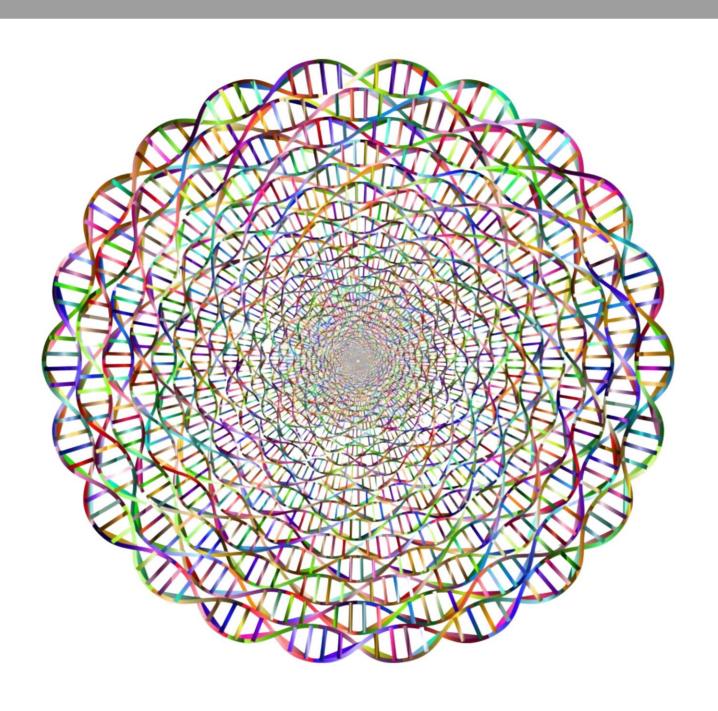


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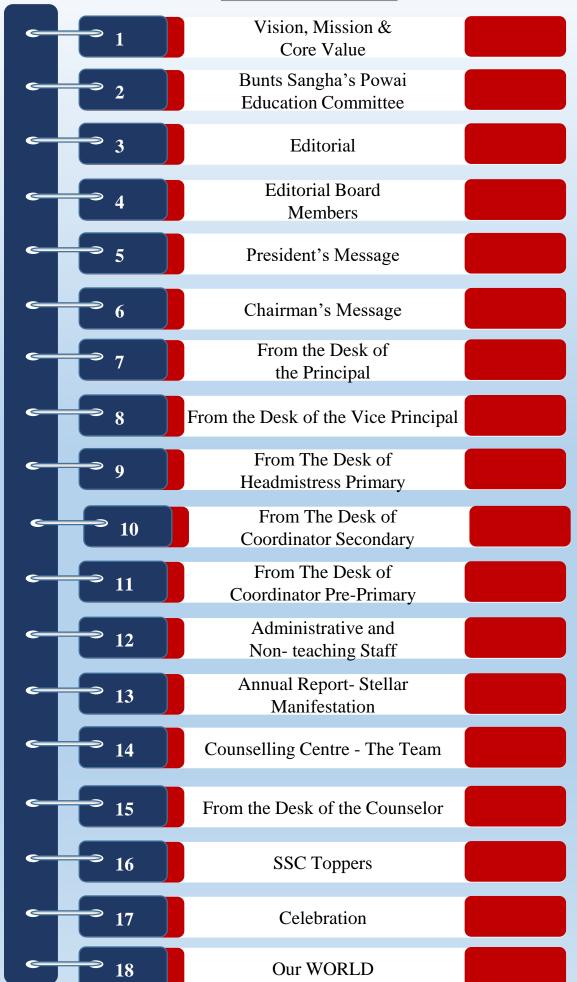


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VISION, MISSION AND CORE VALUES

OUR VISION

'Personality Development for Nation Building'

We deliver excellent and holistic quality education for overall development of students and strive for their continual development in our endeavor of making them quality human beings and responsible citizens of our nation.

OUR MISSION

"India is on its growth path of developing through different industries and agriculture. World is becoming smaller and globalization has come to stay. In this process of inevitable changes in the world, there is a need to prepare value driven global citizens and technically competent socially conscious people for India.

In Bunts Sangha's S.M. Shetty Educational Institutions we will prepare the critical mass of human resources for preparing "New India". We will continually provide the environment and facilitate students to discover and develop their potential. This will be done through unique learning centres which will become the benchmark for academic institutions globally."

CORE VALUES

- ✓ Competent and committed academic staff
- ✓ Need based individual attention
- ✓ Holistic approach to child's development

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EDITORIAL

Bunts Sangha's S M Shetty High School & Junior College has a lofty mission, 'Personality Development for Nation Building'. Aligning ourselves to this mission we endeavour to raise our own bars of excellence, striving to be the leading, school with English as the principal language of instruction. We inspire individuals to develop their intellect, creativity and character to become independent, adaptable, socially responsible and internationally minded citizens, by ensuring a dynamic, inquiry-driven education of the highest standard.

Our efforts to cherish each and every child with 'You belong with us' is in sync with our maxim '**RESPECT in education**'. This has been the main reason of our success and the bench mark we have created, year after year.

While we promise a world of opportunities to our students, we also keep them connected with us. This e – magazine not only showcases the multi-faceted dimensions of our students of today but also the connectedness our ex-students in the Alumni pages. This is a testimony of the bond we share and the doors we have kept open for them. These doors, which had once upon a time, been their doors of opportunities, are now the doors of welcoming them back into our warm embrace, giving them the roots of their beloved ALMA MATER.

Our Institution was not established to fit in our students in to a fixed mould. We have, on the contrary, time and again, helped our students **open new doors** of innovation and creativity with their own keys. Our annual magazine 'Kaleidoscope' is, evidently a platform for all of us to give a free rein to whatever we want to express, exhibit and assert to everyone, without the boundaries or any limits to the numbers.

As you go through the pages, you will realise what it is to be boundless and free. We, as Editors, are so happy to present our e magazine for you to explore. This e-magazine is, definitely our expression of living our lives to the fullest. So, dear friends, Plunge into our world of exploration and creativity. Happy Reading!!!

