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## CELEBRATING THE SWORD, THE STRATEGY, AND THE SWARAJYA!

by Tanishqa Jaiswal

To celebrate the 395th birth anniversary of the great Maratha warlord and visionary leader, **Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj**, KAASH Foundation in association with Sanjeevan Gramin Vaidyakiya & Samajik Sahayata Pratishthan's Arts, Commerce & Science College, Onde, planned a chain of meaningful events within Vikramgad, Palghar district, on February 19, 2025. The event was not just a dedication to the legacy of Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj, but it was also an opportunity to promote education, culture, and community development.

The Arts, Commerce & Science College, based in the tribal area of Onde in Vikramgad, was established in 2002 to provide quality higher education to the local populace of this area. Since then, this college has been playing an instrumental role in bringing them into the mainstream of overall development and upliftment. About 95 percent of the students studying at the college belong to the weaker sections of the society i.e. Scheduled Castes (S.T.) and are first-generation learners. It is the only degree college in Vikramgad to cater to these students' needs and it proudly boasts of 700+ students who are presently pursuing their higher education from this college.

This initiative was undertaken under two key verticals of KAASH Foundation— **Education and Heritage**. Under the **Education** vertical, KAASH Foundation

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KAASH Foundation's Centre for Academic and Professional Development (CAPD) in association with Cultural Department, Arts, Commerce & Science College, Onde, Tal. Vikramgad, Dist. Palghar is organizing an

**DRAWING COMPETITION**

on the occasion of **Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj Jayanti**

Date: February 19, 2025 Time: 10:00 AM Conference Hall, Arts, Commerce & Science College, Onde, Tal. Vikramgad, Dist. Palghar

(For undergraduate and postgraduate students)

Topic for the Drawing Competition:  
1) Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj and his forts  
Top 3 drawings will be selected and winners will be awarded with exciting prizes!

Coordinators:  
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**ESSAY WRITING COMPETITION**

on the occasion of **Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj Jayanti**

Date: February 19, 2025 Time: 10:00 AM Conference Hall, Arts, Commerce & Science College, Onde, Tal. Vikramgad, Dist. Palghar

Topics for the Essay Writing Competition:  
1) The military strategies of Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj  
2) The concept of Swarajya in Shivaji's reign  
Top 3 essays will be selected and winners will be awarded with exciting prizes!

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strives to explore various dimensions of knowledge, inspiring students to think and work beyond conventional limits. With a vision for holistic development, the Foundation believes that education is the foundation for empowerment, as its guiding principle states, "Education breeds confidence; confidence breeds hope; hope breeds peace."

Simultaneously, the **Heritage** vertical of KAASH Foundation is dedicated to safeguarding and promoting India's rich cultural legacy. Committed to preserving historical narratives and traditions, the Foundation follows its unique (3P/SC) approach—**Protect, Preserve, Promote, Safeguard, and Conserve**—to document and revive cultural heritage in its most authentic form.

### *The Grand Procession*

The celebration began at 9:00 AM with an impressive royal procession in commemoration of the mighty Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj. The event commenced with the customary seating of an elegantly attired idol of the Maharaj on an elaborately decorated palanquin, which was accompanied on a procession through Vikramgad villages. The air vibrated with the deafening cries of *Jai Bhavani, Jai Shivaji!* and *Har Har Mahadev!* Students, staff members, and villagers alike participated with excitement in the procession.

Adding a touch of historical authenticity, students of Onde College enacted important personalities from the Maharaj's life—Shivaji Maharaj himself, Aaisaheb Jijabai, and his faithful Mavalas. Their dedication and spirited performance filled the program with elegance. Contributing to the grandeur of the procession, girl students performed the classical Lezim dance, a vibrant people's art form of Maharashtra, injecting even more energy into the program. The rhythmic sways and harmonized rhythms of the Lezim sticks constructed the atmosphere, leading the participants to the peak of festival mania. With the guests and volunteers supporting the palanquin on their shoulders, it was more than a ritual process; it was a premonition of deep devotion, as if blessed by the great Maharaj himself.

### *The Theatrical Tribute*

Following the grand procession, at 11am, the ceremony shifted to an enthralling

## The Grand Procession



Students from Arts, Commerce & Science College, Onde, engage in a royal procession to honor Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj



Dr. Avkash Jadhav, Founder-Trustee, KAASH Foundation, participates in the royal procession

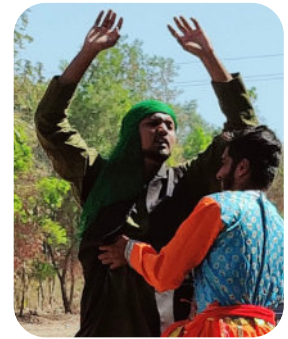


Dr. Renuka Vyas, Joint Director (Health), KAASH Foundation, participates in the royal procession



KAASH Foundation members with students and faculty of Arts, Commerce & Science College, Onde

## The Theatrical Tribute



Students enact the assassination of Afzal Khan by Shivaji Maharaj



KAASH Foundation members and college faculty with the participants

theatrical presentation by the students. Through a skit, they presented Shivaji's life, struggles, military strategies, and triumphs. The compelling performances, accompanied by realistic representations, transported the audience back into history, presenting them with the vivid life of Shivaji Maharaj. Each scene depicted the unbreakable spirit of the leader, his unshakeable devotion to Swarajya, and his deep respect for justice and equality. The audience was mesmerized as the young actors brought history alive, reinforcing the legacy of Shivaji Maharaj as a source of inspiration for generations to come.

### ***A Keynote Address by Dr. Avkash Jadhav***

The scholarly high point of the event was an insightful keynote address by Dr. Avkash Jadhav, Founder-Trustee of KAASH Foundation and Head of the History Department at St. Xavier's College, Mumbai. In his talk, "Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj: An Analysis of His Management and Diplomatic Skills," Dr. Jadhav elaborately examined the leadership qualities of Shivaji Maharaj. He spoke about the unparalleled warfare methods, his efficient administrative order, and his diplomatic art. The discussion also highlighted the significance of the spy network, led by the incredible Bahirji Naik Jadhav and the gigantic gallantry of his committed warriors, such as Narveer Tanaji Malusare and Baji Prabhu Deshpande.

Dr. Jadhav's interactive session provoked the relevance of Shivaji Maharaj's philosophy in modern-day governance and leadership. The content provided an understanding of his visionary thought processes and their lasting impact on Indian history.

### ***A Milestone Collaboration***

A defining moment of the day was the signing of a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) between KAASH Foundation and Sanjeevan Gramin Vaidyakiya & Samajik Sahayata Pratishthan's Arts, Commerce & Science College, Onde. This landmark collaboration aims to enhance academic growth and holistic development for students in the tribal region. The agreement will pave the way for various educational initiatives, skill development programs, and innovative learning opportunities. The MoU was made possible through the combined efforts of Mr. Milind Patil, Chairman, S. G. V. & S. S. G. S.; Prof. B. B. Pandagale, Principal, Arts, Commerce & Science

## Keynote Address



**Avkash Jadhav, Founder-Trustee, KAASH Foundation, delivers his Keynote Address on 'Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj: An Analysis of His Management and Diplomatic Skills'**



**Felicitating of Dr. Avkash Jadhav by Mr. Milind Patil, Chairman, S. G. V. & S. S. G. S.**

## A Milestone Collaboration



**KAASH Foundation and Arts, Commerce, and Science College, Onde, sign an MoU to enhance academic growth and holistic development for tribal students**

College; and Prof. Santosh Dhamone, Assistant Professor of Mathematics, Arts, Commerce & Science College. They have been instrumental in fostering educational advancements for the students studying in the college. The partnership stands as a testament to the commitment of both institutions in empowering students and transforming their learning experiences.

### ***Fostering Creativity***

Encouraging intellectual and artistic expression, an Essay Writing and Drawing Competition was conducted, allowing students to delve into the life and legacy of Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj. The essay competition centered around *The Military Strategies of Shivaji Maharaj and the Concept of Swarajya*, enabling participants

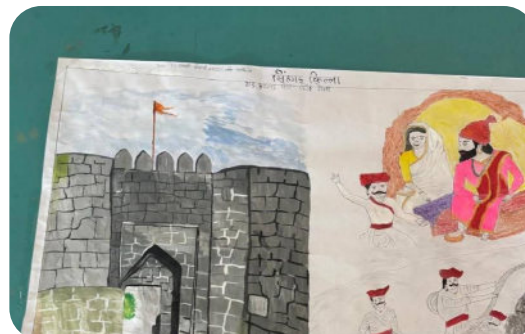
## Fostering Creativity



Dr. Avkash Jadhav inaugurates the Art and Drawing Exhibition on 'Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj and His Forts' in the presence of Dr. B. B. Pandagale, Principal of Arts, Commerce & Science College (orange kurta) and Dr. Santosh Dhamone, Assistant Professor of Mathematics, Arts, Commerce & Science College (yellow kurta)



Dr. Jadhav, Dr. Vyas, and Ms. Alpa Mehta, Associate Joint Director (Health), KAASH Foundation (red and beige salwar kameez), examine the drawings and paintings on display alongside Dr. Pandagale, Dr. Dhamone, and other faculty members of the college



Drawings and sketches by students on display at the exhibition

to analyze and articulate the strategic brilliance of the great ruler. Simultaneously, the drawing competition provided a visual exploration of *Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj and His Forts*.

The students showcased remarkable creativity and analytical depth, reflecting their admiration and understanding of the Maharaj's contributions. Their engagement underscored the need for platforms that nurture young minds and encourage historical exploration.

### *Bridging the Digital Divide*

One of the most significant undertakings of KAASH Foundation during this celebration was a thorough survey of the

college premises to assess the feasibility of establishing a *Computer and Innovation Lab* for tribal students. Recognizing the pressing challenges faced by students and faculty due to the lack of access to digital education, KAASH Foundation, in collaboration with Houlihan Lokey, a leading global investment bank, announced the donation of ten computers for the Lab. This initiative aims to bridge the technological gap and provide students with essential digital skills, ensuring that they remain equipped for modern educational and professional landscapes. The lab is scheduled for inauguration on March 1, 2025, marking a crucial step toward digital empowerment in the region.

The success of this grand celebration was made possible by the dedicated efforts of KAASH Foundation's esteemed representatives, witnessing the presence and active participation of Dr. Avkash Jadhav, Dr. Renuka Vyas (Joint Director, Health), Ms. Alpa Mehta (Associate Joint Director, Health), and Mr. Milind Singh of National Computers. Their invaluable contributions and relentless enthusiasm played a pivotal role in ensuring that the event was not only a tribute to Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj but also a catalyst for positive change in the lives of the students and the local community.

