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*"It is with great pride and joy that I extend my heartfelt congratulations to the IQAC and the entire fraternity of Haribhai V. Desai College on the launch of their monthly newsletter, HVDC Bulletin.*

*This commendable initiative will undoubtedly serve as a powerful medium to share knowledge, celebrate achievements, and inspire intellectual growth within the institution.*

*I would like to express my sincere appreciation for the visionary leadership of Dr. Rajendra Gurao, Principal of Haribhai V. Desai College, whose unwavering commitment and dynamic guidance have been instrumental in making this initiative a reality. His dedication to fostering academic excellence and innovation continues to elevate the institution to new heights.*

*I am confident that HVDC Bulletin will become a source of inspiration for students and faculty alike, reflecting the vibrant intellectual culture of the college.*

*Wishing the editorial team and all contributors great success in this noble endeavor. May HVDC Bulletin continue to enlighten and empower its readers for years to come."*

Hon. Punyabhushan Shri Nitinbhai Desai  
President, Poona Gujarati Kelavani  
Mandal



## Pinnacle Event of the month

### Desai Karandak 2K25

#### Celebration of Talent and Cultural Fusion

Pune, Jan 31, 2025 – The much-anticipated Desai Karandak 2K25, an intercollegiate technical and non-technical competition, concluded successfully at Haribhai V. Desai College, witnessing an overwhelming participation of 1051 students from 32 senior and junior colleges across Pune. Organized by the Department of Computer Studies and Management. Detailed news on Page 3)



Dear Readers,

It is with great pride and enthusiasm that I present the first edition of the HVDC Bulletin - IQAC Newsletter of Haribhai V. Desai College, Pune. This publication serves as a vital platform to showcase our institution's unwavering commitment to quality enhancement, academic excellence, and holistic development.

The Internal Quality Assurance Cell (IQAC) plays a pivotal role in driving institutional growth by fostering a culture of continuous improvement. Through strategic initiatives, innovative teaching-learning methodologies, and active stakeholder engagement, our college has been making significant strides toward achieving excellence in higher education.

As we move forward, I encourage all members of the H.V. Desai College community to actively contribute to our journey of academic enrichment and quality enhancement. Together, let us continue to strive for excellence and make a meaningful impact in the field of education.

I extend my sincere appreciation to Dr. Pragati Abhyankar, Dr. Yashodhan Mithare, Dr. Prabhakar Ghodke, Prof. Pratik Gholap and the IQAC team for their efforts in compiling this newsletter and ensuring that our progress is effectively documented and shared. -Dr. Rajendra Gurao, Principal



## Exploring Nature's Wonders: Educational Trip to Kinjal and Mahabaleshwar

**Mahabaleshwar, Jan 17, 2025** – The Department of Botany and Department of Physics of Haribhai V. Desai College organized an educational trip to Vighnaharta Energy Park (Kinjal, Bhore) and Gurheghar Biodiversity Park (Mahabaleshwar), providing 60 First-Year B.Sc. students with hands-on learning experiences in biodiversity and energy sciences.

At Vighnaharta Energy Park, students explored energy-related exhibits, gaining insights into sustainable energy solutions. The visit to Gurheghar Biodiversity Park introduced students to diverse plant species, including algae, fungi, lichens, bryophytes, pteridophytes, gymnosperms, and angiosperms, offering a deeper understanding of their ecological significance.

Faculty experts Dr. K.K. Bagdane, Mr. Shelar, Dr. Shashikant Gunjal, Dr. A.Z. Sheikh, and Dr. Vikas Mulik, along with non-teaching staff, guided students throughout the trip. The trip fostered interdisciplinary collaboration between Botany and Physics, enriching student perspectives on the connections between biodiversity and energy. Students appreciated the real-world exposure, with many expressing newfound enthusiasm for environmental conservation and scientific research.

The successful trip enhanced classroom learning, encouraged curiosity, and deepened appreciation for nature, making it a memorable and impactful academic experience. 🌿📖



## Pedal, Trek, and Conquer: ARAI Hills Adventure on Yuva Din

**Pune, Jan 4, 2025** – In a remarkable blend of fitness, adventure, and environmental awareness, the Department of Geography and Sports at H.V. Desai College organized an exhilarating Cycling and Trekking Expedition to ARAI Hills in celebration of Yuva Din. The journey kicked off at 8:00 AM, as 85 students and 9 faculty members cycled from the college to the foothills of ARAI before setting off on a thrilling trek through the scenic trails.

Participants embraced the challenge, enjoying breathtaking views and the serenity of nature. A well-deserved refreshing breakfast was arranged before the return journey, adding to the experience.

