

EDU SCOOP

MMF UPDATES IN EDUCATION FOR JULY

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

What makes MMV unique is not just academic excellence—though our achievements bear testimony to that—but the essence of togetherness, cultural heritage, environmental responsibility, and service that envelops our campus. Whether it's our Ashadhi Ekadashi Dindi, tree plantation drives, hands-on workshops, health initiatives, or innovative academic experiences, every activity is a collective endeavor that strengthens our bonds and shapes young minds for a better tomorrow.

We continue to grow, evolve, and dream big as a family. My heartfelt thanks to our dedicated faculty, staff, students, and our ever-supportive partners, especially Finolex Industries and Mukul Madhav Foundation, for their unwavering belief in our vision. Let us stride ahead with the same warmth, creativity, and determination—empowering each other to soar higher and create a brighter, more inclusive world.

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



511

Students grew, learned, and thrived from Nursery to Grade 12

57

New journeys began with fresh admissions

10

Guest sessions hosted by external experts and agencies

35

Teachers support providing guidance, encouragement, and resources

54

KG students celebrated Green Day

144

Students engaged in turtle conservation awareness

159

Students participated in Desh Apnaye Civic Abhiyan

71

Students benefited from KPMG's AI Awareness session

21

Teachers upskilled via English Communication workshop

160

Students empowered through personal safety & security session

1000+

Midday meals served to students daily

26

Students received direct educational support / scholarships

MMV EVENTS



CULTURAL AND HERITAGE HIGHLIGHTS

Ashadhi Ekadashi – Dindi of Faith, Devotion, and Community

The sacred and joyous festival of Ashadhi Ekadashi was transformed into an immersive learning experience this July. Imagine the entire campus blooming with the sights and sounds of Maharashtra's legendary Pandharpur Wari—students in vibrant sarees, dhotis, and pheta, the thunderous rhythm of dhol-tasha and lezim, and heart-touching abhangas reverberating across the corridors. Led by teachers and supported by staff, the children carried Lord Vitthal's beautifully decorated palkhi in a ceremonial Dindi, invoking the spiritual heritage of our land.

What made it special was not just the display, but the unity—everyone walked as one, echoing the values of faith, perseverance, and togetherness. Reflective discussions closed the celebration, with children sharing how ritual and community shape their own character. Such root-deep moments ensure that our students carry pride in their heritage while forging new dreams for tomorrow.



Guru Purnima – Celebrating the Torchbearers of Knowledge

To pay homage to the eternal 'Guru-Shishya' tradition, Guru Purnima at MMV unfolded as a day filled with music, reflection, and reverence. A serene welcome song set the devotional tone, followed by a graceful Saraswati Puja led by our Principal. The sacred rituals reminded everyone of the importance of humility, gratitude, and continued learning.

Students gave eloquent speeches about the transformative power of teachers, while the staff representative spoke on the higher calling of mentorship. The event ended with the Principal's uplifting words on upholding the values of lifelong curiosity and respect, truly inspiring every learner present to honor those who light their path.



Tree Plantation Drive – Nurturing a Greener Tomorrow

In a passionate, hands-on step toward building a sustainable future, MMV's Grades 10 and 12 joined FIL technical leaders for a large-scale tree plantation at Golap's FIL Colony. The grounds buzzed with excitement as each child carefully planted their own sapling, attached their name and the plant's scientific tag, and spoke of their hopes for its growth. Insights from FIL dignitaries reminded students of the urgency of ecological action.

The real reward, however, was the sense of ownership as these trees will grow alongside our students—becoming living reminders of their responsibility towards nature. Heartfelt written reflections captured young voices determined to 'leave the world greener' than they found it.



Green Day – Inspiration for Young Learners

Vibrant, energetic, and messy in all the right ways—Green Day was a feast for the senses in the KG section. With every child dressed in green, their curiosity was channeled into planting seeds, watering tiny pots, and admiring the magic of new growth. Green snacks in tiffins brought families into the fun, and the lessons lingered long after the leaves were watered—a living lesson in health, community, and environmental awareness.



Turtle Conservation Session – Protecting Marine Wonders

MMV was honored to host Mr. Mohan Dattatrey Upadhye (Sahyadri Nisarga Mitra), whose work with marine turtles along the Konkan coast has inspired generations. Through stories, photos, and real-life examples, students (Grades 8–12) learned about the fragile lives of India's sea turtles and the threats of plastic, pollution, and loss of nesting sites. This elevated a sense of urgency and agency in students, many of whom committed to reducing single-use plastics and spreading awareness among friends and family.



Personal Safety and Security – Empowerment

Workshop by KPMG

In a world full of new opportunities—and new risks—MMV's students (Grades 5–8) were empowered through a dynamic workshop by safety professionals. Covering everything from personal boundaries and safe internet/gadget use to vigilance in public spaces, sessions were packed with demonstrations, Q&A, and practical guidance. Students left the hall alert, confident, and ready to be proactive guardians for themselves and peers—taking ownership of their safety both in and outside school.



The Moment of Calm – Fostering Inner Peace

On July 2nd, the MMV community united in collective silence, following the ideals of Dada Vaswani for a universal “moment of calm.” Through prayer and reflection, students and staff together experienced the power of mindfulness, empathy, and gratitude in daily life. Such serene moments are a new tradition at MMV—helping all embrace mindfulness in a fast-paced world.



