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ABOUT SOMAIYA VOICES

Voices, the *official 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.



KAUNVERSATION

WHEN SOMAIYA BECAME CINEMA: SRIKANTH ON CAMPUS

Every corner of Somaiya carries stories of students, teachers, and dreams in the making. But sometimes, these very corridors and staircases go beyond real life and find a place on the silver screen.

The biographical film Srikanth tells the story of a young man from a humble background who dreams of pursuing science against societal expectations. It's a story of resilience, ambition, and overcoming obstacles that many can relate to. The film chose K. J. Somaiya College of Engineering, Mumbai as one of its filming locations.

The scene captures Srikanth's early struggle when his dream is questioned by those around him. Though this moment in the film wasn't Somaiya's own story, our campus became the canvas where it was brought to life.

For those who study and walk here every day, it's a special feeling to see familiar steps and walls transformed into part of a story that speaks of resilience, grit, and hope. It reminds us that Somaiya is not just a college; it's a place where human journeys, whether real or recreated on film, come alive. In many ways, being a part of Srikanth highlights what Somaiya stands for: giving space to voices, stories, and dreams that deserve to be seen and heard.

Mail us your write-up to get featured in the monthly newsletter!
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EVENT RECAP

Somaiya Vidyavihar University Hosts its 4th Convocation Ceremony

The 4th Convocation of Somaiya Vidyavihar University was a proud and momentous celebration of the graduating class of 2025. With 3,162 students receiving degrees, including 1,645 undergraduates, 1,511 postgraduates, and 6 doctoral scholars, the event marked a milestone of achievement and growth. Chief Guest Dr Anil Kakodkar, Padma Vibhushan awardee, inspired the graduates with his address, while 71 Gold and 66 Silver Medals honoured outstanding performers. Chancellor Shri Samir Somaiya encouraged students to carry forward the spirit of curiosity, innovation, and purpose. The ceremony reflected pride, joy, and hope, capturing the true essence of accomplishment and new beginnings.



EVENT RECAP

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JULY

Guru Purnima Celebration 2025

The Guru Purnima Celebration 2025 was inaugurated by Chief Guest Prof. Dr. Satish Modh, Hon'ble Vice Chancellor of SVU, alongside Dr. Urmi Thakkar and esteemed dignitaries. The occasion featured Gargi Kadam (TY BBA). In his address, Dr. Modh reflected on the profound significance of the Guru in nurturing knowledge of the shishya. The program ended with a heartfelt vote of thanks by Asst. Professor Shavian Pandya and was followed by refreshments for the faculty. The celebration beautifully highlighted the relevance of the Guru as a guiding light in every student's journey.

Kargil Vijay Divas Celebrated at S.K. Somaiya College

Dean Student Welfare Committee celebrated Kargil Vijay Divas on 28th July 2025 at S.K. Somaiya College with a Talk Show by ex-army personnel Captain Unnikrishnan Nair. The event included a historical talk on the Indian Army, lessons on discipline and hard work, and a short documentary on an army person's journey from NDA to service. A poem by Asst. Prof. Kshamta Lad highlighted the veer ras of Indian jawans. The event concluded with a Vote of Thanks by Aakash Deb.

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July

Independence Day Celebrations at Somaiya Vidyavihar

K.J. Somaiya School of Education and SMT SK. Somaiya Junior College of Education celebrated Independence Day on 15th August 2025 at Gargi Plaza, Mumbai. The event included flag hoisting by Shri Samir Somaiya, patriotic songs, dance performances, a yoga demonstration, and participation from international students symbolizing global unity. The celebration concluded with a vote of thanks by Lt. Gen. H. S. Kahlon, followed by NCC song and refreshments.

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EVENT RECAP

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Sept

Journey of Mr. Aadesh Bandekar: From Raja-Bhai Tower to Eiffel Tower

On 9th September 2025, K. J. Somaiya Science and Commerce hosted Mr Aadesh Bandekar, renowned actor, director, producer, and former President of the Shri Siddhivinayak Ganapati Mandir Trust. Welcomed by students and felicitated by Mrs Urmi Thakkar and Dr Pradnya Prabhu, he engaged the audience through a lively Q&A session, sharing insights on leadership, culture, and creativity with humour and anecdotes. The event concluded with a vote of thanks.

