

## K. J. SOMAIYA INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY, SION, MUMBAI



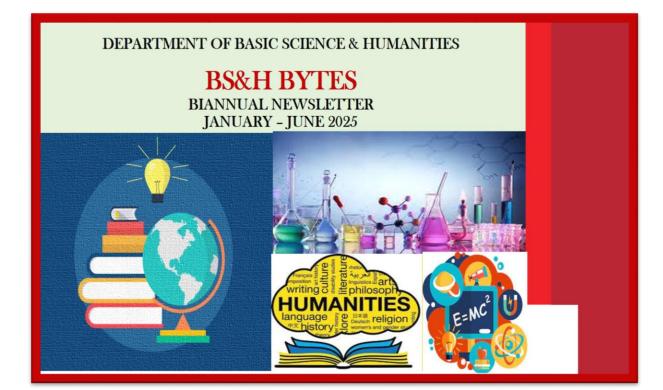






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# Campus Prayer



ॐ पूर्णमदः पूर्णमिदं पूर्णात् पूर्णमृदच्यते ।
पूर्णस्य पूर्णमादाय पूर्णमेवावशिष्यते ।।१।।
ॐ ईशावास्यमिदं सर्वं यत् कि च जगत्यां जगत् ।
तेन त्यक्तेन भुञ्जीथा मा गृधः कस्य स्विद्धनम् ।।२।।
मृकं करोति वाचालं पङ्गुं लङ्गयते गिरिम् ।
यक्तपा तमहं वन्दे परमानन्द माधवम् ।।३।।
ॐ पूर्णो देवी सरस्वती वाजेभिवीजिनीवती धीनामवित्र्यवत् ।
ॐ चोदिपत्री सुनतानां चेतन्ती सुमतीनाम् ।
यज्ञम् द्रधे सरस्वती ।।४।।
ॐ असतो मा सद्गमय । तमसो मा ज्योतिर्गमय ।
मृत्योमीमृतं गमय ।।५।।
ॐ सहनाववत् सहनौ भुनक्तु सहवीर्यं करवावहै ।
तेजस्विनावधीतमस्तु, मा विद्विषावहै ।।६।।
सर्वे त्र सुखिनः सन्तु सर्वे सन्तु निरामयाः ।
सर्वे भद्राणि पश्यन्तु मा कश्चिद् दुःखमाप्रुयात् ।।७।।
ॐ शांतिः, शांतिः, शांतिः॥

# Somaiya Vidyavihar Vision

Our Founder, Padma Bhushan Shri. K. J. Somaiya founded Somaiya Vidyavihar on the 9th of September 1959. He later founded the Girivanvasi Pragati Mandal, The K. J. Somaiya Medical Trust, Girivanvasi Education Trust and sister institutions to make great citizens of India and the World. In the words of Swami Vivekananda, "We want that education by which character is formed, strength of mind is increased, the intellect expanded, and by which one can stand on one's own feet." We have now grown into a multi-disciplinary and multi-campus education institution with over 1500 faculty, and 38,000 students.

Our motto is: ज्ञानादेव तु कैवल्यम् । Knowledge alone liberates. Liberates from poverty, from hunger. Also to liberate one from the attachments that bind us to small-mindedness. Knowledge also provides opportunity. To make the life lived more meaningful. In the service of one's family, one's community, one's समाज, country, and indeed the world. Bearing in mind that there is no religion other than the life lived in the service of humanity, न मानुषात् परो धर्म: I We will strive to provide access and opportunity to build a more inclusive society.

Our education in any subject will reflect its timeless fundamentals, its current context, and applications. There is so much scientific discovery taking place, at the intersection of fields, of biology, computing, medicine, the social sciences and everywhere else. We will provide students and faculty with an environment to engage this world, to discover new truths, make new applications to create and share knowledge.

Our education will also be experiential. With projects that are 'real' and those that complement the learning inside the classroom. Our students and faculty will be at the cutting edge of change, to incubate companies, to create NGOs, and pursue any field of their passion.

Our education will also be holistic. Sports and physical exercise must be a firm part of the curriculum. For students to develop a love for sports, for recreation, for health, for teamwork, for competition. Our education will also instill an appreciation for art and culture.

In the Bhagavad Gita, Arjun asks Krishna how is one to control one's mind that is as fleeting as the wind. Krishna responds that it can only be done through practice and discipline. वैराय्येण तु कौन्तेय अभ्यासेन च गृह्यते । We will strive to teach our students to learn to stay calm in our turbulent world.

And our education will also include the ancient Indian tradition, its culture, its depth, and its knowledge. We must keep the connection with our mother tongue and our languages. Languages are storehouses of culture, and the loss of a language takes with it much learning, stored through it over the ages.

Finally, our education will help students lead a full life, to fall in love with life.

Our dream, is to build a world class research and teaching institution, that is global in the reach of its ideas, and universal in its service. Welcome to our community.



#### Vision

To emerge as a synonym of quality, excellence, and commitment in the field of engineering education by unlocking potential, nurturing talent and transforming young minds to create future-ready engineers.

#### Mission

- To provide students with a thorough knowledge of engineering to refine their professional skills.
- To nurture creativity and innovation while encouraging multidisciplinary interaction.
- To train students to be industry ready and capable of working effectively as an individual and in teams.
- To inculcate ethical behaviour, responsibility, and commitment among students.

### Quality Policy

- To conform to the requirements of regulatory authorities viz; All India Council for Technical Education (AICTE), Directorate of Technical Education (DTE) and UoM.
- To maintain transparency and fair practices in admission and recruitment processes.
- To ensure continuous evaluation and examination process.
- To ensure best academic ambience by providing high-end equipments in the laboratories, computers, learning resources and smart classrooms.
- To ensure a safe and secure environment for all stakeholders.
- To promote industry Institute interaction, research and development, placements, technical, co-curricular and extracurricular activities.

## Objectives of the Institute

- To focus on persistent improvement in processes related to teaching, learning, and evaluation and to promote a culture of research and development among staff and students.
- To develop technical and interpersonal skills so that the students translate knowledge into action contributing to the benefit of the society.
- To enhance the learning experience of students by honing versatility through diverse activities.



#### **Basic Science & Humanities**

#### Vision

Department of Basic Sciences & Humanities tries to inculcate the knowledge of dynamic combination of science, technology and humanities by nurturing the basic technical skill-sets and honing professional decorum

#### Mission

- To promote ethical values and social responsibility through novel learning techniques in basic sciences and humanities.
- To improve logical thinking of students for knowing scientific truth, solving problems, and making good decisions.
  - · To develop ethical sensibilities through value based education



The Department of Basic Sciences & Humanities (BS) of KJ Somaiya Institute of Technology, with the Board of Studies Members, as a freshly conferred 'Autonomous' Institute are committed for the all-inclusive careerist goals of at the First-Year students. The autonomous status has accorded the BS department the academic freedom to float its own syllabus and customize it as per the cutting-edge global technical trends. With credit-based scheme, we embark on a fresher vision to be competent with prime focus on 'employment-centric' syllabus with dynamic reformations in the syllabus. The core engineering undergraduate branches encompass—Computer Technology (CE), Information Technology (IT), Artificial Intelligence and Data Science (AI-DS) & Electronics and Telecommunication (ET).

The major shift in the First-Year syllabus has been set on the quality benchmark—a solid foundation on the core fundaments—the pre-requisite engineering holistic skills viz. the Applied Math, Sciences and Humanities curriculum with multiple prospects as per the industry requirements.





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#### **BS&H SIGNIFICANT ACHIEVEMENTS**

KJSIT 'Team SAHAS' won the Acclaimed 1st place in Street Play at Vasantdada Patil College of Engineering on 9th March, 2025

Demonstrating exceptional talent and commitment, *KJSIT 'Team SAHAS' won the acclaimed 1st place in street play at Vasantdada Patil College of Engineering on 9th March, 2025*. The team won the prestigious position attributing to the brave theme on 'Depiction of girls and their security' in the patriarchal-driven Indian society.