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Praveen Bhoja Shetty President Bunts Sangha, Mumbai

It gives me immense pleasure to extend my heartfelt congratulations to Bunts Sangha's S M Shetty High School & Junior College on the publication of the annual magazine Kaleidoscope. This moment marks a significant milestone—celebrating the vibrant spirit, creativity, and remarkable accomplishments of the students, faculty, and staff over the past academic year.

Bunts Sangha's S M Shetty Educational Institutions have long upheld a distinguished legacy of academic excellence and holistic development. The institution's unwavering commitment to nurturing young minds, encouraging intellectual curiosity, and shaping responsible, future-ready citizens is truly commendable.

The annual magazine Kaleidoscope is more than just compilations of articles and photographs—It has chronicles of collective efforts, innovation, and perseverance of students, teachers, parents and off course, the Management.

I deeply appreciate the dedication of the academic leaders, teachers, administrative staff, and above all, the students, who have all contributed meaningfully to making this year a resounding success. I would like to also compliment the work of the Powai Education Committee in general and its Office Bearers in particular. Your shared vision, continuous support and guidance continue to uphold the high standards of education and co-curricular enrichment that define the Bunts Sangha's S M Shetty family.

Bunts Sangha Mumbai takes immense pride in institutional achievements. As the President of Bunts Sangha Mumbai, I commend the outstanding performance of S M Shetty High School & Junior College. The annual magazine Kaleidoscope 2024-25 showcases the grand achievements of the institution. We are confident that Bunts Sangha's S M Shetty High School & Junior College will continue to reach new milestones and inspire excellence across the educational landscape.

I extend my heartfelt appreciation to the editorial team for their dedication and effort in bringing this edition of Kaleidoscope to life. May it stand as a lasting testament to the passion, creativity, and determination that define our institution, and continue to inspire all who read it.

Let us continue to work together to shape not only successful professionals but also empathetic, visionary leaders who will contribute meaningfully to society.

Wishing you continued success and a bright future ahead. Happy reading to all of you.



CHAIRMAN'S MESSAGE

"Great institutions are built not just with bricks, but with vision, values, and a relentless pursuit of excellence." – Anonymous

Ratnakar Shetty Mundkur

Chairman,

Powai Education Committee

It gives me immense joy to address the readers of our annual e-magazine, Kaleidoscope, as Bunts Sangha's S. M. Shetty High School & Junior College celebrates yet another year of learning, achievement, and growth.

This publication stands as a proud testament to the vibrant educational community we have built—a community rooted in excellence, innovation, and integrity.

I am filled with pride and optimism as I reflect on the journey of our institution, which has flourished into a hub of academic distinction, co-curricular vibrancy, and sporting excellence. This success is the result of the unwavering dedication of our management team, faculty, support staff, students, and the ever-supportive parent community. Each one of you plays an integral role in shaping young minds and preparing them for the challenges of the future.

Education is the cornerstone of individual progress and national development. At our institution, we strive to lay a strong foundation for intellectual, technological, and professional growth. Our educators are not merely teachers—they are mentors and visionaries who ignite curiosity, nurture potential, and inspire transformation. With a focus on holistic development, we emphasize values, creativity, critical thinking, and compassion, ensuring that our students are not just academically capable, but also socially responsible individuals.

Kaleidoscope is more than just a magazine; it is a mirror that reflects the diverse talents, creativity, and intellectual depth of our students and faculty. Through its pages, we celebrate not only academic brilliance but also the rich tapestry of cultural, literary, and extracurricular pursuits that define our educational journey.

As Chairman, I take great pride in the continued progress of our institution. Our commitment to quality education, character-building, and fostering innovation remains firm. We have consistently endeavoured to provide the best possible infrastructure and resources to empower our students, enabling them to emerge as confident, capable, and conscientious citizens of tomorrow.

I extend my sincere appreciation to the editorial team for their dedication and hard work in bringing this edition of Kaleidoscope to life. May it serve as a source of inspiration and a lasting record of the passion, determination, and creativity that thrive within our institution.

As we look to the future, I am confident that our institution will continue to thrive—fuelled by a spirit of inquiry, a love for learning, and a commitment to positive change. I encourage our students to rise to every challenge, seize new opportunities, and always aim for excellence. Wishing the team of Kaleidoscope continued success in capturing the voices, stories, and dreams of our young minds.

Ms. Reshma Rao Principal

From the Desk of the Principal

Taking a Leap Forward: Embracing the CBSE Curriculum

"The future belongs to those who prepare for it today." — Malcolm X

As we stand at the threshold of an exciting new chapter in our school's journey, it gives me immense pride to share a significant milestone with the readers of our annual magazine *Kaleidoscope*—from the academic year **2026–27**, our school will officially

transition from the **SSC Board** to the **Central Board of Secondary Education (CBSE)**. This decision is not sudden, nor is it an isolated event. It is, in fact, the culmination of years of thoughtful planning, pedagogical evolution, and an unwavering commitment to holistic education.

I could not have thought of addressing anything else in these pages other than this —'Taking a Leap Forward'. A leap requires courage, preparation, and belief — all of which have been deeply embedded in our school ethos. The shift to CBSE is not merely a change of syllabus or board; it is a leap towards a more learner-centric, inquiry-based, and future-ready model of education.

In the academic year 2024–25, our school continued its transformative journey, guided by the pillars of Revolutionizing Learning, Raising Aspirations, Redefining Collaboration, and Resonating Purpose. We celebrated our 22nd consecutive year of 100% SSC results, with 36 students scoring above 90%, and our alumni continued to shine in fields from medicine to media. Prestigious recognitions such as Best School at the Ward Level for 11 consecutive years and ISO 21001:2018 certification reaffirmed our commitment to quality and excellence. From national and state-level student achievements in academics, innovation, and sports—including a world record—to teacher accolades in state and national forums, every milestone reflected our pursuit of holistic development. With vibrant initiatives like field trips, eco-drives, inter-house competitions, and beyond our school outreach, we remain dedicated to nurturing compassionate, future-ready leaders and crafting a legacy of excellence.