This adventure, coordinated by Prof. Bhusali Musale, fostered endurance, teamwork, and a deep appreciation for nature, making it a memorable and successful event that truly embodied the spirit of youth and exploration. 🚴🏞️🌿

## Unlocking IT Careers: Seminar on "Job Roles in IT" Empowers Students

**Pune, Jan 11, 2025** – The Department of Computer Studies at Haribhai V. Desai College organized an insightful seminar on "Job Roles in IT" at Shantaben Auditorium, featuring industry experts Mrs. Archana Nigade (CEO, Orange iTech) and Mr. Avadhoot Bhutkar (Team Leader, Infosys).

With an enthusiastic audience of 174 students, the seminar provided a deep dive into diverse IT career paths, essential skills, job responsibilities, and emerging industry trends. The

interactive Q&A session allowed students to seek guidance on industry expectations, career growth, and skill development, making it a valuable platform for career planning and networking.

Students praised the session for its practical insights and industry relevance, reinforcing their career aspirations and industry readiness. The event proved to be a stepping stone for future IT professionals, inspiring them to navigate the dynamic tech landscape with confidence. 🚀💻

## Spreading Smiles: A Heartwarming Visit to Jeevandhara Vidyalaya

**Pune, Jan 3, 2025** – The Department of Computer Studies, Haribhai V. Desai College, took a noble step towards inclusivity and social responsibility by organizing a heartfelt visit to Jeevandhara Vidyalaya, a school for specially abled students. Led by coordinators Ms. Deepali Dalvi and Ms. Shubhada Litke, 18 students actively engaged with the children, fostering an atmosphere of love, empathy, and joy. The visit was enriched

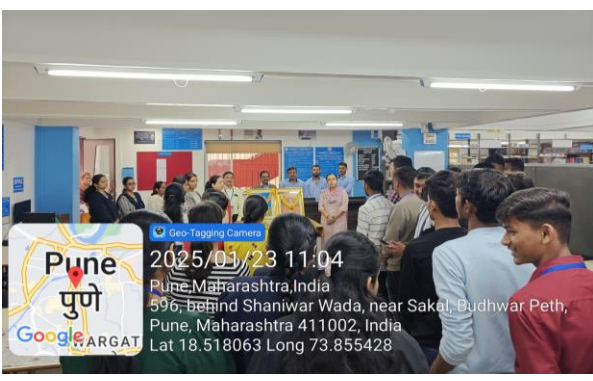
by interactive activities, song performances, and creative sessions, making it a memorable experience for both groups.

As a token of support, the team donated essential stationery items, a blackboard, a notice board, and distributed chocolates and gifts, bringing smiles to the young learners. The presence of Principal Dr. Rajendra Gurao added immense value, as he commended the school's efforts and

encouraged students to embrace the spirit of learning and collaboration. Students were deeply moved by the resilience and positivity of the Jeevandhara Vidyalaya children. As Sahityika Choudhori (T.Y. BCS) expressed, "From the bottom of my heart, I was really happy to bring smiles to their faces." This visit was a powerful reminder of the impact of kindness and inclusivity, inspiring students to support similar initiatives in the future. 🌟🌟



# Desai Karandak 2K25:



## Honoring the Legacy of Great Leaders

**Pune, Jan 23, 2025** – Haribhai V. Desai College commemorated the **birth anniversaries of Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose and Balasaheb Thackeray** with a heartfelt tribute at the college library.

The event featured inspiring speeches by **FYBA students Akshay Sarawade and Sahil Khaire**, who reflected on the **courage, leadership, and patriotism** of these great leaders. Over **50 students, along with faculty and staff**, gathered to pay their respects.

**Vice-Principal Dr. Pragati Abhyankar** delivered an insightful address, emphasizing the **importance of remembering and honoring national icons** who shaped India's history.

The program concluded with a **vote of thanks by Dr. Archana Pandit**, leaving attendees inspired by the **indomitable spirit of these legendary figures**.

## "Healthy, Happy, Empowered: A Tribute to Savitribai Phule"

**Pune, Jan 3, 2025** – Honoring the **birth anniversary of Krantijyoti Savitribai Phule**, Haribhai V. Desai College organized an inspiring workshop titled **"Healthy, Happy, Empowered Woman"** at the Commerce Lab.

The event, **coordinated by Ms. Chetana Adatiya**, featured a powerful session by **Dr. Meghana Giri**, a **renowned gynecologist**, who enlightened **90 students on women's health, wellness, and self-empowerment**. The interactive discussion encouraged students to embrace a **healthy lifestyle and mental well-being**.

Adding grace to the event were **Principal Dr. Rajendra Gurao and Vice Principal Dr. Pragati Abhyankar**, who emphasized the **importance of women's empowerment and Savitribai Phule's revolutionary contributions** to education and society.

