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NATIONAL SCIENCE DAY – 2026
DEBATE COMPETITION
(Date-28/02/2026)



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Internal Quality Assurance Cell
2025-2026
Quality Initiatives/ Activities Report



1. **Name of Department:** Zoology
2. **Name of Organized Activity:** *National Science Day – 2026* - Debate Competition
3. **Date / Duration:** 28/02/2026 **Time:** 11.00 am onwards

4. **Aims and Objectives:**

The main objectives of organizing this debate competition were:

- To develop scientific thinking and analytical ability among students.
- To encourage students to express their views confidently on contemporary scientific issues.
- To enhance communication, reasoning, and critical thinking skills.
- To create awareness about the role of science and technology in society.

5. **No. of Beneficiaries:**

Sr. No	Faculty		Students		Total
	Male	Female	Male	Female	
1	03	07	11	29	45

6. **Expenditure & Funding Agency:** NA

7. **Brief Description:**

The Department of Zoology (UG & PG) organized a Debate Competition on the occasion of National Science Day – 2026 on 28th February 2026 at 11.00 am for B.Sc. I, II and III students. The programme began with the traditional watering of the plant, symbolizing the growth of knowledge. The programme was presided over by Dr. S. P. Thorat, I/C Principal, Vivekanand College, Kolhapur, and the examiner was Dr. S. B. Mulla, Head and Assistant Professor, Department of Biotechnology (Optional), Vivekanand College, Kolhapur.

The programme started with an introductory address by Dr. G. K. Sontakke, Head, Department of Zoology, followed by the introduction of the examiner by Dr. S. S. Desai, Assistant Professor, Department of Zoology. A total of 25 students participated in the debate competition forming 10 groups from B.Sc. I, II and III classes. The students expressed their views on various contemporary scientific topics such as Science and Technology: A Boon or a Threat to Society, Artificial Intelligence in Education: Helpful Tool or Harmful Dependence, Renewable Energy: The Key to India's Sustainable Future, Scientific Innovations: Progress with Responsibility, and Biotechnology in Agriculture: A Solution to Food Security.

The students presented logical arguments and viewpoints with enthusiasm and confidence. The competition provided a valuable platform for students to improve their

communication skills and scientific outlook. The programme concluded with a Vote of Thanks by Ms. N. A. Patel and the session was anchored by Dr. T. C. Patil. A total of 45 students and teachers attended the programme and benefited from the activity.

8. Outcomes:

1. Students developed confidence in public speaking and expressing scientific viewpoints.
2. The activity enhanced analytical thinking and reasoning abilities.
3. Students gained awareness about current scientific and technological issues.
4. The competition promoted scientific attitude and intellectual discussion among students.

9. Photos:



10. Signatures of Coordinator/ Organizer:

Dr. G. K. Sontakke

Dr. G. K. Sontakke

Head

Department of Zoology

Vivekanand College Kolhapur

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PERMISSION LETTER**Date: 23/02/2026**

To,
The Principal,
Vivekanand College, Kolhapur
(An Empowered Autonomous Institute)

Subject: Regarding the permission for organising Debate Competition

Respected Sir,

With reference to the above subject, the Department of Zoology, Vivekanand College, Kolhapur (An Empowered Autonomous Institute), proposes to organise a **Debate Competition** on 28th February 2026 for the B.Sc. students in observance of National Science Day 2026.

Aligned with the theme of National Science Day 2026, the competition aims to promote scientific temper, critical thinking, and analytical reasoning among students. It will provide an academic platform to deliberate on contemporary scientific issues while enhancing confidence, communication skills, and leadership qualities.

We respectfully request your kind permission to organise the above-mentioned competition on the scheduled date.

Thanking you.

23/2/2026
23/2/2026
23-2-2026

Yours faithfully,

G.K.

Dr. G. K. Sontakke
Head

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NOTICE

All students of B.Sc. I, II, III & M. Sc. I (Zoology) are hereby informed that the **Department of Zoology, Vivekanand College, Kolhapur (An Empowered Autonomous Institute)** is going to celebrate **National Science Day on 28th February 2026**.

On this occasion, a **Debate Competition** is being organized based on the theme of “Science, Innovation and Sustainable Development.

Interested students are kindly requested to register their names with the Department of Zoology.

Time: 11:00 am onwards

Venue: Department of Zoology

Topics for Debate Competition

1. Science and Technology: A Boon or a Threat to Society?
2. Artificial Intelligence in Education: Helpful Tool or Harmful Dependence?
3. Renewable Energy: The Key to India's Sustainable Future?
4. Scientific Innovations: Progress with Responsibility?
5. Biotechnology in Agriculture: A Solution to Food Security?

