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MESSAGE FROM EDITORIAL DESK



It gives us immense pleasure to present PharmInk – Volume 3.0, capturing another chapter in the evolving journey of SIES School of Pharmaceutical Sciences. With every edition, our institution continues to share its journey of growth—marked by strength, purpose, and excellence—driven by a shared commitment to academic achievement, innovation, and holistic development.

PharmInk – Volume 3.0 reflects the vibrant activities and milestones that have shaped the past few months. From the formation of the new Student Council, symbolizing leadership and responsibility, to the enthusiastic participation of Team SIES SPS at the SIES Alumni Meet and ChemExpo, our students and faculty have continued to represent the institution with confidence and professionalism. A major highlight of this edition was our annual Research and Innovation Event, where first-year B.Pharm students were encouraged to identify real-world research gaps and conceptualize innovative product ideas to address them. The event was designed to cultivate scientific thinking, problem-solving skills, and an innovation-driven mindset at the very beginning of their academic journey.

We extend our sincere gratitude to our visionary management and leadership for their constant guidance, encouragement, and unwavering support in nurturing an environment where learning, innovation, and collaboration flourish.

Our heartfelt appreciation goes to our dedicated faculty members, whose commitment to academic excellence, mentorship, and student development continues to inspire and empower every learner. We also acknowledge the invaluable contributions of our administrative and non-teaching staff, whose tireless efforts behind the scenes ensure the smooth execution of every academic and co-curricular endeavour.

Most importantly, we thank our students—the driving force of our institution. Your willingness to participate in every opportunity has transformed ideas into achievements and aspirations into reality. Your enthusiasm and dedication continue to shape the vibrant culture of SIES SPS, and we look forward to many more milestones together.

With gratitude and pride,

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SIES School of Pharmaceutical Sciences, Nerul

LEADERSHIP LECTURE SERIES - 05



SIES School of Pharmaceutical Sciences organized the **Unnati session** titled “**Joys and Travails of Entrepreneurship**” on **30th January 2026** under the Gyaandeep Lecture Series. The session was delivered by **Dr. Dhiren Thakker**, Founder of Med Aditus International (MAI Foundation) and Professor Emeritus at the UNC Eshelman School of Pharmacy. He encouraged students to cultivate an entrepreneurial mindset by aligning research with unmet healthcare needs and focusing on creating meaningful solutions. **Dr. Thakker** emphasized the importance of teamwork, innovation, resilience, adaptability, and lifelong learning in building successful entrepreneurial ventures. Through real-life examples from the pharmaceutical industry, he demonstrated how strategic thinking and early integration of Drug Metabolism and Pharmacokinetics expertise can enhance drug discovery and reduce failures. He also highlighted that true leadership is based on service and that publication of research is only the beginning of the entrepreneurial journey.

Release Of PharmInk 2.0

PharmInk Volume 2.0, the newsletter of **SIES School of Pharmaceutical Sciences**, was officially released on **6th March 2026**. The newsletter was unveiled by the distinguished guest speakers, **Mr. Pradeep Surve - Consultant** and **Mrs. Payal Surve - lead auditor at PCQI**, in the presence of faculty members and students. Showcasing the institute's academic achievements, research initiatives, student accomplishments, and co-curricular activities, **PharmInk** reflects the vibrant academic culture of **SIES SPS** and serves as a platform to celebrate innovation, creativity, and excellence.