This **meaningful celebration** not only paid tribute to **Savitribai Phule's legacy** but also reinforced the college's commitment to **women's health, confidence, and self-growth**.

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This three-day extravaganza (Jan 29-31) provided a dynamic platform for students to showcase their creativity, technical expertise, and cultural talents. Themed "Cultural Fusion – Maharashtra and Gujarat", the event featured 12 competitions, including C Champions, Web Guru, Debate, Street Play, BGMI, and Box Cricket, along with a vibrant poster competition on Chemistry in Daily Life.

The grand inauguration was graced by esteemed dignitaries, including Shri Rajeshbhai Shah (Chairman, PGKM), Dr. Ravindra Vaidya (Principal, MES Senior

College Pune), and Dr. Rajendra Gurao. The chief guest, Dr. Ravindra Vaidya, delivered an inspiring keynote address, emphasizing the significance of participation in education and cultural activities. The three-day competition concluded with a spectacular prize distribution ceremony, where S.P. College, Pune, bagged the prestigious Champion's Trophy. Trophies, certificates, and cash prizes were awarded by notable guests, including actress Shraddha Bhagat, actor-director Ajit Patil, and Hon. Trustee Shri Anujbhai Gandhi. The event received overwhelmingly positive feedback,

with participants lauding the well-organized competitions, fair judging, and warm hospitality. The introduction of new formats like Box Cricket and BGMI added to the excitement, making this edition of Desai Karandak the most successful yet. The competition was efficiently coordinated by Ms. Shailaja Gujarathi and Ms. Monica Dhotre, with strong support from the college management and faculty. With its growing stature, Desai Karandak continues to set new benchmarks, promising an even grander edition in 2026!



## ऐतिहासिक ठेवा जपणारी 'हेरिटेज वॉक' मालिका!

पुणे, जानेवारी ११, २०२५ इतिहास विभाग, वर्शिप अर्थ फाउंडेशन आणि क्लब हेरिटेज यांच्या संयुक्त विद्यमाने हेरिटेज वॉक कार्यक्रमाचे आयोजन करण्यात आले. ४ जानेवारी ते २८ जानेवारी २०२५ दरम्यान विविध ऐतिहासिक स्थळांवर विशेष सत्रे घेण्यात आली. महात्मा फुले वाडा (४ जानेवारी) – गणेश राऊत यांनी

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श्री. सुधीर कुमार अग्रवाल उपस्थित होते. या उपक्रमाचा उद्देश विद्यार्थ्यांमध्ये ऐतिहासिक जागरूकता निर्माण करणे व सर्वसामान्य नागरिकांमध्ये ऐतिहासिक साक्षरता वाढवणे हा आहे. दैनिक महाराष्ट्र टाइम्स कार्यक्रमाचा मीडिया पार्टनर असून, ५० ते १०० नागरिकांचा उत्स्फूर्त सहभाग लाभला.

**Korigad Trek: Adventure Meets History!** The Cycling & Trekking Club of Haribhai V. Desai College organized a thrilling trek to Korigad Fort led by Ms. Bhushali Musale. With 45 students and 5 staff members, the trek blended fitness, history, and environmental awareness. Participants explored the fort's rich heritage, engaged in a cleanliness drive, and strengthened teamwork and endurance. Faculty members Dr. Archana Pandit, Dr. Mukund Ambawade, Mr. Ramesh Rodalbandi, and Mr. Shubham Ingale supported the event. A day of adventure, learning, and responsibility, the trek was truly an unforgettable experience!

**Prestigious Copyright Award for Prof. Chetana Adatiya!** Ms. Chetana Adatiya, Assistant Professor at Haribhai V. Desai College, has been honored with a copyright certificate from the Copyright Office, Government of India, for her academic books for First-Year B.Com students. This recognition highlights her contribution to academic literature, fostering quality education and intellectual property awareness. Her dedication to enhancing student learning through original content is truly commendable!

**Cycling & Trekking Club Launched!** Haribhai V. Desai College, Pune, marked the grand inauguration of the Cycling & Trekking Club on 21st January 2025. The event was graced by Dr. Sanjay Patil (HoD, Geography, Modern College, Pune) as Chief Guest and Principal Dr. Rajendra Gurao. Ms. Bhushali Musale, the club coordinator, introduced its vision, while Dr. Patil inspired students with his adventure experiences. The club aims to promote fitness, environmental awareness, and teamwork through outdoor activities. With 100 enthusiastic participants, the event set the stage for thrilling treks and cycling expeditions, encouraging students to explore beyond academics!