Terms and Conditions for the Competition

- The debate must be conducted in **English or Hindi only** (no mixed language).
- Each team will consist of **two or three speakers**.
- **Time Limit:** 3 minutes for main arguments, 2 minutes for rebuttal, 2 minutes for cross-examination, and 2 minutes for final statement.
- Exceeding the time limit or reading from written manuscripts may lead to **deduction of marks**.
- The decisions of the **Organizing Committee and Judges** will be final.

Kindly ensure timely registration and active participation.


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Attendance of the Participants List and Topic for Debate Competition **Date: 27/02/2026**

Sr. No.	Name of the students	Group No.	Class	Topic
1	Patil Sharvari Hari	I	B. Sc. II	Artificial Intelligence in Education: Helpful Tool or Harmful Dependence?
2	Patil Siddhi Sayaji		B. Sc. II	
3	Chavan Saniya Satish	II	B. Sc. II	Artificial Intelligence in Education: Helpful Tool or Harmful Dependence?
4	Patil Akanksha Suresh		B. Sc. II	
5	Nikam Kartika Mahesh		B. Sc. II	
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Ref. No. VCK/समक्ष/2025/26

Date : 26/02/2026

To
Dr. Salama Bashirun Mulla
Head and Assistant Professor,
Department of Biotechnology (Optional)
Vivekanand College, Kolhapur
(An Empowered Autonomous Institute)

Subject: Invitation to Serve as Examiner for Debate Competition on National Science Day 2026

Respected Madam,

It gives us great pleasure to invite you to serve as an Examiner for the Debate Competition organized by the Department of Zoology on the occasion of National Science Day 2026, scheduled to be held on 28th February 2026 at 11.00 a.m. The competition aims to encourage scientific temperament, critical thinking, and effective communication skills among students.

We would be honored by your esteemed presence, and we firmly believe that your academic expertise and evaluative guidance will greatly enrich the event and inspire the participants. We kindly request you to grace the occasion with your valuable insights.

Looking forward to your kind acceptance.

Yours sincerely,

S.P. Thorat
Dr. S. P. Thorat
I/c Principal
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National Science Day - 2026

DEBATE *Competition*

Theme

Science, Innovation and sustainable development

28
February,
2026

◆◆◆
Venue : Department of Zoology

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Time : 11.00 am onwards



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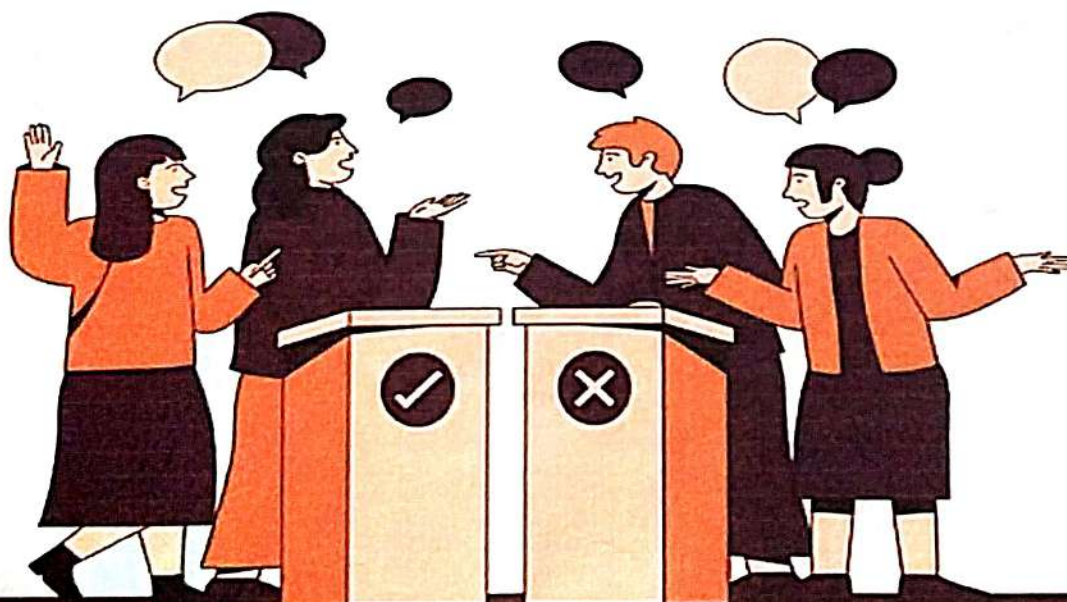
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(28th FEBRUARY, 2026)

