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Remarkable Success in NAAC Assessment with A+ Grade

Kolhapur, Sept. 30: Vivekanand College, Kolhapur run by Shri Swami Vivekanand Shikshan Sanstha, has achieved a significant milestone by securing an A+ Grade with 3.29 CGPA in the NAAC 4th Cycle of Assessment and Accreditation. The NAAC peer team visited the college on October 14 and 15, 2024.

The committee was chaired by Prof. Bishnu Charan Barik, former Vice-Chancellor of Sambalpur University, Odisha. The coordinator was Dr. Nawab Ali Khan, Head and former Dean, Department of Commerce, Aligarh Muslim University, UP and the member was Dr. Bhanu Kumar Jain Principal, M. G. Science Institute, Ahmedabad,



NAAC Peer Team members handing over the Visit report to Prin. Dr. R. R. Kumbhar and IOAC Coordinator Dr. Shruti Joshi

Gujarat. Assessment for autonomous colleges is considered more challenging, as it is similar to that of universities despite these difficulties, Vivekanand College has enhanced its quality and earned this prestigious recognition. In NAAC 3rd Cycle (2016), the college had secured an 'A' Grade with 3.24 CGPA. Speaking on this occasion Prin. Abhaykumar

Salunkhe, Executive Chairman of the SSVSS, said that the college has further strengthened the reputation of SSVSS, founded through the vision & sacrifice of Educationist Dr. Bapuji Salunkhe.

CEO Mr. Kaustubh Gawade, stated that Vivekanand College is one of the leading institute in Western Maharashtra and has made significant contributions in academics, sports, culture, economics, & social fields. Prin. Dr. R. R. Kumbhar, IQAC Coordinator Dr. Shruti Joshi, NAAC Steering Committee Head Dr. S. R. Kattimani along with all teaching, non-teaching staff played a crucial role in the success.

VCK Alumna Ranks 5th in MPSC



Kolhapur, Sept 10:
Ms.Tejashree Baban Gaikwad, an alumna of the Political Science Department of VCK has secured the post of Assistant Group Development Officer through the Maharashtra Public Service Commission Examination 2023.

Among girl candidates, she ranked fifth in the entire state. Her remarkable achievement is being widely appreciated, especially as she hails from a family engaged in daily wage labour.

Advanced examination held in

May 2025, Vivekanand College

student Prathamesh Nilesh

Dhage achieved remarkable

success by securing an All India

by Principal Abhaykumar

In recognition of his achievement, he was felicitated

Final Rank (AIFR) of 8641.

"Art Helps Us Understand the Essence of Life". Mr. Sagar Bagade

'Spandan Art Exhibition 2025' inaugurated with great enthusiasm at VCK



Mr. Sagar Bagade along with Prin. Abhaykumar Salunkhe and CEO Kaustubh Gawade enjoying Spandan Art Exhibition

Kolhapur, March 4: "We must prioritise natural, traditional art forms. With excellent skill-based courses in Advertising, Photography, Animation, and related fields, VCK offers remarkable career opportunities make full use of

Swami Vivekanand Shikshan

Sanstha, Kolhapur. Secretary

Shubhangi Gawade, and CEO

Kaustubh Gawade and Prin. R.

R. Kumbhar along Prof. Shilpa

Bhosale, Prof. Geetanjali Salunkhe, Mr. R. B. Jog

Registrar, Staff Secretaries, and

teaching and non-teaching staff.

these opportunities. Art always helps us understand the true essence of life," said President's Ideal Teacher Award recipient Shri Sagar Bagade. He was speaking as the Chief Guest at the inauguration of Spandan Art Exhibition 2025, organised by

the B.Voc Department of VCK, showcasing the year-round creative work of students from Graphic Design, Animation & Filmmaking, and Photography & Videography.

The programme was chaired by Principal Dr. Abhaykumar Salunkhe, Executive Chairman, SSVSS, CEO Shri Kaustubh Gawade was also present for the event. The exhibition was organised under the guidance of College Principal Dr. R. R. Kumbhar, coordinated by Dr. Shruti Joshi, Prof. Rahul Ingawale, and their team. Students, parents, advertising professionals, and art enthusiasts have been invited to visit the exhibition.

"Lead Nation on the path of progress with Spirit of Nation Unity"



Prin. Abhaykumar Salunkhe giving Republic Day Speech

Remembered at VCK Campus

Sansthamata Sushiladevi Salunkhe

Vivekanand Shines in JEE Exam

Kolhapur: In the JEE- Salunkhe. President of Shri

Kolhapur, Oct. 4:

"Sushiladevi Salunkhe stood firmly behind Shikshanmaharshi Dr. Bapuji Salunkhe and gave immense support in establishing Shri Swami Vivekanand Shikshan Sanstha. Because of her contribution, the institution has grown like a great tree, expanding its branches across Maharashtra. Her role in the growth of the institution is invaluable," expressed Principal Dr. R. R. Kumbhar.

On her birth anniversary, everyone should remember her work and contribute towards the further progress of the institution.