**Honoring Excellence: Farewell to Dr. Rajashree Patwardhan** H.V. Desai College bid an emotional yet celebratory farewell to Prof. Dr. Rajashree Patwardhan (Department of Microbiology) on 1st January 2025 at Shantaben Auditorium. Organized by the Commerce Department & Retirement Committee, the event recognized her invaluable contributions

and dedication over the years. The program featured heartfelt speeches, a video montage of career highlights, and a presentation of gifts. Colleagues shared cherished memories, making it a touching tribute. With 55 attendees, the gathering strengthened bonds and created lasting memories. Dr. Patwardhan expressed deep gratitude for the love and appreciation received, making this farewell a truly memorable and inspiring celebration of commitment and excellence!

**नववर्षाची ज्ञानगंगा – 'सामूहिक वाचन उपक्रम' उत्साहात साजरा!** वाचन संकल्प महाराष्ट्राचा या उपक्रमांतर्गत १ जानेवारी २०२५ रोजी 'सामूहिक वाचन' कार्यक्रमाचे आयोजन करण्यात आले. विद्यार्थ्यांमध्ये वाचनाची आवड निर्माण व्हावी आणि वाचन संस्कृती वृद्धिंगत व्हावी, हा या उपक्रमाचा प्रमुख उद्देश होता. विद्यार्थ्यांसह प्राध्यापक आणि शिक्षकेतर कर्मचाऱ्यांनी आपापल्या आवडीची पुस्तके वाचून या उपक्रमात उत्स्फूर्त सहभाग नोंदवला. उपक्रमाचे आयोजन प्राचार्य डॉ. राजेंद्र गुरव यांच्या मार्गदर्शनाखाली डॉ. अर्चना पंडित, डॉ. प्रभाकर घोडके, डॉ. प्रतीक घोलप यांनी केले. ज्ञानाच्या नव्या पर्वाची सुरुवात 'सामूहिक वाचन' उपक्रमाने!

**Microbiology Department Shines at Big Green Fest, Promotes Sustainability** The Department of Microbiology of Haribhai V. Desai College actively participated in the Big Green Fest organized by Pune Climate Warrior at Pt. Jawaharlal Nehru Auditorium. The event aimed to promote sustainability and environmental consciousness, bringing together students, experts, and policymakers to discuss climate action.

**M.Sc. Microbiology Students Selected for Prestigious Clinical Diagnostics Training** Demonstrating academic excellence and skill, Ms. Yogita Shinde and Ms. Tejal Mene, students of M.Sc. II Microbiology at Haribhai V. Desai College, were selected for the Clinical Diagnostics & Molecular Biology Skill Enhancement Program at ADPL, Greenarray Genomic Research & Solutions. Their selection was based on outstanding academic merit and a rigorous personal interview process.

**पुस्तक परीक्षण स्पर्धा" – वाचन प्रेरणेचा उत्सव!** २० जानेवारी २०२५ रोजी वाचन संकल्प महाराष्ट्राचा या उपक्रमांतर्गत हरिभाई देसाई कॉलेजमध्ये पुस्तक परीक्षण स्पर्धेचे आयोजन करण्यात आले. विद्यार्थ्यांनी आवडत्या पुस्तकाचे परीक्षण लिहून सादर केले, ज्यामुळे वाचन संस्कृतीला चालना मिळाली.

स्पर्धेत इंग्रजी विभागातून ९ आणि मराठी विभागातून ११ विद्यार्थ्यांनी सहभाग घेतला. परीक्षक म्हणून इंग्रजी विभागासाठी कु. जान्हवी निंबारते आणि मराठी विभागासाठी श्री. गणेश खुटवड यांनी काम पाहिले. प्रत्येक विभागात ३ उत्कृष्ट परीक्षणांची निवड करण्यात आली. २६ जानेवारी – प्रजासत्ताक दिनानिमित्त विजेत्यांची घोषणा करण्यात आली. या उपक्रमाचे आयोजन प्राचार्य डॉ. राजेंद्र गुरव यांच्या मार्गदर्शनाखाली डॉ. अर्चना पंडित, डॉ. प्रभाकर घोडके, प्रा. प्रतीक घोलप आणि ग्रंथपाल श्री. संतोष खजिनदार यांनी केले. विद्यार्थ्यांचा उत्स्फूर्त प्रतिसाद, वाचनसंस्कृतीला नवा उत्साह!

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**Dr. Mukund Ambawade Honored with Best Researcher Award-** Dr. Mukund Ambawade has been recognized for his outstanding contributions to research with the prestigious Best Researcher Award conferred by MY RAYS PUBLICATION CENTER, Hadapsar. This esteemed honor acknowledges his dedication, innovation, and exceptional talent in advancing knowledge in his field. Dr. Ambawade's remarkable achievements and commitment to research excellence continue to inspire scholars and academicians. This award serves as a testament to his relentless pursuit of knowledge and significant impact in academia.