To ensure a smooth and effective transition, the forthcoming academic year 2025–26 will serve as a **pilot year**, where we begin aligning our practices, pedagogies, and infrastructure with **CBSE guidelines**. This preparatory phase will enable our teachers, students, and parents to adapt confidently and comfortably, making the actual transition seamless.

Over the past few years, our school has been steadily paving the way for this transformation. We adopted the **XSEED curriculum** from Standards I to VII — a forward-thinking program that emphasizes **conceptual clarity**, **experiential learning**, and **critical thinking**. Instead of memorizing textbook content, students are encouraged to **explore**, **question**, **and apply** what they learn. This philosophy resonates perfectly with the CBSE approach, which values **deep understanding over rote learning**.

In our classrooms, learning has increasingly become **interactive and hands-on**. Whether it is a **science experiment that sparks curiosity**, a **social science discussion that develops perspective**, or a **math challenge that builds problem-solving skills** — our students are no longer passive receivers of information, but **active participants** in their own learning.

We believe that education is not just about excelling in exams, but about nurturing confident, compassionate, and capable individuals. You have all participated in our SSR activities and witnessed the character building in our students. The CBSE board, with its balanced focus on academics, life skills, and co-scholastic development, aligns beautifully with our vision.

This leap forward is not just an **administrative decision** — it is a **commitment**. A commitment to providing our students with opportunities that prepare them for a **dynamic and global future**. A commitment to fostering **resilience**, **adaptability**, and a **lifelong love for learning** — as clearly reflected in the pages of our magazine too.

As we take this important step, I thank our Management for their unwavering support, our **teachers** for their dedication, our **parents** for their trust, and our **students** for their enthusiasm and curiosity. Together, we are not just changing boards — we are shaping a new era of learning.

Let us leap forward, not with fear, but with **faith** — in our vision, in our preparation, and in each other.

From the Desk of the Vice Principal



Ms. Rutuja Raut Vice Principal

Shifting Frames, Steady Foundations-

"In every change, there is growth. In every challenge, an opportunity. And in every new beginning, the power to shape the future."

As we unfold this year's edition of *Kaleidoscope*, the name itself reminds us of the vibrant patterns that emerge when many colours

come together in harmony. Much like a kaleidoscope, our school continues to evolve—shaped by vision, dedication, and collective effort. This academic year brings with it a sense of renewed energy, fresh perspectives, and purposeful direction.

Each new year is more than a date on the calendar—it is a promise. A promise of continued learning, of building stronger connections, and of moving forward with conviction. What makes this year particularly significant is the path we are preparing to walk together. In the academic year 2026–27, our school will embrace a transformative journey as we transition from the SSC Board to the Central Board of Secondary Education (CBSE).

The transition is rooted in careful thought, preparation, and a deep understanding of what our students need in today's evolving world. It aligns with our long-standing belief that education must equip children not just to score well in exams, but to **think critically, communicate effectively, and adapt confidently**. Over the years, we have laid the groundwork for this shift—adopting learner-centric methodologies, fostering digital literacy, and encouraging experiential learning. The move to CBSE feels like a natural progression.

We believe that true education is not about simply covering syllabi, but about uncovering potential. With the solid foundation we've built over the years—be it through the adoption of interactive teaching strategies, skill-building initiatives, or the holistic development of our students—we are more than ready to take this next step.

This transition would not be possible without the dedication and spirit of our teaching staff, who continue to grow alongside our students. Their willingness to embrace change, attend training, and rethink classroom practices is what makes this leap possible. It is truly heartening to see a team so invested in the journey of every child.

I take this opportunity to thank our Management for their forward-thinking approach and unwavering support at every stage. Their encouragement empowers us to dream big and execute with confidence. My sincere appreciation also goes to our Principal, whose guidance, empathy, and strategic leadership continue to anchor us through times of both continuity and change.

To our students, this is your time to shine. Step into this year with curiosity, kindness, and courage.

To our parents, thank you for walking alongside us with trust and belief. And to our staff—let's continue to inspire, challenge, and grow together.

As we embark on an exciting phase in our school's journey, let Kaleidoscope be a reflection of all that we are—a community grounded in purpose, driven by passion, and filled with possibility.

Together, we are not just embracing change—we are creating a brighter, bolder future.

From The Desk of Headmistress Primary



Ms. Kumudni Rana Head Mistress (Primary Section)

Listening Or Hearing

Though we often use the words *hearing* and *listening* interchangeably, yet they are not the same.

Scientifically termed as hearing means the *passive* ability to perceive sound. It happens automatically when sound waves reach our ears & no real effort is made to understand or respond.

Listening is an *active* process where we focus, pay attention, and make an effort to understand what's being said.

In the current fast paced world, where distractions are common & constant and communication is often rushed. Listening skills have become more important than ever. While people are quick to talk, post, scroll and react, truly listening has become a rare and powerful tool.

In true sense listening attentively means giving our full, undivided focus to the speaker, not just hearing the words but actively engaging with what is being said. It's about being mentally present and showing genuine interest.

My Dear Students,

You must be wondering why listening skills are required.....They are very much essential to form the foundation of effective communication. Whether in school, with friends or with family members, being able to listen carefully allows us to understand others clearly, respond appropriately, and avoid miscommunication/misunderstandings. In our classrooms also good listening is necessary to understand and absorb knowledge & information provided by the teachers. At home the same goes for your parents. You all must listen to your parents' instructions & guidance. This will surely develop better understanding & build your strong trust with them.

Strong listening skills are essential for you to succeed academically and build healthy relationships. Dear Parents,

This is my earnest request to you all to create an environment at home that encourages attentive listening. The children crave to be listened to their feelings & experience by their loved ones. Please lend all your *EARS* & *TIME* to your children to be engaged talking to you & you be the passive listeners. I am sure that it will help them to become more engaged and effective communicators & of course a *HAPPY child*.

Please keep in mind that you must demonstrate good listening habits yourself & maintain eye contact, avoid interruptions, and respond thoughtfully. Do not forget that these children often mirror what they observe.