PROGRAM SCHEDULED

Date: 28/02/2026

Inauguration and Welcome	: 11.00 am by watering plant
President	: Dr. S. P. Thorat, I/C Principal, Vivekanand College, Kolhapur (An Empowered Autonomous Institute)
Examiner	: Dr. S. B. Mulla, Head & Assistant Professor, Department of Biotechnology (Optional) Vivekanand College, Kolhapur (An Empowered Autonomous Institute)
Introductory Speech	: Dr. G. K. Sontakke, Head & Assistant Professor, Department of Zoology
Introduction of Examiner	: Dr. S. S. Desai, Assistant Professor Department of Zoology
Presidential Address	: I/C Principal Dr. S. P. Thorat
Debate Competition	
Vote of Thanks	: Ms. N. A. Patel, Assistant Professor Department of Zoology
Anchoring	: Dr. T. C. Patil, Assistant Professor Department of Zoology





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5	Nikam Kartika Mahesh		B. Sc. II		Kartika
6	Patil Vaishnavi Mahadev	III	B. Sc. II	Science and Technology: A Boon or a Threat to Society?	Vaishnavi
7	Belundgi Vaishnavi Sharanappa		B. Sc. II		Vaishnavi
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ATTENDANCE

Sr. No.	Name of the student	Class/ Designation	Signature
1	Madhuri Sanjay Patil	B.Sc. III	<u>Madhuri Patil</u>
2	Sanyali Ashok Patil	B.Sc. III	<u>Sanyali Patil</u>
3	Chhavi Rambhadrur Yadav	B.Sc. - II	<u>Chhavi</u>
4	Vinit Rajendra Nannavare	Bsc II	<u>Vinit</u>
5	Srishti Sachin Patil	Bsc II	<u>Srishti</u>
6	Shrinaben Vinodbhai Boriya	B.Sc. III	<u>Shrinaben</u>
7	Rutuja Bajarang Shinde	B.Sc. III	<u>Rutuja</u>
8	Anushka R. Patil	Bsc III	<u>Anushka</u>
9	Sangramsingh Sanatp mane	BSC III	<u>Sangram</u>
10	Pruthviraj Tatoba Mahajan	BSC III	<u>Pruthviraj</u>
11	Sadhana Ravindra Magdum	BSC. II	<u>Sadhana</u>
12	Nilam laxman tamikar	BSC II	<u>Nilam</u>
13	Ankita Shamrao Shinde	Bsc II	<u>Ankita</u>
14	Sanika Sanjay More	B.Sc III	<u>Sanika</u>
15	Muskan Madal	BSC III	<u>Muskan</u>
16	Rutuja Pradeep Navale	Bsc III	<u>Rutuja</u>
17	Vaishnav. M. Pahl.	Bsc II	<u>Vaishnav</u>
18	Vrushali M. Pahl.	Bsc II	<u>Vrushali</u>
19	Anjali Amar More	BSC II	<u>Anjali</u>
20	Vaishnavi Shaenappa Bellundgi	BSC II	<u>Vaishnavi</u>
21	Raviraj Nemaji Bhise	M.Sc. - I	<u>Raviraj</u>
22	Prabodhini Raju Dindayal	M.Sc. - I	<u>Prabodhini</u>
23	Nikita Tanaji Mole	BSC - II	<u>Nikita</u>
24	Pranali Mhalappa Uhanmare	B.Sc. II	<u>Pranali</u>
25	Dharmashru Dasharath Patil	M.Sc. - I	<u>Dharmashru</u>
26	Shubham C. Gaikwad	BSc - I	<u>Shubham</u>
27	Sagar Adhikrao patil	BSC - I	<u>Sagar</u>
28	Saloni Sachin Jadhav	BS - I	<u>Saloni</u>
29	Dnyaneshwari A. Hingde	BSC - I	<u>Dnyaneshwari</u>
30	Prerajakta T. Sonavane	BSC - I	<u>Prerajakta</u>
31	Neha R. Patil	Bsc. I	<u>Neha</u>
32	Srushti R. Patil	Bsc. I	<u>Srushti</u>

33	Jyoti. V. Patil	BSC-I	<u>DV Patil</u>
34	Nishita. N. Narkar	BSC-I	<u>Narkar</u>
35	Pratibha Kiran. V. Yadav	BSC-I	<u>Kyadav</u>
36	Shraddha. H. Udale	BSC-I	<u>Shudale</u>
37	Krishna. R. Ningure.	BSC-I	<u>Ringure</u>
38	Pradnya. G. Waghmare	BSC-I	<u>Pw</u>
39	Vasud. V. Mugade	BSC-I	<u>Vmugade</u>
40	Samarth D. Patil.	BSC-I	<u>SPatil</u>
41	Pranesh A. Shinale	BSC-I	<u>Shinale</u>
42	Parshvurtha. Magdum	BSC-I	<u>PMagdum</u>
43	Ms. P. R. Gaikwad	Asst. Prof.	<u>Pgaikwad</u>
44	Dr. T. C. Gaupate	Asst. Prof.	<u>TG</u>
45	Dr. T. C. Patil	Asst. Prof.	<u>TPatil</u>
46	Mr. G. H. Fadake	Asst. Professor	<u>GFadake</u>
47	Dr. S. S. Desai	Asst. Prof.	<u>SDesai</u>
48	Ms. N. A. Patel	Asst. Prof.	<u>NPatel</u>
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RANKERS