As the celebrations drew to a close, the air was filled with a sense of pride, inspiration, and renewed commitment to the ideals

of Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj. This event was more than just a tribute to a legendary leader—it was the beginning of a transformative journey. With a steadfast dedication to education, empowerment, and

cultural preservation, KAASH Foundation remains committed to fostering meaningful and lasting change.

We extend our heartfelt gratitude to all who

contributed to this noble endeavor and invite well-wishers to join us in ensuring that the spirit of *Swarajya* continues to thrive in future generations.

PHOTO GALLERY

The Grand Procession



Students play the lezim during the royal procession



Dr. Jadhav & Dr. Vyas with Dr. B. B. Pandagale (orange kurta) and Ms. Rohini Borse, Women’s Development Cell, Arts, Commerce & Science College, Onde (orange saree) and other faculty members

KAASH Foundation members with students and faculty of Arts, Commerce & Science College, Onde

The Theatrical Tribute



More scenes from the skit



Felicitating participants of the skit

### Fostering Creativity



Dr. Jadhav in a candid chat with the college faculty



Dr. Jadhav with Mr. Milind Singh, National Computers



KAASH Foundation members and college faculty examine the drawings and paintings on display



Dr. Jadhav hands over computer books on Python, MS Office, Excel, etc., to Dr. Pandagale and Dr. Dhamone in the presence of Mr. Milind Singh

### Winners of the Drawing Competition



**RANK 1:**  
Saniya Sanjay Patil,  
S. Y. B. Sc



**RANK 2:**  
Krupali Ankush Jadhav  
S. Y. B. Sc.



**RANK 3:**  
Sarika Nandkumar  
Thakur, S. Y. B. Com.



**RANK 4:**  
Manisha Santosh Baraf,  
S. Y. B. A

### Winners Of The Essay Writing Competition



**RANK 1:**  
Prahlad Shankar Gavit,  
T. Y. B. Sc.



**RANK 2:**  
Krupali Ankush Jadhav  
S. Y. B. Sc.



**RANK 3:**  
Rohini Vilas Pagi,  
F. Y. B. A.

## LETTER OF APPRECIATION



Sanjeevan Gramin Vaidyakiya & Samajik Sahayata Pratishthan's  
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To,  
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Head and Associate Professor,  
Department of History,  
University of Mumbai,  
St. Xavier's College, Mumbai.

**Subject: - Heartfelt Gratitude for Your Esteemed Presence  
at the Shiv Jayanti Program.**

Respected Sir,

On behalf of SGV&SSP's, Art's Commerce and Science College, Onda, I extend my deepest gratitude for your esteemed presence as a resource person at the Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj Jayanti Program held on 19th February 2025. Your enlightening talk on "Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj: An Analysis of His Diplomatic and Management Skills" was truly insightful and inspiring.

Your in-depth analysis and engaging discourse on Shivaji Maharaj's visionary leadership, strategic diplomacy, and exemplary management skills captivated the audience and provided invaluable knowledge. Your presence enriched the event and made it an unforgettable experience for all attendees.

We deeply appreciate the time and effort you dedicated to sharing your expertise and wisdom with us. It was an honour to have you as part of this significant occasion, celebrating the legacy of one of India's greatest rulers.

Once again, thank you for your valuable contribution. We look forward to future opportunities to collaborate and learn from your vast knowledge.

With warm regards,

(Dr. Bashweshwar Pandagale)

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## श्री.व्ही.जी.पाटील महाविद्यालयात शिवजयंती

विक्रमगड, (वा.) श्री.व्ही.जी.पाटील कला, वाणिज्य व विज्ञान महाविद्यालयात शिवजयंती निमित्त सांस्कृतिक विभाग व काश फाउंडेशनच्यावतीने विविध कार्यक्रमाचे आयोजन करण्यात आले होते. या प्रसंगी संजीवन ग्रामीण वैद्यकीय व सामाजिक सहायता प्रतिष्ठानचे अध्यक्ष मिलिंद पाटील यांच्या हस्ते छत्रपती शिवाजी महाराज यांच्या पालखीचे पूजन करून भव्य अशी मिरवणूक काढण्यात आली. या मिरवणूकीत महाविद्यालयातील विद्यार्थिनीचे लेझीम पथक सर्वांचे आकर्षण ठरले होते. या प्रसंगी मुंबई येथील काश फाउंडेशनचे संस्थापक डॉ. अक्काश जाधव, संस्थेच्या संचालिका शितल पाटील, महाविद्यालयाचे प्रभारी प्राचार्य डॉ. बसवेश्वर पांडागळे, सांस्कृतिक विभाग प्रमुख डॉ. चांदोजी गायकवाड, काश फाउंडेशनच्या डॉ. रेणुका व्यस व डॉ. अल्पा मेहता यांची प्रमुख उपस्थिती होती. काश फाउंडेशनच्या सहयोगाने महाविद्यालयातील विद्यार्थ्यांसाठी शिवचरित्रावर आधारित निबंध स्पर्धा आयोजित करण्यात आली होती व तसेच

### सांस्कृतिक कार्यक्रमांसह विविध स्पर्धांचे आयोजन

राहुत वाडेकर



'शिवाजी महाराज व गड किल्ले' या विषयावर चित्रकला स्पर्धांचे आयोजन करण्यात आले होते. या दोन्ही स्पर्धेत विद्यार्थ्यांनी मोठ्या प्रमाणात सहभाग नोंदविला. प्रारंभी महाविद्यालयातील विद्यार्थ्यांनी अंदा येथील विठ्ठल रुक्मिणी मंदिरासमोर 'शिवचरित्रात अफजल खान कथ' या प्रसंगावर अंतिम लघू नाट्य सादर केले. महाविद्यालयाच्या सभागृहात शिवचरित्रावर व्याख्यानाने आयोजन करण्यात आले. काश फाउंडेशनचे संस्थापक डॉ.अक्काश जाधव यांनी 'छत्रपती शिवाजी महाराजांची लष्करी रणनीती व व्यवस्थापन या विषयावर विद्यार्थ्यांना अभ्यासपूर्ण मार्गदर्शन केले.

### विद्यापीठात महाराजांच्या रणनीतीचा अभ्यास

या भाषणातून 'छत्रपती शिवाजी महाराजांची रणनीती ही जगातील अनेक विद्यापीठांमध्ये अभ्यासाचा विषय बनलेली आहे. छत्रपती शिवाजी महाराज ही आपली आत्मविकासाची आंतरिक शक्ती आहे व ती आपण आपल्यामध्ये रोज पाहिली पाहिजे. छत्रपती शिवाजी महाराज या नावातच आपल्या जगण्याचा मार्ग दडलेला आहे व तो आपण शोधला पाहिजे महाराज हे आपल्यात आपण रोज पाहिले पाहिजेत तरच आपण शिवरायांचे खरे वंशज ठरू असे ते बोलताना म्हणाले'. आपल्या व्याख्यानाने त्यांनी उपस्थितांना मंत्रमुग्ध केले.

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## आंदे महाविद्यालय व काश फाउंडेशन मुंबई यांच्या संयुक्त विद्यमाने शिवजयंती उत्सवाचे आयोजन

पालघर ग्रामीण (अग्रलेख वृत्तसेवा)

- व्ही.जी.पाटील कला, वाणिज्य व विज्ञान महाविद्यालयात शिवजयंती निमित्त सांस्कृतिक विभाग व काश फाउंडेशनच्या वतीने विविध कार्यक्रमाचे आयोजन करण्यात आले होते.

याप्रसंगी संजीवन ग्रामीण वैद्यकीय व सामाजिक सहायता प्रतिष्ठानचे अध्यक्ष मिलिंद पाटील यांच्या हस्ते छत्रपती शिवाजी महाराज यांच्या पालखीचे पूजन करून भव्य अशी मिरवणूक काढण्यात आली. या मिरवणूकीत महाविद्यालयातील विद्यार्थिनीचे लेझीम पथक सर्वांचे आकर्षण ठरले होते. याप्रसंगी मुंबई येथील काश फाउंडेशनचे संस्थापक डॉ.अक्काश जाधव, संस्थेच्या संचालिका शितल पाटील, महाविद्यालयाचे प्रभारी प्राचार्य डॉ. बसवेश्वर पांडागळे, सांस्कृतिक विभाग प्रमुख डॉ. चांदोजी गायकवाड, काश फाउंडेशनच्या डॉ. रेणुका व्यस व डॉ. अल्पा मेहता यांची प्रमुख उपस्थिती होती.

काश फाउंडेशनच्या सहयोगाने महाविद्यालयातील विद्यार्थ्यांसाठी शिवचरित्रावर आधारित निबंध स्पर्धा आयोजित करण्यात आली होती व तसेच 'शिवाजी महाराज व गड किल्ले' या विषयावर चित्रकला स्पर्धांचे आयोजन करण्यात आले होते. या दोन्ही स्पर्धेत विद्यार्थ्यांनी मोठ्या प्रमाणात सहभाग नोंदविला.

प्रारंभी महाविद्यालयातील विद्यार्थ्यांनी अंदा येथील विठ्ठल रुक्मिणी मंदिरासमोर 'शिवचरित्रात अफजल खान कथ' या प्रसंगावर अंतिम लघू नाट्य सादर केले. महाविद्यालयाच्या सभागृहात शिवचरित्रावर व्याख्यानाने आयोजन करण्यात आले. काश फाउंडेशनचे संस्थापक डॉ.अक्काश जाधव यांनी



'छत्रपती शिवाजी महाराजांची लष्करी रणनीती व व्यवस्थापन या विषयावर विद्यार्थ्यांना अभ्यासपूर्ण मार्गदर्शन केले. या भाषणातून 'छत्रपती शिवाजी महाराजांची रणनीती ही जगातील अनेक विद्यापीठांमध्ये अभ्यासाचा विषय बनलेली आहे. छत्रपती शिवाजी महाराज ही आपली आत्मविकासाची आंतरिक शक्ती आहे व ती आपण आपल्यामध्ये रोज पाहिली पाहिजे. छत्रपती शिवाजी महाराज या नावातच आपल्या जगण्याचा मार्ग दडलेला आहे व तो आपण शोधला पाहिजे महाराज हे आपल्यात आपण रोज पाहिले पाहिजेत तरच आपण शिवरायांचे खरे वंशज ठरू असे ते बोलताना म्हणाले'. आपल्या व्याख्यानाने त्यांनी उपस्थितांना मंत्रमुग्ध केले.

याप्रसंगी प्रा.संतोष धामोणे यांच्या पुढाकाराने 'काश' फाउंडेशन आणि आंदे महाविद्यालय यांच्यात सामंजस्य करार करण्यात आला. या संपूर्ण कार्यक्रमाचे सूत्र संचालन प्रा. दिनेश नहरे यांनी तर आभारप्रदर्शन प्रा. नामदेव महाले यांनी मानले. या कार्यक्रमाच्या यशस्वीतेसाठी महाविद्यालयातील प्राध्यापक व शिक्षकेतर कर्मचाऱ्यांनी विशेष परिश्रम घेऊन कार्यक्रम यशस्वी केला.