INNOVATE AND ELEVATE



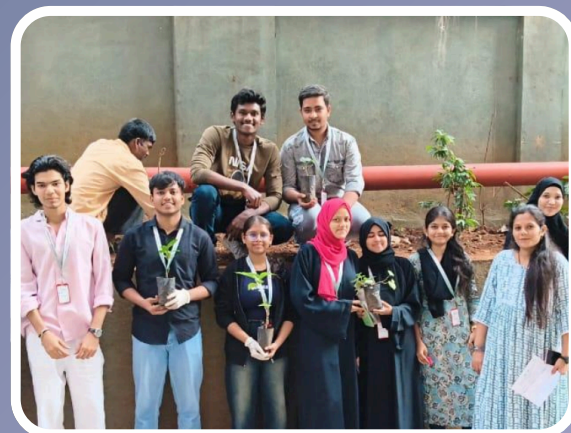
The **SIES School of Pharmaceutical Sciences**, under the aegis of the **Internal Quality Assurance Cell (IQAC)**, successfully organized Vigyan Vriddhi – "**Unleash the Innovative Spark Within You**", a 2-phased initiative aimed at fostering innovation, entrepreneurship, and research-oriented thinking among undergraduate students. Part I, an Innovation and Entrepreneurship Talk, was conducted on **1st April 2026**. As Part II, the Idea Pitching Competition, was held on **15th April 2026**. The event was designed to cultivate an entrepreneurial mindset by encouraging students to develop innovative, solution-driven concepts addressing contemporary challenges. The event witnessed enthusiastic participation from multiple student groups, each presenting original ideas across diverse domains of pharmaceutical and healthcare innovation. The presentations demonstrated novelty, scientific relevance, feasibility, and potential societal impact, while reflecting the participants' ability to integrate theoretical knowledge with practical problem-solving. The competition served as an experiential learning platform, strengthening students' competencies in innovation, critical thinking, teamwork, and scientific communication. Part I featured an enriching session on Innovation & Entrepreneurship delivered by **Prof. Padma Devarajan**, whose insightful deliberations inspired students to embrace creativity, translational research, and entrepreneurial opportunities within the pharmaceutical sector.

Part II was evaluated by an esteemed panel comprising **Prof. Padma Devarajan**, **Dr. Sangeeta. V. Sharma**, **Director Incharge, SIES Indian Institute of Environment Management** and **Dr. Deepa Dixit**, **Director, SIES School of Business Studies**. The panel critically assessed each presentation and offered constructive recommendations to enhance the scientific merit, commercial viability, and practical applicability of the proposed innovations.

The competition concluded with the declaration of winners, wherein "**Precision Dose Nutripods**" (Group 1), guided by **Mr. Amey Prakash Deshpande**, secured the First Prize; "**Methnova**" (Group 7), under the guidance of **Dr. Neha Chhabra**, received the Second Prize; and "**Denta Chew**", mentored by **Dr. Gitika Dhingra**, was awarded the Third Prize.

TREE PLANTATION DAY

The **Tree Plantation Day** celebration, held on **6th January 2026**, was organized with the objective of promoting environmental awareness and encouraging sustainable practices among students. The event commenced with an inspiring address by Principal **Dr. Saritha Shetty**, who emphasized the vital role of trees in preserving ecological balance and creating a healthier future. Students and faculty members actively participated in planting a variety of medicinal, flowering, and fruit-bearing saplings across the college campus. It served as a meaningful step towards protecting the environment and inspiring eco-friendly practices among the student community.



MAKAR SANKRANTI & PONGAL

The **Makar Sankranti & Pongal** Celebration, held on **14th January 2026**, was celebrated with great enthusiasm, showcasing the rich cultural heritage and festive spirit of India. Students and faculty participated wholeheartedly in the celebration, embracing the joy of the harvest festival. A major highlight was the elegant display of traditional sarees and kurtas, which added colour and authenticity to the occasion. The programme also featured a vibrant group dance performance that captivated the audience and reflected the essence of the festival.

AAGAAZ - FRESHER'S DAY

Aagaaz, the Fresher's Day celebration held on **17th January 2026**, SIES SPS warmly welcomed the new batch with a spectacular **Hollywood-themed** event that showcased creativity, talent, and enthusiasm. The highlight of the evening was the much-awaited crowning ceremony, where **Daniel Suwarna** was honoured as **Mr. Fresher** and **Akshatha Shetty** was crowned as **Ms. Fresher**. The event marked a memorable beginning to college life, leaving students with cherished memories and new friendships.. The event was organised and managed by **Dr. Priyanka Kalamkar** and **Dr. Yusuf Kachwala**.



REPUBLIC DAY

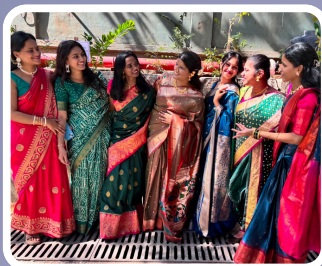
The **Republic Day** celebration on **26th January 2026** was observed with great patriotism and pride, commemorating the adoption of the Constitution of India. The programme began with the unfurling of the National Flag, followed by the National Anthem, inspiring a deep sense of unity and national spirit among everyone present. Faculty members and students came together to honour the nation's democratic values through patriotic speeches, cultural performances, and inspiring activities.

