



SOMAIYA
VIDYAVIHAR

MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

Vol 1 | Issue 7
March 2026

SO
VOICES



-
- ✉ voices@somaiya.edu
 - 📷 [@somaiyavoices](https://www.instagram.com/somaiyavoices)
 - 📺 [somaiyavoices](https://www.youtube.com/somaiyavoices)

VOICES

✉ voices@somaiya.edu

📷 @somaiyavoices

▶ somaiyavoices

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.



Life of Animals of Somaiya as Disney Characters

A walk across the Somaiya campus often feels like stepping into a small animated world where every animal seems to carry the charm of a Disney character. The campus dogs, commonly seen resting near hostel gates or accompanying students along familiar pathways, bring to mind the loyal companions from Lady and the Tramp and the brave spirit of Bolt. Much like these characters, they have quietly become a comforting and familiar presence for many students on campus.

The cats of Somaiya add their own graceful personality to this story. With their calm confidence and curious nature, they resemble the elegant and playful felines from The Aristocats. Whether they are lounging near staircases or wandering through garden spaces, they move through the campus as if they know every hidden corner.

The trees and open spaces of Somaiya are also home to birds whose cheerful presence mirrors the friendly birds

seen in Cinderella and Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs. Their morning songs bring life to the campus, while squirrels darting across branches add energy to the peaceful green surroundings.

Behind the care and well being of these community animals is the Union For Animals (UFA), a student volunteer group dedicated to supporting animals across the campus. The group regularly helps ensure that animals receive food, basic care and attention. Through the efforts of volunteers who step forward to look after them, UFA plays an important role in creating a compassionate environment where animals and students can peacefully coexist.

In their own quiet way, the animals of Somaiya add warmth and character to campus life. Just like the memorable companions in Disney stories, they may not speak, but they certainly make the campus feel a little more lively and magical.



Hooner Afterparty A Symphony of Evenings → 5 to 7 March 2026 ←

Pixel Euphoria 2025–26, the Cultural Forum of K J Somaiya College of Arts and Commerce (Autonomous) hosted the Hooner Aftershow at Gargi Plaza, featuring three vibrant evenings of music and celebration.

The event opened with a soulful Mehfil hosted by Sister Maithili Kothari, followed by a Sufi Qawwali Retro Bollywood Night hosted by Sister Vidhi Dedhia, with performances by the Hooner Band and Parinay Jain. The final day highlighted trophy aagman, celebrating inter-collegiate achievements, along with a dynamic performance by JAYMEET.fm in collaboration with the Hooner Band, and nostalgic video presentations by Brother Tanish Shedekar and the IT and Photography Department.

With lively stalls and strong attendance each day, the event created an engaging and memorable atmosphere.



→ Sports Day A Celebration of Speed and Spirit → 11 March 2026



The Sports Day at Smt S K Somaiya Junior College of Education transformed the campus into a vibrant arena of energy and enthusiasm, where students actively participated not only in competitions but also in organising and cheering. The event featured a series of track and field activities, with standout performances by Judy Chirayath, who secured multiple first place finishes across events, reflecting consistency and excellence. The relay race added to the excitement with strong team coordination, while active student involvement created a collective and spirited atmosphere, making the day both competitive and memorable.

Leadership Training Shaping Future Leaders → 14 March 2026



A Leadership Training Workshop at K J Somaiya Institute of Management brought together NSS volunteers from K J Somaiya College of Nursing, focusing on developing contemporary leadership skills through collaboration with the Centre for Diversity Management and Inclusion. Sessions explored decision making, emotional intelligence, unconscious bias and inclusive leadership, encouraging participants to reflect on leadership as both practice and perspective. Through interactive activities and open dialogue, the workshop fostered critical thinking, self awareness and collaborative learning, preparing students to lead with responsibility and adaptability in a complex and evolving world.

→ Lokneeti Where Ideas Meet Debate → 21 to 22 March 2026

Lokneeti MUN 2026 brought together delegates across UNSC, UNCSW, UNHRC and Lok Sabha for two days of engaging discussion and structured debate, exploring themes of global security, human rights, governance and social justice, with participants presenting diverse perspectives and engaging in informed dialogue. From intense exchanges in UNSC to reflective discussions in UNCSW and dynamic proceedings in Lok Sabha, the conference fostered critical thinking, collaboration and a deeper understanding of contemporary global issues.



