

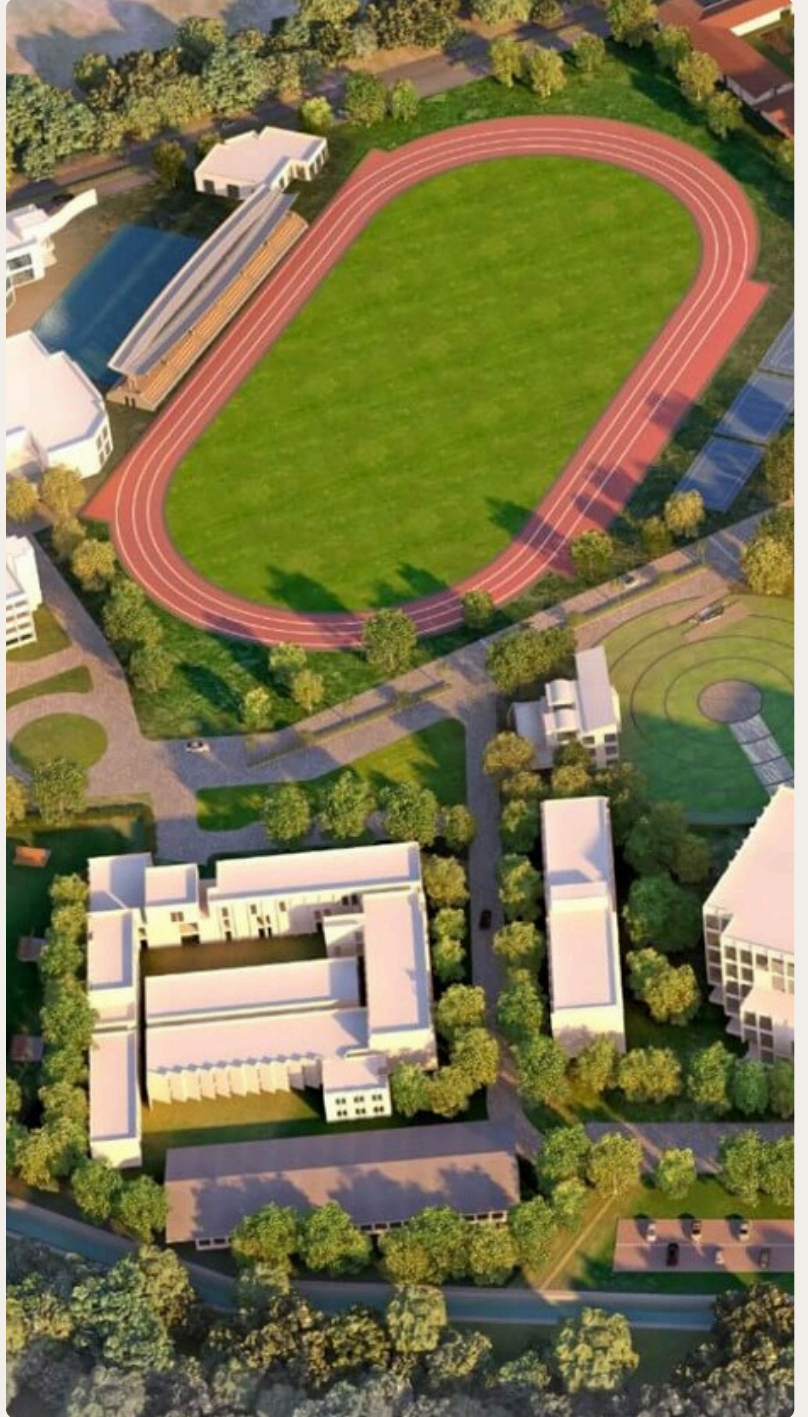


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## ABOUT SOMAIYA VOICES

Voices, the official student media body of Somaiya, is more than just a platform; it is a reflection of who we are as a community.

Every laughter-filled fest, every achievement big or small and every story that often goes unnoticed is something Voices strives to ensure is heard, remembered, and celebrated.



At its heart, Voices is about people. It is about students who dream big, teachers who inspire, and moments that bring us all closer together. Through newsletters, social media and creative storytelling, we aim to capture not just events, but the emotions, the energy and the spirit that make Somaiya feel like home. Our team of writers, designers and creators pours passion into every piece of work because for us, it is not just content, it is connection.

Each story we share is a reminder that Somaiya is not just an institution; it is a living, breathing family with countless voices waiting to be heard.

## MEET OUR LEADER – Dr URMI THAKKAR

At the heart of Somaiya Vidyavihar vibrant student community stands - Dr Urmi Thakkar, a passionate microbiologist, dedicated leader, and the guiding light behind VOICES.

Since 2011, she has been instrumental in uplifting education across Somaiya's rural schools. Today, as the **Dean of Student Welfare and Head of Campus Administration**, she supports and oversees hostel operations and the welfare of more than 35,000 students.

Her philosophy is simple yet powerful; learning should go beyond books. Through her vision and compassion, she continues to shape a campus that is inclusive, responsive, and empowering, where every student feels heard, valued, and inspired to grow.