The following are the details of Team Sahaas of F.Y.B. Tech, Computer Engineering Department:

- > Tisha Kothari
- ➤ Aarya Baviskar
- > Darsh Kothari
- ➤ Divya Chungath
- > Hasit Maniyar
- > Swayam Mahajan
- > Aakash Singh Khangar
- > Manasvi Chauhan
- Durva Kashid



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The First Year B. Tech, Computer Department Student Master Ajay Bhakar won 2nd Prize in the solo debate competition in the youth festival at Somaiya Vidyavihar College on 21st March, 2025.



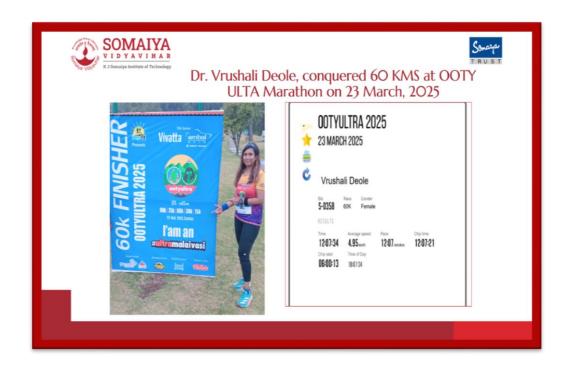
F.Y.B. Tech Student Master Ajay Bhakar Won 2<sup>nd</sup> Prize in Debate on 21<sup>st</sup> March, 2025

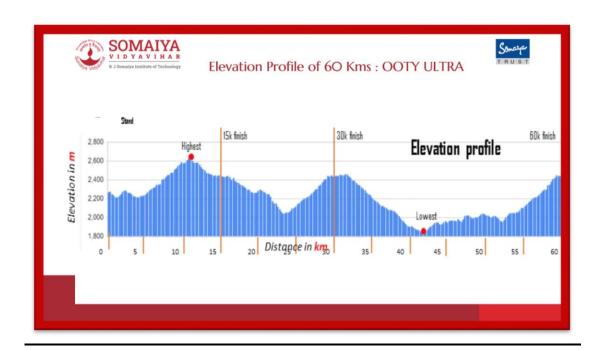
### Dr. Vrushali Deole Conquers 60 KMS at OOTYULTRA on 23rd March, 2025

K J Somaiya Institute of Technology (KJSIT) took immense pride in the herculean feat accomplished by our faculty *Dr. Vrushali Deole (Faculty in BS&H Dept)* who successfully completed **60 KMS 'OOTY ULTRA MARATHON' on 23<sup>rd</sup> March, 2025.** 

Among many recent sports accomplishments, to name a few, in the span of the past two months, she has attempted 42 Kms Tata Mumbai Marathon on 19<sup>th</sup> January, 2025 & Tata Ultra 50 Kms on 23<sup>rd</sup> February, 2025.

Ooty Ultra run involves a challenging 2642 meters of elevation gain & a gruelling terrain. With consistent training, discipline and renewed vigour, the process has been attainable.





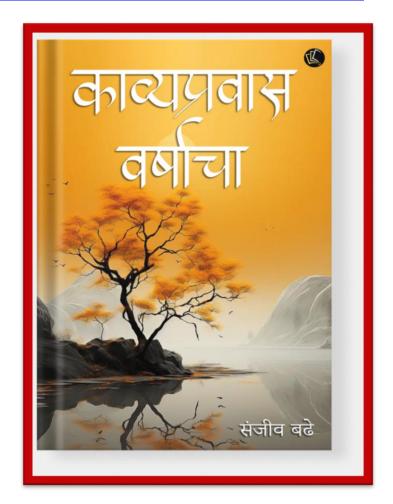
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As an avid aficionado of composing poetic verses, **Prof. Sanjiv Badhe** (**BS&H Dept**) who has vast collection of his impressive poems on YouTube & various social media platforms to his credit, uniquely gifted his readers a finely composed '*Publication of his Poetic Compendium—Kavya Pravas Varshacha*'. The details of his creative poetic collection is as follows:

Flipkart: https://dl.flipkart.com/s/KpCl7CuuuN

**Dream book Publishing Link** 

https://www.dreambookpublishing.com/product/kavyapravas-varshacha/



Prof. Sanjiv Badhe Publishes Compendium of His Poetry -March 2025 Special Feature

#### KJSIT to Soar in Spatial Expedition in 2025

In 2025, as an ongoing space domain research, KJSIT has been the first dedicated team for the DoS initiative in collaboration with the IN-SPACe Team. In space domain, the 6-day program in March 2025 was extensively organized by IN-SPACe. The research related to space expeditions, with systematic space lab and hands on training, KJSIT's Dr. Umesh Shinde—Dean of R&D Cell has successfully tested KJSIT's 3- payload, that will result in launch of our Somaiya Satellite series with ISRO incoming new initiative again first *time in the world that is SMILE program (Launch with SSLV Launch vehicle) to take place by the end of 2025*.

Credits: Dr. Umesh Shinde -Faculty in BS&H Dept & Dean, Research & Development Cell

K J Somaiya Institute of Technology Signs MoU with "Mansik Shakti Foundation" for Promoting Mental Wellbeing on 16th April, 2025

Hindi Press Release: https://tnpnews.in/details.php?id=7037

In a strategic move to address the growing mental health challenges among students *K.J. Somaiya Institute of Technology (KJSIT) signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with Mansik Shakti Foundation on 16<sup>th</sup> April, 2025.* As a long term interdisciplinary digitally-empowered collaborative vision aimed to invest in mental health wellbeing of the youth—*KJSIT Principal Dr Vivek Sunnapwar and Mental Power Foundation Director Psychiatrist Dr Amresh Srivastava formalized the endeavor by signing the MoU.* The societal maneuver is an imperative step towards leveraging technology, data science, and artificial intelligence aimed to develop actionable, culturally relevant mental health solutions for the youth population.

As a national mission, an initiative of *Ayush Mantralaya*, in February 2025 Prime Minister Narendra Modi during his regularly featured address to students '*Pariksha Pe Charcha*' had invited Bollywood actress Deepika Padukone to create awareness on mental wellbeing. The mission also highlights the immense role of harnessing mental wellness in the younger generation via deployment of dynamic technology like Artificial Intelligence to improve mental health in Indian students.

As a brief background, in the direction of promoting a sound mental health, KJSIT's -Department of Artificial Intelligence and Data Science had successfully launched "Mansik Shakti App": Empowering students for Self-Assessment using Psychometric Tests" at the hands of Honorable Governor of Maharashtra - Shri Ramesh Bais, on 9th May, 2024 at Raj Bhavan, Mumbai. As a central initiative by the Indian Government, the innovation was inaugurated by the Director General of Health Services, Government of India, Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, Professor Dr. Atul Goyal on 18 March 2025 at the Constitution Club, New Delhi.

Present on the occasion of signing of the MoU were distinguished faculty members *Professor Milind Nemade* (*Head and Professor of AI-DS Dept*), *Dr. Sheetal Jagtap*—who collaborated on the research data and successfully deployed the digital-app to assess mental health of students, *Dr.* 

*Vrushali Deole and Dr. Anita Padhye* who have contributed in the form of editing the books on mental health authored by Dr. Srivastava.

The recently launched web and mobile apps are available at <a href="www.mansikshakti.com">www.mansikshakti.com</a> aimed to assess, screen and take decisions on mental health concerns of students. They have succeeded in developing a digital technology in the form of app-based imitative that will benefit the students of cross-section of society

KJSIT an autonomous institution, has been sensitive towards identification of students complex psychological and social-emotional issues. The demographic investigations are indicative of the college learners who possess academic, new-age stress with vulnerable parameters as a sign of alarming concern. The MoU has paved the way as these institutions have pledged to co-create and promote solutions that address early identification and assessment of mental health problems, enhance resilience and support the holistic development of youth.

#### **Highlights of the Collaboration**

With a prime focus on students' holistic wellbeing, the interdisciplinary collaboration will synergize on crucial components with an expert task force that will comprise leading experts in mental health, data science and AI to develop real-time assessments. It will design scalable digital-tools for intervention and monitoring. It will also facilitate in identifying risks and vulnerabilities of the learners. The emphasis will be on enhancing the youth's quest to succeed in life with achievable goals while making youth ethical citizens as an ultimate national virtue.

KJSIT will establish a committed 'innovation-wing' in the domain of 'Digital Mental Health' in the Department of the Institute. With advanced research the alignment will be in line with the emerging needs of Indian students.