## EDITOR'S DESK



New year brings in new hopes and aspirations. But for the youth today, it is becoming a very competitive world with very few leaders to follow. In a leaderless world, anarchy and chaos reign. Our youth today is unable to find leaders like the yore, who lived and practiced what they preached. But it is undoubtedly imperative for the young of every society to identify with a leader who has the right vision to guide them towards a world of order and stability. By recreating and reliving the life of our Great warrior Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj, we once again try to connect with the principles and sacrifices required of a great leader. KAASH Foundation, in collaboration with SGVSSPCASC college, brought together a series of mesmerizing events that not only enabled the students to showcase their talents but also imbibe the virtues through pragmatic learning. Essay and Drawing competition only added to enhance the knowledge. Probably all the books and classroom teaching could not have brought out better learning!

Having promised to lend a hand towards empowering knowledge amongst students, the very next month KF donated 10 computers to the institution. KF principle of passing on positive touch was fostered by the institution's promise that it would also train 50 deserving young people from the neighborhood. Women's day was celebrated with a double glee – at the Onde Art, Commerce and Science college and another celebration in collaboration with The WOW Initiative from the Czech Republic. Recognizing the efforts of women and the challenges they face to climb even a simple ladder to success were shared and acknowledged.

Our environment wing looks into the life of both human and animals. When approached by Mumbai Veterinary College, KF immediately provided to their requirements as requested by them.

Continuing with promises to ensure the health of our adopted taluka, KF conducting Health check-ups for young girls and also gave them a fun filled day to add to their sparse wonderful memorable days of youth.

Before your leave, do check our creative section for the wonderful paintings and poems by the young minds.

Wishing all my Readers Happy Reading!

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## FOUNDER'S DESK

The year started with a series of activities and the inauguration of the Innovation and Computer lab in the tribal area of Vikramgarh. We also celebrated the Shiv Jayanti on 19 February 2025 at Vikramgadgh amidst the tribal students of Onde College. We also engaged in consistently organising our flagship event 'Kritagya' for the fifth consecutive year. My Founders' note for this issue would be dedicated to highlighting leadership skills, the meticulous management of administration, and the magnificent corridor of Swarajya by the Janta Raja Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj. This issue would bear testimony that we at KAASH Foundation, to a great extent, tried to inculcate the same spirit of inclusiveness and collective development which the great Maratha warrior initiated. We tried to reach out to the students through our various events, donation drives, and educationally empowering activities. On 8th March 2025, similarly, we connected the women from the tribal areas to the global network.

### शिवगर्जना -

आस्ते कदम... आस्ते कदम... आस्ते कदम...

महाराज...

गडपती, गजअश्वपती, भूपती, प्रजापती...

सुवर्णरत्नश्रीपती...

अष्टवधानजागृत, अष्टप्रधानवेष्टित...

न्यायालंकारमंडित, शस्त्रास्त्रशास्त्रपारंगत...

राजनीतीधुरंधर, प्रौढप्रतापपुरंदर...

क्षत्रियकुलावतंस, सिंहासनाधीश्वर...

महाराजाधिराज...

राजा शिवछत्रपती महाराजांचा विजय असो...!

ही शिवगर्जना म्हणजे केवळ घोषणाबाजी नाही, तर ती हिंदवी स्वराज्याच्या अस्मितेची साक्ष आहे!

गडपती - गडकिल्ल्यांचा प्रभु, जो गडकिल्ल्यांवर राज्य करतो.

गजअश्वपती - हती आणि घोड्यांच्या सेनेचा मालक, जो वैभवाचे प्रतीक आहे.

भूपती, प्रजापती - भूमीचा आणि प्रजेचा संरक्षक, जो राज्याच्या जबाबदारीचा निर्वाह करतो.

सुवर्णरत्नश्रीपती - सोने, हिरे, मोती यांवर मालकी असलेला राजा, जो ३२ मण सुवर्णसिंहासनाचा अधिपती होता.

अष्टवधानजागृत - आठही दिशांवर सतर्क आणि जागृत असलेला राजा.

अष्टप्रधानवेष्टित - आठ प्रधानांच्या सल्ल्याने राज्यकारभार चालवणारा

न्यायालंकारमंडित - न्याय आणि सत्याच्या आधारे निर्णय घेणारा

शस्त्रास्त्रशास्त्रपारंगत - शस्त्रविद्या आणि शास्त्रात निपुण

राजनीतीधुरंधर - राजकारणात तरबेज आणि कुशल

प्रौढप्रतापपुरंदर - पराक्रमी आणि शौर्यवान

क्षत्रियकुलावतंस - क्षत्रियांचा भूषण

सिंहासनाधीश्वर - सिंहासनावर विराजमान राजा

महाराजाधिराज - सम्राटांमध्ये सर्वोच्च

शिवगर्जनेचा महत्त्व: शिवगर्जना ही केवळ एक घोषणा नसून ती शिवाजी महाराजांच्या व्यक्तिमत्त्वाचा आणि त्यांच्या कार्याचा आदर्श प्रतिबिंब आहे. ही घोषणा त्यांच्या साम्राज्याच्या विस्तार, प्रजाहितदक्षता, आणि न्यायप्रियतेची साक्ष देते. शिवगर्जना गाताना मराठी लोकांमध्ये अभिमानाची भावना निर्माण होते आणि ती शिवाजी महाराजांच्या विजयाची आणि स्वराज्याच्या संकल्पनेची प्रतीक आहे.

शिवगर्जनेचा ऐतिहासिक संदर्भ: शिवगर्जना ही शिवाजी महाराजांच्या राज्याभिषेकाच्या वेळी वापरली जाणारी घोषणा होती. त्यांच्या राज्याभिषेकानंतर ही घोषणा त्यांच्या सैन्यात आणि प्रजेमध्ये प्रचलित झाली. ही घोषणा त्यांच्या साम्राज्याच्या विस्ताराची आणि स्वराज्याच्या संकल्पनेची प्रतीक आहे. शिवगर्जना ही केवळ शब्दांची मालिका नसून ती शिवाजी महाराजांच्या विचारांची आणि कृतींची प्रतिबिंबित करणारी एक शक्तिशाली घोषणा आहे, जी आजही मराठी लोकांमध्ये अभिमान आणि प्रेरणा निर्माण करते.

I sincerely thank our KAASH Foundation family for all the events in the first quarter of 2025. We would also like to thank our well-wishers who were instrumental in encouraging us to raise our standard of excellence over the years.

# ADVOCATING DIGITAL LITERACY

## INAUGURATION OF THE INNOVATION AND EMPOWERMENT: COMPUTER LAB

by Vanya Nakra



*Diversity is not about how we differ; it is about embracing one another's uniqueness.*

- Ola Joseph

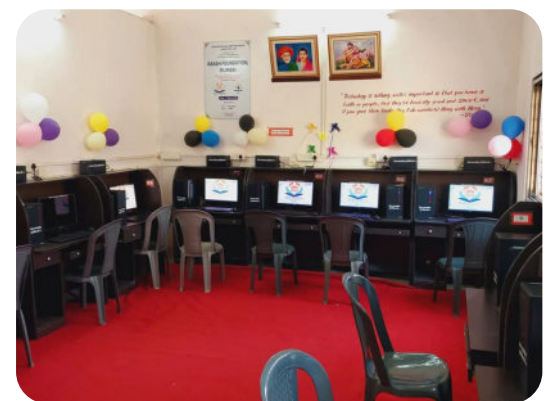
On March 1, 2025, venturing into new sectors, KAASH Foundation signed an Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with Sanjeevan Gramin Vaidyakiya & Samajik Sahayata Pratishthan's Arts, Commerce & Science College, Onde, which lies in the tribal belt of Vikramgad Taluka. In order to assist over 700 local students, majority of whom are first-generation learners, the Foundation inaugurated the Innovation and Empowerment: Computer Lab (IECL) on the college campus where it had contributed 10 computers and a UPS backup.

The main objective of this Lab is to develop skills and abilities beyond simple computer literacy. Students will have the chance to improve their writing and speaking skills in English, develop soft skills, learn how to write a CV, practice giving an interview, and take advantage of professional courses that include alternative therapies like naturopathy. Many young women have shown a strong desire to participate in these initiatives, which is encouraging. In addition to helping students appear and pass the MS-CIT exams, KAASH Foundation and the college aims to provide this training to at least 50 students from the vicinity, apart from the college students, by March 2026.

The inauguration ceremony brought together notable figures, including the College Chairperson, Mr. Milind Patil; College Principal, Dr. B. B. Pandagale;



### Pre-Inauguration



The Innovation and Empowerment: Computer Lab (IECL) all decked up for the inauguration

Assistant Professor of Mathematics and Event Coordinator, Dr. Santosh Dhamone; other faculty members of the college and an enthusiastic student body. At the special invitation of KAASH Foundation, journalist Mr. Neeraj Raut from the Loksatta newspaper (Palghar Division) was present as the Guest of Honor. The official opening of the IECL was led by the Foundation's Founder-Trustee, Dr. Avkash Jadhav, Dr. Renuka Vyas, Joint Director (Health); Ms. Alpa Mehta, Associate Joint Director (Health); Ms. Pooja Malkar, Core Committee Member; and Ms. Lippika Podar, Advisory Board Member.

During the event, winners of the Essay and Drawing Competition held on February 19, 2025, to celebrate Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj Jayanti were given prizes. Certificates of appreciation were also awarded to those who excelled in a poster-designing contest organized by the college on February 28, 2025, to celebrate National Science Day. In a special gesture of recognition, KAASH Foundation bestowed the 'Best Journalist Award' upon Mr. Neeraj Raut for his groundbreaking reports on the malnutrition crisis in Palghar District. It was one of his articles on this issue, published in September 2021, that inspired the KAASH Foundation to begin its social initiatives in Vikramgad.

The decision to inaugurate the lab on March 1, 2025 was rooted in two meaningful observances. Marked as Zero Discrimination Day, March 1 stands as a global reminder to ensure equality and inclusion for everyone. It was first celebrated in 2014 following its establishment by the United Nations in 2013 and continues to emphasize eradicating discrimination in all its forms. The day also coincides with Share a Smile Day, a celebration of positivity and human connection that encourages people to spread joy and kindness.

Through IECL and these symbolic dates, KAASH Foundation accentuates its commitment to breaking down barriers in society and bringing in more reasons to smile. The Foundation warmly acknowledges its CSR partner, Houlihan Lokey, for their steadfast belief in its endeavors. Special thanks go to Mr. Sameer Jindal and Ms. Minal Kadam for their unwavering support, with Ms. Kadam's encouragement playing a crucial role in propelling this initiative forward.

