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Participation in College level Aavishkar competition

A.Y. 2026-27

Sr. No	Item	Particulars
1	Date	19th September 2026
2	Name of Event	**College level Aavishkar competition**
3	Venue	Department of Botany, HRM
4	Time	8.30 am to 2.00 pm
5	Duration of the programme	One day
6	Number of participants	10 students
7	Activity belongs to which Criteria of NAAC	Criteria 2

Report

A Workshop on Aavishkar Project Guidance and Research Methodology was organized on 16th September 2026 to motivate students to participate in the Aavishkar Research Project Competition and to inculcate research culture among them. From the Department of Botany, 10 students actively participated in this workshop. The workshop was organized under the guidance of Dr. Shirish Pingale, Principal, Hutatma Rajguru Mahavidyalaya, Rajgurunagar and Dr. Kirti M. Nitnaware, ARC. Dr. P. S. Kulkarni was invited as the resource person. The session began with a warm welcome to the resource person, faculty members and students. Dr. P. S. Kulkarni provided valuable guidance on developing innovative research projects for the Aavishkar competition. The focus of the workshop was on: Introduction to Aavishkar and research-oriented activities Selection of innovative research topics, Problem identification and formulation from surrounding, Formulation of objectives and hypotheses Research methodology and experimental planning Data collection. The expert guidance of Dr. P. S. Kulkarni helped the Botany students to understand the various stages of research project development, from selecting a relevant topic to scientific presentation. The workshop was highly informative and interactive. It successfully created awareness about research and innovation among the Botany participants and encouraged them to develop innovative plant-based projects and actively participate in the forthcoming Aavishkar Research Project Competition.

Report on Aavishkar Competition (College Level) – Participation of Botany Students

The Aavishkar College-Level Research Project Competition was organized by the college on **19th September 2026** with the objective of providing a platform to students to present their innovative ideas and scientific aptitude. Students from the Department of Botany actively participated in the competition and presented their research projects with great enthusiasm. The programme was inaugurated by the esteemed Chairman, **Hon. Adv. Devendraji Butte Patil**, in the gracious presence of **Vice-Chairman Hon. Nanasaheb Takalkar** and **Principal Dr. Shirish Pingale**. The programme was skilfully anchored by **Dr. Sangeetha J. S.** The introductory address was delivered by **Dr. Kirti Nitnaware, ARC**, who highlighted the importance of Aavishkar for developing research aptitude and scientific thinking among students. In this competition, a total of 35 research projects were presented under six categories. The students of Department of Botany presented their projects mainly under the categories of Pure Science and Agriculture, medicine and pharmacy. Their projects focused on innovative themes related to plant sciences such as medicinal plant properties, biodiversity conservation, organic farming, bio-fertilizers and ethnobotanical studies. The projects were evaluated by an expert panel comprising **Dr. Santosh Shinde, ARC from Annasaheb Magar College, Manchar** as External Examiner, and **Dr. Rupali Wayal** and **Miss Aparna Kulkarni** as Internal Examiners. The students were assessed on the basis of originality, relevance, scientific approach, innovation, presentation skills and their conceptual understanding. The examiners interacted with the participants, asked questions related to their methodology and findings, and provided constructive feedback. Dr. Santosh Shinde appreciated the efforts of the students and guided them regarding research methodology, clear formulation of objectives and future scope of their plant-based research. **Chairman Adv. Devendraji Buttepatil encouraged the students** and motivated them to pursue research with dedication and to take their innovative ideas to the University level. The competition proved to be a very beneficial platform for Botany students to develop their research aptitude, scientific temperament, analytical thinking and communication skills. It gave them valuable experience in defending their research work

before experts. The programme concluded with a vote of thanks delivered by **Prof. Miss Pooja Kad**. The Aavishkar College-Level Competition was successfully conducted and the active and confident participation of Botany students contributed significantly to its success and promoted a culture of research and innovation in the department.

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