Set clear expectations for yourself & children like not interrupting when someone is speaking and showing respect by giving others their full attention.

By incorporating these techniques consistently, all of us can gradually improve their listening abilities, leading to better academic performance and stronger interpersonal skills. You play an integral role when you actively support your child's listening development, thus laying the foundation for stronger communication and healthier relationships throughout their lives.

Please remember that listening attentively means *really being there*—physically, mentally, and emotionally. It shows respect and strengthens connections between you & your teachers. Strong listening skills are essential for students to succeed academically and build healthy relationships.

In short, listening is required to connect, learn, and succeed in almost every aspect of everyone's life.

From The Desk of Coordinator Secondary



Mr. Ashwin Jadhav Coordinator (Secondary Section)

Another academic year has come to a close, and with it, a chance to reflect on the progress, changes, and achievements that have marked our journey together.

We are extremely happy and proud of the consistent improvement in our SSC results, year after year. Breaking our own records is not just a matter of celebration—it is a reminder of the collective effort,

discipline, and determination that define our school culture. With every success, however, comes greater responsibility. The bar rises, expectations grow, and so must our commitment to doing even better.

Academic excellence is important, but equally vital is preparing students to adapt to change, develop self-discipline, and become responsible, confident individuals. In a world that is constantly evolving, our role as educators goes far beyond textbooks. We must help students navigate transitions, face challenges with resilience, and take ownership of their actions.

Discipline remains the backbone of this process. Whether it's being on time, completing tasks with sincerity, or showing respect in thought and action—these habits shape character and build a strong foundation for success in life.

We are proud to say that our students not only improve academically but also grow emotionally and socially, becoming better versions of themselves each year. This is possible because of the strong bond between teachers, students, and parents—a triangle of trust that holds up the vision of holistic education.

As you flip through Kaleidoscope, you'll see not only achievements and activities, but also the spirit of effort, the joy of learning, and the strength of discipline that run through every classroom and corridor of our school.

Let's continue moving forward—with purpose, with passion, and with pride.

From The Desk of Coordinator Pre-Primary



Ms. Mary Diana Xavier Pre-Primary Coordinator

The early years of childhood are a time of rapid development, where children learn through exploration, movement, and play. However, in today's digital world, increased screen time and reduced physical activity are impacting their motor skills. Strong motor development is crucial for children to perform daily tasks efficiently, build confidence, and enhance overall learning.

As educators and parents, it is our responsibility to create opportunities that support and strengthen these skills through active engagement and purposeful play. Children's fine and gross motor skills are essential for their growth and learning. Fine motor skills involve small muscle movements in the hands and fingers, helping children with tasks like writing, cutting, and buttoning clothes. Gross motor skills involve larger muscle movements required for running, jumping, and balancing, which contribute to overall coordination and strength. Excessive screen time and limited outdoor play have resulted in weaker hand strength, poor coordination, and reduced stamina among children. Encouraging active play is crucial for healthy development. Hands-on activities such as building with blocks, threading beads, and using play dough help improve fine motor control, while running, hopping, and climbing should be part of daily routines to enhance gross motor skills. Reducing screen time and engaging children in creative movement games like drawing, cutting, and outdoor play can significantly boost their motor skills.

Parents play a vital role in supporting their child's motor development. Encouraging tasks like zipping, buttoning, and using crayons helps strengthen finger muscles. Fun activities like finger painting, threading pasta, and using tweezers can make learning enjoyable. Daily tasks like peeling fruits, kneading dough, and solving puzzles further refine these skills. For gross motor development, running, climbing, and jumping activities should be a routine. Simple home-based activities like hopscotch, skipping rope, and obstacle courses improve coordination and balance. Involving children in household chores such as sweeping, carrying lightweight grocery bags, and watering plants strengthens their muscles while making them feel responsible. Dancing to music also promotes flexibility and coordination.

Early childhood lays the foundation for lifelong learning. By fostering active play and hands -on- experiences, we help children grow into confident, independent individuals. Let's work together to give them the best start in life!

ADMINISTRATIVE & NON-TEACHING STAFF



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Name of Employee	Designation	Name of Employee	Designation
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Ankita Shetty	HR Manager	Irshad Shaikh	Senior IT Associate
Subhash Pandit	Assistant Manager- Admin	Ajinkya Lanke	Senior IT Associate
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Mini Manoj	Senior Medical Associate	Neha Shetty	Front Office Cum Purchase Associate
Santosh Jawandale	Maintenance Supervisor	Sandeep Nandi	IT Associate
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Sachin Tayade	Maintenance Associate		

Bunts Sangha's S M Shetty High School & Junior College

Annual Report 2024-25

At Bunts Sangha's S M Shetty High School and Junior College, we are committed to revolutionizing learning, raising aspirations, redefining collaboration, and resonating purpose, shaping future-ready individuals through vision-driven education.

SSC 2024–25 Results

The SSC 2024–25 results stand as a testament to Bunts Sangha's S M Shetty High School and Junior College's unwavering commitment to academic excellence and student success.

- 22nd Consecutive Year of 100% Pass Rate
- Total Students Appeared: 199
- Students Scoring 90% and Above: 36
- Total Distinctions (Including 90%+): 159
- **First Class:** 38 students
- **Second Class:** 2 students
- Additional Marks from Sports, Arts, Cultural events: 49 students

Toppers:

- 1st Ms. Samruddhi Salvi 98.2%
- **2nd Ms. Nidhi Upadhyaya** 97.40%
- **3rd Ms. Shweta Kambli** 97.2%

Subject Highlights:

Students excelled across all subjects, achieving impressive scores: 95% in English, 94% in

Marathi, 89% in Hindi, 99% in Sanskrit, 95% in Composite, 98% in Mathematics, 99% in

Science, 98% in Social Science, 89% in Arithmetic, 83% in HHP/HS, and 99% in Cookery.

Academic Achievements:

Our students excel in competitive external exams and scholarship tests, showcasing their ability to think critically and compete at the highest levels.