The birth anniversary of Sansthamata Sushiladevi Salunkhe was celebrated at VCK, Kolhapur. The program began with an introduction and welcome by Prof. Sandip Patil, NSS Coordinator. The portrait of Sushiladevi Salunkhe was garlanded and worshipped at the hands of Principal Dr. R. R. Kumbhar. To mark the occasion, the Gymkhana Department organized a Carrom competition for the Ladies Staff.

Kolhapur, Jan 26: The Republic Day celebration at Vivekanand College, Kolhapur (VCK), was marked with great enthusiasm and patriotic fervour as the colleg paid tribute to the brave warriors and freedom fighters whose sacrifices earned the nation its independence.

"The youth must carry this legacy forward, leading the nation on the path of progress with the spirit of national unity." said Prin. Abhaykumar Salunkhe, Executive Chairman, SSVSS, while speaking as the

chief guest at the flag-hoisting ceremony.

On this occasion, Mrs. Shubhangi Gawade, Secretary SSVSS, Prin. Dr. R. R. Kumbhar. The flag hoisting at Vivekanand College was carried out by Prin. A bhaykumar Salunkhe, followed by an impressive parade and demonstrations by NCC students. The vote of thanks was proposed by Prof. Dr. B. T. Dangat The program was organized under the guidance of Principal Dr. R. R. Kumbhar.

"Students must engage with contemporary youth literature". Dr. B. M. Hirdekar



Felicitation of Dr. B. M. Hirdekar by. Dr. S. P. Thorat

Kolhapur, Sept. 20: "Students must engage with contemporary youth literature. The need to explore the literary sensibilities of young minds and to provide emerging writers a free platform is essential for exploring literary sensibilities of youngsters", said Dr. B. M. Hirdekar, renowned educationist and author, emphasizing the importance of the youth literary festival. He spoke during the inaugural session of the 4th National Inter-Collegiate Youth literary Festival, organized jointly by the College's Literary Association and IQAC.

The Literary Festival was presided over by Prin. Abhaykumar Salunkhe, Executive Chairman, SSVSS. The event was organized under the guidance of Principal Dr. R. R. Kumbhar and Dr. Shruti Joshi, IQAC Coordinator.

In his presidential address, Mr. Salunkhe

remarked that "literature gives individuals awareness of life. Marathi literature has a rich tradition of saint literature and has been further enriched by scholarly and poetic works. Engaging with literature contributes to holistic personality development."

The first session featured an open interview of renowned author and Yuva Sahitya Akademi awardee Mr. Navnath Gore.

The second session, chaired by Mr. Bhimrao Dhulubulu, hosted a youth poets' gathering. Students from various colleges presented poems on diverse themes. The library department organized a book exhibition on the occasion.

Dr. Eknath Alvekar, Coordinator, delivered the introductory speech, while student representative Ms. Nidhi Kulkarni welcomed the participants.Dr. Pradeep Patil proposed the vote of thanks.

16 Years of GC at Youth Festival



Students and teachers with all the trophies won at Youth Festival

Kolhapur, VCK won 16 prizes in different art categories and secured the General Championship at the 44th Youth Festival of Shivaji University, held at Ajara Mahavidyalaya, Ajara.

The college bagged the Abhijit Dada Kadam Memorial General Championship Trophy, the Sardar Babasaheb Mane Trophy, the Olympic Trophy of Honor, the Dance Division Trophy of Honor, and the Music Division Trophy of Honor.

On this occasion, the winning students were felicitated by Prin. Abhaykumar Salunkhe. While speaking, he said, "For the last sixteen years, College has consistently won the General Championship. This is indeed a matter of pride. The hard work and preparation of the students, along with excellent guidance from teachers, have brought this honor."

On this occasion, Dr. Arif Mahat, Cultural Program Head, Dr. Rajashree Patil, Prof. S. S. Kadam, Prof. H. V. Chame, Prof. Sandip Patil, Dr. Pradip Patil, Dr. Sampada Tipkurle, Prof. Satish Uplavikar, Music Director Mr. Mahesh Heeremath and students were present.

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Ms. Suhani Patil B. Sc. III

Te have all seen the growing signs of climate change & global warming. Climate change is the



Chhavi Yadav B. Sc. II

very monsoon, Mumbai drowns as its drainage systems get overwhelmed with extreme rainfalls. Global warming contributes significantly; each year 1 °C rise in temperature increases the atmosphere's capacity to hold about 7% more water vapor, leading to heavier precipitation when it does rain. As the temperature rises there has also been acceleration in snow and glacier melting. This is a very common reason for river flooding especially during summers and overlapping rainy seasons. Rivers like Indus, Ganga, Brahmaputra face serious threats due to the

Every fire tells the same story. Humans are pushing the planet to its limits.

shift in weather patterns caused by global warming, the steady rise in the Earth's temperature. The increasing heat dries the land and creates extreme conditions, making forests more likely to burn. These fires destroy the homes of birds, animals, reptiles, and countless other living beings. Humans are not spared either. Most forest fires begin with human actions such as carelessness, deforestation, and harmful farming practices. Hotter summers, rising temperatures, and unpredictable rains turn forests into tinderboxes. One spark can destroy entire hillsides, forests, and the lives within them.