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Wishing you a joyful **Christmas** and  
a **New Year** filled with new possibilities.



# Somaiya SUSTAINABILITY Dialogue

Flagship event of the  
**Centre for Achieving Sustainable Climate Action,  
 Development and Engagement (CASCADE)**  
**Somaiya Institute for Research & Consultancy (SIRAC)**

**12 January 2026**

The Somaiya Sustainability Dialogue reflects the university's commitment to fostering a culture of environmental awareness, ethical citizenship, and sustainable innovation within and beyond campus. Envisioned as a recurring platform for thought leadership, interdisciplinary exchange, citizen science, immersive experience and collaborative problem-solving, the Dialogue brings together academics, policymakers, practitioners, and students to deliberate on the most pressing issues of sustainability.

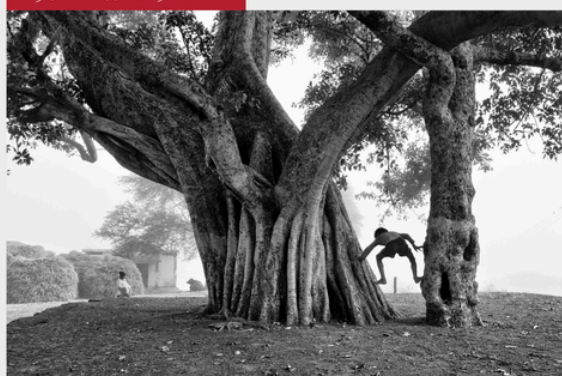
These Dialogues—rooted in India's context, heritage, and culture—are more than conversations. They are spaces where communities, experts, and participants come together to imagine and contribute new possibilities, co-design interventions, foster sustainable innovation, and enable green transitions and circular design. Through these 'Dialogues/Samvāda,' we aim to nurture awareness and build interdisciplinary, cross-cultural teams. The outcomes are not just tangible community project interventions, innovations, and policy inputs but also intangible: stronger networks, shared values, and a collective mindset ready to drive change.

**Theme : 2026-2027**

## **Human-Animal-Nature Interactions**

### **What's Happening**

11:30 AM to 12:45 PM



**Chola Maati: Pardhan Gond Rituals  
 from Birth to Death**  
 Presentation and Panel Discussion

10:00AM to 1:30AM



**Beyond the Conflict**  
 Film screening and Discussion

2:00 PM onwards



**Somaiya Citizen Science Initiative**  
 Nest Watchers | Aero Trackers

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**Dialogues**

**Jan 12, 2026**  
 Somaiya Vidyavihar University, Mumbai

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## 2025 AT SOMAIYA VIDYAVIHAR A YEAR THAT LIVED IN MOTION



2025 at Somaiya Vidyavihar unfolded as a year that was truly lived, not merely recorded. It was felt in the everyday walk from Vidyavihar station to campus, where mornings began with hurried steps, half-finished conversations and the familiar comfort of entering a space that slowly felt like home. The year moved through ordinary days that quietly turned into memories shaped by lectures, friendships, shared pathways and moments that stayed longer than expected.

Across the year, the campus witnessed bursts of energy, creativity and expression. Abhyantriki brought together innovation, collaboration and problem solving through competitions, workshops and student-led ideas that animated classrooms corridors and common spaces. Aura transformed the campus into a vibrant cultural landscape of music movement performance and celebration reflecting the expressive spirit of the student community. In a moment that caught everyone by surprise the campus also became a film set during the shoot of Dhadak 2 blending everyday student life with the excitement of cinema.

Between these high energy moments were quieter, more reflective ones. Kaunversation created space for dialogue, yet there were countless other conversations, moments, and events that unfolded beyond any stage or segment moments that took place in classrooms, hostels, corridors, and late evenings, and can never be fully captured in a single recap. Academic conclaves, workshops, competitions, sports events, student initiatives, and community driven programmes added depth to daily campus life, making learning collaborative and deeply human.

Convocations stood as proud milestones, turning years of perseverance into moments of applause, while Foundation Day brought the entire Somaiya community together to honour its legacy, values, and vision. As one batch stepped into new journeys and another arrived with fresh aspirations and nervous excitement, the campus held both endings and beginnings at once. From familiar walks and unexpected moments to celebrations, conversations, and countless memories, 2025 became a year shaped not by one event or platform, but by everything that lived in between, defining life at Somaiya Vidyavihar.

## Somaiya Vidyavihar Celebrates 84th Foundation Day

~1 December 2025



Somaiya Vidyavihar marked its 84th Foundation Day, reflecting on its journey since 1942 and its enduring role in shaping learners across disciplines. The celebration was graced by Chief Guest **Mr Uday Kotak, Founder and Director of Kotak Mahindra Bank Ltd**, along with Shri Samir Somaiya President and Chancellor, Lt Gen H S Kahlon Secretary, Prof Ajay Kapoor Vice Chancellor, Dr Satish Modh Pro Vice Chancellor, and members of the faculty staff students and alumni community.