INTERNATIONAL YOGA DAY



The International Yoga Day was celebrated with great enthusiasm on **21st June 2026** at the **SIES School of Pharmaceutical Sciences, Navi Mumbai**, in collaboration with **Shri Ambika Yoga Kutir**. The programme was conducted under the theme **"Yoga for Healthy Minds & Future Healthcare Professionals"**. Students, faculty members, and staff actively participated in various yoga asanas and breathing exercises under expert guidance. The session focused on promoting physical fitness, mental well-being, mindfulness, and stress management among future healthcare professionals.

CULTURAL WEEK - 2026



Cultural Week 2026 was celebrated from **28th March 2026 to 4th April 2026**, transforming the campus into a vibrant hub of creativity, excitement, and cultural expression. The week-long celebration was designed to encourage students to showcase their talents, strengthen friendships, and create lasting memories beyond the classroom. Each theme day brought its own unique charm — **Jersey Day** promoted team spirit and sportsmanship, **Bollywood Day** allowed students to recreate iconic film characters, **Mismatched Day** encouraged fun and quirky fashion, **Twinning Day** celebrated friendship through coordinated outfits, and **Traditional Day** highlighted India's rich cultural diversity through elegant ethnic attire. Students and faculty enthusiastically participated in every event, filling the campus with laughter, colourful outfits, music, and countless memorable moments. The event was organized by **Ms. Asmita Tambe, Cultural Head**, along with the Cultural Committee team, whose dedicated efforts and meticulous planning ensured its grand success.

GUEST LECTURE SERIES GYAANDEEP -UNNATI



Taking Inventions to Market & Commerce

2 Day Professional Advancement Programme on **Intellectual Property Rights (IPR)** taking Invention to Market & Commerce' was organized by **Dr. Smita Nayak** and **Dr. Purnima Vivek**. The programme featured **Dr. Umesh Banakar**, who explained patents, copyrights, trademarks, and technology commercialization on **27th & 28th January 2026**. The interactive sessions encouraged students to protect innovations and transform research ideas into commercially viable products.

Exploring Biotech Research and Global Academic Opportunities

Under the **Unnati initiative**, **Dr. Stephen Kerr** delivered an engaging lecture organized by **Dr. Neha Chhabra** on **10th February 2026**. The session highlighted global research opportunities, higher education pathways, and emerging trends in biotechnology, encouraging students to broaden their academic and professional horizons.



Awareness Session on National Education Policy (NEP) 2020



Organized by **Dr. Swati Mittal** and **Dr. Priyanka Prabhu** on **17th February 2026** under the **Unnati initiative**, **Dr. A. K. Sengupta** introduced students to the key reforms of **NEP 2020**. The session highlighted multidisciplinary learning, research opportunities, and skill-based education to prepare students for the evolving academic landscape. The session played an important role in creating awareness about the National Education Policy (NEP) 2020.

Pharma Anveshan Day 2026

Organized by **Dr. Priyanka Kalamkar**, **Dr. Purnima Vivek** and **Mr. Amey Deshpande** on **6th March 2026**, Pharma Anveshan Day 2026 featured expert sessions by **Dr. Manjeet Singh Arora**, **Mr. Pradeep Surve**, and **Mrs. Payal Surve**. The programme promoted innovation, research, and scientific thinking while encouraging students to explore emerging developments in pharmaceutical sciences.



Navigating the Future: Your Path in Global Clinical Laboratory Science



A Guest Expert Session on '**Navigating the Future: Your Path in Global Clinical Laboratory Science**' was organized on **10th April 2026**, for **B. Pharm** and **D. Pharm** students at **SIES School of Pharmaceutical Sciences**. The session was delivered by **Ms. Merlie Priya Pais**, **Global Study Manager II at Labcorp Drug Development**. She shared valuable insights into clinical research, drug development, clinical trial management, and career opportunities in the pharmaceutical industry.

GUEST LECTURE SERIES GYAANDEEP – ANUBHAV –

THALASSEMIA AWARENESS SESSION

A Thalassaemia Awareness Session under the Gyaandeep lecture series - Anubhav was conducted by Mr. Premkumar, former President of the Rotary Club of Navi Mumbai, and was organized by Dr. Smita Nayak and Dr. Pooja Pherwani on 5th February 2026. The speaker created awareness about thalassaemia by explaining its causes, symptoms, inheritance pattern, and the importance of early diagnosis. He emphasized preventive measures such as genetic counselling, premarital screening, and voluntary blood donation to reduce the burden of the disorder.