## Inauguration Ceremony



**Dr. Avkash Jadhav, Founder-Trustee, KAASH Foundation, presents Mr. Neeraj Raut from the Loksatta Newspaper (Palghar Division) with the 'Best Journalist Award' for his groundbreaking reports on the malnutrition crisis in Palghar District**



**Dr. Jadhav inaugurates the Innovation and Empowerment: Computer Lab (IECL), in the presence of Mr. Neeraj Raut and Ms. Alpa Mehta, Associate Joint Director (Health), KAASH Foundation**



**Dr. Jadhav guides a student to operate the computer**



**Ms. Alpa Mehta observes a student operating the computer**



**Ms. Pooja Malkar (with white dupatta) and Ms. Alpa Mehta observe students operating the computers**



**Dr. Renuka Vyas, Joint Director (Health), KAASH Foundation, hands over some study materials and books on computers to a college student**



**Ms. Alpa Mehta hands over some study materials and books on computers to a college student**

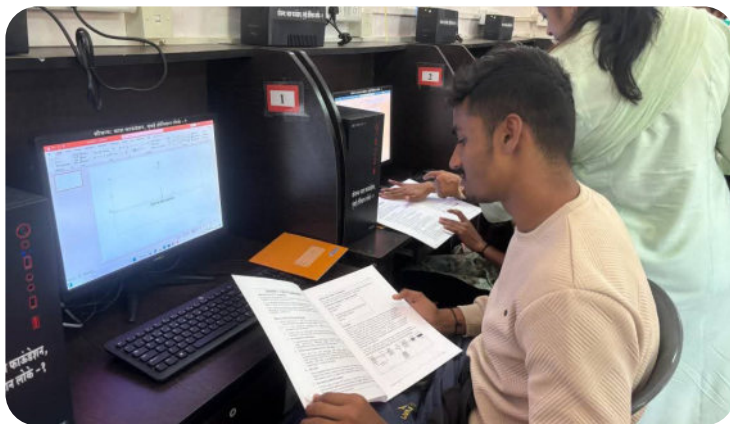


**Ms. Pooja Malkar, Core Committee Member, KAASH Foundation, hands over some study materials and books on computers to a college student**

With the inauguration of the IECL, KAASH Foundation reaffirms its dedication to fostering growth, learning, and inclusivity—critical steps toward eliminating discrimination and sparking hope in the lives of countless students and community members. The organization extends its heartfelt gratitude to all well-wishers and supporters who continue to champion its mission.



KAASH Foundation members, college students & faculty, all excited for the newly inaugurated computer lab



Students seated at their computer desks

PHOTO GALLERY

Pre-Inauguration Ceremony in the College Auditorium



Dr. Avkash Jadhav addresses the students seated in the auditorium



Dr. B. B. Pandagale, Principal, Arts, Commerce & Science College, Onde, addresses the students seated in the auditorium



Mr. Neeraj Raut addresses the students seated in the auditorium



Dr. Santosh Dhamone, Assistant Professor of Mathematics, Arts, Commerce & Science College, Onde, addresses the students seated in the auditorium



Mrs. Rohini Borse, Women's Development Cell, Arts, Commerce & Science College, Onde, addresses the students seated in the auditorium



Students enthusiastically participate in the event



A girl responds to a question asked to the students



From L - R: Dr. Santosh Dhamone, Dr. B. B. Pandagale, Dr. Avkash Jadhav, and Mr. Neeraj Raut on the dias



Students share their gratitude & appreciation for the computer lab

PHOTO GALLERY

Felicitations



Felicitation of Dr. Avkash Jadhav



Felicitation of Mr. Neeraj Raut



Felicitation of Dr. Santosh Dhamone (blue shirt)



Felicitation of Dr. Renuka Vyas (blue kurti)



Felicitation of Ms. Alpa Mehta



Felicitation of Ms. Pooja Malkar



Felicitation of Ms. Lippika Podar, Advisory Board Member, KAASH Foundation

PHOTO GALLERY

Paying obeisance to Goddess Saraswati before inaugurating the IECL



Dr. Avkash Jadhav pays his obeisance to the goddess



Mr. Neeraj Raut pays his obeisance to the goddess



Dr. B. B. Pandagale pays his obeisance to the goddess



Dr. Renuka Vyas pays her obeisance to the goddess



Ms. Alpa Mehta pays her obeisance to the goddess



Ms. Lippika Podar and Ms. Pooja Malkar pay their obeisance to the goddess



Students can now take their practical tests in Python on computers provided by KAASH Foundation. Here's an image of them practicing with the newly installed Python program on the ten computers.

PHOTO GALLERY

Prize Distribution for the Drawing Competition



RANK 1: Saniya Sanjay Patil, S. Y. B. Sc



RANK 2: Krupali Ankush Jadhav, S. Y. B. Sc



RANK 3: Sarika Nandkumar Thakur, S. Y. B. Com



RANK 4: Manisha Santosh Baraf, S. Y. B. A.

Prize Distribution for the Essay Writing Competition



RANK 1: Prahlad Shankar Gavit, T. Y. B. Sc



RANK 2: Krupali Ankush Jadhav, S. Y. B. Sc

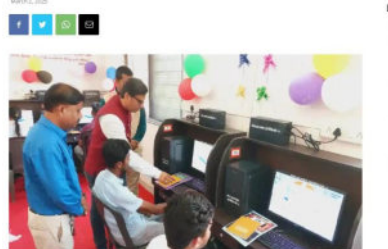


RANK 3: Rohini Vilas Pagi, F. Y. B. A

IN THE PRESS



आदिवासी क्षेत्रातील ओंदे महाविद्यालयात Computer Lab चे उद्घाटन उत्साहात संपन्न



काश फाउंडेशनच्या अर्थी आणि अर्थीकरीत उद्घाटन सोबत संगणक (RTGCP) या नावाच्या ११ बघुन २०२५ रोजी उद्घाटन सोबत संगणक प्रयोगशाळाचे उद्घाटन उत्साहात संपन्न झाले. या सोबत संगणक प्रयोगशाळाचे उद्घाटन सोबत संगणक प्रयोगशाळाचे उद्घाटन उत्साहात संपन्न झाले.

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March 07 | Mumbai. WWW.LOKSATTA.COM. लोकसत्ता. उभी आणि आडवीही... मराठवाड्यात पुनर्रचनेची विकासक्रमावली पूर्ण झाल्याची अहवाल आणि टिकितीतील उच्चवर्गीय कर्मकरांच्या असहमततेतून उत्पन्न झालेल्या अशांततेच्या काळात...

विक्रमगड महाविद्यालयात संगणक कक्ष. पालघर : विक्रमगड तालुक्यातील वंदे महाविद्यालयात काश फाउंडेशनने संगणक कक्षाची उभारणी केली आहे. या कक्षाच्या माध्यमातून ग्रामीण भागातील विद्यार्थ्यांचे सबलीकरण करण्यासाठी विशेष कार्यक्रमाची आखणी केली आहे. फाऊंडेशनने ओंदे महाविद्यालयात यूपीएससह १० संगणक प्रदान केले असून याचा लाभ परिसरातील सुमारे ७०० विद्यार्थ्यांना होणार आहे. या संगणक कक्षात इंग्रजी भाषा, सॉफ्ट स्किल, बायोडाटा लिहिणे, मुलाखतीचे तंत्र व नोकरीमध्ये आवश्यक बाबींचे शिक्षण देण्यात येणार आहे. याचबरोबर संगणकासंदर्भातील प्राथमिक अभ्यासक्रम उत्तीर्ण करण्यासाठी उत्तेजन देण्यात येणार असून महाविद्यालयात शिक्षण न घेणाऱ्या विद्यार्थ्यांनाही एमएससीआयटी अभ्यासक्रम पूर्ण करण्यासाठी विशेष प्रयत्न केले जाणार आहेत. उद्घाटनावेळी शैक्षणिक संस्थेचे अध्यक्ष मिलिंद पाटील, महाविद्यालयाचे प्राचार्य डॉ. बसवेश्वर पांडागेला, काशचे संस्थापक डॉ. अवकाश जाधव, डॉ. रेणुका व्यास, अल्पा मेहता, पूजा मालकर, दीपिका पोद्दार आदी उपस्थित होते.

## A request letter from Arts, Commerce and Science College, Onde, Vikramgad



Out No. 691/02-250

Date. 05/02/2025

To,  
The President,  
Kaash Foundation,  
A Block, Basement, Shivsagar Estate,  
Dr. Annie Besant Road, Worli. Mumbai – 400018.

**Subject: - An exhortation for the extension of your helping hands...  
"Empowering Tribal Youth through Digital Literacy:  
A Computer Lab Setup Donation Appeal"**

Dear Sir,

Our Arts, Commerce, and Science College was established in 2002 and run by Sanjivan Gramin Vaidyakiya and Samajik Sahayata Pratishhan. It is situated in the bountiful nature of 5 acres of land of its own at the village Onde in Vikramgad tehsil of Palghar district. Our institution was established to provide quality higher education to the local populace of this area and has been playing an instrumental role in bringing them into the mainstream of overall development and upliftment since 2002. About 95 percent of the students belong to the weaker section of the society Scheduled Caste (S.T.) and are the first-generation learners. And our institution is the only a degree college in Vikramgad to cater to its need. Thousands of students could complete higher education and almost 700 students are presently pursuing the same. And it is a matter of pride that many students are working in various sectors. We have also started post-graduation in M.Sc. Chemistry in the interest of the local people.

As the college has limited financial resources, it cannot provide digital literacy adequately. And the other thing is that tribal communities face significant challenges in accessing quality education, particularly in rural areas. The lack of digital infrastructure and resources hinders their ability to compete with their urban counterparts. By donating computers and setup the lab, you can help level the playing field and provide equal opportunities for tribal youth learning in our college. Therefore, we kindly and earnestly request you to help us with your generous hands. We keep our fingers crossed.

If considered, we shall very much be obliged to you.  
Thank you, in anticipation, sir.

Yours Faithfully

H.C. PRINCIPAL  
**ARTS, COMMERCE & SCIENCE COLLEGE**  
Onde, Tal. Vikramgad, Dist. Palghar.  
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## LETTER OF APPRECIATION



Sanjeevan Gramin Vaidyakiya & Samajik Sahayata Pratishtan's  
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Out No. 80\ /03-25

Date. 9/ 03 /2025

To,  
 Dr. Avkash Jadhav  
 President,  
 Kaash Foundation, Mumbai

**Subject: - Heartfelt Gratitude for Your Generous Contribution and Inauguration of the Digital Literacy Program**

Respected Sir,

On behalf of SGV&SSP's, Art's Commerce and Science College, Onda, I extend my sincere gratitude to you and Kaash Foundation, Mumbai, for your generous donation and support in inaugurating the 'Empowering Tribal Youth through Digital Literacy: A Computer Lab Setup' program on **1st March 2025**. Your noble initiative and commitment to fostering digital literacy among tribal youth will undoubtedly have a profound and lasting impact on their future.

