

SST COLLEGE PLAY 'POCKETMAAR RANGMANDAL' REACHES FINALS AT INT ONE-ACT COMPETITION SUNIL TIGULE WINS BEST ACTOR AWARD AT PRESTIGIOUS INTER-COLLEGE THEATRE EVENT



Artists of SST College's Dramanomics Department during a scene from the Hindi one-act play 'Pocketmaar Rangmandal', which reached the finals of the INT Inter-College One-Act Play Competition.

The Hindi one-act play 'Pocketmaar Rangmandal', presented by the Dramanomics Department of the Sanjeevani Cultural Committee, SST Arts and Commerce College, delivered a strong performance at the 50th Inter-College One-Act Play Competition organised by the Indian National Theatre (INT) in collaboration with the

Aditya Birla Centre for Performing Arts and the Yashwantrao Chavan Centre.

The production impressed both the jury and the audience, earning a place in the final round of the prestigious competition. The team's performance in the finals received warm appreciation for its theme, acting, and stage execution. Adding to the

achievement, Sunil Tigule was awarded the Best Actor honour for his impactful portrayal in the play. 'Pocketmaar Rangmandal' has already carved a strong identity on the inter-collegiate theatre circuit, having won accolades at several competitions in recent months. The latest recognition further strengthens its growing reputation.

The Dramanomics Department has a consistent record of theatrical excellence, with earlier productions such as 'Mook Samvad', 'Anahat' and 'Shodh' earning awards for Best Play, Best Direction and Outstanding Acting at Mumbai University, state and national levels.

The successful staging of the play was guided by Asst. Prof.

Sudarshan Patil and Sadan Javare, with overall support from Dr. Tushar Wakse, Convener of the Sanjeevani Cultural Committee, and the guidance of Founder Principal Dr. Purswani. The achievement has drawn widespread appreciation for the students and further enhanced SST College's standing in the field of dramatic arts.

DR. PADMAVATI DESHPANDE HONOURED WITH NATION BUILDER AWARD FOR EXCELLENCE IN EDUCATION ROTARY CLUB OF AMBERNATH NORTH RECOGNISES DEDICATED EDUCATORS AT RCAN NATION BUILDER AWARD 2025 CEREMONY

Rotary Club of Ambernath North (RCAN) organised the Nation Builder Award 2025 ceremony to honour educators who have made meaningful contributions to the field of education. Dr. Padmavati Deshpande was felicitated with the Nation Builder Award in recognition of her academic commitment, student-centric approach and consistent contribution to quality education.

Speaking after re-

ceiving the award, Dr. Deshpande expressed gratitude, stating, "This recognition is deeply encouraging. Teaching is not just a profession for me, but a responsibility towards shaping young minds. I dedicate this award to my students and colleagues who continuously inspire me to give my best." She further added that such appreciation motivates teachers to work with renewed enthusiasm and social re-

sponsibility.

The programme was graced by Rotarian Dr. Nitin Chonkar, District Secretary (District 3142, Zone 4), as the Chief Guest, while Dr. Mahendra Gupta, CEO and Founder of MEETCS, attended as the Guest of Honour. Addressing the gathering, Dr. Chonkar remarked, "Educators are the real nation builders. Awards like these recognise their silent yet powerful contribution to society."

Rotarian Akshay Gorule delivered an engaging talk on "Unlocking the



Power of Aura & Chakras – Energising the Rotary Spirit," which received an encouraging response from the audience.

RCAN ensured a transparent selection process by appointing a committee comprising Shri Shankar Godge, Sou. Surekha Tajwe and Rotarian Narsimha Mehare. Out of 15 nominations received, 11 educators were selected, including local and external awardees. A special

highlight of the event was the release of RCAN President Rotarian Prahlad Jadhav's book "How to Manage Your Personal Knowledge," unveiled by the dignitaries.

The ceremony concluded with applause for the awardees and reaffirmed Rotary Club of Ambernath North's commitment to recognising educators who play a crucial role in shaping the future of the nation.