GUEST LECTURE SERIES GYAANDEEP – VIGYAN VRIDHI –

THE SCIENCE OF GLASS IN PRIMARY PHARMACEUTICAL PACKAGING

The SIES School of Pharmaceutical Sciences organized a Vigyan Vridhhi Session under the Gyaandeep Lecture Series on “The Science of Glass in Primary Pharmaceutical Packaging” in collaboration with SCHOTT India and SCHOTT Poonawalla on 12th January 2026. The session featured eminent industry experts—Mr. Ajit Singh, Ms. Sangeeta Shenvi, Ms. Mansi Shelke, and Ms. Dipanwita Chakraborty—who provided valuable insights into pharmaceutical glass, its composition, glass-drug interactions, and regulatory requirements for primary packaging. The speakers emphasized the importance of packaging in maintaining drug stability, quality, and patient safety. Interactive quizzes encouraged active participation, with winners receiving prizes and all attendees being awarded participation certificates.



UNLEASH THE INNOVATIVE SPARK

As part of the Vigyan Vridhhi initiative under the Gyaandeep series on 1st April 2026, Prof. Padma Devarajan delivered an insightful session on Innovation and Entrepreneurship for first year B. Pharm and D. Pharm students. The session encouraged students to think creatively, identify unmet challenges in healthcare and pharmaceutical sciences, and transform innovative ideas into practical solutions. Devarajan Madam highlighted entrepreneurial opportunities in the pharmaceutical sector and inspired students to develop a problem-solving mindset. The interactive session provided valuable guidance on innovation-driven thinking, motivating students to explore research, entrepreneurship, and real-world applications of pharmaceutical knowledge.



FACULTY FOCUS

	NAME OF FACULTY	CONTRIBUTIONS
1.	PROF. PADMA DEVARAJAN	- Published a paper entitled 'Advances in Stimuli responsive Nanosystems for Cancer therapy.' in Springer Singapore on 1st January 2026. - Invited as Chief Guest for the Master's Convocation Ceremony at SIES (Nerul) College of Arts, Science and Commerce on 30th June 2026.
2.	DR. SUNIL KANVINDE	- Appointed as GMP auditor for Swiss Formulation Organisation for Indian Anti Cancer Formulation Facilities. - Appointed as Technical and GMP auditor for Singapore based Healthcare Organisation. - Attended 'PharmaCore India 2026' at Jio World Convention Center, Mumbai on 22nd April 2026.
3.	DR. SARITHA SHETTY	- Published a book chapter titled 'Theranostics in skin cancer' in Theranostics in Cancer Management, Integrating Diagnostics and Therapeutic Strategies in January 2026. - Published a book chapter titled 'Polymeric nanoparticles for the diagnosis and treatment of eye melanoma' in Eye Melanoma Unveiled published by Academic press in January 2026. - Invited as Moderator on 5th April 2026 for Panel Discussion on the topic 'Leading Millennials & Gen Z: Challenges & Opportunities' at INNOVISTA 2026. - Delivered Online Lecture titled 'Your Medicine Box: Friend or Foe' on Do's and Don'ts of Polypharmacy and Self-medication' organized by SIESLLD on 23rd June 2026.
4.	DR. GITIKA DHINGRA	- Published a book chapter titled 'Plant Protein-Based Bioplastics for Sustainable Packaging' in Biopolymers from Plant Origin for Environmental Sustainability published by Springer Nature, Switzerland, in 2026. - Published a paper 'Exploring Polyherbal Syrups as Alternative Anthelmintic Agents: Formulation, Screening and Comparative Efficacy' in Research Journal of Pharmacy and Technology in February 2026. - Successfully completed the course AI for Educators offered by IITM Pravartak Technologies Foundation, SWAYAM Plus on 1st March 2026. - Attended 'Unlocking Dissolution Science USP Type 4 Hands-On Workshop for Pharmacy College Faculty' on 29th and 30th March 2026. - Invited as Judge for Aavishkar, University of Mumbai – Innovation Competition. - Attended 'PharmaCore India 2026' at Jio World Convention Center, Mumbai on 22nd April 2026. - Attended online FDP on 'Preparing Pharmacy Faculty for Revised PCI B.Pharm Curriculum (2026-27) with AI/ML Integration' on 29th and 30th May 2026. - Attended One Week FDP on "Artificial Intelligence in Pharmacy: Academic and Research Perspectives" from 15th to 19th June 2026
5.	DR. SMITA NAYAK	- Journey featured among Trailblazing Women of BCP Alumni in BCP Connect, Special Edition Released on Women's Day, March 2026, Issue 01. - Invited as Judge for Aavishkar, University of Mumbai – Innovation Competition. - Attended 'PharmaCore India 2026' at Jio World Convention Center, Mumbai on 22nd April 2026.
6.	DR. SWATI MITTAL	Successfully completed 'National Level Online Faculty Development Program on Pharma-Syllabus 360°' organized by APTI from 8th to 13th June 2026.
7.	DR. PRIYANKA PRABHU	- Her interview on her book was published on the 'American Hospital and Healthcare Management' website in the 'Expert Talk' section. - Successfully completed the AICTE-approved 12-week FDP from January to June 2026, on Pharmaceutical Crystal Engineering. - Attended one week online FDP on Viksit Bharat 2047 and Technical Education organised by IQAC, Govt. College of Pharmacy, Amravati from 23rd to 28th March 2026. - Attended 'Unlocking Dissolution Science USP Type 4 Hands-On Workshop for Pharmacy College Faculty' from 29th to 30th March 2026. - Invited as External Examiner for B. Pharm Practical Examination at NMIMS, Mumbai. - Attended 'PharmaCore India 2026' at Jio World Convention Center, Mumbai on 22nd April 2026.