The event highlighted the institution's mission to make quality education accessible to learners from diverse backgrounds including tribal regions, rural communities and first generation families. Shri Samir Somaiya spoke about education that is compassionate, purposeful and transformative, sharing inspiring accounts of alumni such as Dr Sarita Mali and Akhil Kilawala who have made significant global contributions while continuing to give back to Somaiya.

Chief Guest Uday Kotak commended the institution's long standing vision and encouraged students to pursue their goals with purpose, passion and preparedness urging them to innovate, challenge conventions and uphold ethics and integrity in every endeavour.

A key highlight of the celebration was Navriti, the annual student-led innovation showcase which featured a wide range of deep tech and socially impactful projects. These included AI enabled microscopy DrumVision for music training low light image enhancement systems, anti drug awareness games water purification devices and agricultural tools designed to address real world challenges.

The occasion also recognised students, faculty and staff for their achievements in academics research athletics and community service. As Somaiya Vidyavihar steps into its 85th year the institution continues to nurture a culture of academic rigour, curiosity, empathy and social responsibility preparing learners to make meaningful contributions to society.

## Gita Jayanti Celebrations at K J Somaiya Polytechnic → 1 December 2025

K J Somaiya Polytechnic organised a Gita Jayanti celebration on campus to promote the timeless values and philosophy of the Bhagavad Gita. The programme began with an address highlighting the historical and spiritual significance of Gita Jayanti, followed by the collective chanting of verses from Chapter 9, which created a calm and reflective atmosphere across the campus. Faculty Coordinator Dnyandev Shinde spoke on the relevance of the Gita in contemporary life, emphasising ethical decision making, inner balance, and clarity of thought through relatable real life examples, leaving participants spiritually enriched and inspired by its enduring wisdom.



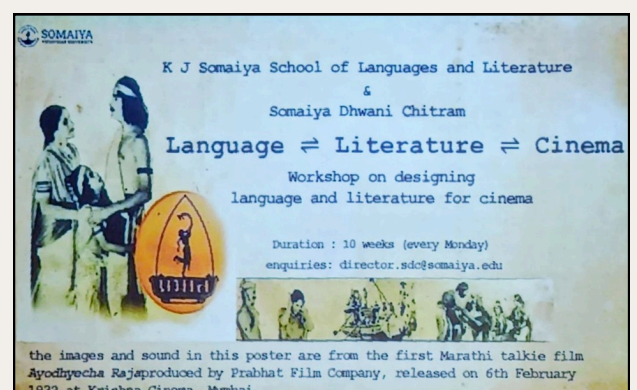
## FDP on Cadence Tools Virtuoso and Verilog Design Flow → 1-5 December 2025



The Faculty and Staff Development Centre, in collaboration with K J Somaiya School of Engineering and the Chips to Startup initiative, conducted a one week Faculty Development Programme (FDP) on Cadence Tools Virtuoso and Verilog Design Flow. The programme provided in depth hands on training in analog and digital VLSI design using industry standard tools such as Cadence Virtuoso, Spectre Simulator, and Verilog, covering schematic design, simulation, and layout development. Designed to enhance technical proficiency and teaching effectiveness, the FDP strengthened academic capabilities while supporting the development of indigenous chip design expertise and industry aligned research and learning.

## Building Foundations of Effective Research Writing at KJSSLL → 4 - 5 December 2025

K J Somaiya School of Languages and Literature organised a two day workshop on Writing Effective Research Papers with the aim of strengthening academic writing and research skills among students. Led by Dr Anand B Bodhale, the sessions covered essential aspects of research methodology, structuring scholarly papers, academic writing ethics, and commonly used referencing styles. The workshop saw active participation from students across disciplines, encouraging interdisciplinary learning and discussion, and further reinforced Somaiya Vidyavihar University's focus on research excellence, academic rigour, and scholarly development.



## “Samvaad”: An Evening of Stories → 9 December 2025



The Somaiya Storytelling Society, in collaboration with the K J Somaiya School of Languages and Literature, hosted the first episode of its Authors Meet series Samvaad, featuring renowned Marathi author Pratibha Saraf ji. The session unfolded as an interactive conversation where she shared insights into her literary journey, inspirations, challenges, and evolving relationship with writing. Emphasising storytelling as both a disciplined craft and a form of emotional expression, she reflected on the role of literature in shaping thought and empathy. The event fostered a thoughtful and engaging dialogue among students, faculty, and literature enthusiasts, celebrating the power of stories to connect, inspire, and influence minds across generations.

## AURA 2025: Showcasing Talent, Culture, and Campus Energy → 10-11 December 2025

The two day intercollegiate fest AURA, jointly organised by SSBAS, SKSCBS, and SSHSS, brought the campus alive with vibrant OTT themed celebrations that blended creativity, culture, and youthful energy. Students from various colleges showcased imaginative concepts inspired by popular shows, transforming the campus into a dynamic space filled with colour, expression, and enthusiasm. The fest featured engaging events such as Mr and Ms AURA, a fashion show, PR rally, War of DJs, group dance, short film making, and an electrifying DJ night, creating an atmosphere of celebration and collaboration while highlighting intercollegiate talent, creativity, and festive spirit.



