

EDU SCOOP

MMF UPDATES IN EDUCATION FOR AUGUST

Dear MMV Family,

As we move into the heart of the academic year, I am filled with immense pride and gratitude as I witness the vibrant spirit and proactive participation of our students, educators, and partners.

August has been a month of celebration, learning, and remarkable initiatives - each reinforcing our mission to nurture well-rounded, compassionate, and responsible citizens.

Thank you for being on this learning journey with us. As we support our students, teachers, and the community in embracing education, festivals, competitions, and initiatives, we are constantly inspired by the curiosity, dedication, and spirit of everyone involved. Every celebration, every achievement, and every effort is a reminder of the power of learning and collaboration. We hope to continue nurturing these values and never stop learning.

With gratitude,
Ritu Prakash Chhabria
Managing Trustee,
Mukul Madhav Foundation





Mukul Madhav Foundation

Established 1999

Mukul Madhav Vidyalaya (MMV) is more than just a school it is the embodiment of Mukul Madhav Foundation's (MMF) unwavering vision to uplift rural communities through access to quality education. Established in 2010 in the tranquil village of Golap near Ratnagiri, MMV was founded on the belief that every child, regardless of socio-economic background, deserves the right to learn, grow, and dream big.

MMF, the CSR arm of Finolex Industries, has long been committed to transformative work in healthcare, education, social welfare, skill development, and environmental sustainability. Finolex Industries has played an integral role in bringing MMV to life not just as a funding partner, but as a foundational pillar of its existence.

The land on which MMV proudly stands was a generous contribution from Finolex Industries, who also played a key role in developing the school's infrastructure and facilities. From building classrooms and laboratories to creating playgrounds, Finolex laid the physical and foundational framework for what has become a vibrant hub of education in rural Maharashtra. Their support goes well beyond construction even today, Finolex ensures the school runs smoothly by providing essential ancillary services, security personnel, and transportation for teachers, maintaining a secure, clean, and well-organized environment for learning.

Together, Finolex Industries and Mukul Madhav Foundation have nurtured MMV every step of the way offering digital learning tools, scholarships, uniforms, health check-ups, career guidance, and a range of co-curricular programs. MMV stands as a model of holistic education, where academic excellence goes hand in hand with empathy, values, and overall student well-being.

The relationship between MMF, Finolex, and MMV is a long-standing partnership built on shared values and a common mission: to empower rural youth through meaningful, accessible education. MMF works closely with the school's leadership to continually identify new areas of growth and innovation, ensuring the institution evolves with time while remaining rooted in its foundational ethos.

Now, as Mukul Madhav Vidyalaya celebrates 15 years of inspiring and educating young minds, it continues to shine anchored by the unwavering support of Finolex Industries, and driven by Mukul Madhav Foundation's commitment to nurturing responsible, confident, and compassionate citizens.

While Mukul Madhav Vidyalaya (MMV) remains one of the flagship education initiatives, it is by no means our only one. Across India, Mukul Madhav Foundation is actively involved in supporting educational infrastructure, sanitation facilities, scholarships, and holistic student support in government and low-income schools. From building classrooms and toilets, to distributing school supplies, enabling digital access, and funding higher education for deserving students, our efforts are focused on creating equitable opportunities for learning and growth regardless of geography or background.

OUR REPORT CARD



160

Students participated in Moment of Calm & Forgiveness Day

57

New journeys began with fresh admissions

24

Students participated in Community Outreach

09

Students won Patriotic Singing Competition

50

KG students celebrated Blue Day

21

Students participated in HCL Jigsaw National Level Quiz

1000+

Midday meals served to students daily

50

Students benefited from KPMG's AI Awareness session

159

Students participated in Desh Apnaye Civic Abhiyan

MMV EVENTS



CULTURAL AND HERITAGE HIGHLIGHTS

Raksha Bandhan Celebration

Raksha Bandhan was celebrated with enthusiasm, reflecting love, respect, and protection. The programme began with an introduction to the festival's history, followed by eco-friendly rakhi-making across grades. Girls tied rakhis to boys, teachers, and security guards. Sweets were shared, and views were expressed by Ms. Ananya Chavan (4th Std), Ms. Asmi Chavan (4th Std), and teacher Mrs. Rujuta Phadke. The Principal emphasized nurturing caring relationships. The celebration concluded with a fusion dance, smiles, and cultural pride.