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		- Completed 'Short Term Course in Generative AI and its Integration in Teaching, Learning and Assessment' from 1st to 6th June 2026. - Successfully completed 'National Level Online Faculty Development Program on Pharma-Syllabus 360' organized by APTI from 8th to 13th June 2026.
8.	DR. NEHA CHHABRA	- Published a book chapter titled 'Use of marine natural products—a newer trend in the development of medical implants' in Marine Biotechnology for Healthcare published by Academic Press. - Invited as Judge for Aavishkar, University of Mumbai – Innovation Competition.
9.	DR. PURNIMA VIVEK	- Completed 'Short Term Course in Generative AI and its Integration in Teaching, Learning and Assessment' organized by Malaviya Mission Teacher Training Centre in collaboration with Centre for Teaching Support, Jamia Hamdard, New Delhi from 1st June 2026 to 6th June 2026. - Successfully completed 'National Level Online Faculty Development Program on Pharma-Syllabus 360' organised by APTI from 8th to 13th June 2026.
10.	DR. PRIYANKA KALAMKAR	- Published a paper 'Hemidesmus indicus root extract for nephroprotective potential in cisplatin induced HEK293 cell line' in Systems Ethnopharmacology and Sustainable Bioresources in March 2026 (Elsevier). - Invited as the Examiner for B.Pharm at Bhanuben Nanavati College of Pharmacy, Mumbai. - Completed 'Short Term Course in Generative AI and its Integration in Teaching, Learning and Assessment' from 1st to 6th June 2026. - Attended a webinar on Phospholipid Pharma Excipient Analysis by 21 CFR-Compliant HPTLC on 16th June 2026.
11.	DR. PRASHANT CHATURVEDI	Invited as the Examiner for M.Pharm Practical Examination at Bhanuben Nanavati College of Pharmacy, Mumbai.
12.	MR. AMEY DESHPANDE	Published a paper titled 'A stability-indicating novel instrumental thin-layer chromatography method for the quantitative estimation of tegoprazan, a potassium-competitive acid blocker' in Journal of Planar Chromatography – Modern TLC in March 2026.
13.	MS. GEETA SAHU	Attended 7-day Online Hands-on Training program on 'Computer Aided Drug Designing (CADD) - Comprehensive' from 16 to 22 January 2026.
14.	MS. AJANTA TOTRE	Attended one day workshop on Effective implementation of CIAAN-2023 norms for Diploma in Pharmacy.
15.	MS. PRIYANKA DHOPAT	Attended one-day Symposium on Viksit Bharat Shiksha Adhishtan (VBSA) Bill, 2025 on 6th March 2026 at ICT Mumbai.
16.	MS. VAIBHAVI CHAUDHARI	- Attended one-day Symposium on Viksit Bharat Shiksha Adhishtan (VBSA) Bill, 2025 on 6th March 2026 at ICT Mumbai. - Attended 5-day e-FDP on 'AI in Pharmacy Education and Research' from 27th April to 2nd May 2026.
17.	MS. AKSHADA KHETRE	Attended 'Five-day National Level FDP on Research Paper Writing and Presentation' held on 11th to 15th April 2026.
18.	MS. HETAL BHANUSHALI	Published a book chapter in 'Trends in Training and Development' published by SIESLLD on 12th March 2026.