#### **The Cardinal Need to Address Mental Health**

Speaking on the occasion, Dr. Srivastava stated, "This partnership symbolizes a powerful blend of science, compassion, and technology. In unison, our goal is to redefine the way we pledge our support for student mental health in the fast-paced digital age." Putting forth an analogue view Dr Vivek Sunnapwar expressed his delight, "KJSIT is proud to perform a key-leadership role in promoting research-driven solutions that not only address existing challenges but also prepare our students for a resilient future." The collaboration is expected to serve as a role model for institutions across India, which will pave the way for an evidence-based, digitally empowered and inclusive solution-driven approach to student mental health. KJSIT with this novel cause stands steadfast to leverage synergies between digital innovations, dynamic learning while remaining committed to fostering the mental wellbeing of students.

In the same direction, KJSIT faculties Dr. Vrushali Deole & Dr. Anita Padhye have edited books of 'Mental Health' by Dr. Srivastava. The works are considered to play a crucial role in harnessing mental wellbeing in the youth. The books are available on Amazon Books links are shared herewith:

#### 1. The Untold Story: Mental Health and Academic Excellence

Link: <a href="https://tinyurl.com/2pk5udxu">https://tinyurl.com/2pk5udxu</a>

2. Breaking the Silence: Navigating Students' Mental Health Challenges with Technology

Link: <a href="https://tinyurl.com/3adta8rt">https://tinyurl.com/3adta8rt</a>

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Credits: Dr. Vrushali Deole & Dr. Anita Padhye -Faculty in BS&H Dept





K J Somaiya Institute of Technology Signs MoU with "Mansik Shakti Foundation", MoU Signed between Dr. Vivek Sunnapwar, Principal KJSIT & Dr. Amresh Srivastava—a global Health Practioner, for Promoting Mental Wellbeing on 16th April, 2025

#### **KJSIT: CAMPUS FEED**

### Somaiya All Alumni Meet (SAAM) Organized on 18th January, 2025

The Somaiya Vidvihar University (SVU) organized the 'Somaiya All Alumni Meet' on 18<sup>th</sup> January, 2024 from 5.00 PM onwards. The grand event witnessed a vibrant celebration with its illustrious Alumni, a live entertainment, one to one interaction with fun experience & performances by Alumni.

The event was graced by Shri Samir Somaiya, Hon. Chancellor, SVU, Somaiya Vidyavihar University, Dr. Raghunath K. Shevgaonkar, Hon. Provost, SVU, Shri. V. N. Rajasekharan Pillai, Hon Vice-chancellor, SVU, Lt. General H S Kahlon, Hon. Secretary, SVU, Mrs. Durga Sinha—Director Alumni Relations, SVU in addition to the august presence of the Head of all Institutions of SVU & Somaiya Ayurvihar Campuses.

The entertainment zone for SAAM event roped in the legendary singer—*Mr. Sudhesh Bhosale, Stand-up Comedian—Mr. Sahil Shah* in addition to the talented alumni performers of SVU who enthralled the audience with scintillating performances.

Date: 18th January (Satruday), 2025

Time: 5.00 PM - 10.00 PM

Venue: Gargee Plaza, SVU.

Registered Participants: The event witnessed 6000 registered Alumni & was attended by approx.

2300 Alumni.

Registration link:

Photographs drive link:

#### Feedback Form Link:

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSc0NtixJUbA0qrhEjHg2KOx9bhjUK87OZ3w4Yw9bh\_zScL5Gg/viewform?usp=header

*Objectives:* The SAAM' 25 was aimed to:

- 1. To connect and create dedicated and committed community of SVU alumni to support their alma mater in its quest for Somaiya Vidyavihar University to become a premier Institution.
- 2. To motivate alumni to participate across various institute activities, especially start-ups, placements, networking with prestigious alums.

3. To ensure Alumni are kept updated about the different ventures and activities of SVU.

The event was successfully organized under the guidance of *Mrs. Durga Sinha—Director*, *Alumni Relations*, *SVU* & *was coordinated by Mrs. Shrriya Pawar* along with alumi coordinators of various institutions of SVU & SVV campuses.

**Key Points:** The traditional Somaiya campus prayer, Sanskrit Invocation was followed the display of a nostalgic video of all the campuses under SVU. Mrs. Durga Sinha through a 'welcome note' motivated the Alumni motivated by providing a brief overview of the latest developments at the SVU campus.

*Hon. Chancellor—Shri Samir Somaiya* commenced the presidential address on a zealous note & complimented the organizers for bringing in the pulsating vibe that reverberated the quintessentially vibrant spirit of SVV campus. He acknowledged the illustrious for the immense contribution in various fields.

Shri Samir Somaiya accentuated the nostalgic instantaneous SVV community -connect, that has become a common bonding factor across the globe. While providing the strategic statistical gworht of SVU—offering 3000 plus courses, he provided a holistic progressive pace at which Somaiya Vidvyavihar has developed as a supremely all-inclusive campus, in a mammoth manner.

He also credited the inspirational presence of his spouse—*Mrs. Amrita Somaiya* as well as deeply acknowledged the 'eternally-youthful' presence of his *3 nonagenarian aunts* who continue to bless, guide and add insurmountable life-lessons has been an integral driving force in the campus.

Shri. Somaiya concluded his address with lofty ideas pioneered by our revered founder with an earnest appeal to embrace commitment, compassion; integration of sustainable values to attain the SVU vision earning itself a coveted brand of an international repute.

*Mrs. Durga Sinha* proposed vote of thanks & acknowledged the organizing team for the seamless efforts for the success of the event.

#### Outcomes:

- 1. The SAAM witnessed felicitation of the 'Illustrious Alumni' of each department for their outstanding contribution to the society & their alma mater.
- 2. The events were marked with Alumni interactive sessions with an aim to benefit the Institute in milieu of achieving the progressive vision of SVU
- 3. It resulted in enhanced networking among the alumni across various institutions of SVV campuses.

Credits: Dr. Vrushali Deole—Faculty—BS&H Dept. & Dean, Alumni Relations





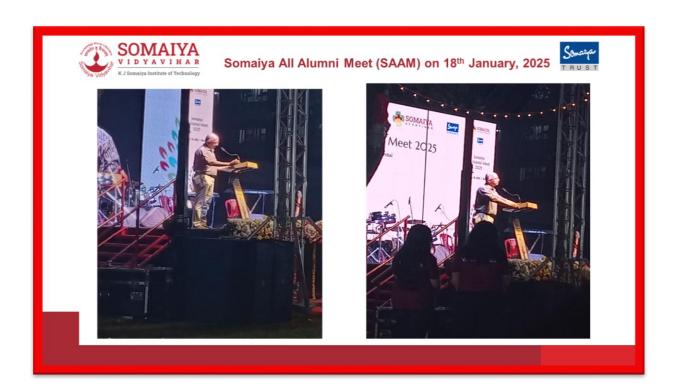




Image Glimpses: Somaiya All Alumni Meet (SAAM) Event at Somaiya Vidvyaviar University on 18<sup>th</sup> January, 2025

On behalf of the University of Mumbai, Degree Certificate Distribution Ceremony was conducted by K. J. Somaiya Institute of Technology, Ayurvihar, Sion, Mumbai-22 on Tuesday, 18<sup>th</sup> February, 2025 at 2.00 pm in college Auditorium. Prof. R. Murlidharan, CTO (Chief Technology Officer), Tata Advanced Systems & Professor-of-Practice, IIT Tirupati chaired the program as Chief Guest. Dr. Raghunath K. Shevgaonkar, Provost, Somaiya Vidyavihar University, Mumbai, graced the occasion as Guest of Honour.

Eminent dignitaries who graced the dais with their valuable presence included - Dr. Vivek Sunnapwar - *Principal, KJSIT, Dr. Vaishali K. Ghadyalji*- Controller of Examinations, *Dr. Shahin Pathan*-Deputy Controller of Examinations, *Dr. Namrata Ansari*- Dean Academics, *Dr. Jayshree Khanapuri*- HOD EXTC, *Dr. Harsha Mishra*-HOD BS&H, *Dr. Radhika Kotecha*- HOD IT, *Dr. Sarita Ambadekar*-HOD COMP., *Prof. Ghanshyam Phadke*- TPO, *Mrs. Gauri Gothivrekar*-Librarian, and *Mrs. Kavita Kadam*-Office Superintendent.