## STTP on Quantum Computing From Fundamentals to Applications → 15-19 December 2025



The Faculty and Staff Development Centre, in collaboration with K J Somaiya School of Engineering, organised a one week Short Term Training Programme (STTP) on Quantum Computing From Fundamentals to Applications in hybrid mode. The programme provided participants with a comprehensive introduction to core quantum computing concepts such as qubits, superposition, entanglement, and quantum algorithms, along with hands on exposure to quantum programming platforms. Designed to bridge theory with application, the training supported skill development in teaching, research, and innovation, while addressing the evolving demands of next generation computational sciences.

## Rasayan 2025: Inter-Collegiate Chemistry Fest → 16 December 2025

Rasayan 2025 the inter collegiate chemistry fest of the Department of Chemistry K J Somaiya College of Science and Commerce was organised around the theme Panchatatva Earth Water Fire Air and Space highlighting sustainability creativity and scientific awareness. The fest opened with a guest lecture by Prof Atul Chaskar from ICT Mumbai followed by a theme based exhibition showcasing innovative projects with prizes awarded to the top three entries. With a mix of online and offline events Rasayan 2025 saw participation from multiple colleges and over 200 students fostering scientific thinking, creativity and interactive learning.



## Hooner 2025: A Three-Day Celebration of Culture and Creativity → 16-18 December



The official cultural fest of K J Somaiya College of Arts and Commerce Autonomous was celebrated as a vibrant three day showcase of talent and creativity. Featuring a wide range of events across arts literature, sports gaming media and performing arts the fest provided students with a dynamic platform to express their skills and passion. Hosted across multiple venues on the Somaiya campus and supported by sponsors including Myntra Dhindoora Sbarro Smaash and PlayStation Hooner witnessed participation from over 20 colleges and successfully upheld its legacy of diversity, dedication and cultural spirit.

## Christmas Celebrations at K J Somaiya College of Nursing → 17 December

Christmas was celebrated with great enthusiasm at K J Somaiya College of Nursing, with active participation from both students and faculty, creating a warm and festive campus atmosphere. A beautifully decorated Christmas tree, festive classroom décor, and cheerful music set the tone for the celebrations. Activities such as Secret Santa, fun games, and a shared meal with sweets added to the joy and camaraderie. The presence of a student dressed as Santa Claus and photo moments near the Christmas tree made the occasion especially memorable, spreading the true spirit of togetherness, joy, and celebration across the campus.



## Asmita Presents Gen Z's Kalaahangam → 17-19 December 2025



K J Somaiya College of Science and Commerce's Marathi Vangmay Mandal organised the inter collegiate event Asmita 2025–26, themed Gen Z Kalaahangam 2.0, celebrating contemporary creativity while staying rooted in literary traditions. The three day competition featured a variety of Gen Z inspired literary and cultural events, drawing enthusiastic participation from colleges across the University of Mumbai and creating a vibrant atmosphere of expression and exchange. The final day witnessed the traditional Granth Dindi, symbolising respect for literature, followed by multiple competitions. Ramnarain Ruia College secured the Best College award for the fourth consecutive year, reflecting consistent excellence and outstanding performance.

## Jagrut Mumbaikar - Citizen Awareness Seminar → 22 December 2025

K J Somaiya Polytechnic Students' Forum organised the Jagrut Mumbaikar Citizen Awareness Seminar in collaboration with the Mumbai Police at the Smt Sakarben Somaiya Auditorium, focusing on promoting civic responsibility and awareness among students. Conducted by API Madhuri Gaikwad and Head Constable Sadhana Nikam, the session addressed key issues such as responsible citizenship, personal safety, cyber awareness, and legal duties, supported by practical insights and real life examples. Organised under the guidance of Principal Padmajabhanu Bandaru and Students' Forum Chairperson Ashok Kumar Yadav, the seminar encouraged meaningful engagement and helped students better understand their role as informed and responsible citizens.



## Veer Bal Diwas Celebration at K J Somaiya Polytechnic → 26 December 2025



The Students' Forum of K J Somaiya Polytechnic organised the Veer Bal Diwas celebration with great enthusiasm and reverence to commemorate the courage, sacrifice, and timeless values of the young martyrs of Indian history. The programme created a reflective and respectful atmosphere, encouraging students to connect deeply with the significance of the day through poetry recitations, speeches, debates, and presentations. Through their thoughtful participation, students expressed themes of bravery, patriotism, and moral strength, while gaining a deeper understanding of the importance of courage, integrity, and responsibility in both personal and social life.