Somaiya Youth Conclave Shaping Economic Diplomacy → 23 March 2026



The Somaiya Youth Conclave 2026, organised by the Somaiya Dautyam Club in collaboration with the Department of International Studies, Somaiya Vidyavihar University, explored the theme of India's economic diplomacy through discussions on continuity and change. The event featured an inaugural address highlighting shifts in the global order, followed by youth panels and technical sessions on diversification, partnerships, multilateralism and innovation-led diplomacy. With research presentations and international participation, the conclave fostered meaningful dialogue, academic exchange and a deeper understanding of India's global economic engagement.

Elocution Competition Celebrating 150 Years of Vande Mataram → 25 March 2026

The Somaiya Debating Society, in collaboration with the Somaiya School of Languages and Literature, organised an elocution competition commemorating 150 years of Vande Mataram, where participants delivered well structured speeches followed by an interactive question round, demonstrating strong oratory skills and thoughtful critical insight. The multilingual format, featuring Marathi, Hindi, Gujarati and English, celebrated linguistic diversity and encouraged wider participation. With an enthusiastic audience and active engagement throughout, the event created a vibrant and intellectually enriching atmosphere, highlighting both expressive ability and depth of understanding among participants.



Senior KG Graduation Celebrating a Milestone → 28 March 2026

The Senior KG Graduation Ceremony at Somaiya Vidya Mandir Rehti marked the completion of the pre primary stage through a warm and celebratory programme. The event included a welcome for parents, an overview of students' academic and developmental progress, and personalised messages by the class teacher, adding a reflective touch. Students were felicitated with certificates, gowns and caps, celebrating their achievement, while the ceremony created a sense of pride and accomplishment among parents and teachers.



Parent Teacher Conference Strengthening Academic Dialogue → 30 March 2026

The Parent Teacher Conference at Somaiya Vidya Mandir Rehti provided a constructive platform for meaningful interaction between parents and teachers, focusing on students' academic progress and overall development. Class teachers shared clear and concise insights into performance, highlighting strengths while identifying areas for improvement, and encouraged open dialogue and feedback. With active participation and smooth coordination, the conference strengthened communication and promoted a more collaborative and supportive approach towards enhancing students' learning outcomes.



AIU SQUASH TOURNAMENT - 9TH TO 13TH MARCH 2026



Somaiya Vidyavihar University hosted the All India Inter University Squash Tournament at the Eklavya Sports Complex, bringing together 76 teams from 36 universities and underscoring the growing scale and competitiveness of university squash in India. With 40 men's and 36 women's teams competing over five days, the tournament showcased a high standard of play, strategic depth and athletic excellence. The host university delivered a remarkable performance, securing both championship titles, with the men's team edging past the University of Madras in a closely contested 3 to 2 final, while the women's team registered a convincing victory over Punjab University. The University of Delhi and the University of Madras finished as runners up in the men's and women's categories respectively. Individual honours were awarded to **Om Semwal and Nirupama Dubey** as Best Players, while **Navaneeth Prabhu S and Parul Narwal** were recognised as Promising Players. The event was graced by **Shri Samir Somaiya, Professor Ajay Kapoor, Dr Urmi Thakkar, Dr Ajay Malik and Mr Aazaz Khan**, and marked a significant milestone with participation nearly doubling from the previous year, further strengthening Somaiya's position as a leading centre for university sport and competitive excellence.



Best Paper Award at Multidisciplinary Conference → 14 March 2026



Two TYBSc Microbiology students from K J Somaiya College of Science and Commerce, Ms Pushpa Chaudhary and Ms Srushti Pansare, secured the Best Paper Award (First Prize) at the 11th Multidisciplinary International Conference organised by Chandrabhan Sharma College in collaboration with the University of Mumbai and the ICFAI Foundation for Higher Education. Their research was recognised for its rigour, clarity and relevance among diverse interdisciplinary presentations. The students received certificates and a cash prize of ₹2,000, with their paper also selected for publication in peer-reviewed, indexed journals.

Guided by Ms Tarannoom Khan, Assistant Professor, the achievement underscores the department's strong emphasis on research, fostering a culture of academic inquiry and innovation among students.