The ceremony commenced with an Academic Procession in which Chief Guest, Guest of Honour, Principal, Controller of Examinations, Deputy Controller of Examinations, HODs, Deans, TPO, Librarian and fresh graduates participated. The sacred lamp was lighted at the hands of the dignitaries, followed by the recitation of Somaiya Campus Prayer. Maharashtra Rajyageet was played followed by the Convocation Song of the University of Mumbai to create ambience like university's convocation ceremony.

The Chief Guest was felicitated by **Dr. Vivek Sunnapwar** - *Principal*, *KJSIT*. The principal also greeted the Guest of Honour. The Chief Guest announced a formal opening of program.

The Principal, KJSIT presented academic progress report and achievements of the institute for the year 2023-24 and briefed the audience regarding the future development plan.

The Chief Guest of the ceremony, **Prof. R. Murlidharan**, **CTO** (**Chief Technology Officer**), **Tata Advanced Systems & Professor-of-Practice**, **IIT Tirupati** started his address by congratulating the fresh graduates of 2024 batch. He advised them to realize their potential, so that they can achieve their dreams. He further motivated them to make this country proud, make themselves proud and to make their parents proud, for which they should intensely aspire for deepening and broadening

their knowledge, learn to experience the power of collective team work, and always be guided by higher ethical values.

**Dr. Raghunath K. Shevgaonkar**, Provost, Somaiya Vidyavihar University, **Chief Guest** motivated the young graduates through his address and advised them to be foresighted and updated to maintain their market value. He further focused on the employability skills of the engineers.

After the enlightening addresses, **203** Graduates of the batch 2023-24, who were present, were felicitated with Degree Certificates at the auspicious hands of Chief Guest, Guest of Honour, Principal, Controller of Examinations, Deputy Controller of Examinations and other dignitaries on the dais.

At the end of the program, **Graduate's Pledge** along with the **AI Pledge** was administered to all graduates by Dr. Vaishali K. Ghadyalji, *Controller of Examinations* followed by proposing vote of thanks. After the formal announcement of the official dissolution of the Graduation Day Program by Chief Guest, program ended with National Anthem.

Dr. Vrushali Deole, Asst. Professor, BS& H Department anchored program in a very lucid way.

The dignitaries departed through procession from the auditorium.

Credits: Dr. Vaishali K. Ghadyalji (Faculty in BS&H Dept) –Controller of Examinations & Dr. Shahin Pathan (Faculty in BS&H Dept) & Deputy Controller of Examinations

## A few glimpses of the program:







Lamp Lighting by Dignitaries



Dignitaries on the Dais



Graduates attending the





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'Degree Certificate Distribution Ceremony' Conducted on Tuesday, 18th February, 2025

#### AlumNite' 25' Organized on 1st March, 2025

K J Somaiya Institute of Technology (KJSIT) organized its anticipated annual event 'AlumNite' 25 on 1<sup>st</sup> March, 2025 from 6.00 PM onwards. The grand annual feature had a theme of '— "Yaadon Ki Baraat: Rekindling College Bonds", with an emphasis to amplify the camaraderie, strong bonds formed in KJSIT campus!!

The event was graced by Mrs. Durga Sinha—Director, Alumni Relations, Dr. Vivek Sunnapwar—Principal, Dr. Vrushali Deole—Dean, Alumni Relations in addition to the presence of Heads of the Departments, Deans of various sections, section in-charges, faculty and staff members. Master Meet Nayak (T.B. Tech Compt Dept) coordinated as Chairperson for team Alcom for the event. The evening witnessed a vibrant celebration with our illustrious Alumni with live interaction with fun experience & performances by Alumni as well as in-house students

The student anchors for the event were—*Master Soundipta Choudhary & Miss Divya* (F.Y. B. Tech Comp Dept.)

*Objectives:* The AlumNite'25 was aimed to:

- To connect and create dedicated and committed community of KJSIT alumni to support the institution in its quest to become a premier Institution.
- To motivate alumni to participate in various institute activities & to maintain Alumni records,
   placements etc updated in database.
- To ensure Alumni are kept updated about the different ventures and activities of the Institute.

The event was coordinated by Dr. Vrushali Deole, Dean Alumni & Corporate Relations.

**Registered Participants**: The event witnessed 165 registered Alumni & was attended by approx..**100 Alumni.** 

Registration link: <a href="https://forms.gle/CvzM5RjvuWcG4ZYAA">https://forms.gle/CvzM5RjvuWcG4ZYAA</a>

#### Photographs drive link:

https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1XrlVYnrzyvfgvTFA\_9OQujbqBasZej5n

Key Points: The traditional Somaiya campus prayer, was followed the display of a nostalgic video of the campus. Dr. Vrushali Deole through a 'welcome note' & apprised the Alumni Committee (Alcom) activities undertaken during the prvious tenure. Dr. Vivek Sunnapwar, Principal, suggested that the alumni should guide students for—higher education, minor/major projects, demonstrate expertise in various domain via assisting in-house students. Mrs. Durga Sinha—Director Alumni Relations of SVV Campuses urged the KJSITians to reconnect with their alma mater in addition to provide expert guidance to the Somaiya community.

Credits: Dr. Vrushali Deole—Faculty—BS&H Dept. & Dean, Alumni Relations



KJSIT: AlumNite' 25' Organized on 1st March, 2025

#### Inauguration of SURGE Festival on 7th March, 2025

K J Somaiya Institute of Technology's (KJSIT)—annual 'Cultural festival of SURGE' 25 flagged off with great zest 7<sup>th</sup> March, 2025 from 11.00 AM – 12.30 PM. As a precedent, the festival week was marked with Sports festival 'SCORE' from 3<sup>rd</sup> to 6<sup>th</sup> March, 2025, it was followed by 'Surge' on 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> March, 2025.

The esteemed Chief Guest for the inaugural ceremony were—Mrs. Rani Verma —an acclaimed singer & Pandit Vidyadhar Vyas—a legendary classical singer. In addition, the event was graced by the presence of revered principal Dr. Vivek Sunnapwar, Heads of Departments, Deans, faculty, staff, the student council members, students & stakeholders. The event was coordinated by Prof. Uday Rote—Dean, Student Welfare, Prof. Sanjiv Badhe—Sports Secretary, Prof. Sandeep Mishra—Cultural Coordinator, Dr. Vrushali Deole—Dean, Alumni Relations, in addition to the 'Students' Council' team. The Surge theme for 2025 Culture Festival was: Dastaan: A Tapestry of Time.

Venue: Auditorium

Attendees: 350 students

#### Objectives:

- Surge'25 fest aimed to provide a rejuvenating platform to showcase the latent talents among the faculty & students in the direction of holistic progress.
- An enhanced team spirit, leadership qualities for futuristic career roles.

<u>'Faculty & Staff Day' on 6<sup>th</sup> March, 2025</u>: Surge as a vibrant festival evoked brilliant responses from all the departments for 'Faculty & Staff Day'—events ranging from singing, dancing, fashion shows, one-act monologues etc, a creative participation from all the departments symbolizing the quintessential spirit of KJSIT.

#### **Key Points:**

The chief guests *Mrs. Rani Verma & Pandit Vidyadhar Vyas* formally inaugurated the event by the illumination of the sacred lamp, that was followed by the traditional 'Somaiya Campus' prayer. *Dr. Vivek Sunnapwar*, Principal, felicitated the acclaimed chief guests with a token of appreciation.

The student council General Secretary presented a brief overview of the festival followed by reading of the previous year's annual report of the festival, following the protocol, there was an official Unveiling of theme of Surge by the authorities.

#### Prof. Sanjiv Badhe:

#### Sports Secretary—Score: Sports Festival

Prof. Sanjiv Badhe, briefed on the dimensions of 'Score' and interacted vibrantly with the students. He emphasized the importance of physical activity in one's life. With judicious time management and partaking in various games, he highlighted the crucial role of sound health for a happy and productive life. Prf. Badhe also advised against the use of foul language, need to eliminate aggressive aspects in sports events. He concluded his speech by reciting his very own poem on the 'importance of morning walks' that yields myriad benefits.