Teachers' Day Celebration at Somaiya School of Basic and Applied Sciences

Teachers' Day was celebrated on 12th September 2025 by the Somaiya School of Basic and Applied Sciences with traditional Aarti and prayers, honoring the Guru-Shishya bond. Students presented dances, songs, and acts, while interactive games added fun. Teachers shared their experiences, and a heartfelt video reel and post-it notes showcased gratitude. The event concluded with gifts and thanksgiving, creating a memorable celebration of connection and appreciation

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Sept

Mental Health Awareness Session at Sakarben Auditorium, SVU

On 16th September 2025 at 11:00 AM, Ms. Pritha Saha Dutta addressed students of Somaiya College on the importance of mental health. She discussed psychological concepts like RAS, the nervous system, stress factors, and RAIN mindfulness, and conducted breathing and grounding exercises. The interactive session included student participation, feedback, and reflections, leaving the audience informed, enlightened, and grateful for her guidance.

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Sept

MEMORY



SNAPSHOTS

Connecting Threads

ACHIEVEMENTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS



ACHIEVEMENTS



Dr. Rohit Singh Chauhan, Assistant Professor in the Department of Chemistry at K. J. Somaiya College of Science and Commerce, has recently achieved a remarkable milestone in his career. He has been selected as a Member of the prestigious National Academy of Sciences, India (NASI), 2025. This recognition is a testament to his dedication, impactful research, and contributions to the field of chemical sciences.



ANNOUNCEMENTS

Afsana
THE SOMAIYA STORYTELLING FESTIVAL

THEME:
BINDU:
CENTERED METAPHORS
A focus on central India

CALL FOR AUDITIONS
Date : 10 th October (Fri)
Time : 9 am onwards
Venue : The Somaiya School Auditorium

Afsana – The Somaiya Storytelling Festival

Theme: **BINDU – Centered Metaphors**

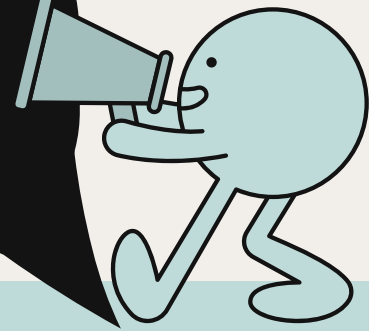
The Somaiya community is proud to host Afsana:

The Somaiya Storytelling Festival, celebrating the timeless art of storytelling. This year's theme, "Bindu: Centered Metaphors", highlights the narratives and traditions of Central India, offering a platform for creativity and cultural expression.

Auditions will be held on **10th October (Friday) from 9:00 am onwards at The Somaiya School Auditorium**. Everyone can participate Somaiya Students, Hols, faculty & staff everyone is invited to participate and share their stories, weaving imagination with tradition.

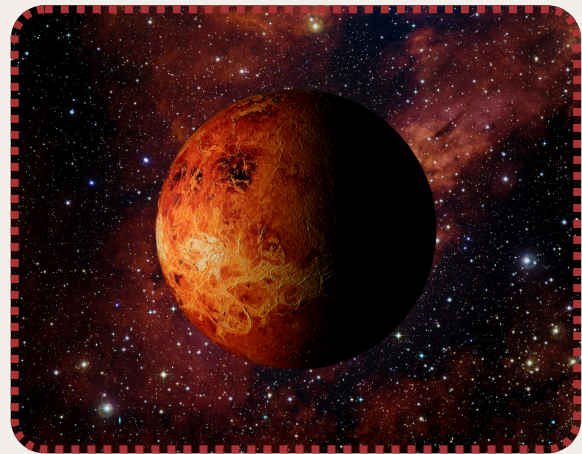


FACT CHECKER



“Your weekly dose of curiosity”

A DAY ON VENUS IS LONGER THAN A YEAR ON VENUS. IT TAKES VENUS ABOUT 243 EARTH DAYS TO COMPLETE ONE ROTATION ON ITS AXIS (A VENUSIAN DAY), BUT ONLY ABOUT 225 EARTH DAYS TO COMPLETE ONE ORBIT AROUND THE SUN (A VENUSIAN YEAR)



IN ANCIENT ROME, URINE WAS USED FOR TEETH WHITENING BECAUSE IT CONTAINS AMMONIA, A NATURAL BLEACHING AGENT THAT HELPS TO LIGHTEN TEETH AND ACT AS A DISINFECTANT

THE BRAIN ITSELF DOES NOT HAVE PAIN RECEPTORS, WHICH IS WHY NEUROSURGEONS CAN OPERATE ON BRAIN TISSUE WHILE THE PATIENT IS AWAKE.

THE EIFFEL TOWER WAS ORIGINALLY HATED BY MANY PARISIANS AND ARTISTS, WHO CALLED IT “A MONSTROUS IRON SKELETON.”