Oxy Go Smart Wins Second Prize at State-Level Project Competition → 16 March 2026

Students from the Second Year and Third Year Industrial Electronics Engineering Department of K J Somaiya Polytechnic secured second prize at the MSBTE sponsored state-level project competition held at Vidyavardhini's Bhausaheb Vartak Polytechnic, Vasai. The team was awarded a cash prize of Rs 50,000 for their project titled Oxy Go Smart, reflecting innovation and practical application of technical knowledge. The winning team comprised Ritik Rajendra Soni, Bhavya Nilesh Velani, Yashvi Amar Shah, Mahek Abdul Rauf Shaikh and Ashish Parmashivan Thevar, whose achievement was supported by the guidance of the Principal, Head of Department and faculty mentor.

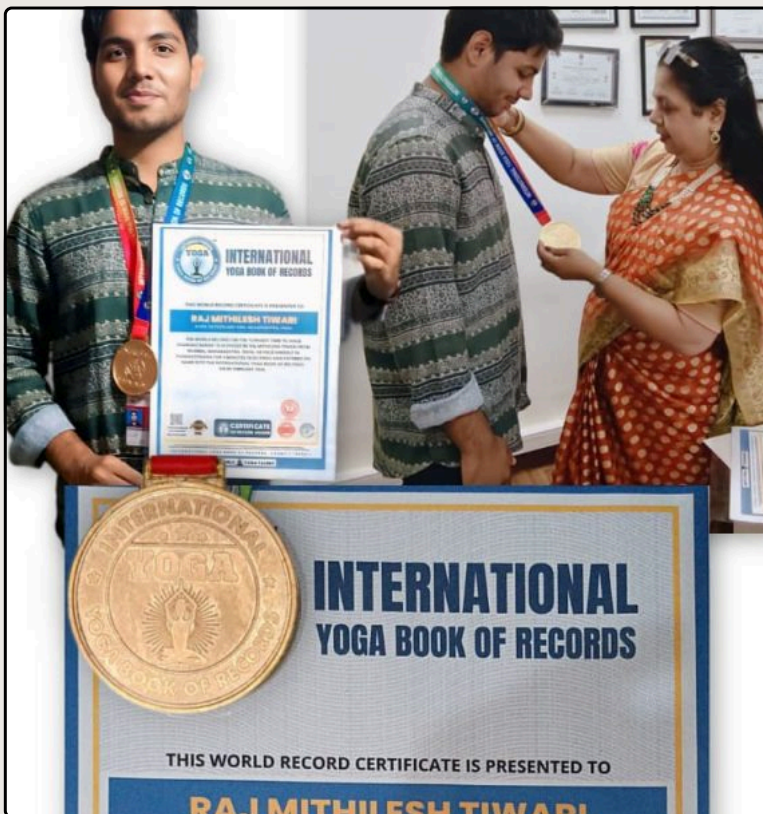


Students Excel at State-Level Sports Competitions → March 2026



Students of K J Somaiya Polytechnic achieved notable success at state-level badminton and weightlifting competitions, demonstrating excellence beyond academics. The girls' badminton team comprising Aayushi Dileepkumar Tiwari, Sehar Siddique, Kimaya Savita Shree and Sneha Virendra Bhanushali secured first place through consistent practice, strong teamwork and effective coordination, while Shreeraj Uttam Bodke earned distinction in weightlifting with a disciplined and technically focused performance. Supported by professional coaching and institutional guidance, these achievements reflect perseverance, dedication and competitive spirit, bringing recognition to the institute and inspiring fellow students to pursue sporting excellence.

Grade 11 Student Achieves Yoga World Record with Exceptional Endurance → March 2026



Raj Mithilesh Tiwari, a Grade 11 student of S K Somaiya Vinay Mandir Junior College, achieved a remarkable milestone by setting a world record in yoga, holding the Padahastasana posture for 3 minutes and 19 seconds. His achievement has been recognised by the International Yoga Book of Records. Trained under the guidance of Dr Prakash Soni, a distinguished yoga faculty member and record holder, Raj's success reflects consistent dedication, discipline and mental resilience developed over years of practice. His accomplishment stands as an inspiration for students to pursue excellence beyond academics and embrace a balanced approach to holistic development.

Indra Water: Engineering the Future of Water

One of the promising startups supported by the riidl incubator is Indra Water, a deep tech company dedicated to addressing one of the most critical environmental challenges today: wastewater management and reuse. With increasing pressure on freshwater resources and rising industrial demand, the need for sustainable and efficient water treatment solutions has become more urgent than ever. Indra Water aims to make water reuse the default practice by treating wastewater directly at the source, using electricity driven processes instead of conventional chemical based methods.

