sawant. The players, parents and coaches who participated in this state-level school table tennis competition expressed their satisfaction over the excellent organization of the competition. They said that the international standard facilities, clean and safe accommodation, food and all the amenities of the Dervan Sports Complex are very excellent. The international standard tables of the Precise company used for the competition, excellent lighting and well-equipped hall helped the players to perform their best in their game. The positive atmosphere created for the players increased their confidence and concentration in the game. Ajit Galvankar said that in the future, a national table tennis competition will be organized here and renowned table tennis players from all over the country will come and showcase their skills here.



## One-sided victory of the Kolhapur division in the state-level school kabaddi tournament



A state-level school kabaddi tournament was organized at SVJCT Sports Complex on 08 November 2025. In this tournament, a total of 136 players, 96 from 08 divisions namely Nagpur, Amravati, Pune, Mumbai, Ch. Sambhajinagar, Latur, Nashik, Kolhapur, participated. This tournament was organized for children under the age of 14. All the teams participating in the tournament displayed excellent sportsmanship.

Kolhapur Divisional Deputy Director Suhas Patil, District Sports Officer Vijay Shinde, Selection Committee members international players Girish Iranak, Sayali Keripale, Dinesh Chavan, Rituraj Korvi, Sports Officer Sunil Koli, State Sports Guide Sachin Mandavkar, Sports Director Shrikant Paradkar, Chief Umpire Sudhir Sawant, Umpire Committee members and other dignitaries were present at the inauguration of the competition.

In the final match of the under-14 boys' category, which was played on a knockout basis, the Kolhapur team won the match lopsidedly, taking a lead of 20 points over the Latur team, and won the title for the second time in a row. Also, in the very close match played for the third place, in the match, the Amravati team defeated the Pune team and won third place.

The winning players of the competition have been selected for the 69th National Kabaddi Championship to be held in Bilaspur, Chhattisgarh. The winning players were also felicitated by the dignitaries present with medals and certificates. The special feature of the state-level Kabaddi competition is that this competition was held on a mat in a completely enclosed and modern technical facility. Due to this, the players got a unique experience of playing in an international standard environment. The coaches who came for the competition said that due to such excellent facilities, the confidence of the players and the quality of the game have increased significantly.



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