#### Dr. Vrushali Deole,

#### Aura Magazine In charge.

Dr. Vrushali credited the creative student force—*Master Ved Mota & Aura Team* for contributing aesthetic dimensions' in KJSIT magazine that epitomizes the ethos of Institute. After the digital release of Aura 2024, the theme for the forthcoming Aura 2025 was unveiled— 'Ataraxia'—a Hellenistic, ancient Greek-rooted philosophy signifying tranquility of mind.

#### Prof. Uday Rote

#### Dean, Student Welfare

Prof. Uday Rote enthusiastically interacted with the audience & motivated the young audience by stressing on the true spirit of the festival. He emphasized on the various skill-sets, a prerequisite for one's development to achieve the learning outcomes. Prof. Rote concluded with an inspirational verse on youth empowerment.

#### Prof. Sandeep Mishra

#### Cultural Coordinator

Prof. Sandeep Mishra energetically interacted with the audience and acknowledged the invaluable contribution of the student council for the success of Surge. He provided a brief outline of the festival that had arrayed activities lined up for the potentially talented students. Prof. Mishra appealed the audience to participate optimistically and with zeal for gaining value addition to their personality.

#### Dr. Vivek Sunnapwar

#### Principal, KJSIT

Dr. Vivek Sunnapwar inspired the audience who complimented the chief guests for their rich contribution to Indian culture. He shared nostalgic anecdotes of the crucial role of patriotic values that have been an integral part of our heritage. He also narrated few inspirations for the holistic development needed in the student life.

#### Mrs. Rani Verma

#### Chief Guest & Acclaimed Singer

Mrs. Rani Verma with an effervescence persona recollected the significant contribution of her legendary mother Padma Shri awardee—Mrs. Manik Varma, who was the doyen of Indian Classical music of Kirana Gharana. The chief guest credited the momentous role of her parents who also excelled in semi classical and light music like *Thumrari*, *Natyasangeet*, *Bhajans* and Bhavgeets and became a household name globally. She sang a melodious piece of her iconic patriotic song that showcased a rich base and an in-depth knowledge in her music accomplishment.

#### Pandit Vidyadhar Vyas

#### An Acclaimed Classical Singer

Pandit Vidyadhar Vyas offered wide-ranging counsels to the young audience. He urged the youth to take up interest in cultural domains to have a fruitful life. The legendary singer showcased a brilliant rendition of a musical piece of classical statute—a tribute to his affiliated with the much-celebrated Gwalior *Gharana*.

The inaugural session came to a close after the 'certificate distribution' ceremony of the felicitation of the faculty & staff was done at the hands of the chief guests & authorities for those who participated enthusiastically during the Surge festival.

#### Outcomes:

- Surge offered an invigorating take to the students to showcase varied skills in addition to the academic endeavors.
- 'Surge' & 'Score' offer broad opportunities for the students to develop holistic personality that results in a sound holistic progress.

Credits: Prof. Sanjiv Badhe: Incharge of Score Sports Festival & Dr. Vrushali Deole: Aura Magazine Incharge (BS&H Dept.)







Surge Festival on 7th March, 2025



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Surge Festival on 7th March, 2025













Surge Festival on 7th March, 2025





Surge Festival on 7th March, 2025













Image Glimpses: Surge Festival Inauguration on 7th March, 2025

DEPARTMENT OF BASIC SCIENCES & HUMANITIES EVENTS

Parent Teacher Meet Organized on 29th March, 2025 Organized by BS&H Department

K. J. Somaiya Institute of Technology's (KJSIT) - Department of Basic Sciences and Humanities

(BS&H) organized the Parent-Teacher Meet (PTM) on 29th March, 2025 (Saturday) 10.00 AM

onwards. The meeting was chaired by the Principal Dr. Vivek Sunnapwar, while Dr. Harsha

Mishra, Head of the BS&H Department, addressed the parents via an interactive session to discuss

the result of Sem I and attendance of F.Y.B. Tech students.

**Participants**: 106 parents/guardians of the first-year students.

*Mode*: Online (Zoom Platform)

Objectives:

To inform parents about the Term Test results.

To ensure regular attendance in theory and practical sessions to meet the 75%

requirement.

> To demonstrate the Student Information Management System (SIIMS) for result

access.

To raise awareness about participation criteria, including eligibility requirements and

restrictions.

**Points under Discussion:** 

1. Principal Dr. Vivek Sunnapwar expressed satisfaction with the FE Sem I results and

encouraged students who did not perform well to improve in the next semester.

2. Dr. Harsha Mishra, HoD of the Basic Sciences Department, urged students—through their

parents—to focus on new Sem II subjects like Engineering Graphics and C Programming,

as they form the foundation for higher semesters.

3. Dr. Mishra informed students that participation in events is permitted only if they have

cleared all subjects and maintained the required attendance.

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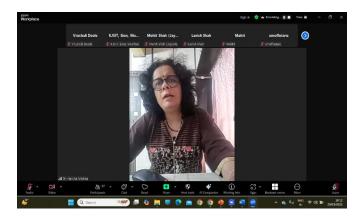
- 4. Selection for events is based on academic performance and regular attendance.
- 5. She requested parents to update their mobile numbers through the assigned proctor. Each proctor is responsible for 20 students.
- 6. Dr. Mishra invited parents to visit on weekdays with prior intimation to ensure a smooth meeting process. She emphasized the importance of regular teacher-parent interaction for the student's academic progress.
- 7. Dr. Harsh Bhor demonstrated the SIIMs software, which allows students and parents to view results, including a question-wise bifurcation.
- 8. 2<sup>nd</sup> June 13<sup>th</sup> June 2025 End Semester Theory Exam
- 9. 7th July 2025 Commencement of S.Y. B. Tech Semester III
- 10. Queries pertaining to SIMS software, academic session, holiday slots were clarified by Dr. Harsh M & Dr. Harsh Bhor

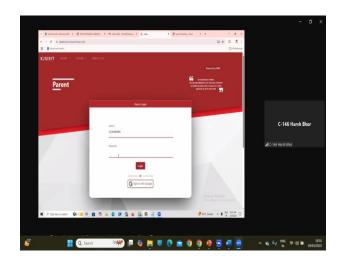
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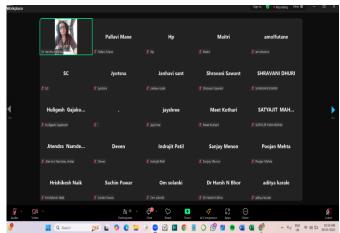
Credits: Prof. Vivek Mane -Faculty in BS&H Dept.

#### Screen Captures:









Parent Teacher Meet on 29th March, 2025 organized by B S&H Department

## Report on Expert Talk on "Applications of Remote Sensing and GIS in Various Fields" Organized on 25th April, 2025

K J Somaiya Institute of Technology's Department of Electronics & Telecommunications & Basic Sciences & Humanities in association Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers (IEEE) organized an expert talk on "Applications of Remote Sensing and GIS in Various Fields" on 25<sup>th</sup> April, 2025.

The esteemed Speaker for the occasion was — Mr. Pratyush Talreja, PhD. at the Centre of Studies in Resources Engineering, IIT Bombay. The event was coordinated by Faculty Coordinators—Prof. Vricha Chavan, Prof. Sandeep Mishra, Prof. Pranali Hotode (EXTC Dept.) as well as Dr. Vrushali Deole & Prof. Pallavi Mane (BS&H Dept). The IEEE student coordinators actively involved were: Chairperson — Master Prathamesh Thadaru, Vice chairperson — Master Aman Bhardwaj, Secretary — Master Madhav Vanjari, under the able guidance of Dr. Vivek Sunnapwar (Principal), Dr. Jayashree Khanapuri (HOD, EXTC Dept) & Dr. Harsha Mishra (HoD, BS&H Dept).