# UPCOMING EVENTS

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## INTERNSHIP FAIR



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### Internship Fair 2026

**Invitation for Students to Register**

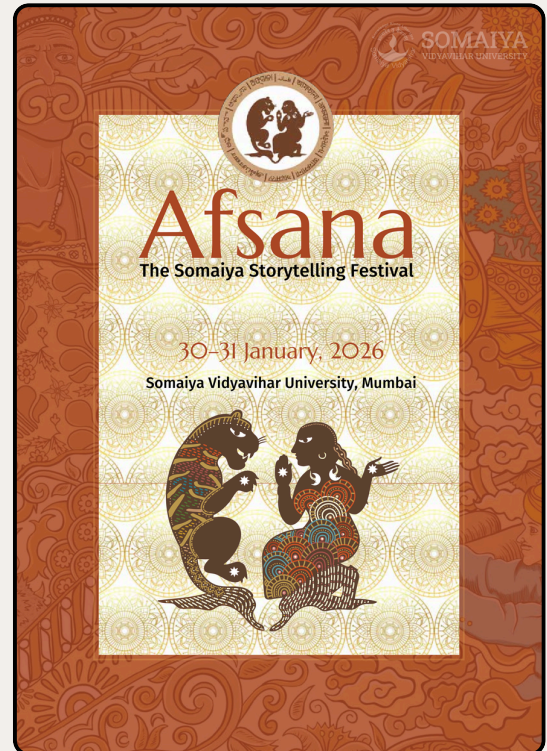
Engage with 40+ companies, gain insights into different industries, and network with professionals who are shaping the future of their respective fields.

This is your chance to make a lasting impression and secure an internship that aligns with your interests and career goals.

**9th January, 2026 (Friday)**  
**10:00 AM to 5:00 PM**  
**Aurobindo lobby, Somaiya Vidyavihar University**

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## AFSANA



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# Afsana

The Somaiya Storytelling Festival

30-31 January, 2026  
Somaiya Vidyavihar University, Mumbai

## ONE DAY INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE



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K J Somaiya College of Science and Commerce

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January 17, 2026

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## SILVER SOMAIYANS CELEBRATION



The poster features a header with five logos: Somaiya Vidyavihar, Somaiya Vidyavihar University, Somaiya Schools, Somaiya Ayurvihar, and Somaiya Trust. The central graphic is a circular emblem with 'SILVER SOMAIYANS CELEBRATION' and 'Class of 2001' on a ribbon. Below this, the text reads 'Silver Somaiyans Celebration' in red, followed by '25 Years, Always A Somaiyan, Endless Memories' and 'Graduating Batch of 2001'. The event details are 'January 10, 2026 | 11 AM to 3 PM' at 'Smt Sakarben Somaiya Sabhagraha, Somaiya Vidyavihar'. At the bottom, there are two stylized trees with colorful leaves and a QR code with the text 'Scan Here'.

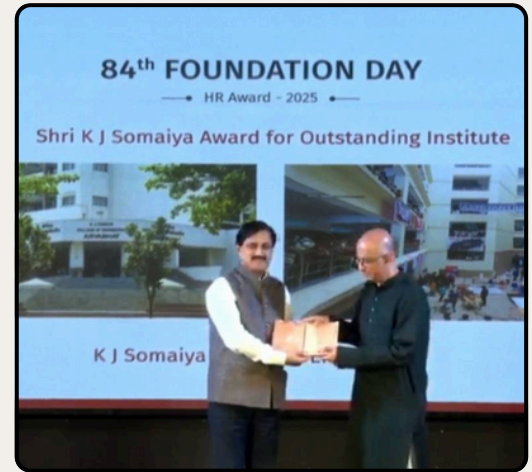


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## SOMAIYA ALL ALUMINI MEET

## K J Somaiya School of Engineering Honoured with Shri K J Somaiya Award for Outstanding Institute - 1 December 2025

At the 84th Foundation Day Celebration 2025, held as part of the Somaiya Vidyavihar Awards 2025, K J Somaiya School of Engineering received the Shri K J Somaiya Award for Outstanding Institute. The award recognises the institution's consistent pursuit of academic quality, innovation, and institutional excellence, driven by the collective efforts of its academic community. This honour marks an important milestone in the school's continued development and was made possible through the sustained support and leadership of the Somaiya Management, whose vision and encouragement continue to guide the institution forward.



## Team NYX Clinches Smart India Hackathon 2025 - 9 December 2025

Somaiya Vidyavihar University marked a proud achievement as Team NYX from K J Somaiya School of Engineering emerged as winners of the Smart India Hackathon 2025 Software Edition for a Ministry of Railways problem statement on AI powered train traffic control. Mentored by Dr Smita Sankhe and Kaustubh Kulkarni, the team comprising Mihir Phalke, Aakanksha Singh, Aditi Kanagla, Aditya Belgaonkar, Akanksha Agroya, and Viraj Bharatiya secured the top position at the national finale in Matunga and received a cash prize of ₹1,50,000 for their innovative solution.



## K J Somaiya School of Engineering Receives CII Industry – Academia Partnership Award - 5 December 2025

K J Somaiya School of Engineering was honoured with the Diamond Category at the CII Industry Academia Partnership Award 2025, recognising its excellence in fostering impactful collaborations between industry and academia. The award highlights the institute's continued efforts in promoting innovation, enabling industry-relevant research, and bridging academic learning with real-world applications. Through strong partnerships and knowledge exchange initiatives, the institute provides students with practical exposure and future ready learning experiences.



## K J Somaiya College of Science and Commerce Shines at Aavishkar 2026

K J Somaiya College of Science and Commerce marked a significant achievement at Aavishkar 2026, the prestigious inter-university research convention organised under the University of Mumbai. A total of 18 research groups from the college participated across diverse disciplines in pure sciences and allied fields, reflecting the institution's strong multidisciplinary research culture.