Forest fires are not distant disasters. They are happening now. In 2024, wildfires swept across Brazil, Canada, Spain, Greece, and Australia. Similar tragedies struck Himachal Pradesh, Arunachal Pradesh, and Tamil

Nadu. Trees fell, wildlife suffered, and thick clouds of smoke and carbon filled the air. Many local communities were forced to flee their homes, leaving behind everything they loved.

These fires do not just destroy forests. They destroy lives. People lose homes and livelihoods, while smoke fills lungs and causes serious health problems. The fires release carbon dioxide, trapping more heat in the atmosphere. Without forests to absorb that carbon, the planet grows hotter, and the risk of more fires increases, creating a dangerous cycle of heat and destruction. The damage does not stop there. Forest fires worsen other climate events such as heatwaves, droughts, floods, and landslides. The loss of trees disturbs rainfall and wind patterns, making regions more fragile

unpredictable.

If we do not act now, the problem will only grow fiercer. Every forest burned, every animal lost, and every spark ignored is a warning. If we keep turning away, our forests, homes, and future could all vanish into ash. It is time to act, to protect what remains, and to fight for the planet that shelters us all.

Everyone needs to pay heed to the **Warning of Global warming**

increased runoff and basin.

inhabitants are at life and property damage risk. Melting

land ice and thermal expansion of ocean water contribute to rising sea levels, increasing coastal flooding during storms, mostly areas such as lowlying deltaic regions of the Sundarbans (West Bengal), coastal plains of Odisha, and river deltas in Andhra Pradesh like the Krishna and Godavari, coastal areas of Tamil Nadu, Kerala, Gujarat, and Maharashtra are affected. Warmer ocean temperatures provide more energy, making tropical storms more powerful and capable of causing more

It is alarming how heat waves are becoming a common summer event, every year topping the charts as the new higher records are set, dry spells are shrinking soil moisture

reserves, so when heavy rains do occur, we see flash floods and river overflowing as runoff increases sharply.

We are running out of time. The calamities happening are no longer just seasonal disasters but escalating consequences of climate change. We contribute to these damages to a great extent by ignoring the signs of global warming. We need to keep our actions in check to make sure we have the ground beneath our feet and resources for the future generations. The choice is ours-either we change our ways today or prepare to face disasters that grow harsher with every season. Shifting towards sustainable ways and reducing emissions globally need urgent attention, it is our duty to create a safer and more sustainable world for those who come after us.



Ms. Prachi More B. A. III

t a time when climate change and global warming is among the world's most pressing concerns large scale deforestation in Telangana has made the situation even more alarming. Recently about 400 acres of forest land in the Kancha. Gachibowli are near Hyderabad were cleared. This region is home to hundreds of plants and animal species. According to the Indian state of forest report 2023, between 2021 and 2023, 105 sq.km forest are decreased

Between 2014 and 2024 around 11,422 hectares of forest land in Telangana were lost to development project. As a result green

When Forests Fall, Temperatures

cover is rapidly declining and experts note that local temperature have risen by 1°-4° C. While tree protection is crucial for controlling the impacts of climate change such a deforestation directly fuels global warming. In response students environmental activist and social organization have launched widespread protest. Under growing pressure the government withdraw its plan to auction 400 acres of land in Gachibowli and instead proposed developing a 2000 acre eco-park

Meanwhile the supreme court intervened ordering an immediate halt to tree felling. The court directed that the forest must be restored within 2 months warning that senior officials could face legal consequences if the orders are not followed.

Environmental experts said that deforestation is not just a local issue it is directly

linked to climate change and global warming. Forest absorb carbon dioxide and when they are destroyed greenhouse gases increase in the atmosphere accelerating global warming.

Recent news on deforestation in Maharashtra's Konkan region highlights ongoing concerns about forest degradation due to ongoing large-scale industrial projects like the Ratnagiri refinery, mining activities in Sindhudurg & Kolhapur's Western Ghats, and unre-gulated tourism along the coast. While the overall state forest cover has decreased, the Konkan faces specific threats from habitat destruction, often exacerbated by development, & efforts are underway by activists and communities to push for the notification of eco-sensitive areas to protect the Western Ghats.

No matter how important development may be protecting the environment during the era of climate

Our Planet, Our Responsibility



B.Com. I

Air pollution is one of the biggest challenges our world is facing today.

The increasing number of vehicles, factories and careless burning of waste has made the air we breathe toxic and harmful. It not only harms the environment but also puts our health at risk. Small steps like using public Khushi J. Vyas transport, planting trees and reducing waste can make a real difference if we act together.



Sanavi Patil B.Com. I

We need to be intentional with our

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Samruddhi Nalawade BCA III

Fighting Climate Change Starts

Global warming is not a distant threat—it is happening now. Melting glaciers, unpredictable rains, and rising sea levels show how our planet is struggling. Steps like planting trees, reducing waste, using public transport, and saving electricity make a real difference.