WOMEN DEVELOPMENT CELL LAUNCHES 'RESPECT OF WOMEN' LECTURE SERIES DURING NAVRATRI

Marking the festive spirit of Navratri with a meaningful academic initiative, the Women Development Cell (WDC) of the college organised a special lecture series titled "Respect of Women." The programme aimed to create awareness among students about women's safety, legal rights and issues related to gender identity.

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Lecture Series On
"RESPECT OF WOMEN"
On the occasion of NAVRATRI

SESSION ON
WOMEN'S SAFETY AND LAW
"Empowered Women, Empower Women"
Monday, 29th September, 2025
11:00 AM | AUDITORIUM

Event Incharge: Asst. Prof. Sudarshan Patil
Member, Women Development Cell

Event Coordinator: Dr. Harshada Sunil Darekar
Convener, Women Development Cell

Adv. Sampada Bhatkar
Advocate,
Bombay High Court

In collaboration with the Arts Department, a session on Women Safety and Law was conducted by resource person Sampada Bhatkar, who guided students through important legal provisions designed to protect women. She explained key rights, remedies and support systems available under the law, encouraging students to remain informed and vigilant. The interactive session saw active participation, with students raising practical questions about safety measures and legal procedures.

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SESSION ON
TRANSGENDERS & THEIR IDENTITY
"Empowered Women, Empower Women"
Tuesday, 30th September, 2025
11:00 AM | AUDITORIUM

Event Incharge: Asst. Prof. Kumkum Gurbani
Member, Women Development Cell

Event Coordinator: Dr. Harshada Sunil Darekar
Convener, Women Development Cell

SIMRAN SINGH
Professional Artist &
Transgender Social Activist

Another engaging session was organised jointly with the Commerce Department, where Simran Singh addressed students on the topic of transgender identity and inclusion. The discussion focused on understanding gender diversity, breaking stereotypes and fostering respect for individuals from the transgender community. Students responded positively, appreciating the open dialogue on a subject often left unspoken in academic spaces.

FITNESS WITH FUN WOMEN DEVELOPMENT CELL ORGANISES ZUMBA SESSION FOR FEMALE STUDENTS

Promoting the importance of physical and mental well-being among young women, the Women Development Cell (WDC), in collaboration with the Commerce Department, organised a special "Fitness with Fun" session for female students on campus. The initiative aimed to encourage students to adopt a healthier lifestyle through enjoyable and accessible fitness practices.



Participants pose with Asst. Prof. Kumkum Gurbani after the energetic "Fitness with Fun" Zumba session organised by the Women Development Cell.

The session was conducted by Assistant Professor Kumkum Gurbani, who introduced participants to Zumba, a dance-based fitness format that combines energetic steps with lively music. Students actively took part in the session, experiencing how exercise can be both effective and enjoyable. The vibrant atmosphere in the hall reflected enthusiasm, participation and a shared commitment to wellness.



Speaking about the initiative, Dr. Harshada Darekar, Convener of the Women Development Cell, said, "Today's students often face academic pressure and a sedentary routine. Through activities like Zumba, we want to remind our girls that fitness is not a burden but a celebration of self-care. A healthy body builds a confident mind."

The session concluded with positive feedback from students, many of whom described it as refreshing and motivating. The programme once again highlighted the college's efforts to support women's health beyond academics by creating activity.



SANJEEVANI CULTURAL COMMITTEE ORGANISES GRAND GARBA MAHOTSAV ON CAMPUS

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SANJEEVANI CULTURAL COMMITTEE
ORGANISES
Garba Celebration

WEDNESDAY, 1st OCTOBER, 2025
DEGREE COLLEGE : 10:30 TO 12:00
JUNIOR COLLEGE : 2:00 TO 4:00

Entry Fee Rs.50/-
Traditional attire is Compulsory

Adding festive colours to the Navratri celebrations, the Sanjeevani Cultural Committee organised a lively Garba Mahotsav on the college campus, drawing enthusiastic participation from students across departments. Like every year, the event transformed the college's multipurpose hall into a vibrant arena of music, rhythm and traditional spirit.