*Speaker's Profile*: Mr. Pratyush Talreja, PhD. Is currently affiliated with the Centre of Studies in Resources Engineering, IIT Bombay. In addition, the impressive credientials are as follows:

- Recipient of Prime Minister's Research Fellow (PMRF) fellowship
- Recipient of Best Lightning Talk Award at the 5th Annual Smoky Mountains Computational Sciences Data Challenge (SMCDC22) organized by Oak Ridge National Laboratory (ORNL), US.
- Nominated for Student Presenter Awards STRATUS 2021
- Selected for Google Summer of Code 2016 and 2017

**Venue**: Auditorium

Attendees: 200 F.Y. B. Tech students

#### Objectives:

- To enhance decision-making by visualizing and analyzing spatial data
- Optimizing planning and resource management, enhancing emergency response, and improving environmental management across various spheres

#### **Key Points:**

The speaker *Mr. Pratyush Talreja* vividly extended expertise on the in-depth dimensions that encompassed topics— "What is Remote Sensing? Information on Spatial Data, Geographic information system, Applications of GIS & Remote Sensing etc. With practical demonstration using google maps, he underlined the productive aspect of GIS that integration of crucial data like land cover, elevation, and climate, its pivotal role in transportation, trade and commerce. In addition, the speaker emphasized significant elements of GIS in allied applications that is a prerequisite to identify customer

demographics, choosing optimal locations for businesses, and GIS as a major tool deployed in logistics & business management.

#### Outcomes:

- A substantial gain in the understudying of how GIS transforms complex data into interactive maps, making it easier to understand and interpret spatial information.
- Enhancement in GIS as a potent tool in optimizing resource in varied domains.

The event came to a close with 'Vote of Thanks' proposed by Prof. Vricha Chavan who urged the audience to comply with the feedback formalities.

Credits: BS&H Dept.

#### Image Glimpses:



Expert Talk on "Applications of Remote Sensing and GIS in Various Fields" Organized on 25th April, 2025

# Details of Staff attended STTP / Seminars / Workshop / Symposia / Short Term Course / Orientation Programme / Refresher Programme

Sr. No.	Name of staff	Name of Workshop /STTP/Conference	Name of Organizer	Venue	Period
1	Dr.Harsha Mishra	FDP on Computational Chemistry as per the (REV NEP 2020)	Saraswati College of Engineering Kharghar	Saraswati College of Engineering Kharghar	9th to 11th January 2025
2	Dr.Shahin Pathan	Faculty Development Program on Green Chemistry ,sustainable agriculture and advances in food processing systems	AICTE Training and Learning at Shri Sitarambhai Naranji Patel Institute of Technology , Umrakh -Bardoli	Online	17th to 22nd February 2025
3	Dr.Vrushali Deole	Eltoc Chapter 10 Block 1	Oxford Professional Development Event	Online	13th March 2025
4	Dr.Vrushali Deole	Eltoc Chapter 10 Block 2	Oxford Professional Development Event	Online	14th March 2025
5	Dr.Vrushali Deole	Eltoc Chapter 10 Block 3	Oxford Professional Development Event	Online	15th March 2025

# List of Books / Textbooks written by the Faculty

Sr.No.	Name Of the Faculty	Details of the Book
1	Dr. Vrushali Deole edited book of 'Mental Health' by Dr. Amresh Srivastava	The Untold Story: Mental Health and Academic Excellence  Link: <a href="https://tinyurl.com/2pk5udxu">https://tinyurl.com/2pk5udxu</a>
2	Dr. Anita Padhye edited book of 'Mental Health' by Dr. Amresh Srivastava	Breaking the Silence: Navigating Students' Mental Health Challenges with Technology Link: <a href="https://tinyurl.com/3adta8rt">https://tinyurl.com/3adta8rt</a>

## Details of Staff participation in co-curriculum /Prize Winning activities:

Sr. No.	Name of faculty	Name of Programme/Activity/Event	Prize Details	Date	Venue
1	Dr.Vrushali Deole	'21 kms Marathon in 'Jupiter Marathon' Thane	Participation	5th January 2025	Thane
2	Dr.Harsha Mishra	Syllabus Committee member and expert for Orientation ( Elective Chemistry )	Participation	9th to 11th January 2025	Saraswati College of Engineering Kharghar
3	Dr.Vrushali Deole	Coordinated for the 'Somaiya All Alumni Meet' (SAAM) on	Participation	18th January , 2025	Somaiya Vidyavihar University
4	Dr.Vrushali Deole	42 kms Marathon at Tata Mumbai Marathon' on 19th January, 2025	Participation	15th January 2025	Mumbai

5	Dr. Vrushali Deole	21 kms HRX Juhu Half Marathon 2025	Participation	February 9, 2025.	Juhu, Mumbai
6	Dr. Vrushali Deole	'Atal Setu Marathon' on with a timing of 2. Hrs. 32 Minutes	Participation	February 16, 2025.	MMRDA Atal Setu
7	Dr. Vrushali Deole	50 Kms Tata Ultra Marathon, Lonavala with a timing of 07.53 mins	Participation	February 23rd , 2025.	Lonavala
8	Dr. Vrushali Deole	Judge for KJSIT final debate		3rd March,2025	KJSIT, Sion
9	Dr. Vrushali Deole	21 Kms Marathon with a timing of 2 Hrs: 35 Minutes	Participation	9th March, 2025	Mindpace Eco Run, Airoli'
10	Dr. Vrushali Deole	60 Kms Ooty Ultra Marathon, with a timing of 12 hrs	Participation	March 23rd , 2025.	Ooty

# Details of Students Participation in Co-Curriculum /Prize Winning Activities

Sr. No	Name of Programme /Activity/Event	Name of the Students	Name of coordinator	Prize Details/Participation	Date
1	National level Mathematics Quiz competition	Harshit Hindocha Shubham Gavas	Pillai College of Engineering ,New Panvel	Third Place	28th February 2025
2	"Street Play	Team 'SAHAS' of KJSIT  (FY COMPS A)  • Tisha Kothari  • Aarya Baviskar  • Darsh Kothari  • Divya Chungath  • Hasit Maniyar  • Swayam Mahajan	Vasantdada Patil College of Engineering*	1st Prize	11th March 2025

		Aakash Singh Khangar     Manasvi Chauhan     Durva Kashid			
3	PRAKALP 3.0	Nova Mahi Satoskar	Fr.Conceicao Rodrigues College of Engineering ,Bandra	Participation	19th April 2025

#### **CULTURAL WING**

## NAKSHATRA: MARATHI BHASHA AANI WAANGMAY MANDAL

#### **Brief Background:**

"Nakshatra: Marathi Bhasha Aani Waangmay Mandal" is a distinctive committee at K. J. Somaiya Institute of Technology, Sion, committed to promoting the usage of the Marathi language amongst students and faculty members. Additionally, it seeks to inculcate values and enhance cultural understanding through the rich heritage of Marathi literature.

### **Objectives:**

- To foster an appreciation for the Marathi language and literature among the institute's community.
- To encourage active participation of students and faculty in activities centred around Marathi linguistic and literary traditions.
- To uphold the cultural spirit of Marathi through various initiatives.

Nakshatra is a dedicated and expanding committee comprising 25 members who work collaboratively to achieve its objectives. It operates under the expert guidance of *Dr. Vaishali K Ghadyalji and Mrs. Gauri Y Gothivrekar*, whose leadership provides valuable direction and motivation to the committee members.

Presented here are the highlights of the events conducted in the academic year 2024-25 under the banner of Nakshatra:

- 1. 'Marathi Bhasha Gaurav Din 2025' and 'Jaagtik Matrubhasha Din 2025' celebration
- 2. Second *prayog* of Marathi One-Act Play 'Fakt ek Chance' written by Mr. Rajesh Gaikwad on the occasion of Surge 2025
- 3. Third *prayog* of Marathi One-Act Play 'Fakt ek Chance' written by Mr. Rajesh Gaikwad on the occasion of Somaiya AI Robo Fest 2025
- 4. Gudhipadwa celebration in college campus

Credits: Dr. Vaishali K. Ghadyalji: Faculty in BS&H & Nakshatra In charge

# 'Marathi Bhasha Gaurav Din' and 'Jaagtik Matrubhasha Din' 2025 Celebration on February 27, 2025

On February 27, 2025, a remarkable event was organized to celebrate and honour the rich heritage of Marathi language and culture. '*Aarambh: Prernecha Nava Pravas'* was the theme of this event. This occasion began promptly at 3:30 p.m. in the college auditorium, after the arrival of the esteemed Principal, Dr. Vivek Sunnapawar. The opening session was smoothly conducted by Ms. Aarya Baviskar, whose engaging and well-structured introduction set an inspiring tone for the program.