PG Diploma Translation (Hindi)

When Irrigation Turns Toxic: Agriculture at Risk in Kolhapur

In Western Maharashtra, agriculture faces a hidden crisis — water pollution. Polluted water reduces soil fertility, increases salinity, and lowers yields of wheat, pulses, and vegetables. An MPCB survey (2023) of 79 Suyash D. Zunake villages along the Panchganga River found nearly 18 million litres of untreated wastewater discharged daily. Without urgent



Hannah Mngoli B.Sc. III

The earth our ancestors left behind

In past weather was consistent, a cold morning meant a cold day. Now the day starts out cold, you wear your hoodie but suddenly it's burning hot. The ozone has been eaten away by humanity's greed & now all earth has to suffer the consequence. The vegetation doesn't get enough rain, the sun scorches & burns the forests, & wildlife has nowhere to lay their heads. Lets take responsibility & do our part to replenish the environment. Gift a better earth to the next generation.



Arvanraje Jadhav B. Sc. II

Plastic Pollution: A Hidden Danger Around Us

Plastic pollution is a huge problem. From bottles to bags, plastic is literally everywhere and the sad part is that it doesn't just disappear, it stays in the environment for hundreds of years. It ends up in oceans, hurting marine animals, and also piles up in cities making life messy. If people start using cloth bags and recycling properly, we can fight this problem and make our planet cleaner and safer for the future.



Patil **B.** A. I

Climatechangeaffectsourbasic needs.

Climate change is not only about rising heat, floods, and environmental shifts. It damages our infrastructure too. Roads crack, bridges weaken/ collapse, and power lines fail when extreme weather strikes. Repairing this damage costs billions. For people it means delayed transport, power Shravani S.Pawar cuts, and higher living costs. Every disaster slows growth and progress. We protect the environment today, to safeguard our future for tomorrow.



Rugved Karale B. A. II

Global Warming a Growing Crisis

Climate change is the biggest challenges driven mainly by greenhouse gas emissions. According to IPCC reports global temperature has risen by 1.3 degree Celsius. The world experienced hottest year on record, averaging 17.23 degree Celsius. India faced severe impacts including floods in Assam and heat waves in Delhi, with temperature crossing 49 degree Celsius. Immediate collective actions are crucial to secure a live-able future for the coming generations.



Tejaswini S. Shete B. A. I

Economic aspects like infrastructure damage due to climate change

Climate change is also an economic challenge. Rising temperatures, floods and storms damage roads, bridges and buildings. Infrastructure damage also disrupts transport, trade and public services. Developing countries suffer more as they have limited resources to rebuild. Investing in climate change infrastructure is necessary to reduce future losses.

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"NSS can connect students with society"

- Dr. T. M. Chougale

Special Shram Sanskar Camp concluded at Vasgade.



Dr. T. M. Chougale addressing NSS Volunteers

Kolhapur Jan 24 "Village development can be achieved by implementing many good initiatives like management. eradication of superstitions", expressed by Dr. T. M. Chougale, Director, National Service Scheme, Shivaji University, Kolhapur, on the occasion of the concluding ceremony of a special Shram Sanskar Camp at Vivekananda College, Vasgade, Tal. Karveer, Dist. Kolhapur.

Prin. Dr. R. R. Kumbhar said in his presidential address that students should find themselves through the NSS camp. Theyshould participate in various social activities and serve society. Through NSS, the youth energy of students can be utilized to do social work. For this camp, Mr. Hitendra Salunkhe, Registrar Mr. R.B. Jog, Mr. S. P. Desai, Mr. E. G.

Mangal, Mr. R. M. Bonge, Mr. Sadanand Durgule contributed in the successful organisation of the NSS Camp at Vasagade. This camp was visited by professors & administrative staff from junior and senior colleges.

Prof. P. R. Bagade, Program Officer, gave the introduction and welcome speech. Suyash Jhunke moderated the program. Program Officer Prof. Dr. G. S. Ubale, Prof. S. P. Thorat, Program Officer Prof. Sandeep Patil, Prof. Rajshree Patil, Dr. B. T. Dangat, Dr. Sampada Tipkurle, Junior N.S.S. Program Officer, Prof. L. S. Nakadi, Prof. C. C. Patil, Prof. Mrs. Nayana Patil, as well as villagers and office bearers of all organizations were present at this program.

"My Vote, My Right" **Voter's Awareness Campaign**



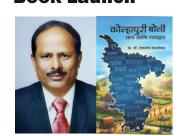
Active and enthusiastic students rallying for the voter's awareness campaign.

Kolhapur, Nov 16: On Saturday, Vivekanand College conducted a voter awareness rally aimed at educating citizens about the importance of voting under the theme "My Vote, My Right" & encouraging the performance of their civic duty. The rally proceeded from Vivekanand College to Nagla Park, Tarabai Park, Zilla Parishad Road, and back to the college campus.