At the core of its innovation is an advanced electrochemical treatment platform called ElectroX, which integrates multiple treatment processes such as electro coagulation, electro oxidation and electro disinfection within a single, compact reactor. This integrated approach enables the effective removal of a wide range of contaminants including dyes, heavy metals, pathogens and organic pollutants, making the treated water suitable for reuse across various applications such as irrigation, industrial cooling, cleaning and other operational processes. A key strength of the ElectroX system lies in its compact and modular design, allowing it to be deployed across different scales and settings, from industries to residential complexes. Compared to traditional systems, it

requires a smaller physical footprint, generates significantly less sludge, and operates with minimal chemical usage, thereby reducing both environmental impact and operational costs. Additionally, the platform is supported by a digital intelligence system that enables real time monitoring, data analysis and efficient management of water treatment processes, enhancing reliability and performance.

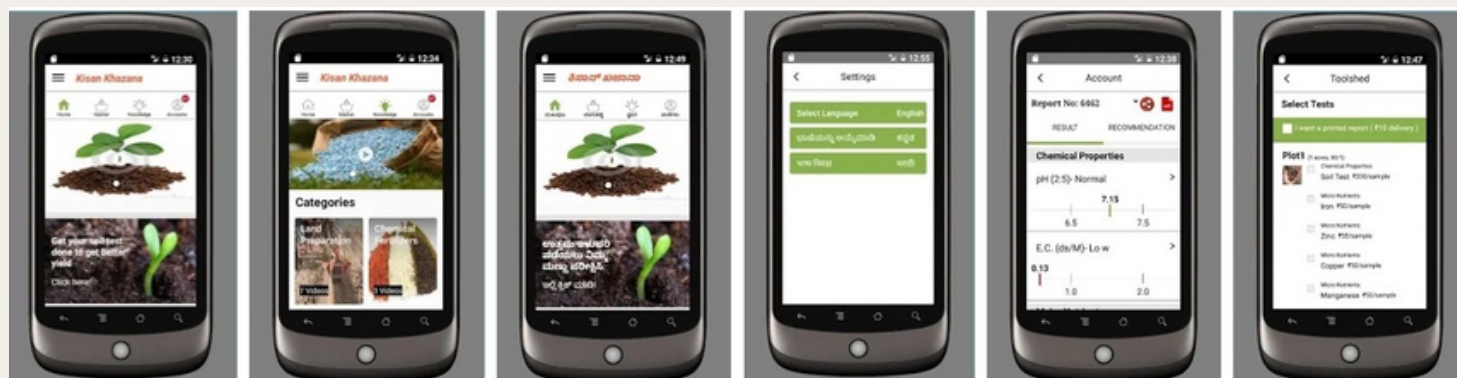
Through such innovations, Indra Water is driving the shift towards circular water usage, where wastewater is not treated as waste but as a valuable resource. By enabling efficient recovery and reuse of water, the startup helps industries, municipalities and communities reduce pollution, conserve freshwater resources and move towards more sustainable and resilient water management systems.



Kisan Khazana: Empowering Farmers Through Technology

Technology is playing a transformative role in modern agriculture, enabling farmers to move beyond traditional practices and adopt more efficient, data driven approaches. One such impactful initiative is Kisan Khazana, an Android based mobile application designed to support farmers in optimising resources, improving crop productivity and making informed agricultural decisions, developed by K J Somaiya Institute of Technology.

Farmers often face multiple challenges, including limited awareness of advanced farming techniques, lack of access to scientific soil analysis, and difficulties in managing irrigation and fertiliser usage effectively. These gaps can lead to reduced yields and inefficient use of resources. Kisan Khazana addresses these issues by offering a comprehensive and user friendly digital platform that brings together essential agricultural knowledge and practical tools in one place.