As part of the Community Outreach Programme, groups of 06 girl students each visited Aashadeep Sanstha, the Police Station, Pawas Boys Hostel, Remand Home, and the Coast Guard office. They tied rakhis to children, students, and officers, spreading gratitude, joy, and fraternity.

The initiative was greatly appreciated, leaving lasting memories of kindness, togetherness, and shared happiness.



Mukul Madhav Vidyalaya Observes the Moment of Calm and Forgiveness Day

On August 2, 2025, Mukul Madhav Vidyalaya observed The Moment of Calm, inspired by Dada Vaswani. Students offered a heartfelt prayer followed by two minutes of silence, reflecting on the values of inner peace and harmony.

As recognition for these consistent efforts in embracing forgiveness and peace, Mukul Madhav Vidyalaya, Ratnagiri will be receiving an award on September 11, 2025, at Sadhu Vaswani Mission, Pune, at 6.45 pm.



Gopal Kala Celebration

The vibrant festival of Gopal Kala was celebrated with immense joy and devotion, bringing alive the spirit of Lord Krishna's playful and divine childhood.

The event began with a soulful invocation as students and teachers offered prayers to Lord Krishna. The atmosphere was filled with devotional fervor, with colorful rangolis, flowers, and traditional decorations symbolizing the joy of Krishna's presence.

The highlight of the celebration was the Dahi Handi event, a symbolic reenactment of Krishna's playful act of breaking the pot of butter. Students, dressed in traditional attire as Krishna, Radha, and gopis, formed human pyramids in a guided and safe manner to reach and break the handi, cheered on with great enthusiasm, music, and applause.

Adding further cultural depth, students presented folk songs and dances, sharing the values of unity, humility, love, and devotion. The celebration allowed students to connect with India's rich traditions while promoting teamwork, respect, and joyous togetherness.

At our school, we believe such festivals enrich the educational journey by nurturing the soul alongside the intellect. The Gopal Kala celebration beautifully embodied this belief, filling hearts with joy, devotion, and collective spirit.



Ganesh Chaturthi Celebration

The sacred festival of Ganesh Chaturthi was celebrated with great devotion and cultural fervor, transforming the campus into a vibrant and spiritually uplifting space. Dedicated to Lord Ganesha, the remover of obstacles and harbinger of wisdom, the occasion beautifully blended faith, creativity, and togetherness.

The celebration began with the arrival of the adorned idol of Lord Ganesha, welcomed by students and staff with dhol-tasha beats, flower showers, and chants of "Ganpati Bappa Morya!" Students in traditional attire participated in the procession with reverence and joy. A solemn pranapratishta ceremony was performed, followed by aarti and mantra chanting. The conch sound, incense fragrance, and devotional hymns created an atmosphere of serenity and positivity. Students also showcased their talents through cultural performances including dances, songs, and musical presentations depicting stories from the life of Lord Ganesha, conveying messages of wisdom, humility, and devotion. The celebration concluded with a heartfelt aarti, uniting the entire school community in prayer and gratitude.

At our school, we believe such celebrations serve as meaningful bridges between tradition and education. The Ganpati celebration was not just a religious observance but a vibrant learning experience fostering values of unity, devotion, creativity, and responsibility. As we bid farewell to Lord Ganesha with the hope of His return next year, the echoes of "Ganpati Bappa Morya, Pudhchya Varshi Lavkar Ya" continue to resonate, reminding us to carry His blessings forward in our lives.



Independence Day Celebration

The 15th of August, a day etched in golden letters in India's history, was celebrated with immense pride, patriotism, and grandeur at our school. Marking glorious years of independence, the celebration paid heartfelt tribute to our freedom fighters and reaffirmed our commitment to the nation's progress and unity.

The campus was adorned with tricolor decorations, patriotic banners, and inspiring slogans, creating an atmosphere of national pride. The program commenced with the hoisting of the National Flag by our esteemed Chief Guest, followed by the singing of the National Anthem, which echoed with pride across the grounds. The unfurling of the tricolor against the morning sky filled every heart with patriotic fervor, while the discipline and coordination of the students reflected the very essence of unity and strength.

The distinguished guests included:

- i) Commandant Mr. Amit Dhyani, Indian Coast Guard
- ii) Mr. Rajesh Kalambate, Editor, Sakal Newspaper
- iii) Mr. Saumya Chakrabarty, Director Technical, FIL
- iv) Mr. Rambabu Sanka, President, Technical, FIL
- v) Mr. Shreedutt Albur, President, Operations, FIL

A variety of cultural performances showcased India's rich heritage and diversity. Patriotic songs were sung with passion, traditional and contemporary dances represented different states, and the most highlighted event, the mesmerizing Yoga performances by our students, left everyone speechless.