Dressed in colourful chaniya cholis and kediyu outfits, students gathered in large numbers to participate in the traditional Garba and Dandiya celebrations. The beats of devotional and folk music filled the hall as participants formed circles and danced with coordinated steps, creating an atmosphere of joy and unity. Faculty members were also present, appreciating the students' energy and discipline throughout the programme.

Speaking on the occasion, Dr. Tushar Wakse, Cultural Committee Convener, said, "Festivals like Navratri give students an opportunity to stay connected with our cultural roots while enjoying campus life. Such events also strengthen bonding and teamwork among them."

Dr. Deepak Gavade, Vice Principal & BAMMC Coordinator, also appreciated the initiative and remarked, "Academic excellence is important, but cultural participation shapes confidence and personality. It is encouraging to see students celebrate traditions with discipline and enthusiasm."

To add excitement to the celebration, prizes were awarded for Best Dancer and Best Attire, encouraging students to showcase both talent and creativity. The winners were applauded amid loud cheers, making the evening even more memorable.

The Garba Mahotsav once again reflected the college's commitment to promoting cultural traditions alongside academics, giving students a platform to celebrate festivals together in a spirited yet organised manner.

SSTIANS REPRESENT THANE DISTRICT, WIN BRONZE AT STATE-LEVEL MIME ACT COMPETITION IN PUNE

'DRAMANOMICS' TEAM OF SST COLLEGE SHINES AT SCERT MAHARASHTRA STATE ART FESTIVAL 2025-26



Participants of SST College's 'Dramanomics' team pose with mentors after winning the bronze award while representing Thane district at the State-Level Art Festival held in Pune.

Drama team of SST College of Arts and Commerce, functioning under the Sanjeevani Cultural Committee, brought laurels to the institution by securing third place (Bronze Award) at the State-Level Art Festival 2025-26, held in Pune. Organised by the State Council of Educational Research and Training

(SCERT), Maharashtra, the festival provided a prestigious platform for young artists from across the state.

Selected to represent Thane district at the state level, the SSTians delivered a compelling mime performance that stood out for its emotional depth, strong social message and disciplined execution.

For the students, performing on a state-level stage and representing their district proved to be a memorable and enriching experience.

The performance was written and directed by Mr. Sadan Javre, with Asst. Prof. Sudarshan Patil providing academic and creative guidance. The cast—Vaibhavi Rokade, Janardan

Pawar, Tulsi Talwar and Arvind More—received wide appreciation for their expressive acting and ability to portray social realities without dialogue, captivating both the audience and the judges.

Congratulating the team, Principal Dr. Purswani remarked that the students had gone beyond performance to

deliver a meaningful social message through art, which reflected the college's commitment to cultural excellence. The entire SST College fraternity extended heartfelt congratulations to the 'Dramanomics' team, applauding their achievement and wishing them continued success in the field of performing arts.

SSTIAN SAMADHAN BAGUL HONORED BY HIGHER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION MINISTER CHANDRAKANT DADA PATIL

FIRST PLACE IN THANE DISTRICT IN THE STATE-LEVEL POSTER MAKING COMPETITION ON WATER CONSERVATION



Samadhan Bagul of SST College receives the award for securing first place in Thane district at the state-level poster-making competition on water conservation, presented by Higher and Technical Education Minister Chandrakant Dada Patil, at COEP Pune, along with Green Club coordinators and faculty members.

Samadhan Bagul, a volunteer of the Green Club at SST College, Ulhasnagar, has brought laurels to the institution by securing first place in Thane district in a state-level poster-making competition focused on water conservation and water management. The competition was organised by the Environment Department of the Government of Maha-

ashtra to promote awareness about sustainable use and protection of water resources.

The award distribution ceremony was held at the College of Engineering, Pune (COEP) and was jointly organised by Aquedam, the Centre for Environment Education (CEE), and the Department of Higher and Technical Education, Government

of Maharashtra. Samadhan was felicitated by the Hon. Minister for Higher and Technical Education, Chandrakant Dada Patil, in the presence of educators and environmental experts.