From the zonal rounds, six research groups qualified for the final round at the University of Mumbai level. In the final podium presentations, two groups secured Gold Medals in pure sciences, while two groups won Bronze Medals in agriculture and animal husbandry. These four teams will represent the University of Mumbai at the state-level competition to be held in Parbhani from January 27 to 31, 2026. Additionally, a research group from the Department of Mathematics received a consolation prize in pure sciences.

A special highlight was Mr Austin Parmar from the Department of Geology, who won a Gold Medal, qualified for the state level round and was also selected to represent Anveshan West Zone Competition under the aegis of Aavishkar. The achievements stand as a testament to the students' research excellence and the dedicated mentorship provided by faculty members across departments.

### Department of Geology



Mr Austin Parmar

M.Sc II (Gold Medal Winner selected for state level competition)

(Nominated for Anveshan at university of Mumbai)

Mentor: Dr. Mayashree Rajkakati



Ms. Tanvi Gurav



Ms. Rujvita Talwadkar



Ms. Ankita Yadav



Ms. Lina Chathanath

(Bronze Medal Winners selected for state level championship)

Mentor: Dr. Jyoti Sharma

## Department of Chemistry



Ms. Cheryl Mascarenhas  
(Gold Medal Winner selected for state level competition)  
Mentor: Dr. Pradnya Prabhu

## Department of Biochemistry



Ms. Angel Martin   Ms. Vaishali Kokate   Ms. Siddhi Badgude   Ms. Shreya Kamble

(Bronze Medal Winners selected for state level championship)  
Mentor: Dr. Saeema Khan

## Department of Mathematics



Mr. Yug Gandhi   Ms. Leesha Chudasama

(Consolation prize winners)  
Mentor: Mr. Subhash Krishnan

## The Night Mess: A Midnight Lifeline During Endsems



Endsems have a way of turning normal routines upside down. Days blur into nights, sleep schedules collapse, and hunger shows up at the worst possible time, usually when the brain is already exhausted. In the middle of this chaos, the night mess quietly becomes one of the most important places in hostel life.

During the evenings, the mess functions till late at night, offering students a much-needed break from their rooms and revision notes. Located between Sandipani and Maitreyi hostels, it is easy to reach

and even easier to get attached to. With tables and chairs arranged within the night mess area, students finally have a place where they can sit comfortably, eat properly, and catch their breath before returning to their studies.

Maggi is, without question, the star of the menu. Fast, familiar, and comforting, it has saved countless nights of half-hearted studying. Alongside it, there is enough variety to satisfy different cravings-pasta, sandwiches, french fries, and frankies for those who want something filling.

For liquid motivation, there's cold coffee, tea, and coffee serving as fuel for both night owls and accidental all-nighters. Add biscuits, cold drinks, Lays, and suddenly the night doesn't seem so hostile anymore.

However, the night mess is not just about food. It is also about the atmosphere it creates. Students walk in carrying books, laptops, and stress, and sit down planning to eat quickly and leave. Instead, conversations begin. Someone revises out loud, someone else asks a doubt, and suddenly, a simple food break turns into an unexpected study session. Laughter, complaints about the syllabus, and last-minute revision tips float around the tables, making the pressure of end-of-semester feel slightly lighter.

But the night mess is not just about food. It is about shared glances of exhaustion, group discussions that accidentally turn into revision sessions, and friendships strengthened over steaming cups of coffee. It is where stress feels lighter because everyone around you is equally tired, equally determined.

In the intense atmosphere of endsems, the night mess quietly plays a crucial role. By staying open late and doubling as a study-friendly space, it supports students not just physically, but mentally. It stands as proof that sometimes, all it takes to get through the night is good food, a place to sit, and the comforting knowledge that you are not studying alone.





SOMAIYA CRICKET TOSS 2025



ASMITA '25



RASAYAN



84TH FOUNDATION DAY



VEERBAL DIWAS



GITA JAYANTI



AURA '25



JAGRUT MUMBAIKAR



SOMAIYA BASKETBALL TOSS 2025



HOONER '25

The Inaugural Season of the **Somaiya Basketball Toss 2025** was a HIT, delivering excitement, competitiveness, and outstanding sportsmanship, making it a grand success from start to finish.

The tournament witnessed **Gir Lions** roaring their way to the championship title. Close behind were the **Hemis Snow Leopards** and **Kaziranga Rhinos**, who delivered exceptional performances and kept the competition electrifying throughout.

This memorable event would not have been possible without the dedication and enthusiasm of our participants, volunteers, and organisers.

A big thank you to everyone who contributed to making the inaugural season of the Somaiya Basketball Toss an unforgettable success.

Events like these build strong in-house camaraderie while encouraging healthier, more active lifestyles through sports.



The 26th Edition of **Somaiya Cricket TOSS 2025** concluded on a high note, delivering days filled with thrilling matches, competitive spirit, and outstanding performances. The tournament truly showcased the passion for cricket across the Somaiya community, bringing together teams that competed with determination, teamwork, and exemplary sportsmanship.