- Pranay Bilare secured Rank I and Best Performer in the MaRRS Scientia Exertus
 and Rank II in the State Finals of MaRRS International Math Bee from Grade
 VII. Ved Deshpande secured third place at the State Level and first place at the
 National Level MaRRS International Math Bee from Grade VI.
- 46 students passed the scholarship exam in Std V, while 12 students earned the scholarship in Std VIII.
- Aadnya Sanas secured the first rank at the global level for her Marathi Heartfulness Essay which was awarded by the Heartfulness Education Trust in Hyderabad.
- Anusha Jain secured the Global Rank 2, Grade 5 along with a Certificate of Brilliance and Silver Medal at the 8th Edition of International GetLitt! Reading Olympiad.
- Eeshan Pokharkar secured 94% in Std VI, Sadichha Kadam 98% in Std VII and Anusha Jain 100% in Std VIII NELTAS first round. In the Primary Section, from Std III, Miss Richa Jain secured 100%, Master Jinay Khandor 96% and Miss Gitika Bhatkar from Std V 97.50% in the NELTAS ECAT Grand Finale.
- Divot Barot, Anshuman Shinde, Eeshan Rokharkar were selected for the practical round of Dr. Homi Bhabha Balvaidnyanik Exam.
- Suhani Patel, Om Gori, Naysha Das, Ojal Katakdhond and Mayank Shinde won third place in the group Space Station Model Making Competition conducted by Nehru Science Centre.





Teachers Training and Workshops

- Secondary teachers attended the XSEED Method Training conducted by the XSEED team.
- A session on Reflections on 2023-24 and Goal Setting Framework was led by Principal Mrs. Reshma Rao for secondary teache
- Ms. Natasha Mehta conducted a session on Empowering Educators for secondary teachers.
- Parents' Orientation and the Mentors Guide Introduction was facilitated by Ms.
 Rutuja Raut and the event managers for secondary teachers.
- EduSprint Training was conducted by Ms. Sayli Kadam and her team for secondary teachers.
- Calendar Orientation was led by Ms. Reena Poojari and Ms. Meena Babujaya for the secondary section.
- Ms. Pooja Dharani from Suraasa conducted a Student Engagement session for State Board teachers.
- The PE Department conducted a Yoga Session for secondary teachers.
- A Sahaja Yoga session was conducted by Mr. Sanjay Nagalkar for secondary teachers.
- A session on Use of AI in Teaching and Research was delivered by Mr. Sanjay
 Rahate and Mr. Raees Shaikh for selected secondary teachers.
- Al in Teaching and Evaluation was jointly conducted by Mr. Murali Jha, Ms. Rukshar Pometkar, and Ms. Sharon Sequeira.
- A session on School Psychiatry was held by Sion Hospital in collaboration with Ms. Rutuja Raut and Ms. Kumudni Rana.
- Principal Mrs. Reshma Rao conducted a session on the Child Protection Policy for secondary teachers.
- A select group of secondary teachers attended AI in Educational Context II conducted by Universal Teachers Academy.
- A special wellness session on Superbrain Yoga, Mindfulness & Meditation of Two Hearts was conducted by Bindiya Shah, Sarika Biwalkar, Vishwanath Biwalkar, and Dolly Soni.

- AI in Educational Context III was attended by a few secondary teachers and conducted by Universal Teachers Academy.
- Math teachers participated in the How SuperTeacher Builds Mathematical Genius session by XSEED.
- Mrs. Rutuja Raut attended the Principal Summit hosted by Somaiya Vidyavihar University.
- English teachers Lydia Fernandes, Tejaswini Pednekar, and Ankita Singh attended the CBSE English Book Launch organized by Navneet.
- Hindi teachers Juli Singh, Laxmidevi Gupta, and Ranjana Singh participated in the CBSE Hindi Book Launch by Navneet.
- Al in Educational Context IV was attended by a few secondary teachers and organized by Universal Teachers Academy.
- A session on Nuclear Energy: Clean, Green and Safe was conducted by Times NIE and attended by Poornima Shetty, Pinky Jalui, Atish Chorge, and Dheeraj Sharma.
- Teacher Engagement Programme by NGMA, Open Forum for Principals, and Seeds of Peace was attended by Ms. Sarika Lad.
- Ms. Juli Singh attended the NCERT Hindi Books Launch by Dr. Rajeev Singh from Fullmarks.
- Teachers who received election duty attended the Election Duty Training conducted by the District Election Office.
- Al in Educational Context V was conducted by Universal Teachers
 Academy and Dr. R Asir Julius for selected teachers.
- Selected staff including Ms. Reshma Rao, Ms. Rutuja Raut, and others attended the Discover Yourself (Academic Model) session by Dr.
 Mohandas Hegde in collaboration with Heartfulness Research Centre and SM Shetty College.
- IGNITE STEM Passion Workshop was conducted by Dr. Anindita Mondal,
 Mr. Rajesh George, and Mr. Devesh Rajadhya and attended by Dr. Meena
 Babujaya and a few primary teachers.

- Science and Math teachers attended the Robotics & Coding Lab training at OMOTEC Lab.
- Ms. Monika Kapoor from Skillshare India conducted a session on Stress Management for secondary teachers.
- A health awareness session on Varicose Veins was conducted by Dr. Jatin Rai for the entire staff.
- Eighteen staff members attended the Holistic Progress Card session by IPN Academy and Dr. Sudha Acharya.
- A TOT Training Session was conducted by the North Division of the Education Department and attended by a selected team including Ms. Reshma Rao and others.
- Relax, Rejuvenate EI was conducted by the Counselling Department for teachers.
- A Yoga & Aerobic Session was organized by the PE Department for teachers.
- Introduction to NEP 2020 was presented by Ms. Reshma Rao and Mr. Ashwin Jaday for teachers.
- A session on SQAAF was conducted by Ms. Maninder Kaur Lakha and Ms. Vrushali Manjrekar for teachers.
- CBA orientation was handled by Ms. Shiney Sabastin, Ms. Laxmidevi Gupta, and Ms. Kalawati Panchal for teachers.
- A session on HPC was conducted by Ms. Vidya Hegde and Ms. Manpreet Kaur for State Board teachers.