The principal delivered an inspiring speech on the importance of independence, the responsibility of young citizens, and the role of education in nation-building. The Chief Guest also addressed the gathering, reminding students of the values of freedom, unity in diversity, and the vision of a strong and progressive India.

Special recognition was given to students who excelled in the SSC board examinations, reinforcing the spirit of excellence and dedication. The program concluded with a vote of thanks and distribution of sweets, symbolizing the joy of freedom and the unity of celebration.

At our school, the Independence Day celebration was not just a ceremonial event but a powerful expression of patriotism, gratitude, and hope for a brighter future, inspiring students to walk in the footsteps of national heroes and contribute meaningfully to the nation's journey ahead.



MMV ACCOMPLISHMENTS



MMV Shines Bright! HCL Competition

We are delighted to share that 21 of our talented students have qualified for the second round of the prestigious HCL Jigsaw National Level Critical Thinking and Problem-Solving Quiz Competition. The first round, held online at our school from July 5th to 10th, witnessed the enthusiastic participation of 164 students from Grades 6 to 9. Every participant received a certificate, and 21 students have proudly advanced to the next level.

Special appreciation goes to Ms. Swarali Dixit, our science teacher, for her dedicated coordination with HCL and for guiding our students through the process.

This remarkable achievement reflects the hard work and commitment of both students and teachers. We are proud of our MMV family and look forward to reaching greater heights together.



Patriotic Competition Organized by Lokmanya

Our school proudly secured the First Prize in the Patriotic Singing District Level Competition organized by Lokmanya Multipurpose Co-op Society at Sawarkar Natyagruha, Ratnagiri.

Our Achievement:

First Prize:

Patriotic Singing Competition



Participants (Grade 6 and 7):

- i) Sai Lingayat
- ii) Arya Gogate
- iii) Yashada Kelkar
- iv) Durga Damale
- v) Tirtha Damale
- vi) Gaurav Manchekar
- vii) Sanskruti Haldankar
- viii) Tirtha Mhadye
- ix) Srushti Golpalkar

The team was trained and guided by **Ms. Karuna**
(Music Teacher) and **Mr. Kedar Lingayat**
(Tabla Teacher).



ACTIVITIES

Academic Enrichment & Holistic Development



Day Fun at Mukul Madhav Vidyalaya – KG Section

Our tiny tots turned the school into a sea of blue! Dressed in adorable blue outfits, they enjoyed exciting activities, songs, and crafts, filling the day with laughter and cheer. The colour of the sky and ocean created a joyful atmosphere, made even brighter by their sparkling smiles. It was truly a “blue-tiful” day for our little stars.



Empowering Young Minds with KPMG!

We were delighted to host Ms. Amritha S (Associate Director) and Ms. Lakshmi Parakh (Manager) from KPMG, who conducted an insightful and interactive online session for our Grade 8 and 9 students. The session was filled with engaging discussions, real-world insights, and meaningful interactions that encouraged students to think beyond classrooms and explore new perspectives.

We sincerely thank KPMG for this wonderful initiative and for nurturing the curiosity and aspirations of our young learners.

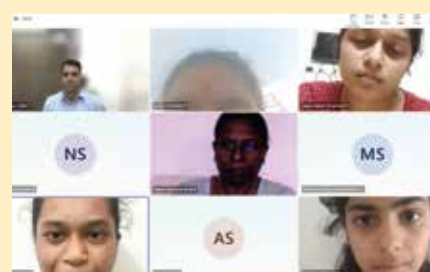


OTHER EDUCATION INITIATIVES BY MMF

Empowering Girls through Education, MMF and Hinduja Foundation

Mukul Madhav Foundation, with the support of Hinduja Foundation, has been empowering girls in Engineering and Nursing since 2023. The initiative began with scholarships for 5 engineering and 6 nursing students from families of farmers, laborers, and daily wage earners.

Recently, MMF met the 5 engineering students in Hyderabad, now in their third year. The girls shared their gratitude and spoke of how the support has eased financial burdens, boosted their confidence, and inspired them to pursue their dreams.



Infrastructure Support to Pune Sevasadan Society, Dilasa Kendra and Institutions

Mukul Madhav Foundation, in collaboration with Finolex Industries Ltd., extended infrastructure support to Pune Sevasadan Society's Dilasa Kendra and its associated institutions. At the inauguration, MMF representatives Mr. Sachin Kulkarni and Mr. Jitendra Jadhav, along with Mr. Sumanto Bhandari from Finolex, interacted with principals, staff and key stakeholders.