The campaign was formally inaugurated by Principal Dr. R. R. Kumbhar, National Service Scheme (NSS). Volunteers participated actively, highlighting through various slogans and chants the significance of

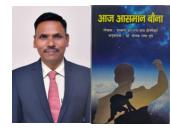
voting as a sacred civic responsibility. The event saw the participation of Mr. R. B. Jog, Registrar, Prof. L. S. Nakadi, NSS Programme Officer, and faculty members of the junior section including Prof. R. V. Ghatge, Department of Chemistry, Prof. Mrs. G. S. Salunkhe, Department of English, Prof. S. S. Jagtap, Department of Physics, Prof. Mrs. S. P. Panchbhai, Department of Biology, and Prof. Mrs. C. C. Patil, Department of Mathematics. Support from other teaching and nonteaching staff contributed to the successful execution of the campaign.

Dual Literary Contributions with **Book Launch**



Dr. Eknath Alwekar

VCK, witnessed the release of two significant literary works. The Hindi book "Aaj Aasman Bauna" by Dr. Deepak Tupe, Assistant Professor in Hindi Department was launched at the hands of Minister Prakash Abitkar. The book is a Hindi translation of "Aaj Gagan Thengane", originally written in Marathi by former Principal Dr. S. Y. Hongekar. Alongside this release, the Marathi Department's Head, Prof. Dr. Eknath Alwekar, published his book Kolhapuri Boli (Dialect): Principles and Practice. The



Dr. Deepak Tupe

volume documents the spoken language of Kolhapur.

The book release function was held in the presence of Rohit Shinde (Additional Director, SIRM), Abhaykumar Salunkhe Executive Chairman. SSVSS, Secretary Mrs. Shubhangi Gawade, Dr. Milind Hujare (Joint Secretary -Finance), Dr. T. S. Gawali (Joint Secretary - Administration), CEO Mr. Kaustubh Gawade and Principal Dr.R. R. Kumbhar. All the teaching and non-teaching $staff of the college \, congratulated \,$ them.

Western Maharashtra's 1st Automated Book Return Kiosk



Prin. Abhaykumar Salunkhe Inaugurating KIOSK Machine

Kolhapur, Feb 10: Western Maharashtra witnessed its first-ever automated book return kiosk with the inauguration of an online library book return machine at the library of Vivekanand College, Kolhapur, run by SSVSS. The inauguration was carried out at the hands of Prin. Abhaykumar Salunkhe, Executive Chairman of the SSVSS.

On this occasion, Prin. Dr. R. R. Kumbhar, Dr. Shruti Joshi, IQAC Coordinator, along with faculty members and students, were present. With the installation, students can

return borrowed books automatically using a barcode scanner.

This innovation saves the time of students, readers, and library staff alike. Notably, this is the first library in Western Maharashtra to introduce such a machine. Just as money is deposited in an ATM, books can now be deposited into this kiosk. With more than 9,000 students, over 350 staff members, and many other stakeholders registered as library members, the book exchange process carries a huge load. Earlier, the

library had already taken the lead in computerization and automation by implementing an online circulation system. Vivekanand College library has taken yet another step towards library automation. Through this facility with this new machine, the process of book returns has become even more

The program began with a welcome speech by Librarian Dr. Neeta Patil, while the introductory remarks and coordination were handled by Mr. Hitendra Salunkhe, Assistant Librarian. For this initiative, valuable encouragement and guidance were received from Prin. Abhaykumar Salunkhe, Secretary Mrs. Shubhangi Gawade, and CEO Mr. Kaustubh Gawade.

The successful organization of the event was supported by Registrar Mr. R. B. Jog, and library staff members Dr. Jagtap, Mr. Jadhav, Mr. Nare, and Mr. Ingle.

200+ Students Join **Group Reading**

Kolhapur Feb 6: A group reading activity was organised under Reading Resolution of Maharashtra on behalf of the library department 200+ students read various books at the event.

Under this program, free admission to the library has been given to everyone. Also, a book exhibition for group reading & various competitions have been organized till the 15th. Principal Dr. R. R. Kumbhar, Dr. Sunita Shirke, Head of Chemistry Department, Dr. Sarita Shinde, Librarian, Dr. Neeta Patil, Assistant Librarian, Hitendra Salunkhe, Mr. R. B. Jog, and students read various books collectively. Various competitions and programs have been organized by the library and the Marathi department under the reading initiative till January 15.

Disaster Management Training



Guest of Honour Mr. Ashok Rokade (Founder President of White Army) sharing his insights at program.

Kolhapur, Oct 07 At Vivekanand College, a Disaster Management Training Program was organized jointly by the college and Jeevan Mukti Seva Sanstha (White Army) under the National Education Policy Implementation Cell

In line with the National Education Policy 2020, supplementary courses like Disaster Management have been introduced to promote the holistic development of students. This training program was conducted as part of a memorandum of understanding with the White Army.

During the inaugural session, Mr. Ashok Rokade,

Founder President of White Army, highlighted the urgent need and importance of disaster management in the nation.