FACULTY FOCUS



Dr. Smita Nayak was honoured with the **National-Level Research Award presented by Anchrom Enterprises** on **21st January 2026**, in recognition of her outstanding contribution to pharmaceutical research and innovation. The award acknowledged her dedication to scientific excellence and encouraged continued advancements in pharmaceutical sciences.



Ms. Vaibhavi Choudhari and **Ms. Ajanta Totre** participated in the **Faculty Development Training Programme** from **19th to 23rd January 2026**, on 'Taking Action for Planetary Health with Eco-friendly Lifestyle'. Organized by the Malaviya Mission Teacher Training Centre, the programme focused on sustainable practices and integrating environmental responsibility into higher education.



Dr. Neha Chhabra and **Dr. Gitika Dhingra** delivered a guest lecture titled '**Code Breakers and Cure Markers: Inside Pharma Sciences**' at Tilak College, Navi Mumbai, on **21st January 2026** to promote opportunities in pharmaceutical sciences. The session provided students with an overview of the diverse career pathways, emerging trends, and innovations in the pharmaceutical sector.



Dr. Smita Nayak was appointed to serve as a Member of the Scrutiny Committee as the official MSBTE Representative for the MSBTE-Sponsored Technical Paper Presentation Competition on **11th February 2026**. She was entrusted with the responsibility of scrutinizing and evaluating submitted technical papers in strict adherence to MSBTE's prescribed guidelines and procedures.



Dr. Neha Chhabra attended Awareness Programme on Scholarly Communities on **23rd February 2026** at the **National Forensic Sciences University, Goa Campus**. The programme focused on scholarly collaboration, research networking, and academic engagement, providing participants with valuable insights.



Ms. Gitika Dhingra, **Dr. Smita Nayak** and **Dr. Swati Mittal** on **25th February 2026**, organized the programme "**Pharmaceutical Packaging – Knowledge to Application**" for first-year B.Sc. students. The session highlighted modern packaging technologies, regulatory requirements, and their industrial applications.

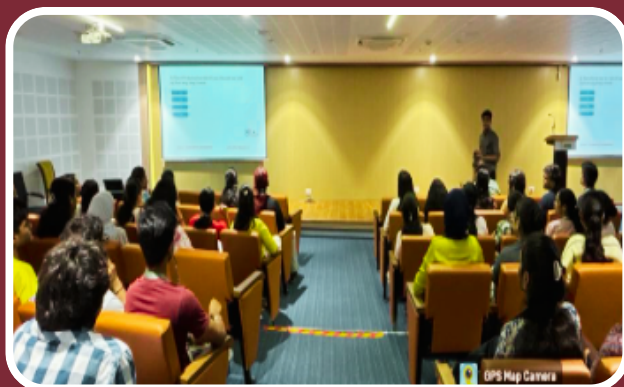
FACULTY FOCUS



SIES School of Pharmaceutical Sciences participated in the **SIES Alumni Meet** held on **21st March 2026**, by showcasing its academic programmes, research initiatives, industry collaborations, pilot plant, PFITEC laboratory, and student achievements through an interactive exhibition stall. The stall received an enthusiastic response from alumni across SIES institutions, strengthening connections.



The institute successfully hosted the **Second External Institute Monitoring Committee (EIMC) visit** on **30th March 2026** for the Academic Year 2025–26. The committee reviewed institutional progress, academic quality, research initiatives, and quality assurance practices while providing valuable recommendations for continuous improvement.



Dr. Priyanka Kalamkar in association with the **E-Cell Committee** on **25th April 2026**, organized an interactive session on **Strategic Preparation and Success in Competitive Examination**. The programme guided students on effective preparation strategies, career planning, and success in competitive examinations.



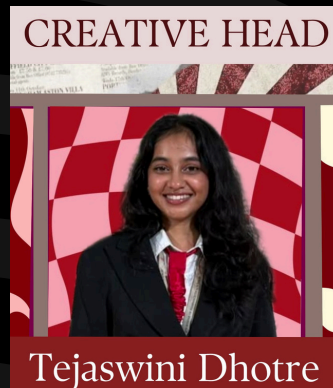
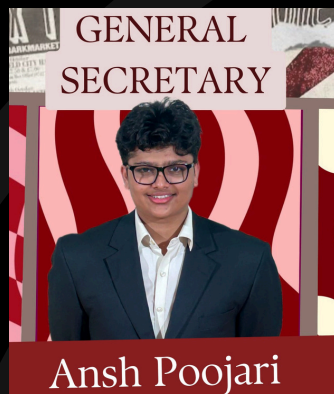
Under the mentorship of **Prof. Padma Devarajan**, **Dr. Smita Nayak** and **Dr. Prashant Chaturvedi** accompanied students to **ChemExpo Exhibition** from **29th to 30th April 2026**, to explore the latest advancements in pharmaceutical manufacturing, specialty chemicals, and laboratory technologies. The visit offered valuable industrial exposure and enhanced their understanding of current industry trends.