Your generous contribution has provided the necessary resources to establish a well-equipped computer lab, opening doors to knowledge, skill development, and greater opportunities for the youth. The inauguration of this program marks a significant milestone in our collective mission to bridge the digital divide and empower the underserved communities.

We are deeply grateful for your unwavering support and belief in this cause. Your kindness and vision serve as an inspiration for us all. We look forward to continued collaboration in future endeavors for the upliftment of society.

Once again, thank you for your invaluable contribution and for being a pillar of support in this transformative journey.

With warm regards.

(Dr. Bashweshwar Pandagale)  
 VC PRINCIPAL

**ARTS, COMMERCE & SCIENCE COLLEGE**  
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# CELEBRATING INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY KRITAGYA 2025

by Shreya Solomon

*Empowering women isn't just the right thing to do—it's the smart thing to do. When women succeed, nations are more safe, more secure, and more prosperous.*

-Barack Obama

## A Celebration Beyond Tradition

The celebration of International Women's Day is an annual occasion, but how often is it truly observed with heartfelt commitment and genuine impact? KAASH Foundation has been a steadfast advocate of the true essence of International Women's Day—one rooted in respect, empowerment, and fostering a deeper connection with women from underrepresented communities. The 2025 celebration, held on March 8th at Vikramgad, was a testament to this dedication. This time, the Foundation's *Kritagya* movement was privileged to have the unwavering support of initiatives like WOW, whose partnership strengthened the mission of empowerment.

## Recap of Kritagya Initiatives

"The strength of a woman is not measured by the hardships she faces, but by her ability to rise above them." - C. JoyBell. With this spirit, the KAASH Foundation's women's empowerment movement, *Kritagya*, has been a platform to honor and accredit incredible women from different walks of life. Launched in 2021, the event has consistently recognized inspiring women who have overcome challenges and made a positive impact on society. The first edition was held online and featured speakers like MP Supriya Sule and IPS officer Mokshada Patil. The 2022 edition brought together medical experts and entrepreneurs in an offline gathering. In 2023, the event focused on resilience within the KAASH Foundation family, with activist and survivor Ms. Sneha Jawale sharing her inspiring journey.

In prelude to its 2024 edition, KAASH Foundation extended its reach to the grassroots, focusing on *Anganwadi Sevikas* in Maharashtra's Vikramgad taluka. These women work hard to care for children

KAASH Foundation in association with  
The WOW Initiatives, Prague, Czech Republic  
and  
Women's Development Cell, Arts, Commerce & Science College, Ondre, Tal. Vikramgad, Dist. Palghar, Maharashtra, India  
is celebrating its annual event

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GRATITUDE**  
for the FIFTH consecutive year on the occasion of International Women's Day

This important day will be celebrated with the tribal women and girls of Ondre in Vikramgad Taluka. **08 March** College Auditorium, Arts, Commerce & Science College, Ondre

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<b>Dr. Renuka Vyas</b> Joint Director (Health), KAASH Foundation	<b>Ms. Ramaa Subramaniam</b> Founder-Member, The WOW Initiatives	<b>Ms. Rohini Borse</b> Women's Development Cell, Arts, Commerce & Science College

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and mothers in their communities with little recognition or financial security. Held at Kattarpada Primary School, this event brought together 50 *Sevikas* from 20 centers. It included discussions on their challenges, team-building games, and a special felicitation ceremony. A highlight was the focus on financial literacy, to help them plan for a more secure future. The heartfelt gratitude and sense of pride expressed by the *Sevikas* showed the deep impact this program meant for them. As *Kritagya* grows each year, it continues to be a celebration of strength, dedication, and the unwavering spirit of women.

## International Women's Day 2025: Kritagya (Gratitude)

On 8th March 2025, KAASH Foundation marked the fifth consecutive year of *Kritagya: Gratitude*, an initiative dedicated to celebrating and uplifting women. The uniqueness of this year's event lay in its holistic approach, i.e., bridging tribal, rural, and urban India, while incorporating an international perspective. It was, in essence, a true local-to-global celebration. This year, KAASH Foundation partnered with the College of Arts, Commerce, and Science

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We are glad to organize a  
**DISTRIBUTION DRIVE**  
of  
**200 Thermos and Educational Articles to the Tribal Girls & Women**

Date: March 08, 2025  
Venue: College Auditorium, Arts, Commerce & Science College, Ondre

**OUR COLLABORATORS**  
The WOW Initiatives, Czech Republic; Arts, Commerce & Science College, Ondre

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in the tribal region of Ondre, Palghar District, Maharashtra, and collaborated with The WOW Initiatives from the Czech Republic, extending the platform's reach across continents. With an overwhelming response of over 250 participants, the event spanned from 11:00 AM to 3:00 PM and was structured into three dynamic segments.

## Segment 1: A Thrilling Start to an Exciting Initiative

A great beginning to any initiative or celebration should be energetic and truly uplifting for both the heart and mind. The first segment was all about excitement, with a series of games designed to challenge both mental and physical endurance. However, the true highlight wasn't just the competition; it was the sheer joy of participation. The faculty members and even the KAASH Foundation team actively joined in, making the experience even more engaging. The games brought out the playful nature in everyone, letting them reconnect with their inner child. With a mix of group activities, solo challenges, and team-building exercises, the energy in the auditorium remained electrifying throughout. The enthusiasm

was contagious, turning the entire session into an unforgettable experience.

### Segment 2: A Heartwarming Session of Learning and Recognition

A great initiative not only brings people together but also leaves a lasting impact. The second segment of the event was a meaningful blend of experience-sharing, felicitations, and a health awareness session for young girls and their parents. Dr. Renuka Vyas, Joint Director (Health) of KAASH Foundation, led the session, offering valuable insights on well-being. Continuing the exchange of knowledge, Ms. Vijayalakshmi Jadhav, Founder-Trustee of KAASH Foundation, reflected on her extensive experience in the education sector. This was followed by an inspiring message from Ms. Titiksha Kabra, a Youth Brigade member, who shared her journey with the KAASH Foundation, motivating the young tribal girls. Another Youth Brigade member, Ms. Megha Patel, played a crucial role in managing the digital setup for the online session, ensuring seamless communication.

The event was further enriched by the presence of esteemed guests. The chairman of the college, Mr. Milind Patil, expressed his gratitude to the KAASH Foundation for their unwavering support and encouragement to students. Principal Dr. Pandagale acknowledged the team's dedication, appreciating their effort in traveling three hours to reach the tribal area and conduct these impactful activities. The Founder-Trustee, Dr. Avkash Jadhav, addressed the gathering with a heartfelt commitment, assuring continuous support to tribal students and promoting holistic education in the region. As a token of appreciation, winners of the various games held earlier were felicitated with gifts and prizes. Additionally, the mothers of the students, specially invited to celebrate International Women's Day, were honored for their resilience and determination in supporting their daughters' education despite challenging circumstances.

Another highlight of the event was the unveiling of the 20th volume of KAASH Konnect, a quarterly journal documenting the Foundation's activities. This milestone was made possible by the relentless efforts of Dr. Geeta Ajit (editor-in-chief) and Ms. Pamela Dhonde (senior reporter) and their dedicated team. A special acknowledgement

### A thrilling start to an exciting initiative



Women faculty members and girl students engage in exciting games organized for them



Dr. Ravinder Kaur Cheema, Core Committee Member, KAASH Foundation, participates in a game



Dr. Renuka Vyas, Joint Director (Health), KAASH Foundation; Ms. Alpa Mehta, Associate Joint Director (Health), KAASH Foundation; and Ms. Pamela Dhonde, Core Committee Member, KAASH Foundation, engage in a friendly tug of war

was given to Mr. Sahil Jahagirdar, the Chief Designer, who has been tirelessly designing and compiling all 20 volumes over the past five years. His unwavering dedication and silent contributions have played a crucial role in preserving the journey of the KAASH Foundation through KAASH Konnect. This session was more than just a gathering; it was a celebration of knowledge, gratitude, and the power of collective effort.

### Inspiring Women Across Borders

As part of Segment 2, a special online session was held in collaboration with The WOW Initiative from the Czech Republic. This interactive session brought together inspiring women who shared their personal journeys, challenges, and achievements.

### About The WOW Initiative

Founded on 22 April 2022, The WOW Initiative is the first platform created by Indian women and for Indian women in Prague. It was established under Prideage, a social enterprise registered in India since 2013, to support women's mental well-being and create a welcoming space where Indian women expats can connect, grow, and uplift each other. Over the years, it has hosted various initiatives focused on empowerment, well-being, knowledge-sharing, and community-building. These include mental health and breast cancer awareness workshops, career mentoring, parenting guidance, networking events, and cultural celebrations like Onam

and International Women's Day. Special events such as Handloom Day, Ramayana storytelling, and ICCR Foundation Day further highlight their commitment to creating an inclusive and supportive environment.

### A Session Filled with Inspiration

Ms. Ramaa Subramaniam, Founder-Member of The WOW Initiative and a close friend of KAASH Foundation's Founder-Trustee, Dr. Avkash Jadhav, enthusiastically joined the 5th Year of the Kritagya Event in India, adding great value to this session. The session began with Ms. Pratibha Khatreja, a founding member of The WOW Initiative, who shared her journey of overcoming challenges with determination and confidence. She spoke in an engaging manner, capturing the audience's attention. Her words resonated deeply, and participants expressed their appreciation through applause and cheers. She also played a short video about her life's journey, making her message even more impactful.

Ms. Hana Dutta, a Czech citizen, delighted everyone by speaking fluent Hindi. Her warm and confident presence left a lasting impression on the audience. Ms. Jalpa Bhanushali, another member, recited a heartfelt poem dedicated to all women, adding an emotional touch to the session. The event concluded with Ms. Sushmita Sri, a representative of The WOW Initiative India Chapter, who shared her insights and experiences. The session was successfully coordinated by KAASH Foundation's Youth Brigade members, Ms. Megha Patel and Ms. Sonal Rana, along with Professor Santosh Dhamone, Dr. Nikam, and Dr. Bansode. They also played a crucial role in managing the technical setup, ensuring smooth communication and interaction throughout the session.