To instill the spirit of service and preparedness among students, he presented audio-visual demonstrations of rescue and relief work undertaken during major disasters over the past 25 years, such as floods, landslides, cyclones, tsunamis, and fires.

The training program was attended by BBA and BCA first-year students and faculty members of the college

Yoga is essential for body and mind to be healthy in a natural way

- Prin Dr. R. R. Kumbhar

International Yoga Day celebrated with enthusiasm at VCK



Teachers & Students practicing Yoga at Smriti Bhavan

Kolhapur, June 21: "To maintain a healthy body and mind, everyone must practice yoga regularly. The importance of yoga is invaluable. Yoga helps us live a balanced and healthy lifestyle on the physical, mental, and spiritual levels. It increases flexibility of the body, reduces stress, enhances concentration, and brings inner peace. Through yoga and meditation, one can reduce daily stress and achieve desired goals. Yoga not only builds a strong body but also nurtures a mature mind."

stated Principal Dr. R. R. Kumbhar on the occasion of International Yoga Day organized at Vivekanand College.

11th International Yoga Day, June 21, 2025, was conducted under the guidance of Dr. Rajshree Patil, Yoga Trainer, Art of Living. On this occasion, Devika Mane, Shivdeep Vedpathak, and Abhijeet elaborated on Yoga, Yama, Niyama, Dharana, & Pratyahara, & demonstrated activity-based yoga practices through various yoga postures

Research Excellence with Four New Doctors

Kolhapur: VCK, celebrates a remarkable academic feat as four of its distinguished faculty members were awarded the prestigious Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.) degrees by Shivaji University, Kolhapur, over the past year. Their diverse research topics highlight the intellectual $breadth\ and\ commitment\ to\ scholar ship\ at\ the\ institution.$



Department of Mathematics

He was awarded his Ph.D. for his research thesis titled "A Study of Some Generalizations of Lattices and Distributive Lattices" in Mathematics. His work was guided by Dr. Santaji Khopade of Karmaveer Hire College, Gargoti.



Prof. Namrata Dhale Department of History

received her Ph.D. in History for her comprehensive study on "The Changing Image of Women in Marathi Cinema (1932-1982)," which critically examined the transformation of women's portrayal in the film industry over five decades. Her research was supervised by Prof. Dr. Kavita Gagrani.



Prof. Sandip Patil Department of Economics

He was conferred his Ph.D. in Economics. His research focused on the "Role of Common Property Resources in Rural Development in Kolhapur District." He completed his scholarly work under the guidance of Prof. Dr. J. S. Ingle.



Prof. Datta Jadhav Department of Political Science

He was awarded his Ph.D. in Political Science for his research on "Democratic Thought in 20th Century India and the Indian Constitution." Prof. Jadhav is an inspiring example, having completed his higher education while coming from a worker's family in PanhalaTaluka.

The Institution's leadership and staff extended heartfelt congratulations to the successful researchers. Felicitations included Abhaykumar Salunkhe, Executive Chairman of SSVSS, Secretary Prin. Mrs. Shubhangi Gawade, CEO Mr. Kaustubh Gawade, Prin. Dr. R. R. Kumbhar, IQAC Coordinator Dr. Shruti Joshi, along with all the heads of departments, faculty members, and administrative staff.

with the students.

The event was jointly organized by"IQAC Coordinator Dr. Shruti Joshi, Gymkhana Head Dr. Vikas Jadhav, NCC Head Major Sunita Bhosale, and NSS Program Officer Dr. Sandeep Patil. The program received guidance and encouragement from Prin. Abhaykumar Salunkhe, Executive Chairman, Secretary Mrs. Shubhangi Gawade, CEO Kaustubh Gawade, and Colonel Sandhan Mishra of the 6 Maharashtra NCC Girls Battalion. The introductory remarks and welcome were delivered by Gymkhana Head Dr. Vikas Jadhav, while the vote of thanks was proposed by Prof. Supriya



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"Vivekanand Mahotsav is a Platform to Enhance Students' Personality" - Prin. Abhaykumar Salunkhe

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Felicitation of the Winners of Mr. and Miss. Vivekanand. 2024-25

"In today's competitive era, it is essential to provide a stage for students to showcase their talents. This is an age of skill development, and it is important for students to participate in various competitions in order to shape their personality. With this objective, Vivekanand College organized Vivekanand Mahotsav: Shodh Chaitanyacha 2025, a significant platform for nurturing creativity and talent. Such innovative competitions are

necessary to develop students'

personality in this competitive

world",said Prin. Abhaykumar



Inauguration of fun fair by CEO Kaustubh Gawade & Ms. Jyotsnaraje Gaikwad

Salunkhe, Executive Chairman of SSVSS, during the inauguration of the Vivekanand Mahotsay.

The two-day Mahotsav was organized under the guidance of Principal Dr. R. R. Kumbhar of Vivekanand College, Kolhapur.