Ms. Priyanka Dhopat and **Ms. Vaibhavi Choudhari** participated in the **5-Day Faculty Development Programme** on **'Teaching Excellence'** from **22th to 27th June 2026**. Organized by SIESLLD, the programme focused on empowering faculty with modern teaching strategies, classroom management and professional skills.

STUDENT CORNER

STUDENT COUNCIL 2026-27

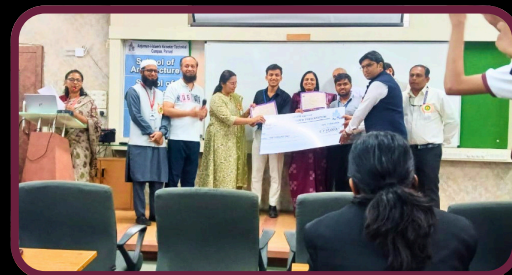


MEMBERS OF STUDENT COUNCIL

- **Dhruv Gavade** – Joint Sports Head
- **Vikrant Singh** – Joint Social Responsibility Head
- **Chaitanya Salunke** – Joint Cultural Head
- **Suhani Shrivastav** – Joint Social Responsibility Head
- **Sadaf Dalwai** – Social Responsibility Head
- **Akshatha Shetty** – Joint Technical Head
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- **Soumya Vaidya** – Finance Head
- **Shrusti Rai** – Joint Creative Head
- **Brinda Maniyar** – E-Cell Head
- **Riya Sawant** – Joint Cultural Head
- **Tanushree Yadhav** – Joint Sports Head
- **Daniel Suvarna** – Joint Technical Head
- **Ramsha Banu Khan** – Joint E-Cell Head

MSBTE State-Level Technical Paper Presentation Competition

On **11th February 2026**, students represented the institution and at the **MSBTE State-Level Technical Paper Presentation Competition**, showcasing their research aptitude and scientific presentation skills and won the prize of Rs. 10,000/-. The competition provided an excellent platform to exchange innovative ideas and encouraged academic excellence among future pharmacy professionals.



CIIA Exhibition 2026

Intercollegiate Innovation Competition (CIIA-5)

SIES School of Pharmaceutical Sciences participated in the **CIIA-5 Intercollegiate Innovation Competition** held on **5th to 7th February 2026** with 12 student teams, coordinated by **Dr. Priyanka Kalamkar** (CIIA Coordinator) under the guidance of **Prof. Padma Devarajan, Dr. Saritha Shetty**, and faculty mentors. The institute achieved a significant milestone with two teams qualifying for the final round. The project "**Development of an Aqua-Triggered Gel System for Nasal Delivery**," guided by **Dr. Yusuf Kachwala**, was presented by **Abhishek Anand, Saniya Patil, Pinaki Jain and Ruchita Hathiyani**, showcasing an innovative in situ gel system for improved nasal delivery of natural therapeutics. The 2nd finalist project, "**Nasal SMEDDS Formulation of Triptans for Enhanced Migraine Therapy (In situ Gelling SMEDDS)**," mentored by **Dr. Swati Mittal**, was presented by **Beryl Gabriel, Aditi Kakade, and Suman Sahani**, focusing on an advanced nasal drug delivery system for migraine therapy.



INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY

On the occasion of **International Women's Day**, the Women's Development Cell, led by **Dr. Pooja Pherwani** and **Ms. Hetal Bhanushal** which was volunteer **Ms. Simran Furtado**, organized a two-session seminar based on the theme '**Give to Gain**' held on **9th March 2026**.

The 1st session was a Self-Defence Workshop conducted in collaboration with **Fit India by Sensei Prashant Rai**, focusing on practical safety techniques and confidence building. The 2nd session, led by **CA Poonam Pathak**, highlighted the importance of financial management, covering budgeting, saving, and financial planning to encourage financial independence and awareness among students.