Godavari Biorefineries Ltd., Sakarwadi, clinched the tournament title. At the same time, K.J. Somaiya Hospital & Research Centre finished as runners-up, and K J Somaiya College of Science and Commerce secured third place. The Sportsmanship Team Award was won by Godavari Biorefineries Ltd., Sameerwadi, for their exemplary conduct throughout the tournament.

Among individual honours, Shubham Kadam was named Best Batsman, Darshan Gurav earned the Best Bowler award, and Jay Gound received the Best Fielder award. The prestigious Player of the Series title was claimed by Laxman Hunsyal of Godavari Biorefineries Ltd., Sameerwadi.

The Somaiya Cricket TOSS 2025 was not just about winning matches; it was a celebration of sportsmanship, unity, and the love for the game.



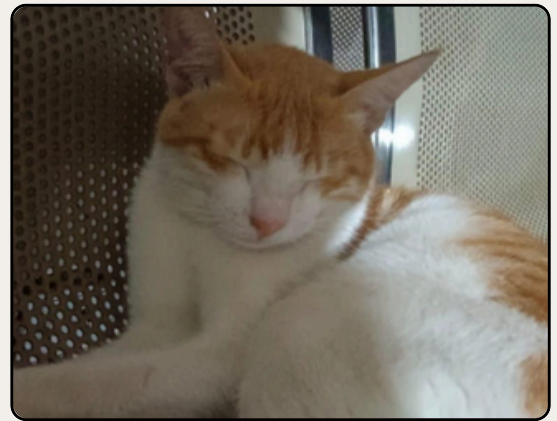
Somaiya Vidyavihar has introduced battery operated vehicles within the campus as part of its commitment to sustainable and eco friendly transportation. This initiative reflects the institution's focus on environmental responsibility and efforts to reduce its carbon footprint.

The battery operated vehicles are primarily used for internal mobility assisting students, faculty staff and visitors in commuting across the expansive campus. Powered by rechargeable batteries these vehicles operate without emitting harmful gases such as carbon dioxide or nitrogen oxides helping to maintain cleaner air and a healthier campus environment.

In addition to being energy efficient the vehicles operate at low noise levels contributing to a calm and peaceful academic atmosphere. They also promote inclusive mobility by providing convenient transport for elderly visitors, persons with disabilities and individuals carrying heavy materials.

By transitioning from conventional fuel based vehicles to battery operated alternatives Somaiya Vidyavihar actively supports sustainable development goals related to clean energy climate action and sustainable cities. The initiative also serves as a practical example for students encouraging greater awareness and adoption of environmentally responsible practices. Overall the introduction of battery operated vehicles marks a meaningful step towards creating a sustainable eco conscious and future ready campus.





Every hostel claims to run on rules, schedules and discipline but everyone knows who truly runs the place. Long before first years learn the layout of the building these cats have already claimed their favourite staircases, corridors and humans.

Loved universally hostel cats enjoy celebrity status without the burden of attendance exams or deadlines. At any given moment you will find someone abandoning their plans just to stop and pet a cat. Running late for class One pat. Emotional breakdown Two pats. Full therapy session Sit on the floor cat included.

Their daily routine is simple and oddly aspirational. Mornings are reserved for sleeping on staircases, tables and doormats. Afternoons are dedicated to doing absolutely nothing. Evenings and late nights are for appearances. By then the night mess becomes their personal lounge where they sit under tables, claim chairs and calmly observe students chatting, laughing and unwinding as if supervising their own domain.

Between naps they play darting across corridors chasing fallen leaves or casually following students as if conducting inspection rounds. Over time they stop being stray cats and become familiar faces woven quietly into everyday hostel life.

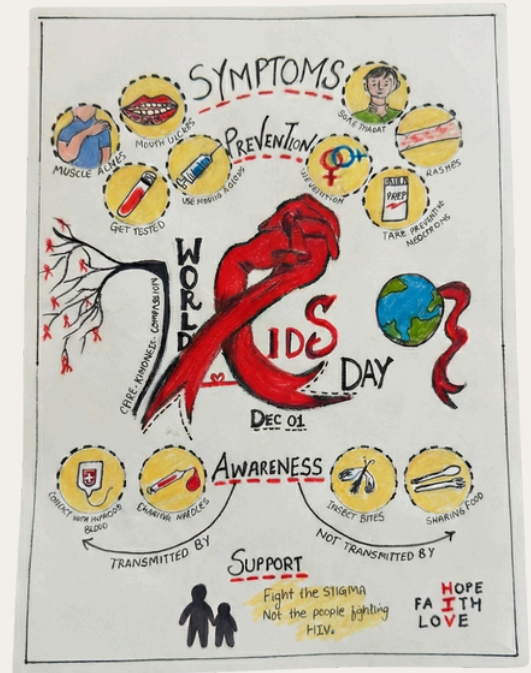
They have also mastered the art of appearing exactly where you least expect them blocking staircases occupying doorways or materialising the moment a food packet is opened. Some days they trail students like loyal companions on others they ignore everyone with an impressive air of confidence.