The inaugural session began with the welcome address by the IQAC Coordinator, Dr. Shruti Joshi, who explained the purpose of the Mahotsay. She stated that the aim is to encourage research-oriented thinking among students, to build awareness of social issues, and to inspire self-employment through persistence and innovation. On this occasion, the exhibition of products and food items prepared by students was inaugurated at the hands of the chief guest. Everyone enjoyed a

variety of dishes at the food fair.

On the first day of the Mahotsav, competitions like Abhivachan, Innovative Research (Ideathon), Ad-Mad Show, Reel Flicks, and Dance Magic were held. On the second day, the Fun Fair and the Mr. & Miss Vivekanand contest were organized. The Fun Fair was inaugurated by Shri Kaustubh Gawade, CEO of Shri Swami

Vivekanand Shikshan Sanstha, and actress Jyotsnaraaje Gaikwad. For the Mr. & Miss Vivekanand competition, Prin. Mrs. Shubhangi Gawade, Secretary of SSVSS, and Mr. Rohit Korgave Director, Smarts Global Sales & Services, were

The competitions were judged by eminent personalities: Dr. Ramesh Salunkhe and Prof. Shriram Mohite (Abhivachan), M. M. Shinde and Mitali Gathe (Ad-Mad Show), Dr. Santosh Maske and Aditya Surve (Ideathon), Vikas Powar and Ganesh Indikar (Dance Magic), Tillottama Deshmukh and Sheetal Patil (Mr. & Miss Vivekanand), and Vishnu Waj arde (Reel Flicks).

Many colleges from Kolhapur, Satara, Sangli, Pune, Solapur, and Mumbai participated. Winners were awarded cash prizes and certificates by the dignitaries.

Results of Competitions

1. Elocution Competition

First Prize: Sakshi Kulkarni & Shrishail Shinde - K.I.T. College, Kolhapur Second Prize: Rita Dange – Shikshanmaharshi Dr. Bapuji Salunkhe College, Miraj

2. Solo Dance Competition

First Prize: Shubham Koli - P.D.V.P. College, Tasgaon Second Prize: Sarthak Bhillari – Vivekanand College, Kolhapur. Group Dance Competition

First Prize: Taal Ûtsav Kala Academy – Vivekanand College, Kolhapur

Second Prize: Rasika Gaikwad, BBA Group – Vivekanand College,

3. Ideathon Competition

First Prize: Omkar Sonkavade - Dr. D.Y. Patil Medical College, Second Prize: Vighnesh Patil – New College, Kolhapur

4. Ad-Mad Show First Prize: Kalyani Kadam, Sanjyoti Patil, Gauri Gurav – Vivekanand College, Kolhapur

Second Prize: Atharva Karale, Sakshi Mithari, Deepti Latthe -Vivekanand College, Kolhapur

5. Reel Flicks

First Prize: Monika Nagadave – Vivekanand College, Kolhapur Second Prize: Pranali Surve, Siddhi Shipugade, Om Shinde, Yash Shinde – Vivekanand College, Kolhapur

> 6. Mr. & Miss Vivekanand Mr. Vivekanand: Pratik Chougule Miss Vivekanand: Sharayu Sutar

Samidha Ghugre Marches to Delhi for R-Day Parade.



SuO. Samidha Ghugre

Kolhapur, Jan 20: Vivekanand College's NCC Senior Under Officer Samidha Ghugre (B.Com Part II) has been selected for the Republic Day Parade and the Prime Minister's rally to be held in New Delhi on 26th and 27th January 2025 on the occasion of the Indian Republic Day. She has been undergoing training in Delhi since 1st January 2025,

Half Marathon.

Ankush getting congratulated by

Prin R R Kumbhar

Laxman Hakke, a third-year

Kolhapur, Mar 2, Ankush

student of Vivekanand

for thisparade. Ms. Samidha is the only cadet selected from the 6 Maharashtra Girls NCC Battalion.

On this achievement congratulations were extended by Prin. Abhaykumar Salunkhe, Executive Chairman, SSVSS, Secretary Mrs. Shubhangi Gawade, CEO Kaustubh Gavade, and Prin. Dr. R. R. Kumbhar.

She received guidance and encouragement from Colonel Sandhan Mishra, Major Sunita Bhosale, Lieutenant Jitendra Bharamgonda, Prof. Sunny Kale, and Manager Raghunath Jog of the 6 Maharashtra Battalion.

the race in an impressive 1 hour,

6 minutes, and 29 seconds,

securing third place in the All-

India Inter-University Half

Marathon competition held at

Kalinga Institute of Social

Sciences, Bhubaneswar, With

this achievement, he has

qualified for the selection trials

of the World Inter-University

Dnyaneshwari Patil's National Shooting



Dyaneshwari's felicitation by Mr. Kaustubh Gawade

Kolhapur, Oct 08:At the 67th National Shooting Championship held in Bhopal, Madhya Pradesh, Ms. Dnyaneshwari Jayvir Patil, an M.Sc Computer Science Part II student of Vivekanand College, won the silver medal in the 50m

Three Position Air Rifle event. In recognition of her achievement, she was felicitated by CEO Mr. Kaustubh

Dnyaneshwari received encouragement and support from Prin. Abhaykumar Salunkhe, Executive Chairman, Secretary Mrs. Shubhangi Gawade, CEO Mr. Kaustubh Gawade, and Prin Dr. R. R. Kumbhar of Vivekanand College. On this occasion, she was also given best wishes for her future competitions by faculty and students.