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1.	Patil Sharvari Hari	First
	Patil Siddhi Sayaji	
2.	Yadav Chhavi Rambahadur	Second
	Patil Shrishti Sachin	
	Nannavare Vinit Rajendra	
3.	More Anjali Amar	Third
	Patil Vrushali Mahadev	
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Prof.(Dr.) Sanjay Thorat
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Date :

Date: 28/02/2026

Letter of Appreciation



To,
Dr. Salama Bashirun Mulla
Head and Assistant Professor
Department of Biotechnology
Vivekanand College, Kolhapur
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Subject: Heartfelt Appreciation for Serving as Examiner

Respected Madam,

On behalf of the Department of Zoology, we extend our sincere appreciation and heartfelt thanks to you for kindly accepting our invitation and serving as an Examiner for the Debate Competition organized on the occasion of National Science Day 2026, held on 28th February 2026 at 11.00 a.m.

Your fair and insightful evaluation, along with your valuable academic guidance, greatly enhanced the quality and credibility of the competition. The students immensely benefited from your expert judgment and constructive observations, which not only encouraged healthy competition but also inspired scientific thinking and effective communication.

We deeply appreciate the time and effort you devoted to this academic event and are grateful for your esteemed contribution. We look forward to your continued association and support in our future academic endeavors.

Once again, thank you for your valuable contribution to the success of the program.

Yours sincerely,

Signature

Dr. S. P. Thorat
I/c Principal
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“NATIONAL SCIENCE DAY-2026”

Organized by
Department of Zoology
CERTIFICATE

This is to certify that Mr./Ms. _____
has actively participated and secure I/ II/ III rank in Debate
Competition organized by the Department of Zoology, Vivekanand
College, Kolhapur (An Empowered Autonomous Institute) on the
occasion of “National Science Day” celebrated on 28th February, 2026.

Dr. G. K. Sontakke
Head
Department Zoology



Dr. S. P. Thorat
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NATIONAL SCIENCE DAY – 2026
DEBATE COMPETITION
 (28th February, 2026)

The Department of Zoology (UG & PG), Vivekanand College, Kolhapur (An Empowered Autonomous Institute), organized a Debate Competition on the occasion of National Science Day on 28th February 2026 at 11.00 am to encourage students to develop scientific thinking, communication skills, and confidence in expressing their views on scientific and social issues.

The programme began with the traditional watering of the plant, symbolizing the growth of knowledge. The programme was presided over by Dr. S. P. Thorat, I/C Principal, and the examiner was Dr. S. B. Mulla, Head and Assistant Professor, Department of Biotechnology (Optional), Vivekanand College, Kolhapur. The programme started with an introductory speech by Dr. G. K. Sontakke, Head, Department of Zoology, followed by the introduction of the examiner by Dr. S. S. Desai, Assistant Professor, Department of Zoology.

A total of 25 students participated in the competition forming 10 groups from B.Sc. I, II and III classes participated enthusiastically in the debate competition. The students expressed their views on important scientific topics such as Science and Technology: A Boon or a Threat to Society, Artificial Intelligence in Education: Helpful Tool or Harmful Dependence, Renewable Energy: The Key to India's Sustainable Future, Scientific Innovations: Progress with Responsibility, and Biotechnology in Agriculture: A Solution to Food Security. The competition provided a valuable platform for students to present logical arguments and improve their communication and critical thinking skills.

In his Presidential Address, Dr. S. P. Thorat appreciated the initiative taken by the Department of Zoology in organizing such an intellectually stimulating activity and encouraged students to actively participate in academic programmes like debates, discussions, and seminars to broaden their knowledge and develop confidence. The programme concluded with a Vote of Thanks by Ms. N. A. Patel and the session was anchored by Dr. T. C. Patil. A total of 45 students and teachers attended the programme and benefited from the activity.

Overall, the debate competition conducted on the occasion of National Science Day – 2026 was informative and engaging, helping students to develop confidence, analytical thinking, and awareness about scientific issues.


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