### **Segment 3: Empowering Tribal Girls and Women Through Thoughtful Giving**

As part of the third segment, the KAASH Foundation distributed essential items to tribal girls studying at the college. Understanding their daily challenges, the Foundation provided 200 high-quality thermos steel water bottles designed to keep water cold in the summer and warm in the winter. The request for these bottles came directly from the students, who often walk 3 to 5 kilometers to reach college,

## A Heartwarming Session of Love and Recognition



**Dr. Renuka Vyas, Joint Director (Health), KAASH Foundation, addresses the women faculty members and girl students present for the event**



**Dr. Avkash Jadhav, Founder-Trustee, KAASH Foundation, addresses the women faculty members and girl students present for the event**



**Mr. Milind Patil, Chairman, S.G.V. & S.S.G.S., addresses the women faculty members and girl students present for the event**



**Dr. B. B. Pandagale, Principal, Arts, Commerce & Science College, Onde, addresses the women faculty members and girl students present for the event**



**Members of The WOW Initiatives, Prague, Czech Republic, join the event virtually through zoom**



**Mrs. Rohini Borse, Mr. Milind Patil, Mrs. Patil, Mrs. Vijayalakshmi Jadhav, Mrs. Sujatha Thapla, Ms. Pamela Dhonde, and Dr. Renuka Vyas unveil the 20th issue of KAASH Konnect - KAASH Foundation's quarterly newsletter**

making access to drinking water difficult. They expressed their need, saying, "We always long for a water bottle that can bring us some comfort during extreme weather." Receiving these bottles on International Women's Day brought them immense joy. Alongside the students, female faculty members and parents in attendance were given durable and stylish handbags to assist them in their daily commutes. To add a sweet touch to the event, chocolates and sweets were also distributed among the students, creating a warm and celebratory atmosphere.

The distribution was efficiently organized and carried out by Dr. Renuka Vyas (Joint Director of Health), Ms. Alpa Mehta (Associate Joint Director of Health), Dr. Ravinder Kaur Cheema (Core Committee Member), Ms. Pamela Dhonde (Core

Committee Member and Youth Brigade-in-Charge), along with Ms. Sujata Thapala and Mrs. Elizabeth Dhonde. The entire event was well documented through photographs and videos by Ms. Sonal Rana and Ms. Megha Patel, both members of the KAASH Foundation's Youth Brigade. Beyond this initiative, the KAASH Foundation reaffirmed its commitment to the students' development. In return, the students assured their participation in upcoming programs, including English communication, digital literacy, interpersonal skills, personality development, resume writing, and interview preparation.

### Special Acknowledgments

A heartfelt thank you to Houlihan Lokey for their generous support and Mr. Vijay Rao Thapala for his valuable assistance. The

dedication of the college management and staff, along with the unwavering efforts of The WOW Group from the Czech Republic, the KAASH Foundation organizing team, and the college committee, played a crucial role in making this event a success. A special appreciation goes to Mr. Mayank Podar (Advisory Board Member, KAASH Foundation), Dr. Geeta Ajit (Joint Director of Education, KAASH Foundation), and all participants for their encouragement and support. The event's digital flyers were skillfully designed by architect Ms. Ayushi Motiwala (Core Committee Member) and Ms. Rhea D'Souza (Youth Brigade Member, KAASH Foundation).

### Final Thoughts : Moving forward with Purpose

As the KAASH Foundation looks ahead, its vision remains clear—to continue bridging gaps, empowering women, and creating a society where every woman, no matter her background, feels valued and supported. The journey so far has been inspiring, but it is only the beginning. With each initiative, KAASH strives to reach more communities, address deeper challenges, and uplift more lives. The Kritagya initiative, which started as a small step, has now grown into a meaningful movement, connecting tribal, rural, and urban women while also building global partnerships. This year's celebration was not just an event; it was a reaffirmation of KAASH's commitment to gratitude, learning, and collective growth.

None of this would have been possible without the dedication of the KAASH team, the support of partners, and the unwavering spirit of the women who participated. Their resilience is a reminder that empowerment is not just about recognition but about real, lasting change. As we reflect on this journey, we ask, how can each of us contribute to a world where no woman is left behind? Change begins with awareness, but it is sustained through action. As Maya Angelou once said, "Each time a woman stands up for herself, without knowing it possibly, without claiming it, she stands up for all women." The road ahead is long, but with every step, we move closer to a more just and inclusive world.

### Empowering the girls & women through thoughtful giving



Dr. Ravinder Kaur Cheema distributes the thermoses to girl students



Mrs. Sujatha Vijay Thapla, Member, KAASH Foundation, distributes the thermoses to girl students



Ms. Alpa Mehta distributes the thermoses to girl students



Girl students with their thermoses



Mrs. Elizabeth Dhonde distributes the thermoses to girl students

Prize Distribution for the games conducted



Mrs. Vijayalakshmi Jadhav, Founder-Trustee, KAASH Foundation, presents a woman faculty member with a token of appreciation



Dr. Renuka Vyas presents women faculty members and girl students with their prizes



*As women achieve power, the barriers will fall. As society sees what women can do, as women see what women can do, there will be more women out there doing things, and we'll all be better off for it.*

**-Ruth Bader Ginsburg,  
American Lawyer  
and Jurist**

*Every woman's success should be an inspiration to another. We're strongest when we cheer each other on.*

**-Serena Williams,  
Tennis Player**





Ms. Alpa Mehta presents women faculty members and girl students with their prize



Ms. Megha Patel, Youth Brigade Member, KAASH Foundation, presents women faculty members and girl students with their prizes



Ms. Sonal Rana, Youth Brigade Member, KAASH Foundation, presents women faculty members with a token of appreciation



Ms. Titiksha Kabra, Youth Brigade Member, KAASH Foundation, presents women faculty members with their prizes and a token of appreciation

## LETTER OF GRATITUDE FROM THE WOW INITIATIVES

# Gratitude



We would like to extend our sincere gratitude for the opportunity to be a part of KAASH Foundation's International Women's Day event. It was truly an honor to speak at such a meaningful gathering and witness the incredible work your organization is doing to Empower Rural Young Women of Maharashtra, India, and create lasting change in the community.

The event was beautifully organized, and the passion and dedication of your team were evident in every detail, not to mention overcoming the technical challenges in rural areas. It was inspiring to be among such strong voices advocating for women's education and the empowerment of young budding talents.

Wishing KAASH Foundation continued success in your noble initiatives. May your efforts keep impacting lives and inspiring many more in the years to come. Looking forward to staying connected and supporting this noble mission in every possible way.

Regards,  
The WOW Initiatives

PHOTO GALLERY

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Photographs of girls with their thermoses

Girls joyfully posing with their thermoses



### Haldi Kumkum Ceremony

Women members of KAASH Foundation engage in a Haldi-Kumkum activity before the event begins





A presentation by Miss. Kanchan Bhagat, a student of T. Y. B. Sc., on International Women's Day



Ravina Rao, student of M. Sc. Part II, recites a poem on International Women's Day



Girls with rapt attention to the online session by The WOW Initiatives



A young girl shares her thoughts on International Women's Day



Mrs. Sushma Gupta, Assistant Professor of Commerce, Arts, Commerce & Science College, Onde, addresses the audience on International Women's Day

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## ■ नवी मुंबई

काश फाउंडेशन आणि ओंदे येथील व्ही. जी. पाटील कला, वाणिज्य व विज्ञान महाविद्यालयातील महिला विकास कक्ष, व वाव यांच्या संयुक्त विद्यमाने जागतिक महिला दिन मोठ्या उत्साहात साजरा करण्यात आला. या प्रसंगी काश फाउंडेशनचे संस्थापक विश्वस्त विजयालक्ष्मी जाधव, काश फाउंडेशनचे संस्थापक विश्वस्त डॉ. अवकाश जाधव, डॉ. रेणुका व्यास, अल्पा मेहता, झकोस्लोव्हाकिया येथून प्रतिभा कतरजा, मयंक पोद्दार, विजया थापला व व्ही. जी. पाटील, कला, वाणिज्य व विज्ञान महाविद्यालयातील संस्थेचे अध्यक्ष मिलिंद पाटील, संचालिका शीतल पाटील, महाविद्यालयाचे प्राचार्य डॉ. बसवेश्वर पांडागळे आणि

## ओंदे महाविद्यालयात विविध उपक्रमाने महिला दिन आनंदात साजरा



महिला विकास कक्षाचे प्रमुख प्रा. रोहिणी बोरसे या उपस्थित होत्या.

डॉ. बसवेश्वर पांडागळे यांनी पाहुण्यांचे स्वागत करून प्रास्ताविक केले व कार्यक्रमाचा हेतू व उद्दिष्ट सांगितले. या प्रसंगी काश फाउंडेशनमध्ये कार्य करणारी तितिक्षा काबरा यांनी आपले अनुभव

कथन केले. डॉ. रेणुका व्यास यांनी आरोग्याबाबत मार्गदर्शन केले. डॉ. या कार्यक्रमाचे प्रमुख अतिथी विजयालक्ष्मी जाधव यांनी विद्यार्थिनींना मार्गदर्शन करताना त्यांनी महात्मा फुले आणि सावित्रीबाई फुले यांच्या कार्याची जाण ठेवून मुलींनी मार्गक्रमण केले पाहिजे असे प्रतिपादन केले.



## ओंदे महाविद्यालयात विविध उपक्रमाने महिला दिन आनंदात साजरा

पालघर ग्रामीण (अग्रलेख वृत्तसेवा) - ओंदे येथील व्ही. जी. पाटील कला, वाणिज्य व विज्ञान महाविद्यालयातील महिला विकास कक्ष, काश फाउंडेशन आणि वाव यांच्या संयुक्त विद्यमाने जागतिक महिला दिन मोठ्या उत्साहात साजरा करण्यात आला.

याप्रसंगी संस्थेचे अध्यक्ष मिलिंद पाटील, संचालिका श्रीम. शीतल पाटील, काश फाउंडेशनचे संस्थापक विश्वस्त श्रीम. विजयालक्ष्मी जाधव, काश फाउंडेशनचे संस्थापक विश्वस्त डॉ. अवकाश जाधव, डॉ. रेणुका व्यास, श्रीम. अल्पा मेहता, झकोस्लोव्हाकिया येथून श्रीमती. प्रतिभा कतरजा, मयंक पोद्दार, विजया थापला महाविद्यालयाचे



प्राचार्य डॉ. बसवेश्वर पांडागळे, अंतर्गत गुणवत्ता हमी कक्षाचे समन्वयक डॉ. जुनेद सय्यद आणि महिला विकास कक्षाचे प्रमुख प्रा. रोहिणी बोरसे या उपस्थित होत्या.