Sessions and Workshops for Parents and Students

Std X Orientation was conducted by the Subject Heads.

Std X Orientation was also facilitated by Ms. Rutuja Raut and Subject Heads.

Parents' Orientation was led by the Principal, Vice Principal, Counsellor, and Standard Heads.

A Guided Yoga Session was conducted by IIT Bombay.

The Sahaja Yoga session was conducted by Mr. Dheeraj Khurana and Mr. Deepak Manukhani.

- An Online Idea Workshop was organized by YCC.
- A session on Skin and Hair Health was conducted by Dr. Reshma Ahuja.
- The Teenage Toolkit session was conducted by the Counselling Centre.
- A legal awareness session on Juvenile Justice was conducted by Advocate Ms. Savita Randhe.
- The Astro Photography Exhibition and Showcase of Model Rockets & Rovers was held by The Sky Explorers in collaboration with IIT Bombay and Nehru Planetarium.
- The Light Show was presented by K. J. Somaiya College of Science & Commerce.
- The Akaash National Talent Hunt Exam was conducted by the Akaash Team.
- The Solar Ambassador Workshop was conducted by Mr. Atish Chorge, Ms. Rukshar Pometkar, Mr. Anil Vishwakarma, and Mr. Dheeraj Sharma.
- An Art Exhibition was organized in collaboration with the National Gallery of Modern Art.
- An Exhibition was held by the SIES Research and Activity Centre, Navi Mumbai.
- The Mahavachan Utsav Book Exhibition was facilitated by the Education Department.
- An Examination Guidance Session was conducted by the Subject Heads.
- A visit to the Naval Warship and Weapon Exhibition was arranged by the INS.
- The AFS India 6th National Meet was conducted by AFS.
- The Role Model Series session was organized by I.I.M.U.N..
- Dr. Viren Chand conducted a session on School Connect 2.0 for NEP-2020 and Government Schemes.
- The Counselling Centre delivered the inspirational talk From Struggles to Success.
- A session on Zero Waste was conducted by BBC Earth.
- The National Youth Day celebration was organized by I.I.M.U.N..
- Tension ka Detox, Motivation Unbox was conducted by Dr. Harish Shetty.
- A Career Guidance Seminar was conducted by the Akaash Team.

The Youth Eco Summit was organized by the Bajaj Foundation and the Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology.

Vietnam Tour Orientation was conducted by Adventure Tours.

The Students' Art Exhibition was hosted by Sanskriti Arts.

A scientific session on Advances in Proteomics Technologies 2025 was conducted by IIT Bombay.

A session on Wood Wide Web was presented by Ms. Reena Saini Kallat.

The SSC 2025–26 Parents' Orientation was conducted by the Vice Principal and Subject Heads.

A health talk on the Vaping Epidemic was conducted by Dr. Shamit Shetty and Dr. Chintan Hegde.

A workshop on Design Thinking was conducted by Ms. Mumtaz Shaikh from Sky Explorers.

Building Space Station I was conducted by Prof. Umesh Kadhane from the Indian Institute of Space Science and Technology.

Building Space Station II was also conducted by Prof. Umesh Kadhane from the Indian Institute of Space Science and Technology.

The IIMUN Role Model Series was organized by IIMUN.

The Times NIE Summer Training Programme 2025 was conducted by Times NIE.

The Powai Lake Biodiversity Documentation Nature Trail was led by the Young Environmentalists Programme.

Co Curricular Achievements:

Our school takes immense pride in its stellar co-curricular accomplishments, where students consistently excel in singing, dance, music, and art.

- Our students shone in the National Group Song Competition organized by Bharat Vikas Parishad, winning first prizes in Hindi, Sanskrit, and Folk Songs. At the Prant level Group Singing Competition, our students won first prize in Hindi and second prize in Sanskrit Songs. The Senior group also secured the second prize in the Quiz Competition.
- In the Trashion Pe Fashion Season 2, we received the Best School Title. Ms. Hirwa Kubavat won the first prize for her outfit. Ms. Shruti Thakur won the Best Costume Award, Ms. Suhani Patel secured the Most Imaginative Outfit title and Ms. Yashita Nalawade the Most Original Concept Award.
- In the Junior category Sharanya Hegde bagged First position and Shanaya Singh third position while in Senior category, Aayurtha Desai qualified for the final round of Voice of Powai.
- Our students won six prizes in the various competitions held at Mani Bhavan.
 The primary section won third prize in Hindi Patriotic Group Song and English
 One-Act Drama along with individual acting honors and a Special prize in
 Marathi Patriotic Group Song. The secondary section won the special prize in the
 Hindi Devotional Group Song.
- Our students won laurels at the ACS competitions conducted by AFS (American Field Service), bagging 6 first prizes, 7 second prizes, 4 third prizes, and several consolation awards. We secured the fourth position out of 28 schools in the English Debate with Hasan Khan winning the Second Consolation prize.
- Falak Hoda and Swara Bhandary attended the 6th National AFS Meet at Kolhapur.
- Falak Hoda won the first prize in the Essay Competition and Vedant Salunke won the first prize in the Photography Competition conducted by CoTAAP on the occasion of World Cotton Day.
- Vedant Tambe, Devanshi Attarde, Trinay Bhawar, and Mr. Jitendra Ahirrao secured the top three positions in the Waste to Art creation competition, conducted by the Bajaj Foundation and the Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology.

- Sabina Shaikh won the first place, Somya Roy the second place while Kawshik Gowda secured the consolation prize World Cancer Day Poster Making Competition by Vasanta Memorial Trust.
- In the Primary Section, Master Kanaad Kasale secured second place in *Rasa Rhymes*, Master Ritvik Alwal won third place in *Rasa Eloquence*, and Miss Sherly More achieved third place in *Rasa Speaks*. Anusha Jain won first place in Rasa Katha and Rajavi Kandalkar won third place in the Rasa Canvas categories of Litomania.
- The BMC school conducted the BNMSS (Brihanmumbai Nimanstar Marathi Shikshak Sanghatna) external examination, in which three students from Std V Aaradhya Pawar, Sherly More, and Rudra Ingle emerged as top performers. And, five other students secured distinction.