TURNING INTENSIONS INTO ACTION

The NSS Unit of Somaiya Vidyavihar, with the support of Dean Student Welfare, proudly launched Phase 1 of the Somaiya Green Initiative, bringing together students, faculty, staff, and international participants for a hands-on eco-action drive. Over 9,691 invitations were sent to students, faculty, alumni, and staff, resulting in 452 registrations across Phase 1 and Phase 2. A total of 26 students and 9 faculty/staff actively participated in Phase 1 activities, with 90% youth participation, including 11 international students. Seeding a Greener Future with permissions granted in a deforested and degraded reserve forest, participants engaged in three seed-dispersal techniques like Throwing Method, Stamping & Catapulting seedballs and Drone Based seed Sowing techniques.



EKLAVYA

LET'S GET SPORTY

Name / Team	Achievement	Competition
Shravani Mahesh Walavalkar (KJSSC)	GOLD in 100m & 200m Butterfly, SILVER in 50m Butterfly	Mumbai University Inter-Collegiate Swimming (2025-26)
Mayuresh Nikam (S K Somaiya Vinay Mandir Jr. College)	GOLD in U-63kg category	DSO Taekwondo Tournament 2025-26
Somaiya Taekwondo Warriors	GOLD and SILVER	DSO Taluka-level Taekwondo Tournament 2025-26
Somaiya Judokas (Asha Pol, Anchal Sahani, Aasiya Khan, Srushti V. Suryawanshi)	BRONZE	Mumbai University Inter-Collegiate Judo Competition 2025-26
Somaiya FC	7-0 win (two hat-tricks)	MFA Super League (vs India Rush SC)
KJSSC Girls' U-19 Football Team	Qualified for STATE LEVEL	DSO Tournament 2025-26

Name / Team	Achievement	Competition
Shri Sharda English Medium School (U-14 & U-17 Boys Volleyball Teams)	THIRD Place	DSO Taluka-level Volleyball Competition
Somaiya School U-14 Girls	Victory	Mumbai District DSO Table Tennis Championship 2025-26
S. K. Somaiya Vinay Mandir Jr. College U-17 Football Team	Qualified for Zonals (Kurla Taluka Final)	DSO Tournament 2025-26
K. J. Somaiya English Medium School, Sameerwadi – Senior Women’s Handball Team	CHAMPIONS; Qualified for State Level	Dasara CM Cup 2025
Nareshwadi Learning Centre Students	Multiple medals	Taluka-level School Yogasana Competition
Somaiya Students (20 participants, 8 qualified)	Advanced to Division Level	DSO Squash Tournament 2025-26
Hazel Mota, Arhan Shinde, Shardul Shinde, Mohamad Asad Pasan, Radha Gurjar, Amritleen Hanspal, Diya Vaishya, Sanika Kandalgaokar	Special recognitions	DSO Squash Tournament 2025-26
Sharvani Pataskar (Shri Sharda English Medium School, Kopergaon)	RUNNER-UP, Épée; Qualified for Zonals	District-level Fencing Competition

PENSTAND

POETRY AND MORE



UNDEFINED

BY: Mansi Oza, KJSSC

I never wish to be easily defined
I would rather drift across minds,
a shimmer, a shifting horizon,
fluid, untouchable,
like water slipping through open hands

The world insists on borders
names pressed like stamps,
identities folded into boxes.
They stack these boxes like towers,
believing height gives them meaning
But towers crumble,
and in their dust
The wind carries names away
like forgotten prayers

Each word becomes a lock,
Each box is a coffin
I refuse to enter
I choose to remain undefined

To be undefined is to be infinite
It is to step into every shape,
to sing in every tongue,

to carry the weight of no single label
But the freedom of all possibilities

Why choose only one path
When the world is wide enough
to hold every dream,
every contradiction,
Every version of me that longs to be born?

Good for those who choose
the certainty of walls,
The safety of maps.
But I belong to the wind,
unclaimed, unnamed,
a flicker between dream and waking

My existence is this:
To remain without shape,
So the world can never finish
drawing its outline of me

That is my definition:
to remain without one

PUZZLES AND CO.

A U R O B I N D O X Y Z

M K P L Q W T R F G H J

A B U O P L M N V C X Z

G C D T K J H G F S A Q

G E F G C W E R T Y U I

I R T Y U H S D F G H J

H S D F G H I A B C D E

O A B C D E F H G H J K

U Z X V N M L K O P Q R

S W E R T Y U I O U S T

E Q A Z X S W C D E S F

L P O I U Y T R E W Q E

Words to find:

AUROBINDO

MAGGI HOUSE

KUTCHI HOUSE

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Rules:

1. Examine the grid row by row, column by column, and diagonally to locate each word.
2. Each word is made of consecutive letters with no breaks.
3. Words do not share letters or overlap in this puzzle.
4. Once you find a word, you can circle it or highlight it on the grid.

Team Voices

Know the brains behind Voices!

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