The competition aimed to encourage young minds to express innovative ideas on water conservation through creative visual communication. Actively

participating in the initiative, the Green Club of SST College motivated students to highlight real-life concerns related to water scarcity and responsible water management through impactful artwork.

Founder Principal Dr. Purswani, IQAC Coordinator Dr. Khushboo Purswani, along with the teaching staff and students of SST College,

congratulated Samadhan Bagul and the Green Club for this notable achievement. Green Club Coordinator Asst. Prof. Namrata Singh and member Asst. Prof. Sachin Phalke were also present at the ceremony and were honoured for their guidance and contribution, marking the occasion as a proud moment for the college community.

SSTIAN MANIK RATHORE EXCELS AT INTER-ZONE KABADDI, REPRESENTS MUMBAI UNIVERSITY AT NATIONAL STAGE STRONG PERFORMANCE EARNS HIM A PLACE IN ALL INDIA INTER-UNIVERSITY KABADDI TOURNAMENT



All participating players pose together after the Inter-Zone Kabaddi Tournament, celebrating their selection and representation of the University of Mumbai at the Inter-University level.

SST College's rising sports talent, Manik Rathore, has made the institution proud with his impressive performance in the Inter-Zone Kabaddi Tournament. Following his outstanding display on the mat, Manik was selected to represent the University of Mumbai at the Inter-University Kabaddi Tournament, marking a significant milestone in

his sporting journey. Competing against some of the best university teams, Manik demonstrated strength, agility and tactical awareness, contributing notably to his team's performance. His efforts played an important role in helping the squad advance further, eventually leading to participation at the prestigious All India

Inter-University Kabaddi Tournament. Sharing his experience, Manik said, "Representing Mumbai University was a dream come true. Playing at the inter-university level gave me exposure and confidence. Every match taught me something new about teamwork and strategy."

A coach from the college sports depart-

ment commented, "Manik has shown remarkable dedication during practice sessions. His discipline and determination on the field reflect his commitment to the sport."

The college principal congratulated him on the achievement, stating, "It is a proud moment for the institution when our students represent the University

of Mumbai at national platforms. Manik's success will inspire many more students to pursue sports seriously."

With this achievement, Manik Rathore has strengthened SST College's growing reputation in competitive sports and now looks forward to achieving greater milestones in the kabaddi arena.

SANJEEVANI CULTURAL COMMITTEE ORGANISES MUSIC WORKSHOP, STUDENTS SHOW ENTHUSIASTIC PARTICIPATION



Dr. Deepak Gavade, Vice Principal, SST College felicitates the musicians with eco-friendly seed balls as students actively engage in instrumental and vocal performances during the music workshop organised by the Sanjeevani Cultural Committee.

Continuing its efforts to provide students with creative platforms beyond academics, the Sanjeevani Cultural Committee recently organised a music workshop on campus, focusing on both instrumental learning and vocal singing. The initiative aimed to nurture hidden talents and encourage students to explore their artistic interests.

During the workshop, participants were introduced to the basics of musical instruments along with essential techniques in vocal training. The session offered practical guidance, allowing students to understand rhythm, pitch and stage confidence in an interactive environment. Many students actively engaged in the hands-on activities, making the

workshop lively and productive.

Speaking on the occasion, Dr. Tushar Wakse, Cultural Committee Convener, said, "Our aim is to create platforms where students can discover hidden talents. Music is not just an art form; it builds discipline, patience and confidence."

Dr. J. C. Purswani, Principal, SST College appreciated the initiative

and remarked, "Academic excellence is important, but co-curricular activities complete a student's personality. Such workshops give students the freedom to express themselves creatively."

A member of the Cultural Committee shared, "Our goal is to give students opportunities where they can discover and polish their skills. Music is a powerful

medium of expression, and such workshops help build confidence and creativity."

The programme witnessed an encouraging turnout, reflecting students' growing interest in cultural activities. The workshop concluded on a positive note, reinforcing the committee's commitment to holistic development through arts and skill-based learning