Features

Tuvalu: Country Struggling to Stay Above Water

iving on an island surrounded by the ocean, with total land area is 25.14 square kilometres. I wanted to tell the world that my home country Tuvalu the cleanest country throughout the south Pacific Polynesia the fourth smallest country on earth could and about to sink. The elders men in every household used to taught young men generation the tautai (expert fisherman that tell the time, watch and to speak with large fear sea animal) and being a faika (fisherman). The islands do not have a significant amount of soil, so the country relies heavily on imports and fishing for food. Licensing



Ms. Nitasi Teleke B.Sc. III (citizen of Tuvalu)

fishing permits to international companies, grants and aid projects, and remittances to their families from Tuvaluan seafarers who work on cargo ships are important parts of the

Every act of pollution, large or small, adds to that danger. Rising seas push saltwater into our land and into wells. Fresh water is ruined. Sea water seeps in. Crops die. Soil erosion. Gardens vanish. We cannot drink salty water. We cannot grow food. The beach near my family's old pig farm was once my place of endless discovery.

As a child, I usually walked with my grandfather to feed the chickens, ducks and pigs, and then ran onto to played building tower to white sands and finding shells and crabs, listening to the beats of the ocean waves and relax freely. When I returned recently, I was shocked to see the shoreline pushed far inland. The white sand I loved is gone. The sea has increased every year to swallowed the land.

The locals fiercely protect their way of life and traditions,



to work hard, and there's an undeniable pride in their culture. Tuvalu has pledged to use 100 percent renewable energy. One positive is that the Earth Hour is a worldwide grassroots movement organized by the World Wildlife Fund (WWF) to raise awareness about environmental issues. It encourages individuals, communities, and businesses to turn off non-essential electric lights for one hour as a symbolic action for the planet.

faith is strong, everyone seems

We build coastal defences and strive to adapt. Our battle is not with other nations. Our battle is with climate change. We need the world to act now.

College, Kolhapur, completed be held in Germany. **650 Students Compete in Vivekanand**

Ankush Hakke Excels in the National



Kolhapur Feb 10: VCK and

Rotaract Club of Kolhapur

jointly organized the Sports

Festival 2025 at Vivekanand

College Kolhapur on Friday,

February 7, 2025. The Sports

Festival included eight sports

competitions, such as Chess,

Carrom, Badminton, Kho-Kho,

Basketball, Kabaddi, Football,

and Cricket. Around 650

players from various branches

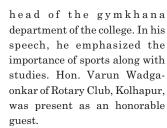
of the college participated in

Inauguration Program was

Prof. Kiran Patil, the former

The Chief Guest for the

this competition.



The program was presided by Prin. Dr. R. R. Kumbhar. In his presidential address, he emphasized the importance of sports in education and employment. He guided the students on the facilities provided in the college for education.

Green Guards: A Student Initiative for a Plastic-Free Campus

ivekanand College, Kolhapur (An Empowered Autonomous Institute) has taken a strong step toward environmental conservation through their initiative "Green Guards". The programme, is mentored by IQAC Coordinator, Dr. Shruti Joshi. It focuses on creating a plastic-free campus and promoting awareness about social and environmental issues. The group functions under the motto "Go Green, Stay

Under this initiative, students have placed plastic collection boxes in classrooms and corridors, each carrying awareness slogans about the harmful effects of plastic pollution. The collected plastic is then handed over to Mudgal

Green Initiatives, a plastic recycling industry, which recycles the collected plastic and converts it into reusable products. This collaboration ensures proper waste management and encourages recycling at the institute level.

Green Guards have also extended their work beyond the college campus. In collaboration with Dream Team Kolhapur founded by alumni of the college. The group conducted traffic awareness campaigns for city residents. During these campaigns, like the one held at Dabholkar Corner near CBS Stand, students felicitated citizens who followed traffic rules by presenting them with flowers and displaying posters promoting traffic discipline and Mr. Yashodeep Patil

safety. Apart from these activities, Green Guards are actively involved in cleanliness drives, traffic management, and various social service programs on and off the campus. These activities not only contribute to the welfare of society but also help students develop a sense of civic responsibility and environmental awareness.

One of the major objectives of the initiative is to educate and sensitize students about the dangers of plastic



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Mr. Shubham Sabale

pollution and the importance of sustainable practices. Green Guards encourage members to read, research, and take part in activities that promote environmental conservation.

Although it started as a small student-led effort, Green Guards Kolhapur has steadily grown over the years. Every academic year, new members join the group, expanding its reach and impact. The initiative continues to work towards building a community that is more environmentally conscious and socially responsible.

Through consistent efforts and public participation, Green Guards Kolhapur aims to contribute to a cleaner, greener, and healthier environment for

