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HUTATMA RAJGURU MAHAVIDYALAYA, RAJGURUNAGAR
DEPARTMENT OF BOTANY

A.Y. 2026–27

REPORT ON EDUCATIONAL VISIT TO ‘RAN BHAJI MAHOTSAV’

Sr. No.	Item	Particulars
1	Date	11 th September, 2026
2	Name of Event	Educational Visit to Ran Bhaji Mahotsav
3	Venue	Khed Panchayat Samiti, Rajgurunagar
4	Duration of the Programme	One Day
5	Number of Participants	10 Students + 3 Teaching Staff

The Department of Botany organized an educational visit to the **Ran Bhaji Mahotsav held at Khed Panchayat Samiti, Rajgurunagar**, on **11th September 2026** for the students of T.Y.B.Sc. Botany. Four teaching faculty members, namely **Dr. K. M. Nitnaware, Dr. Sangeetha J. S. and Prof. P. D. Kad**, along with ten students, participated in the visit.

The **Ran Bhaji Mahotsav** offered an opportunity for the students to explore the rich diversity of **wild edible vegetables and locally available plant resources** traditionally used by rural communities. A variety of wild vegetables, including **Chichurde, Chaithache Bar, Ran Kothambir, Ran Kurdu, Bharangi and Ran Aloo**, were displayed. The exhibition also included traditional food preparations made from these wild vegetables, demonstrating their culinary importance and potential for value addition.

Various local varieties of **cereals, millets and pulses** were also displayed. The students observed the diversity of traditional food resources and gained an understanding of their role in **food security, nutrition and sustainable rural food practices**.

The visit was particularly relevant in the **present-day context**, as traditional wild edible plants and associated indigenous knowledge are gradually declining due to changing food habits, urbanization and environmental changes. The exhibition helped create awareness among students about the importance of **documenting, conserving and sustainably utilizing local plant resources**.

The students also learned about the relationship between **plant biodiversity and traditional knowledge**. Information regarding the identification, habitat, seasonal availability, traditional uses and nutritional importance of wild vegetables helped them connect their classroom learning with practical observations.

The Mahotsav also demonstrated the scope of wild vegetables and traditional plant resources in **rural entrepreneurship and livelihood development**. Proper processing, value addition and sustainable marketing of such resources can provide additional economic opportunities for local communities while encouraging biodiversity conservation.

From an academic perspective, the visit enhanced students' practical understanding of **ethnobotany, economic botany, plant identification, nutritional botany, biodiversity conservation and sustainable utilization of plant resources**. It also encouraged students to appreciate the traditional knowledge associated with locally available plants and recognize its importance for future generations.



Students Visited to Ranbhaji Mahotsav

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Visit to Ranbhaji Mahotsav, Panchayat samiti, Rajgurunagar

Date: 11/09/2026

Attendance

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2.	Hule Prathamesh Dnyaneshwar	9860923424	<i>P.D.Hule</i>
3.	Ingole Rohini Santosh	9529243234	<i>Rohini...</i>
4.	Kalawade Sakshi	836 9674 350	<i>Sakshi</i>
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6.	Naikade Priyanka Sunil	8459427224	<i>Naikade. P.S.</i>
7.	Parbat Tanishka Krishna	9356695924	<i>Tanishka</i>
8.	Rathod Akshay Vishnu	9588625972	<i>Akshay</i>
9.	Sonawane Harshal Laxman	8308603597	<i>Harshal</i>
10.	Sonone Pratiksha Santosh	8888038010	<i>Sonone</i>

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