MMV ACCOMPLISHMENTS



Academic Distinction :

As part of National Electrical Safety Week 2025 celebrations at Mukul Madhav Vidyalaya, students participated in competitions highlighting the theme of Electrical Safety.

Our Champions

Competition	Position	Winner(s)
Extempore Competition	1st	Nuha Budye
	2nd	Tanishka Lalge
	3rd	Shlok Pawar
Essay Competition	1st	Kshipra Mane
	2nd	Shreya Sonalkar
	3rd	Arya Gogate
Drawing Competition	1st	Swara Satish Jadyar
	2nd	Arya Satish Jadyar
	3rd	Rahi Surve
Fill the Colour Competition	1st	Durva Birje
	2nd	Eshikaa Shetye
	3rd	Ovi Birje



These talented students were felicitated at the Concluding Ceremony at Finolex Industries Ltd.

Eco-Champion Recognition :

Children's high-pitched involvement in plantation drives, ocean conservation, Green Days, and sustainable living demonstrates MMV's status as a green leader in education.



Leadership Development :

Active student participation—in democratic, civic, and cultural initiatives—continues to nurture tomorrow's leaders, change agents, and public speakers.



ACTIVITIES

Academic Enrichment & Holistic Development



Mock Elections – Learning Democracy in Action

In partnership with the Desh Apnayan Foundation, MMV hosted vibrant mock elections for Grades 6 to 9, enabling students to run campaigns, debate, vote, count ballots, and reflect on their experiences. Every child participated—as candidate, voter, or polling officer—deepening their understanding of fairness, power, and servant leadership in our democracy. The process of reflection helped students articulate their learnings, reinforcing the importance of active citizenship.



Artificial Intelligence (AI) Awareness – KPMG Session

To bridge the world of tomorrow with today's learning, MMV was proud to welcome KPMG's technology leaders for an interactive workshop on Artificial Intelligence for Grades 8 and 9. Students explored the wonders and risks of AI, asked probing questions about ethics and innovation, and discovered how their studies fit into a world shaped by new technology. These experiences are part of MMV's drive to cultivate both curiosity and adaptability—the skills future citizens need.



No-Bag Saturdays – Joyful, Experiential Learning

Every Saturday, our classrooms are transformed into hubs of creativity: instead of textbooks, students bring hands-on curiosity! From art, music, and dance to science experiments, games, and storytelling, these Saturdays are dedicated to 'learning by doing'. Enthusiastic teachers design every session to foster collaboration, confidence, and holistic growth—letting every child find their spark.



A Fresh Start in Every Classroom – Student-Centered Bench Seating

This month saw the launch of a brand new seating layout across all classrooms—designed for student comfort, easy collaboration, and better engagement. Feedback from students and teachers has been overwhelmingly positive, with many expressing how new arrangements are making lessons livelier and building a community spirit.

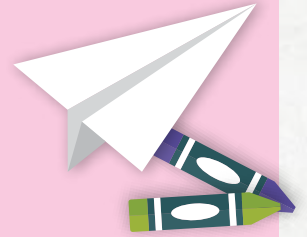


Spoken English & Communication Workshop For Teachers

MMV continues to believe that teachers are lifelong learners. This July, 21 educators took part in an intensive, practical workshop designed to enhance spoken English fluency, classroom communication, and modern methods of engagement. The session was hosted by FAMT Faculties for MMV teachers to provide a more collaborative and cohesive approach. Sessions used real scenarios, role-plays, discussion and reflection—ensuring every teacher gained confidence and skills to make every lesson more interactive, inspiring, and inclusive for every child.



STUDENTS CORNER



Magic Moments:

From leading energetic processions and giving insightful speeches at Ashadhi Ekadashi and Guru Purnima, to anchoring programs and managing reflections, our students have become the heartbeat of every school event.



Learning Reflections:

Thoughtful feedback sheets and group discussions after every event reveal a meaningful journey of growing empathy, teamwork, civic sense and love for learning amongst our children.



Youth Leadership:

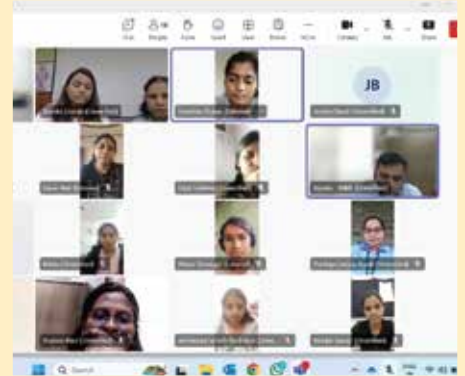
Whether driving environmental campaigns, conducting democratic elections, or sharing stories of change, MMV's students are already taking the lead as responsible, creative thinkers—ready for the tomorrow they hope to build.



OTHER EDUCATION INITIATIVES BY MMF

Partnership With Lila Poonawala Foundation:

MMF and FIL have extended multi-year support to 20 young women pursuing B.Sc. Nursing degrees, a life-changing opportunity for many first-generation learners to pursue their calling in healthcare. Recent virtual touchpoints continued this mentorship, enabling every girl to speak about her challenges and success stories—fueling their dreams and building confidence.



Safety And Capacity Building For Schools

Beyond MMV, MMF and FIL have invested in health, first-aid, fire-safety, and personal awareness programs in many local institutions. This proactive approach ensures every stakeholder—from student to staff in Pawas and beyond—knows how to respond to emergencies and stays protected.



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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