Sports Achievements:

Our students have consistently excelled in sports, making it an integral part of our holistic education.

Our achievements include

- 1 World Record
- 4 National Titles
- 8 State Honors
- 10 Division Victories
- 31 District Awards
- 33 Taluka-Level Prizes
- Our Primary Section secured three prizes in the 'S' Ward competition.

- Hrishit Shetty won Gold at the National Kickboxing Championship, Gold at DSO
 State Level Kickboxing, Silver at the DSO State Level Wushu, Gold at State
 Level Wushu and Bronze at the State Level Boxing.
- Kriv Patel won First position in 23rd Mumbai Suburban District Sub Junior Kyorugi & 9th Sub Junior Poomsae Taekwondo Championship.
- Kanika Nalawade from Std III, an expert player in Aerobics, won second place in individual mix pair, trio and petite events.
- Abhiram Shetty won a Silver medal in Katas and a Bronze medal in Kumite at the 14th National Shotokan Karate Championship.
- Anmol Jani secured 4th place in the U-18 110m Hurdles at the Maharashtra State Athletics Championship (MSDAA) and Bronze at the YMCA State Level Athletics.
- Ashwika Singh achieved a World Record by executing 2,25,000 Taekwondo face-level punches with 234 students in 30 minutes.
- Swaraj Redkar and Swanand Naik in the Under 11 category and Aaryan Panchal in Under 17 category won first place at the District Level in the Table Tennis match organised by DSO and fourth at the division level.
- Shresth Shetty was selected for the National Handball Competition, representing Maharashtra and achieved the India rank 15 out of 28 players.
- Kartik Poojary won the third place in the State Level Volleyball Tournament. He
 was awarded the Best Player award in the Volleyball match conducted by
 Mintonette academy.
- Nishad Bhosle was selected in the MCA cricket team out of 100 players.
- In the Nisarg Run, Bruvan Shetty and Aditri Shetty bagged the First position while Dhruthi Shetty and Suhani Patel achieved the Second position.
- Our Tennis Cricket team won second place at the DSO Tennis Cricket Competition.
- Ms. Krittika Krishnakumar won second place in the National Tennis Cricket Championship.
- 15 medals, 2 best athlete titles, and the Best School title for the fifth year were won in athletics at the Marol Athletics Sports Association.
- Asmi Patil secured the third position in the Vikhroli Run.
- Our football team won the MSSA football championship.

• Primary students Alafifa Khan, Aaradhya Mhaprolkar and Dhruti Shetty secured the first place in the S Ward running race.





S Ward Excellence:

Our students consistently shine at the S Ward and zonal levels. demonstrating their exceptional talent and the school's commitment their comprehensive to development.



We have secured 24 prizes at the S Ward as a result of which we once again clinched the title of the Best School for the 11th consecutive year. In Zonal Level we have bagged first place in Instrumental Music, third in Group Singing and Second Consolation in Junior Folk Dance. The Lab Assistant project won the Consolation while the Junior Teaching Aid won the Second prize at the Zonal Level.

Teacher Achievements:

Our teachers' exceptional skills and dedication have been recognized by renowned educational bodies, earning them prestigious awards and accolades.

- Mrs. Suvarna Satardekar received the Academic Excellence Award from the Rotary Club of Bombay, Powai, for consistent Sanskrit results.
- Ms. Manisha Bhujhbal along with the Marathi Department was honored with the Award of Excellence by the Bhandup Medicos Community Welfare Society for outstanding Marathi results.
- Ms. Anupriya Shetty was felicitated with the Academic Excellence Award by Bunts Sangha, Mumbai, for her contribution to education.
- Ms. Rajani Parab won the consolation prize at the BNMS Elocution Competition.

- Our teachers excelled at the recently concluded S Ward competitions. In the first place we have Ms. Vandana Singh & Ms. Joyce Noronha for the Senior Divyang Project, Ms. Kalawati Panchal for the Junior Teaching Aid, Mr. Anil Vishwakarma for the Senior Teaching Aid and Ms. Sarika Lad & Ms. Manika Pal for the Senior Population Education project. In the second place we have Mr. Amrut Pol & Mr. Atish Chorge for the Lab Assistant project, Ms. Rajani Parab, Ms. Manisha Bhujbal & Ms. Kumudini Vengurlekar for the Nature Club. And in third place we have Tejaswini Pednekar & Lydia Fernandes for the Junior Population Education project and Ms. Rakshanda Shaikh for the English Elocution.
- Mr. Anil Vishwakarma and Ms. Kalawati Panchal were presented the Savitribhai Phule Fatima Shaikh Adarsh Shikshak Puraskar 2025 by Shikshak Bharati.
- Mr. Atish Chorge won the Mathematics Teacher Merit Award at the Cosmic Fest conducted by Nehru Science Centre.



Eco Club:

The Eco Club drives impactful initiatives like ACT Now and Plastic Recycling Drives, fostering eco-consciousness among students and the community. Recycled products from plastic waste were a hit at the Rangratri Dandiya Night fundraiser.

- Priyanka Patel, Angel Shukla and Hasan Khan secured first place at the Inter-School Climate Ambassador Competition by SIES.
- Ms. Vandana Singh and Ms. Manjitkaur Bhoee won second place in the School Chameleon competition for their Eco Club presentation.



School Social Responsibility (SSR):

Under our *Care to Share* SSR initiative, academic and sports scholarships and sponsorships serve as a powerful means to uplift deserving students, enabling them to pursue excellence and transform potential into achievement.

The SSR initiatives include

- Grain Donation
- Stationery Donation
- Ek Coin Ek Value Amount collected by students through good works
- Joy of Giving
- Sale of Saplings
- Students' Art Exhibition Display and sale of student painting at Kohinoor Continental
- Wheat Flour Donation Donation of 525 kg wheat flour to Leprosy Patients Hospital
- Visit to National Association of Disabled Enterprises Interaction with residents of NADE
- Rangratri Dandiya and Garba Night
- Dildari ki Dukan Sale of donated items to support staff at Rs. 13/-





Solar Ambassadors:

The Solar Ambassadors Programme is a hands-on initiative that promotes energy literacy by guiding students through structured learning modules and practical workshops, where they build their own solar lamps and earn a certificate upon completion.