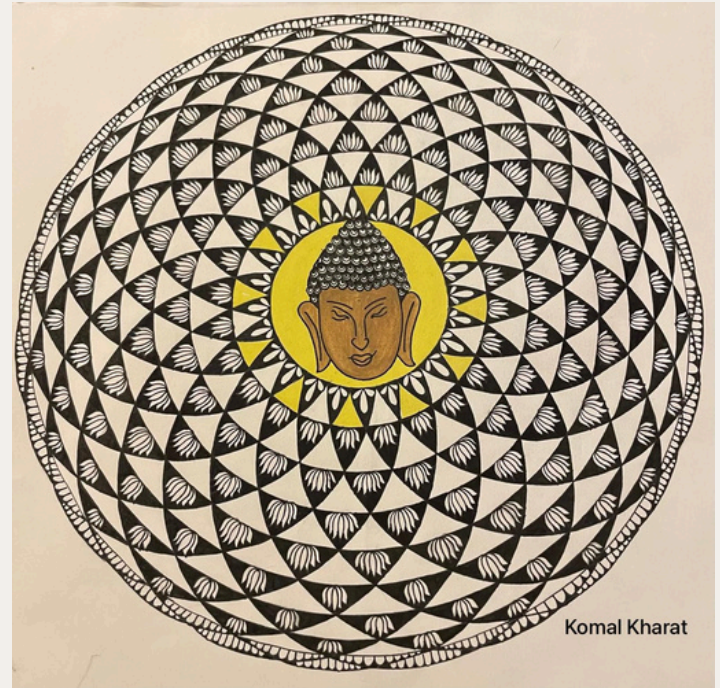


The application provides key features such as soil testing support, helping farmers understand soil health and plan crops more effectively, and a fertiliser calculator that offers precise recommendations to reduce excessive usage and costs. Additionally, the platform enables farmers to order farming inputs online, ensuring timely access to seeds, fertilisers and other essentials.

Designed for inclusivity, Kisan Khazana is available in multiple languages including English, Kannada and Marathi, making it accessible to a diverse user base. Its simple and intuitive interface ensures ease of use, even for those with limited digital exposure, while being free of cost on the Google Play Store encourages wider adoption.

By integrating technology with agricultural expertise, Kisan Khazana promotes sustainable farming practices, improved resource management and better economic outcomes. Currently, around 3000 farmers in Karnataka are actively using the platform, reflecting its growing impact in strengthening the agricultural ecosystem and supporting rural livelihoods.





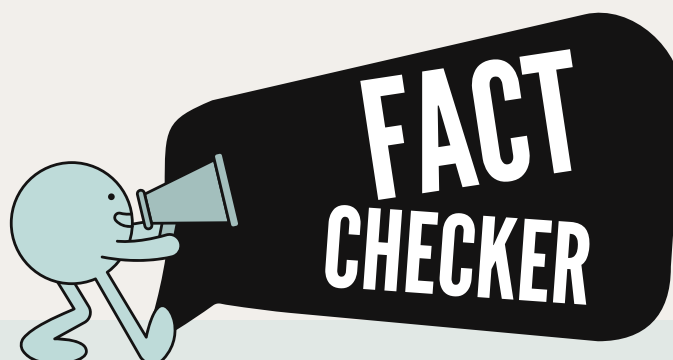
-Assistant Professor Komal Kharat
Faculty of Somaiya School of Basic and Applied Science

Mail us your Doodles, Artistic Work or any other Creative Stuff to get featured in the monthly newsletter! voices@somaiya.edu

		8		6	2			
	3		8	4		9		2
9		6					1	4
	1	2			8	6		
3				7	9		2	
	6		1				3	7
		1	7	8		3		
6	8	5	2			7	4	
4				9	6			1

Rules and Regulations:

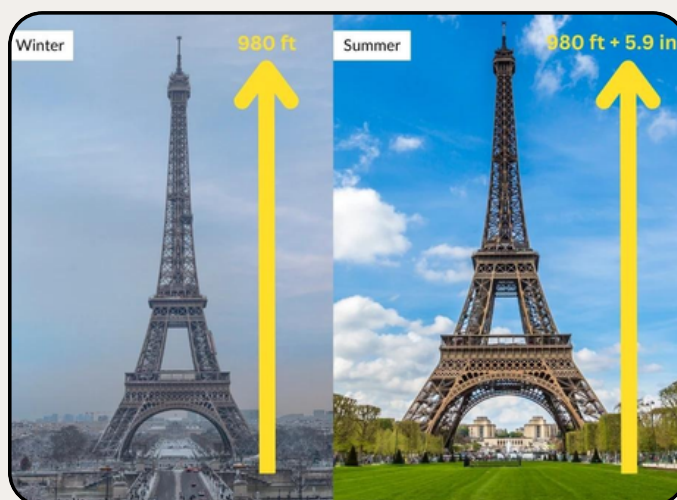
- Fill the grid using numbers from 1 to 9.
- Each number (1–9) must appear only once in every row and column.
- Each number (1–9) must appear only once in every 3×3 box.
- Some numbers are already given at the start and cannot be changed.
- The puzzle should be solved using logical reasoning, not random guessing the numbers.
- Every empty cell must be filled so that all rules are satisfied.