डॉ. बसवेश्वर पांडागळे यांनी पाहुण्यांचे स्वागत करून प्रास्ताविक

करून कार्यक्रमाचा हेतू व उद्दिष्टावर प्रकाश टाकला. याप्रसंगी काश फाउंडेशनमध्ये कार्य करणारी तितिक्षा काबरा यांनी आपले अनुभव कथन केले. डॉ. रेणुका व्यास यांनी आरोग्याबाबत मार्गदर्शन केले. डॉ. या कार्यक्रमाचे प्रमुख अतिथी विजयालक्ष्मी जाधव

यांनी विद्यार्थिनींना मार्गदर्शन करताना त्यांनी महात्मा फुले आणि सावित्रीबाई फुले यांच्या कार्याची जाण ठेवून मुलींनी मार्गक्रमण केले पाहिजे असे प्रतिपादन केले. आभासी पद्धतीने झेकोस्लोव्हाकिया येथून आभासी

पद्धतीने प्रतिभा कतरजा यांनी आपले तेथील अनुभव कथन करून मार्गदर्शन केले. संस्थेचे अध्यक्ष मिलिंद पाटील यांनी अध्यक्षीय भाषण केले. त्यांनी आजच्या युगात मुली कुठेही कमी नाहीत त्यांना योग्य संधी दिल्यास त्या पुरुषांच्या बरोबरीने कार्य करतील, असे प्रतिपादन केले. या प्रसंगी काश फाउंडेशनकडून उपस्थित असलेल्या मुलींच्या मातांना व विद्यार्थिनींना बॅग व पाण्याची बॉटल देऊन सत्कार केला. या प्रसंगी माता पालक व विद्यार्थिनींसाठी विविध प्रकारच्या खेळांचे आयोजन करण्यात आले होते. खेळांमध्ये रस्सी खेच, लाटणे बांगडी, चेंडूने ग्लास पाडणे, हळदी कुंकू व उखाणेचा कार्यक्रम घेण्यात आला. या कार्यक्रमाचे सूत्रसंचालन रविना राव यांनी तर आभार प्रदर्शन प्रा. रोहिणी बोरसे यांनी केले.

## LETTER OF APPRECIATION



Sanjeevan Gramin Vaidyakiya & Samajik Sahayata Pratishthan's  
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Out No. 82/03-25

Date. 19/03/2025

To,  
Dr. Avkash Jadhav  
President,  
Kaash Foundation, Mumbai.

**Subject: - Heartfelt Gratitude for Organizing the International Women's Day Program and E-International Symposium**

Respected sir,

On behalf of SGV&SSP's, Art's Commerce and Science College, Onda, I extend my sincere appreciation to you and your dedicated team for successfully conducting the **International Women's Day** celebration at our college and organizing the **E-International Symposium on 'Women's Empowerment'** on **8th March 2025**. Your efforts in bringing together distinguished speakers, insightful discussions, and thought-provoking sessions truly made this event a remarkable and enriching experience.

Your commitment to advocating for women's empowerment and gender equality was evident in every aspect of the program. The symposium provided a valuable platform for sharing knowledge, inspiring change, and fostering meaningful dialogue on the challenges and opportunities for women in today's world.

We are immensely grateful for your collaboration and unwavering support in making this event a grand success. Your contribution to the cause of women's empowerment is commendable, and we look forward to future associations with Kaash Foundation for such impactful initiatives.

Once again, thank you for your dedication and efforts in making this event a memorable and empowering experience for all participants.

With warm regards,

(Dr. Bashweshwar Pandagale)

MC PRINCIPAL

**ARTS, COMMERCE & SCIENCE COLLEGE**

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# KAASH FOUNDATION AT MUMBAI VETERINARY COLLEGE, GOREGAON

by Titiksha Kabra

On the occasion of World Happiness Day, March 20, 2025, KAASH Foundation organized a special drive at Mumbai Veterinary College, Goregaon, Mumbai. The initiative aimed to enhance students' access to educational resources by donating 2 computers, a printer, and 2 water coolers to the institution. The event was supported by Houlihan Lokey and witnessed active participation from faculty members, students, and representatives of KAASH Foundation.



One of the water coolers installed in the Mumbai Veterinary College



The installed printer

**KAASH FOUNDATION MUMBAI**  
(Registered under Bombay Trust Act 1950 and NITI Aayog, Government of India.  
Registration No: E-95343 (M). NOO Darpan Number: MI/2022/0328154)

**KAASH Foundation**  
is happy to donate  
**Computers, Printer and Water Purifier with Coolers**  
to the  
**Mumbai Veterinary College,  
Goregaon, Mumbai**

**Date: Thursday, March 20, 2025**  
**Time: 2.30 p.m.**  
**Venue: Mumbai Veterinary College, Goregaon, Mumbai**

KAASH Foundation will be donating  
**TWO COMPUTERS, ONE PRINTER, TWO WATER COOLERS,**  
and a **PURIFIER** to the Veterinary College, which caters to students  
from marginalized communities and Maharashtra's rural areas.

<p><i>Coordinator</i> <b>Dr. Avkash Jadhav</b> Founder-Trustee, KAASH Foundation</p>	<p><i>Requested by</i> <b>Dr. Sanjay Gaikwad</b> Principal-in-Charge, Mumbai Veterinary College</p>
<p><i>Supported by</i> <b>Houlihan Lokey</b></p>	
<p>Our website: <a href="http://www.kaashfoundation.org">www.kaashfoundation.org</a></p>	



The installed desktop computers and UPS



Dr. Renuka Vyas, Joint Director (Health), KAASH Foundation, inaugurates the desktop computers alongside two student volunteers from the college



Students seated at their computer desks

Established in 1988 nearly a century after its Parel campus (1883), the Mumbai Veterinary College's Goregaon campus spans across approximately 130 acres. The college caters to students from across India and interiors of Maharashtra, including those from economically weaker and underprivileged backgrounds. It offers undergraduate and postgraduate courses in veterinary studies, with an intake capacity of around 500 students. The veterinary course offers 18 different streams of study. The institution is headed by Dr. Sanjay Gaikwad as the Principal-in-Charge. He is India's only taxidermist, with a functional lab in Sanjay Gandhi National Park. The college also operates a full-fledged Out

Patients Department (OPD) dedicated to the treatment of animals and birds. The Mumbai Veterinary College is located on Western Express Highway near Mahananda Dairy, Goregaon East, and is open to treating animals and birds with highly trained doctors and staff.

In February 2025, KAASH Foundation received a request from Dr. Santosh Gaikwad

for assistance in providing essential resources to students. Responding to this request, the Foundation arranged for the installation of two computers and a printer in the college library to support students in their academic pursuits. Additionally, two 80-liter water coolers with purifiers from Blue Star were donated, with one placed in the student premises and the other in the

OPD section. The event aimed to benefit 700 students, 30 non-teaching staff, and 25 teaching staff, significantly improving their access to technological and health-related facilities.

The event commenced at 2:30 PM with a tribute to Goddess Saraswati, the goddess of knowledge. Dr. Santosh Gaikwad welcomed the attendees and introduced the initiative. The event saw the presence of Dr. Avkash Jadhav, Founder-Trustee, KAASH Foundation; Dr. Renuka Vyas, Joint Director (Health), KAASH Foundation; and Mr. Dharmesh Parmar, Member, KAASH Foundation.

Dr. Renuka Vyas provided an overview of KAASH Foundation's mission and urged students to participate in its initiatives. Following this, Dr. Jadhav and Dr. Vyas were felicitated by Dr. Gaikwad in appreciation of their contributions.

The formal inauguration of the computers and printer took place in the college library, where two student volunteers conducted an operational check. Subsequently, the water coolers were inaugurated by Dr. Vyas along with two student volunteers. The newly donated computers and printer aim to assist students with their assignments and exams, while the water coolers will serve the large student population and OPD visitors.

Given the vast campus of Mumbai Veterinary College, the donation of computers and water coolers will play a crucial role in enhancing the quality of student life. The veterinary profession presents unique challenges, as animals and birds cannot verbally express their pain. The institution's OPD, which provides

treatment to various species, will benefit greatly from these resources.

The event successfully concluded with expressions of gratitude from the college authorities to KAASH Foundation for their generous support. The drive stood as a testament to KAASH Foundation's commitment to education, well-being, and social service.

The KAASH Foundation's initiative at

Mumbai Veterinary College, Goregaon, exemplifies the power of social responsibility in fostering a better learning environment. Through this drive, the Foundation has not only provided essential academic tools but also contributed to the overall welfare of students and faculty. Such endeavours highlight the importance of collective efforts in improving educational institutions and extending support to the underprivileged sections of society.



Dr. Renuka Vyas inaugurates the water coolers alongside Dr. Sanjay Gaikwad, Principal-in-Charge and student volunteers from the college



Students drinking water from the coolers installed



PHOTO GALLERY



Dr. Sanjay Gaikwad, Principal-in-Charge, Mumbai Veterinary College, and Dr. Avkash Jadhav, Founder-Trustee, KAASH Foundation, pay obeisance to Goddess Saraswati



Dr. Gaikwad felicitates Dr. Jadhav



Dr. Gaiwad addresses the students



Dr. Renuka Vyas, Joint Director (Health), KAASH Foundation, addresses the students



A fourth-year student of the college expresses her gratitude to the Foundation



Fourth-year students of the Mumbai Veterinary College



Dr. Jadhav in a candid chat with the students



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*We don't own the planet Earth, we belong to it. And we must share it with our wildlife.*

**-Steve Irwin**

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## A request letter from Mumbai Veterinary College to KAASH Foundation

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(महाराष्ट्र पशु व मत्स्य विज्ञान विद्यापीठ)  
**मुंबई पशुवैद्यकीय महाविद्यालय**  
पश्चिम द्रुतगती महामार्ग, गोरेगाव, (पूर्व) मुंबई - ४०० ०६५.

जा.क्र. :६०४

दिनांक :०३/०२/२०२५

प्रति,

मा. काश फाऊंडेशन विश्वस्त,  
काश फाऊंडेशन, मुंबई.

विषय :- मुंबई पशुवैद्यकीय महाविद्यालय, गोरेगाव पूर्व येथे दोन वॉटर कुलर व दोन संगणक, प्रिंटर इ. देणगी मिळणेबाबत....

महोदय,

मुंबई पशुवैद्यकीय महाविद्यालय, गोरेगाव पूर्व, मुंबई - ४०० ०६५ हे शासकीय महाविद्यालय असून संपूर्ण कोकण विभागातील हे एकमेव महाविद्यालय आहे. या महाविद्यालयात महाराष्ट्राच्या ग्रामीण विभागातील (जव्हार, पालघर, विक्रमगड, रायगड, रत्नागिरी, सिंधुदुर्ग इ.) तसेच महाराष्ट्र राज्याच्या बाहेरील विद्यार्थी शिक्षणासाठी येतात. पदवीपूर्व शिक्षणासाठी एकूण ४५० विद्यार्थी शिक्षण घेत आहेत. तसेच विद्यार्थींनी वसतिगृहात सुमारे १२५ मुली वास्तव्यास आहेत. महाविद्यालयाला लागूनच पशु सर्वाचिकित्सालय सुद्धा आहे. याठिकाणी सर्व आजारी पशु पक्षांवर चिकित्सा अत्यल्प दरामध्ये केली जाते.