• 64 students participated in the Solar Ambassador workshop while 616 students completed the Energy Literacy Training and received certificates from Swaraj Energy Foundation. We received the Silver Certificate as 500 students successfully completed the Energy Literacy Training.

The year stands as a testament to our collective commitment to excellence, growth, and purpose-driven education, empowering students to thrive, lead, and make a meaningful difference.



Field Trips & Picnics :-

- The students of pre-primary section had a gala time in the Pheonx Mall, Kurla.
- The students of **Std I** enjoyed a wonderful trip to the **Bird Park**
- Std II students embarked on an adventure to Muso and the Prince of Wales Musuem.
- Students from Std III to V had the unique opportunity to visit Muso and the Nehru Planetorium
- The students of Std I to V embarked on an exciting and much-awaited field trip to Fountain City Amusement Park in Palghar on 15th February 2025
- Students of Std VI and VII were taken to Monteria Village Back to Roots at Karjat on 26th August.
- Students of Std VIII and IX visited Forganic Farm at Khopoli on the same day.
- On December 23rd, a group of students, along with a few accompanying teachers, embarked on an extended tour to Amritsar.
- On 1st February, students of Classes VI and VII visited Rocksport for their annual picnic.
- On the same day, students of Classes VIII and IX went to Sterling Resort for their picnic.



Counselling Centre THE TEAM

Name of Employee	<u>Designation</u>	
Ms. Bharti Purswani	Head Counselling Centre	
Ms.Unnati Doshi	Counsellor	
Ms. Foram Shah	Counsellor	
Ms. Aira Singh	Counsellor	
Ms.Pallavi Vairagade	Special Educator	
Ms.Remya Urath	Special Educator	
Ms. Kanishka Jain	Special Educator	

From the Desk of the Counselor Study Skills: Strategies for Effective Learning

Success in academics depends not only on intelligence but also on the ability to study effectively. Good study skills help students retain information, manage time efficiently, and perform well in exam.

- **1. Time Management-** Managing time wisely is essential for academic success. Here are some effective strategies:
- Create a Study Schedule: Plan study sessions ahead of time to avoid last-minute cramming.
- Prioritize Tasks: Focus on the most important and urgent subjects first.
- **2. Active Learning-**Simply reading and highlighting notes is not enough. Active learning strategies include:
- Summarizing Information: Write key points in your own words to improve understanding.
- Teaching Others: Explaining a concept to someone else helps reinforce your knowledge.
- Using Flashcards: Helps in memorization and quick revision.
- Engaging in Discussions: Joining study groups enhances understanding through peer interactions.
- **3.** Effective Note-Taking organized and concise notes makes it easier to review later. Some popular note-taking methods include:
- Cornell Method: Divides notes into key points, details, and a summary section for better comprehension.
- Mind Maps: Visually organize information, making complex topics easier to understand.
- Outline Method: Structure information hierarchically, showing relationships between ideas.
- **4. Improving Concentration-**Distractions can reduce study efficiency. Here's how to stay focused:
- Find a Quiet Study Space: Choose a place with minimal distractions.
- Avoid Multitasking: Focus on one subject at a time to improve retention.
- **5. Reading and Comprehension Techniques**-Efficient reading strategies can improve comprehension and retention:
- SQ3R Method: (Survey, Question, Read, Recite, Review) helps in structured reading and better understanding.
- Annotate While Reading: Highlight important points and write short notes to reinforce learning.
- **6. Memory Techniques-**Enhancing memory retention is crucial for long-term learning:
- Mnemonics: Use acronyms, rhymes, or associations to remember complex information.
- Chunking: Break large pieces of information into smaller, manageable parts.
- Spaced Repetition: Review notes at intervals to improve long-term retention.
- 7. Stress Management and Healthy Habits-Good study habits go hand-in-hand with a healthy lifestyle:
- Get Enough Sleep: Sleep is essential for memory consolidation.
- Eat a Balanced Diet: Nutritious food fuels the brain for better concentration.
- Exercise Regularly: Physical activity improves focus and reduces stress.
- Take Breaks: take short breaks between study sessions.
- **8. Exam Preparation Strategies-** Preparing effectively for exams ensures better performance:
- Solve Past Papers: Familiarizes you with exam patterns and improves time management.
- Practice Self-Testing: Quiz yourself to gauge understanding and identify weak areas.
- Stay Positive: Confidence and a positive mindset reduce exam anxiety.

Developing strong study skills is key to academic success. By managing time effectively, using active learning techniques, improving concentration, and adopting healthy habits, students can enhance their ability to learn and retain information. The right study strategies can transform learning from a stressful task into an enjoyable and rewarding experience.

Reflecting on a Year of Transformation

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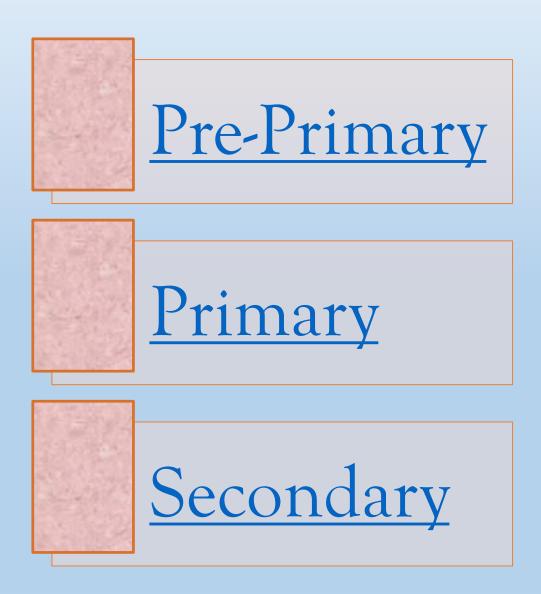
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