In a hostel filled with deadlines, noise and constant motion these cats offer a quiet comforting presence. They do not care about GPAs submissions or curfews. They simply exist and in doing so make the hostel feel less like temporary accommodation and more like home.

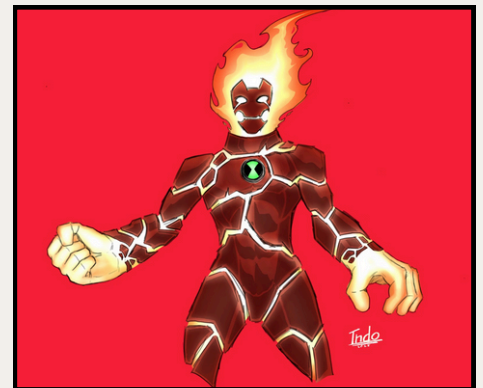
## Story of that one "full stop ( . ) "

*Sometimes that "fullstop" will end your story.  
Sometimes that "full Stop" will pause your story.  
Sometimes that "fullstop" will try to make you realize the importance of unsaid words.  
Sometimes or someday you yourself will become a "full stop".  
Sometimes "fullstop" will help you and sometimes that will make you restless.  
That full stop is nothing but just an end.  
And somewhere somehow everybody is scared of the bad end.  
In search of your own happiness and love don't try to be full stop, use commas to explore the qualities of your partners and friends.  
And adapt more of them in any situation instead of leaving them.  
No one will teach you CONSISTENCY better than the COMMA (,) itself To make your life decisions better.*

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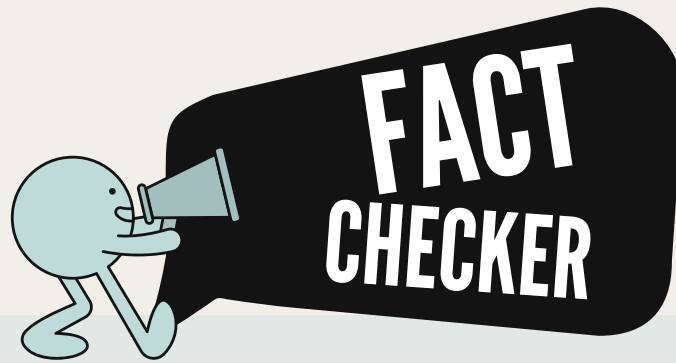
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## RULES AND REGULATIONS

- Find all words from a provided list within the grid of letters.
- Words are hidden in straight lines horizontally, vertically, or diagonally.
- Words can run forwards or backwards (e.g., left-to-right, right-to-left, up-to-down, down-to-up).
- Once found, circle or highlight the word in the grid and cross it off the list.

## Words to search

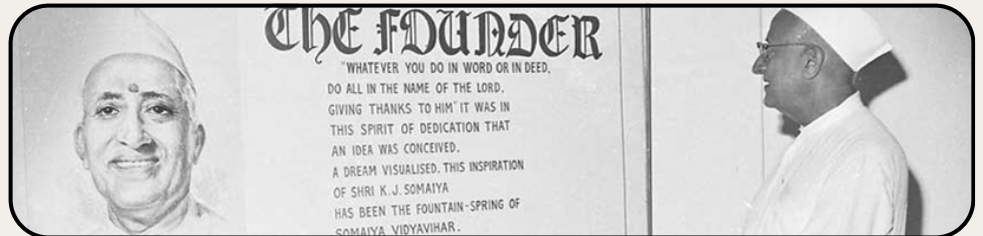
- Snakes and Ladders
- Frustration
- Mouse Trap
- Draughts
- Pay Day
- Uno
- Trivial Pursuit
- Pictionary
- Guess Who
- Scrabble
- Cluedo
- Connect Four
- Battleship
- Operation
- Monopoly
- Chess



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SOMAIYA WAS STARTED BY KARAMSHI JETHABHAI SOMAIYA, A SUGAR MAGNATE KNOWN AS THE "SUGAR KING OF INDIA" AND AWARDED THE PADMA BHUSHAN. HIS FIRST INITIATIVE IN EDUCATION WAS THE FOUNDING OF SOMAIYA VIDYAVIHAR MANDIR SCHOOL IN 1942 IN RURAL MAHARASHTRA (KOPARGAON TALUKA), TO PROVIDE QUALITY HOLISTIC EDUCATION.



### NATURE OF THE CAMPUS

SOMAIYA VIDYAVIHAR CAMPUS HAS HUNDREDS OF MATURE TREES, MANY PLANTED DURING THE EARLY DEVELOPMENT YEARS, WHICH IS WHY TEMPERATURES INSIDE THE CAMPUS OFTEN FEEL NOTICEABLY COOLER THAN OUTSIDE TRAFFIC ZONES.



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VIDYAVIHAR IS A LARGE EDUCATIONAL COMPLEX THAT GREW IN THE AREA, INSPIRING THE NAMING OF THE RAILWAY STATION AND THE SURROUNDING SUBURB IN THE 1960S, AS "VIDYA" MEANS KNOWLEDGE AND "VIHAR" MEANS PLACE OR ABODE IN SANSKRIT, SIGNIFYING A CENTER FOR LEARNING.

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