Support Highlights:

- Rathi Prashala (423 girls, Std. 5 to 12): Computer, smart interactive panel, lab material, teaching aids
- Dilasa Kendra (100 children with mental disabilities): Refrigerator, projector, shoe racks
- Adult Prashala (25 adult learners): Furniture for staff and principal

This initiative strengthens inclusive education and community development. MMF thanks all staff, especially Mrs. Shahane, for their support and commitment.



Fluoride Safe Kanker: Ensuring Access to Safe Drinking

On 4th August, Finolex Industries, its CSR partner Mukul Madhav Foundation, and WaterAid India signed an agreement for the “Fluoride Safe Kanker” project. The initiative aims to ensure clean and safe drinking water for schoolchildren in fluoride-affected regions of Kanker.

Project Focus

- Supplying safe drinking water to schools
- Treating fluoride-contaminated sources
- Building capacity of School Management Committees
- Improving WASH infrastructure and promoting behavioural change
- Using insights from Phase 1 to create a scalable model for local authorities

Present from WaterAid India

- VK Madhavan, Chief Executive
- Vikas Kataria, Director Resource Mobilization and Communication
- Swapnil Chaturvedi, Director Programmes
- Preeti Majumdar, Director Finance and IT
- Nilanjana Pahari, Manager Corporate Partnerships
- Bhawna Negi, Head Corporate Partnerships

Present from Finolex Industries Limited

- S. S. Dhanorkar, Managing Director
- Chandan Verma, Chief Financial Officer
- Ajay Narang, Regional Sales Head

Present from Mukul Madhav Foundation

- Ritu Prakash Chhabria, Managing Trustee
- Babalu Mokale
- Shalom Paul



Fire Drill at ZP Ranpar, Golap, Ratnagiri on 1 August 2025

A fire drill was conducted under the guidance of Mr. Bundile, Mr. Shitole, and Mr. Keer from the Fire and Safety Department of Finolex Industries. Students and staff were trained in the use of fire extinguishers and emergency procedures. Participants also explored the fire van and its equipment. Pawas Education Society expressed gratitude to Finolex Industries and Mukul Madhav Foundation for this valuable training.



Health Camp at B T Shahani School, KES Gurukul, Pune on 11 August 2025 Water

A health screening camp was conducted in collaboration with Bharati Hospital, Bharati Dental Hospital, Bharati ENT and Pediatric Departments, and H. V. Desai Eye Hospital.

- Total students enrolled: 251
- Students screened: 219
- Absentees: 32 (to be checked on 13 August at Bhavani Peth School)

Referrals

- Bharati Dental Hospital: 26 students
- Bharati ENT Department: 13 students
- Bharati Pediatric Department: 5 students
- H. V. Desai Eye Hospital: 23 students

Dr. Maitreyi Bokil also conducted a session on nutrition and healthy dietary habits.



Tree Plantation at Yashwantrao Chavan College, Karmala on 22 August 2025

500 native trees, aged 2.5 to 3 years and over six feet tall, were planted with support from Mukul Madhav Foundation and Finolex. A "Vruksh Dindi" procession, featuring children dressed as warkaris, added cultural significance to the event.

The program was attended by dignitaries including Mr. Phad (President), Mr. Dhumare (Secretary), Mr. Patil (Principal), Mr. Kadam (Vice-Principal), Mr. Rakh (NSS Head), Police Inspector Mrs. Mhatre, PSI Mr. Dhore, and Finolex dealer Mr. Sarde. Speakers highlighted past water conservation work by MMF and Finolex, which has recharged over 150 wells and improved farmer livelihoods in drought-prone Karmala taluka.



Rakhi and Chocolate Distribution, Padra Block on 6 August 2025

Rakhis and chocolates were distributed across 13 schools, reaching 3,349 students. The Rakhi distribution and monthly ration support program were attended by Finolex Industries employees Ms. Niketa Kulkarni, Ms. Mital Gohil, and Ms. Yansi Rajput as part of the employee engagement initiative.



Thank you

To all the teachers, staff administrators, on-ground workers, NGOs and government officials who make this work possible month after month. Also deep gratitude to the corporate partners - Finolex Industries Limited, amongst others, along with individual donors.

**A big thanks to you too, for reading this issue,
and sharing in our joy.**

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