The event commenced with the traditional act of lamp lighting, symbolizing enlightenment and wisdom. This revered custom was conducted by our Principal and Faculty Dr. Vivek Sunnapawar, Dr. Vaishali Ghadyalji and Mr. Rajesh Gaikwad and our committee members, Ms. Aarya Baviskar, Ms. Peeyusha Patki, and Mr. Swayam Naik The solemnity of this ritual was followed by the recitation of the Somaiya prayer and the Maharashtra Rajyageet.

Dr. Vivek Sunnapawar delivered a brief yet impactful speech that emphasized the significance of the Marathi language as a hallmark of cultural identity. His address served as a powerful reminder of the language's legacy. This was succeeded by an optimistic and motivating speech by Dr. Vaishali Ghadyalji, who expressed optimism about the language's future. The program transitioned seamlessly into a more dynamic phase, with Ms. Peeyusha Patki and Mr. Swayam Naik assuming the roles of anchors. Their personas, representing the archetypes of a traditional Peshwai Puneri girl and a vibrant Mumbaikar boy, respectively, added a distinctive cultural flavour to the proceedings.

A musical performance, 'Labhale Aamhas Bhagya', further enriched the event. The welcome song, sung by Mr. Indraneel Prabhudesai and Ms. Shreya Boda, captivated the audience with its delivery. Remarkably, the singers achieved this impressive feat despite limited opportunities for coordinated rehearsal, underscoring their talent and commitment.

A pivotal highlight of the day was the inauguration of various Nakshatra clubs. Under the stewardship of Dr. Vivek Sunnapawar, the logos of these clubs were unveiled amid thunderous applause. This segment was immediately followed by a thought-provoking address by Ms.

Shravani Dhuri, who spoke on the theme "Marathi Bhasha aani Maharashtriya Sanskruti: Soneri Bhutkal, Taambra Vartamankal, Pashan Bhavishyakal?" Her speech prompted introspection and facilitated meaningful dialogue among the attendees.

The theatrical segment was the heart of the event; the one act play, "Fakt Ek Chance." written and directed by Mr. Rajesh Gaikwad the production was brought up within four days of rehearsal only. The backstage logistics, such as lighting and audio coordination, were handled proficiently by Mr. Chandan Hulawle, ensuring a seamless performance. The ensemble cast, comprised of Mr. Sahil Darekar, Mr. Nitin Agarwal, Mr. Jitesh Karale, Mr. Pratham Dhodhare, Mr. Krish Patel, Mr. Maitreya More, Ms. Rashi Anam, Ms. Archi Barot, and Ms. Sanika Waghmode, along with Mr. Moksh Patel on the dholki. Special attention was given to costumes and makeup, managed by Ms. Rashi Anam, Ms. Archi Barot, and Ms. Sanika Waghmode reflecting the team's meticulous preparation and dedication. The play received widespread appreciation for its cultural inclusivity and artistic execution, particularly given the multilingual backgrounds of its performers.

The event's celebration of linguistic diversity continued with the multilingual poetry recital, titled 'Bahubhashik Saadarikaran'. This unique segment featured poetic expressions in Marathi, Hindi, Uttarakhandi (Garhwali), Gujarati, Kannada, and Urdu. Among the poets were Mr. Sanjeev Badhe, Dr. Sarita Ambadekar, Ms. Shravani Thakur, Ms. Manasvi Panchal, Dr. Harsha Mishra, Mr. Deepak Rawal, Dr. Pashmi Kumawat, Mrs. Richa Chauhan, and Dr. Shaheen Pathan, each contributing a vibrant voice to the rich tapestry of Indian culture. The recital served as a powerful testament to the nation's linguistic and cultural wealth.

The event concluded on a celebratory note with a felicitation ceremony. BSH-HOD Dr. Harsha Mishra recognized and commended the students for their dedication and contributions to the event's success. This acknowledgment not only honored individual efforts but also highlighted the collective spirit of teamwork that defined the program.

In its entirety, the event stood as a remarkable celebration of cultural diversity, creativity, and unity. It fostered a profound appreciation for heritage while inspiring a shared vision for the future. The day left a lasting impression on all attendees, serving as a memorable platform for the promotion and preservation of Marathi language and culture.

Credits: Dr. Vaishali K. Ghadyalji: Faculty in BS&H & Nakshatra In charge







Image Glimpse: Complete cast of Fakt Ek Chance on Stage (except Mr. Moksh Patel; from left- Ms. Sanika Waghmode, Mr. Sahil Darekar, Mr. Krish Patel, Mr. Nitin Agarwal, Mr. Maitreya More, Mr. Rajesh Gaikwad, Mr. Pratham Dhodhare, Ms. Archi Barot, Ms. Rashi Anam, Mr. Jitesh Karale, Mr. Chandan Hulavale, Bahubhashik Saadarikaran (students named Ms. Manasvi Panchal & Ms. Shravani Thakur from left). on 27th February, 2025

# Second prayog of 'Fakt Ek Chance' written and directed by Mr. Rajesh Gaikwad, on occasion of Surge on 7th March, 2025

The second staging (*Prayog*) of the theatrical production 'Fakt Ek Chance' took place as a feature event of Surge 2025, following the overwhelmingly positive response received from faculty and students, after the inauguration of Surge. Written and directed by Mr. Rajesh Gaikwad, the play was successfully brought to life once again, showcasing the dedication and creativity of the team involved.

Despite the constraints of time, the production was executed commendably, with meticulous attention to detail in every aspect. Backstage logistics, including lighting and audio coordination, were efficiently handled by Mr. Chandan Hulawle, ensuring a seamless performance. The cast delivered a compelling performance that captivated the audience. The team included Mr. Sahil Darekar, Mr. Nitin Agarwal, Mr. Jitesh Karale, Mr. Pratham Dhodhare, Mr. Krish Patel, Mr. Maitreya More, Ms. Rashi Anam, Ms. Archi Barot, and Ms. Sanika Waghmode, supported by Mr. Moksh Patel on the dholki, whose musical accompaniment added depth to the narrative. Makeup was managed by Ms. Rashi Anam, Ms. Archi Barot, and Ms. Sanika Waghmode. The second presentation of 'Fakt Ek Chance' received widespread appreciation from the audience, which consisted of faculty members, students, and other attendees of Surge 2025. The play's cultural inclusivity was particularly lauded, as performers from multilingual backgrounds came together to deliver an inspiring and cohesive performance. This aspect of the production further emphasized the spirit of unity and collaboration that defines Surge as a platform for creativity and cultural exploration.

In conclusion, the second Prayog of 'Fakt Ek Chance' stood as a testament to the dedication and talent of the cast and crew. It enriched the cultural tapestry of Surge 2025, leaving a lasting impression on all present and reaffirming the value of theater as a powerful medium for storytelling and cultural connection.

Credits: Dr. Vaishali K. Ghadyalji: Faculty in BS&H & Nakshatra In charge & Mr. Rajesh Gaikwad (Staff: BS&H Dept)





Group Photos with Faculty In-Charge Dr. Vaishali Ghadyalji, HOD BSH Dr. Harsha Mishra and Mathematics Professor Dr. Gauri Deshpande (from left- Ms. Rashi Anam, Ms. Archi Barot, Mr. Maitreya More, Mr. Sahil Darekar, Mr. Nitin Agarwal, Mr. Jitesh Karale, Mr. Krish Patel, Mr. Pratham Dhodhare on 7th March, 2025

# Third prayog of 'Fakt Ek Chance' written and directed by Mr. Rajesh Gaikwad, on occasion of Somaiya AI Robocon on 21st March, 2025

The third staging (*Prayog*) of the Marathi one-act play 'Fakt Ek Chance', written and directed by Mr. Rajesh Gaikwad, was successfully presented as a part of the Somaiya AI Robocon Fest 2025. The performance took place at 7 p.m., adding a cultural dimension to the technologically driven atmosphere of the fest.

Despite the absence of prior rehearsals due to examinations, the students demonstrated adaptability and commitment through their spontaneous execution and echoed the auditorium with laughter and applause. The lack of rehearsal did not diminish the quality of the production.