"Your monthly dose of curiosity"

DID YOU KNOW? THE EIFFEL TOWER CAN GROW TALLER IN SUMMERS!

THE EIFFEL TOWER CAN GROW ABOUT 10–15 CM TALLER IN SUMMER BECAUSE OF THERMAL EXPANSION. WHEN METAL HEATS UP, IT EXPANDS. SINCE THE TOWER IS MADE OF IRON, HOT WEATHER CAUSES IT TO SLIGHTLY INCREASE IN HEIGHT.

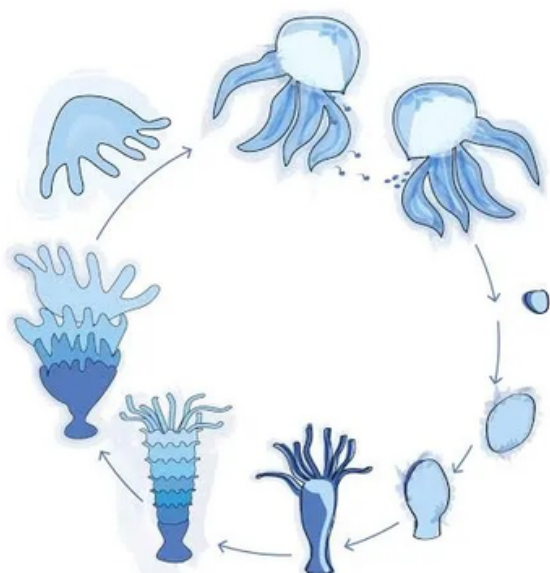


DID YOU KNOW? HUMANS CAN GLOW!

THE HUMAN BODY EMITS A FAINT NATURAL GLOW DUE TO BIOCHEMICAL REACTIONS IN CELLS. HOWEVER, THIS LIGHT IS TOO WEAK FOR THE HUMAN EYE TO DETECT.

DID YOU KNOW? CANADA HAS MORE LAKES THAN ALL THE OTHER COUNTRIES COMBINED!

CANADA HAS MORE LAKES THAN ANY OTHER COUNTRY, AND WHEN COUNTING MEDIUM-TO-LARGE LAKES, IT LIKELY HAS MORE THAN ALL OTHER COUNTRIES COMBINED, OVER 2 MILLION IN TOTAL.



DID YOU KNOW? THERE'S A SPECIES OF JELLYFISH THAT CAN TECHNICALLY LIVE FOREVER!

THE TURRITOPSIS DOHRNII, COMMONLY KNOWN AS THE "IMMORTAL JELLYFISH," CAN THEORETICALLY LIVE FOREVER BY REVERSING ITS LIFE CYCLE.

Team Voices

Know the brains behind Voices!

15
Vol 1 | Issue
7 March 2026

CORE

Aaysha Khan - Chief
Priyansh Gupta - Co- Chief

CONTENT AND PUBLIC RELATIONS

Shlok Chauhan - Head
Sweekriti Maheshwari - Content Sub Head
Aiza Mistry
Dhruvi Patel
Rutwa Nimkar - PR Sub Head
Prachi Mishra
Saachi Chuneekar

GRAPHICS

Ishika Jain - Head
Gunjan Israni
Khushi Brahmabhatt
Viplav Bhanarkar
Viraj Ravani

OPERATIONS TEAM

Nirek Ganguly - Head
Laxman Choudhary
Shravani Mohide

PHOTOGRAPHY & VIDEOGRAPHY

Kaustubh Rewankar - Head
Afifa Waghu
Deven Patel
Krit Shah
Lakkshita Tiwari
Nitin Choudhary

SOCIAL MEDIA

Priyansh Gupta - Head
Megh Bame- Sub Head
Diksha More
Mahek Agnihotri
Meher Shah
Vaishnavi Dhotre
Vidisha Tayade

MENTORS

Dr Urmi Thakkar
Dean Student Welfare
Ms Priyanka Shetty
Asst.Manager Student Welfare
Ms Muskaan Thakur
Senior PR Executive