महाविद्यालयातील विद्यार्थ्यांसाठी व येथे उपचारास येणा-या पशुपालकांसाठी पिण्याच्या पाण्याची सोईसाठी दोन नविन वॉटर कुलर्स तसेच विद्यार्थ्यांसाठी दोन संगणक व प्रिंटर्स आपल्या संस्थेकडून देणगी स्वरूपात मिळण्यास विनंती करण्यात येत आहे.

२ वॉटर कुलर व २ संगणक, प्रिंटर्सचा तपशील खालीलप्रमाणे :-

Sr. No.	Description	Qty
1	Water Cooler Purifier 80 Ltr with Cartidge Filter	2
2	21.45 inch Display HP All in One PC Windows 11 Home, Inter Core i3, HDD ITB, RAM 4 GB, DDR 4	2
3	HP Laserjet M1136 MFP Printer	2

तरी वरीलप्रमाणे साहित्य देणगी स्वरूपात महाविद्यालयास देण्यात यावे, हि विनंती.  
आपण दिलेल्या देणगी साहित्याची नोंद या कार्यालयातील देणगी नोंद वहीत घेण्यात येईल.

प्रभागी अधिकारी,  
मुंबई पशुवैद्यकीय महाविद्यालय,  
गोरेगाव पूर्व, मुंबई ६५.

## LETTER OF APPRECIATION

**Letter of Appreciation from Rev. Dr. Wadinagala Pannaloka for the 19th International Conference at Gwalior on 17 and 18 October, 2024**



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UNIVERSITY OF KELANIYA - SRI LANKA.



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To

Dr Avkash Jadhav

Founder Trustee

KAASH Foundation Mumbai

**Review and Feedback for the 19<sup>th</sup> International Conference at Gwalior on 17 & 18 October 2024**

Respected Sir,

It was a remarkable experience to get the opportunity to attend the International Conference on the theme "India: A Synthesis of Tradition and Modernity" organized by the KAASH Foundation, Mumbai, India. The two days (17-18 September 2024) conference continued was filled with lot of experiences and exposure. The high standard presentations produced by researchers from both India and overseas were really enlightening regarding the Indian tradition and Indian perspective of the modernity. In addition, the event was well-organized, hospitalities were really nostalgic. While wishing success for future programmes of the KAASH Foundation, I do hope to join whenever possible.

Finally, I would like to convey my immense gratitude for selecting me to deliver the main Valedictory Speech on the topic: *Indian Concept of Virtue Cultivation: A Reading on Buddhist Practice of Ten Perfections.*

Rev. Dr. Wadinagala Pannaloka

Former Head & Senior Lecturer

Department of Buddhist Thought

Postgraduate Institute of Pali and Buddhist Studies

University of Kelaniya, Sri Lanka

# KAASH CREATIVE CORNER

## THE BALLAD OF AN UNEASY CITIZEN

-SIDDHI DESHMUKH

He is Looking Away -  
Ignoring the Terror steeped within the  
Mundane

He is the CITIZEN of the everyday game.  
*(A byproduct of the utopian age)*

Known only,  
Through the cryptic cold imagination of a  
computer,  
That holds a trembling candle to his name.  
He is the Uneasy Witness,  
One amongst the thousands of his race  
*(He seals his mouth weakly,  
a comic Frankenstein stitched up face)*

His words are bound up -  
Sealed, marked with scarlet ink  
The strictest marker of an uneasy sin.  
He lives, and dies forever in  
Insurance offices, private banks, conference  
halls -  
*(Ghosts pass through  
long edged government rooms,  
sifting through the stale air-conditioned air  
ignored by the company-insuranced cameras)*

BLINK - the CITIZEN dead -  
his face, pixelated, grotesque  
Swims on the television screen  
A dire consequence of what they called

INDUSTRIAL INACTION

*(The CITIZEN is already forgotten,  
A number plate beneath a sad portrait -  
A gray laurel, minimalist and sterile  
With no mention  
To his misbegotten name)*

# DRAWINGS ON 'CHHATRAPATI SHIVAJI MAHARAJ AND HIS FORTS'



Rank 1 - Miss. Saniya Sanjay Patil, S. Y. B. Sc.,  
Arts, Commerce & Science College, Onde



Rank 2 - Miss. Krupali Ankush Jadhav, S. Y. B. Sc.,  
Arts, Commerce & Science College, Onde



Rank 3 - Miss. Manisha Santosh Baraf, S. Y. B. A.,  
Arts, Commerce & Science College, Onde



Rank 3 - Miss. Sarika Nandkumar Thakur, S. Y. B.  
Com., Arts, Commerce & Science College, Onde

## LATEST UPDATES AT KAASH FOUNDATION

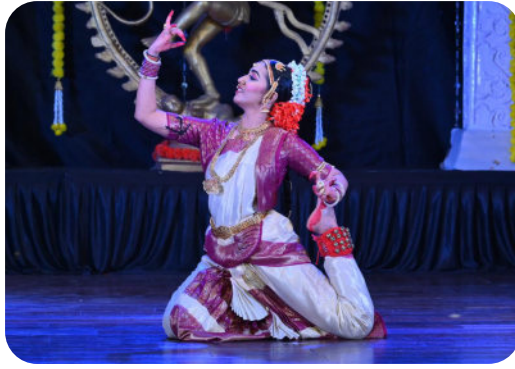


On January 03, 2025, Dr. Avkash Jadhav, Founder-Trustee of KAASH Foundation, was invited to lead a session for interior designing, fashion designing, and visual effects students at R. J. College in Ghatkopar, Mumbai. Deliberating on the 'Role of Students in Community Engagement Program,' Dr. Jadhav informed the students about various activities they could organize and contribute to society, with a focus on the KAASH Foundation's Rural and Tribal Community Outreach Program (RTCOP) in Tal. Vikramgad, Dist. Palghar, Maharashtra. More than 100 students attended this session, and they were encouraged to participate in the Community Engagement Program (CEP).



On January 07, 2025, Dr. Avkash Jadhav was invited to lead a session for architecture and interior design students at Baliram Hiray College in Bandra, Mumbai. While discussing the 'Role of Youth in Nation Building,' Dr. Jadhav encouraged students to spend at least 50 hours per year on a social cause. Learning for life on the field would not only develop their interpersonal skills but would also instill awareness for our society. The excellent work of KAASH Foundation's Rural and Tribal Community Outreach Programme (RTCOP) in Tal. Vikramgad, Dist. Palghar, Maharashtra was highlighted, and many students expressed their desire to participate in this initiative in the future.





**Congratulations to our Youth Brigade Member, Ms. Krishna Parmar, for her debut Bharatnatyam performance on stage in January 2025. This moment of accomplishment is known as Arangetram, in which the guru introduces his or her pupil to the public after years of study and practice in mastering the classical dance form. Arangetram doubles as the pupil's graduation ceremony, following which he or she is permitted to perform on their own and educate aspiring dancers.**



**Congratulations to our Core Committee Member, Dr. Rehan Ansari, for his appointment as the Grand Jury Member by The Economic Times for their prestigious Economic Times - Real Estate Awards 2025 (National Edition). The who's who of the real estate industry of India attended this conclave held on March 11, 2025.**



**Congratulations to Ms. Titiksha Kabra, our Youth Brigade Member, on her appointment as an English and History teacher at JBCN International School— Oshiwara Campus.**

# UPCOMING EVENTS

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**INTERNATIONAL YOGA WEEK**  
YOGA FOR ONE EARTH, ONE HEALTH

**Dates: 15th- 21st June 2025**

For the SEVENTH CONSECUTIVE YEAR (2019-25) as per the Common Yoga Protocol endorsed by the Ministry of AYUSH, Government of India

योगश्चिच्चवृत्तिनिरोधः ।  
Yoga is restraining the mind-stuff from taking various forms.  
(Patanjali Yoga Sutra, Samadhi Pada, Sutra 1.2)



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with  
**Mandapeshwar Utsav  
Samiti, Borivali, Mumbai**

**Date: 15th June 2025**  
**Time: 8am**  
**Venue: Mandapeshwar Caves, Borivali**

**Coordinators:**  
Dr. Avkash Jadhav Founder-Trustee, KAASH Foundation  
Mr. Sunil Kapoor Organizing Secretary, Mandapeshwar Utsav Samiti  
Dr. Renuka Vyas Joint Director (Health), KAASH Foundation

**Our Yoga Trainer for the day:**  
Ms. Bhumika Gohil, Certified Yoga Trainer, KAASH Foundation

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with  
**Integrated Child Development  
Services (ICDS), Tal. Vikramgad,  
Dist. Palghar**

**Date: 21st June 2025**  
**Time: 9:30am**  
**Tribal Villages of Khadaki, Saarshi,  
and Malwada in Vikramgad**

**Coordinators:**  
Dr. Avkash Jadhav Founder-Trustee, KAASH Foundation  
Dr. Renuka Vyas Joint Director (Health), KAASH Foundation

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**Date: 21st June 2025**  
**Time: 10am**  
**Venue: Arts, Commerce & Science  
College, Tribal Village of Onde, Tal.  
Vikramgad, Dist. Palghar**

**Coordinators:**  
Dr. Avkash Jadhav Founder-Trustee, KAASH Foundation  
Dr. Renuka Vyas Joint Director (Health), KAASH Foundation  
Mr. Milind Patil, Chariman, S.G.V. & S.S.G.S.  
Dr. Santosh Dhamone, Assistant Professor in Mathematics, Arts, Commerce & Science College, Onde

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**International Yoga Week**  
(Yoga for One Earth,  
One Health)  
with  
**Dr. Baliram Hiray College of  
Architecture, Bandra,  
Mumbai**

**Date: 20th June 2025**  
**Time: 8 am**  
**Venue: College Auditorium**

**Our Yoga  
Trainer for the  
day:**  
Dhwani Shah &  
Manasi Shah  
Certified Yoga  
Trainer, KAASH  
Foundation

**Coordinators**  
Prof. Ar. Sunil Magdum, Principal of Dr Baliram Hiray College of Architecture  
Dr. Avkash Jadhav Founder-Trustee, KAASH Foundation  
Dr. Renuka Vyas, Joint Director (Health), KAASH FOUNDATION  
Ar. Nidhi Kapri Professor

**Student Coordinator:**  
Ms. Rishita Bhatkal  
Architecture student  
Youth Brigade Member, KAASH  
Foundation



# BIRTHDAY WISHES

**Samiksha Singh**  
17th January



**Rehan Ansari**  
5th February



**Nandita Moitra**  
5th February



**Alpa Mehta**  
27th February



**Pooja Malkar**  
17th February



**Vijayalaxmi Jadhav**  
4th March



**Anuja Augustin**  
3rd March



**Jinansh Dugger**  
25th March