Notably, Mr. Mohit Shah, the replacement of Mr. Krish Patel for the above staging, had prepared for the role within just 2 hours prior to the show.

The cast included Mr. Sahil Darekar, Mr. Nitin Agarwal, Mr. Jitesh Karale, Mr. Pratham Dhodhare, Mr. Mohit Shah, Mr. Maitreya More, Ms. Rashi Anam, Ms. Archi Barot, and Ms. Sanika Waghmode with Mr. Ashok Sir and Mr. Chandan Hulawle, who accompanied on the dholki to elevate the play. Their efforts showcased talent despite logistical constraints. The audience, which included a significant number of children, was thrilled by the play's engaging storytelling and humor. The show ended at 8:30 p.m.

Credits: Dr. Vaishali K. Ghadyalji: Faculty in BS&H & Nakshatra In charge & Mr. Rajesh Gaikwad (Staff: BS&H Dept)





Poster of "Fakt Ek Chance" prayog tisra

Group photo of performers (from left Mr. Sahil Darekar, Ms. Rashi Anam, Ms. Sanika Waghmode, Mr. Nitin Agarwal, Mr. Mohit Shah, Mr. Jitesh Karale, Mr. Maitreya More, Ms. Archi Barot, Mr. Pratham Dhodhare on 21st March, 2025

## Gudhipadwa Celebration on 1st April, 2025

The Gudhipadwa celebration on 1<sup>st</sup> April, 2025 began at 12:40 PM on the college ground, lasting for a concise duration of 30 minutes. The event brought the college community together to honor this auspicious festival.

At the heart of the celebration was the traditional *Gudhi*, meticulously crafted under the guidance of Mr. Jitesh Karale. The rangoli was made by Ms. Aarya Baviskar and Ms. Rashi Anam. This preparation was done within three hours. The event featured a thoughtful address by the Principal, whose speech highlighted the significance of Gudhipadwa as a celebration of the Marathi New Year. The Principal emphasized themes of unity, positivity, and cultural preservation.

Mr. Maitreya More anchored the program and ensured the smooth flow of events throughout the celebration. A key element of the occasion was the distribution of *prasad*, which added a spiritual dimension to the program. Conducted efficiently, it fostered a sense of gratitude and collective participation among attendees. Despite its brevity, the Gudhipadwa celebration was flawlessly executed and left a lasting impression on participants. The event successfully encapsulated the values of cultural and spiritual pride, serving as a meaningful platform for the college community to come together and embrace their heritage.

#### Outcomes:

Nakshatra—as a cultural unit, serves as a vital platform for celebrating and perpetuating the essence of Marathi language and literature at K. J. Somaiya Institute of Technology. Through its diverse initiatives and unwavering commitment, the committee not only reinforces linguistic pride but also instills valuable lessons and cultural understanding among the students and faculty.



Pooja Samagri of Gudhipadwa 2025

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*Creative Courtesy*: Rangoli made by Ms. Rashi Anam & Ms. Arya Baviskar. Pooja done by Dr. Vivek Sunnapawar. Visarjan done by Mr. Sahil Darekar and Mr. Maitreya More)

Credits: Dr. Vaishali K. Ghadyalji: Faculty in BS&H & Nakshatra In charge







Image Courtesy: Mr. Jitesh Karale performing aarti of the Gudhi, Picture of the Gudhi, Dr. Vivek Sunnapawar addressing the audience. Gudhi made by Mr. Jitesh Karale, Mr. Nitin Agarwal, Mr. Maitreya More and Ms. Aarya Baviskar, on 1st April, 2025

#### COLLEGE WOMEN DEVELOPMENT CELL

## Haldi Kumkum Get-together Event for Female Employees Organized on 31st January, 2025

K J Somaiya Institute of Technology's (KJSIT) 'The Women Development Cell' organised a "Haldi Kumkum Ceremony for women on the sacred occasion of Sankranti " on 31st January 2025 at 3.00 PM in auditorium

## Objective(s)

- Social Gathering intends to impart a spirit of sisterhood
- The Haldi Kumkum Ceremony aims to promote a spiritual, cultural tradition —a bond to connect with integrity & form healthy networks

**No. of Internal Participants: 85** 

**No. of External Participants:** 0

Venue/Mode: Green Canteen Open Area

#### **Key Points:**

Women Development Cell of KJSIT organised an event -- 'Haldi Kumkum', aimed to invite all the women over for creating positive bonds. In a typical ceremony the get-tougher events entails application of turmeric (haldi) and vermilion (kumkum) to their foreheads, dab perfume (attar) on their forearms, sprinkle rose-water over them and offer them a breakfast, a flower, til laddu and a small gift.

As an annual feature, the event is celebrated during the period of Makar Sankranti is considered favourable for spiritual practice and any gift given during this period is equivalent to offering and receiving the grace of the Divine on both sides.

The haldi kumkum ceremony was celebrated with great enthusiasm. A small entertainment program was conducted by *Mr. Rajesh Gaikwad (BS&H Staff)*. Few fun games were played which created a joyful ambience in the Institute.

#### **Outcomes:**

- Women's get-together fostered positive networks
- Celebration of Haldi Kumkum Ceremony resulted in integration of great Indian culture

Credits: Dr. Harsha Mishra- HoD: BS& Dept & In charge: CWDC

# Glimpses of the Event:









Haldi Kumkum Get-together Event for Female Employees Organized by CWDC on 31st January, 2025

## Celebration of International Women's Day Organized by

## The College Women Development Cell (CWDC) & Vishakha Committee on 19th March, 2025

K J Somaiya Institute of Technology (KJSIT) celebrated the 'International Women's Day', on 19th March, 2025, organized by Organized by 'The College Women Development Cell (CWDC) & Vishakha Committee' on 19th March, 2025. The unique day is considered to honor women's achievements, raise awareness about gender equality, and advocate for accelerated progress towards a more inclusive and equitable society. At KJSIT, the day was a token of respect towards women staff, faculty's significant contributions in the progress of the Institute. Mrs. Lata Sutar, Senior Police Inspector, Crime branch was invited as chief guest for the occasion who addressed, acknowledged ongoing challenges, and urged the audience to mobilize an action plan for positive change for women empowerment.

Discourse Organizer: Dr. Harsha Mishra, Coordinator, CWDC & Vishakha

**Date and Time:** Wednesday, March 19,2025 from 2.30 PM to 4.30 PM

Mode: Offline

Venue: Auditorium

Beneficiaries: Faculty and Staff

No. of Participants: 130

#### **Objectives:**

- To celebrate international women's day
- To create awareness about issues related to women
- To discuss role of women in the society
- To felicitate the employees to respect their contribution towards the institute.

#### **Key Points:**

The event started with the Somaiya prayer, Maharashtra Geet followed by Diya lightening. *Ms. Gauri Gothivrekar* briefed about the event and about roles and functions of College Women Development Cell. *Dr. Harsha Mishra* put forth the briefings about Women Development Cell. Principal *Dr. Vivek Sunnapwar* guided and put his thoughts about Women's day celebration. To respect and felicitate womanhood, WDC felicitated the women who have joined the institute during the period 2006-2010. WDC futher took privilege to honour all the men employees joined

during 2001-2010. The women and men who have joined the institute during 2011-2015 will be felicitated on IWD26. And so on the practice will be followed.

Mrs. Lata Sutar, Senior Police Inspector, Crime branch was invited as chief guest. She guided about women empowerment and elaborated on precautionary measures to be taken by all citizens during day to day life.

The program ended with the rashtrageet and photo session.

#### Outcome:

- The program empowered he women and men employees to be aware of their rights and responsibilities for creating a safer society.
- The event fostered a sense of unity and collaboration among KJSITians, strengthening support networks and promoting collective action for equality.

Credits: Dr. Harsha Mishra- HoD: BS& Dept & In charge: CWDC

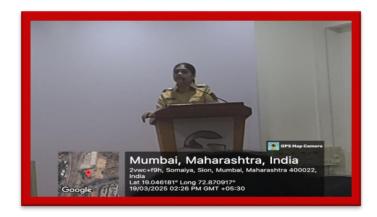
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Celebration of International Women's Day Organized by The College Women Development

Cell (CWDC) & Vishakha Committee on 19th March, 2025



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