IDEOLOGUE 2026

On **14TH MARCH 2026**, Students from **SIES SPS — Sanjana Lokapur, Dhanashree Khot, Preethi Pillai, Bakshind Kaur, and Kishan Shukla** from **SY B.Pharm** participated in '**Ideologue 2026**', an intercollegiate innovation competition held at **VESCOP College**. The team presented their innovative ideas, demonstrating creativity, scientific thinking, and problem-solving skills. Their participation provided a valuable platform to showcase their innovative concepts, interact with peers, and gain exposure to emerging trends in research and innovation.



FIRST PLACE IN GRAPHICAL ABSTRACT COMPETITION

Second year, Students **Ms. Saloni Rajpurohit** and **Ms. Sauli Shelke** secured First Place in the Intercollegiate Graphical Abstract Competition organized by **Anjuman-I-Islam's Kalsekar Technical Campus (AIKTC), School of Pharmacy**, in the Pharmacology domain on **3rd March 2026**. Under the guidance of **Dr. Priyanka Kalamkar**, they presented a graphical abstract on "**Nephroprotective Animal Models and Evaluation of Biochemical Parameters**." Their work effectively illustrated the evaluation of nephroprotective potential of traditionally used medicinal plants against cisplatin-induced nephrotoxicity and highlighted key biochemical and histopathological parameters.



ATHLERx 2025–26: Annual Sports Day



The institute's Annual Sports Day was organised from **23th to 29th March 2026**, bringing together students for a week of spirited competition and teamwork. The event was inaugurated by **Dr. Saritha Shetty, Principal**, who encouraged students to actively participate and embrace the values of discipline and sportsmanship. Featuring a diverse range of **indoor and outdoor events, including chess, carrom, table tennis, cricket, football, athletics, and tug-of-war**, the programme witnessed enthusiastic participation across all batches. **ATHLERx** celebrated not only sporting excellence but also fostered leadership, camaraderie, resilience, and a healthy competitive spirit among students.

STRATEGIC PREPARATION & SUCCESS IN COMPETITIVE EXAMINATION

Dr. Priyanka Kalamkar, in collaboration with the **E-Cell Committee** on **25th April 2026**, organized an interactive session on Strategic Preparation and Success in Competitive Examinations. The programme featured **Mr. Dharmesh Mehta, Managing Director of Authenterra Healthcare**, who guided students on effective preparation strategies for competitive examinations such as **GPAT** and **NIPER**. He also shared valuable insights on career planning, time management, and opportunities in the pharmaceutical industry. The session motivated students to adopt a strategic approach towards achieving their academic and professional goals.



ETHICS: BUILDING CHARACTER BEFORE BUILDING A CAREER

The word "**Ethics**" is derived from the Greek word Ethos and the Latin word Ethice, meaning the science of morals. Ethics refers to the principles and values that guide our decisions and actions. In pharmacy, ethics is far more than a set of professional expectations—it is the foundation upon which trust, compassion, and patient care are built.

For students, the journey towards ethical practice begins on the very first day of pharmacy education. Every classroom discussion, laboratory experiment, assignment, clinical exposure, and examination provides an opportunity to develop not only knowledge but also character. The habits cultivated during student life become the values that guide professional practice in the future. Learning with sincerity, approaching practical work with curiosity, respecting teachers and peers, valuing originality, and striving for excellence through one's own efforts are all reflections of professional ethics. True success is measured not only by academic achievement but also by the integrity with which that achievement is earned. As future healthcare professionals, pharmacy students have the privilege of preparing themselves to make meaningful contributions to society. Every concept understood today becomes the confidence to make informed decisions tomorrow. Every skill mastered through dedicated effort strengthens the ability to provide safe and effective patient care. In this way, ethical learning becomes the first step towards ethical practice. Ethics is therefore not merely a subject in the curriculum—it is a way of thinking, a way of learning, and ultimately, a way of serving society. It inspires professionals to lead with integrity, act with compassion, and continually strive for excellence.

Let us embrace ethical values not as obligations but as opportunities to build trust, inspire confidence, and make a positive difference in the lives of those we serve. By combining scientific knowledge with strong moral values, we uphold the true spirit of the pharmacy profession and contribute to a healthier, safer, and more compassionate world.

"As you embark on your journey in pharmacy, remember that your greatest qualification is not only the knowledge you acquire, but the values you live by. Let ethics be your compass, integrity your strength, compassion your purpose, and service to humanity your greatest achievement."



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