

EDU SCOOP

MMF UPDATES IN EDUCATION FOR SEPTEMBER

Dear MMV Family,

As we reflect on the month gone by at Mukul Madhav Vidyalaya, it fills us with immense pride to witness our students learning, growing, and excelling across academics, sports, and co-curricular activities. From moments of calm and reflection to celebrations of education, equality, and achievement, every initiative has contributed towards shaping confident, compassionate, and disciplined young minds.

I extend my heartfelt appreciation to our students, teachers, parents, and staff for their continued dedication and support. Together, we continue to nurture not only academic excellence but also values that inspire our children to become responsible citizens of tomorrow.

Warm Regards,

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



190

Students paused for the
Moment of Calm

470

students celebrated
Teachers' Day & Gopal
Kala

242

students celebrated
Hindi Diwas

397

students came together for
Ganpati celebrations across
the school

156

students explored Artificial Intelligence,
prompts, cybersecurity, privacy and
responsible technology use

15

MMV students secured 3rd
place at the District-level
Handball Competition

36

students represented MMV in
U-14 & U-17 Taluka-level Football
competitions

11

Chess players
Competed at Taluka level

**1ST
PRIZE**

MMV students secured 1st
place in Ratnagiri's patriotic
singing competition

56

Participants joined the school's
tree plantation initiative,
learning to care for the
environment

200

Women to gain stitching, craft,
English, digital and life skills through
Vidya Margam

MMV EVENTS



A Moment of Calm, A Reminder of Inner Peace

On 2 September 2026, Mukul Madhav Vidyalaya participated in The Moment of Calm, a special initiative inspired by Dada J. P. Vaswani, bringing together 190 students from Standards III, V and VIII–X for a meaningful moment of reflection.

The ceremony began with a heartfelt prayer by the students, followed by two minutes of silence, encouraging everyone to pause, reflect and reconnect with the importance of inner peace, harmony and compassion.



Celebrating Our Teachers, Celebrating Our Traditions

On 4 September 2026, Mukul Madhav Vidyalaya celebrated Teachers' Day and Gopal Kala (Dahi Handi) with great enthusiasm, bringing together 470 students from Nursery to XII.

The Teachers' Day celebration honoured the birth anniversary of Dr. Sarvepalli Radhakrishnan, beginning with Principal Dr. Rohit Deshpande offering a garland to his portrait.

Students expressed their gratitude through heartfelt speeches, followed by an inspiring address by Ms. Mrunal Purohit on the joys, responsibilities and enduring bonds of the teaching profession. Dr. Deshpande appreciated the teachers' unwavering dedication and the students' thoughtful efforts, while a surprise dance performance by students of Standards VII and VIII added to the celebrations.



Celebrating Krishna's Spirit of Unity

Mukul Madhav Vidyalaya celebrated Gopal Kala with devotion, enthusiasm and festive fervour, bringing alive the spirit of Janmashtami and Lord Krishna's teachings of love, unity, compassion and righteousness.

The programme began with students sharing the significance of Janmashtami, followed by an enlightening address by Ms. Dhanashree Panchal, who highlighted the values of sharing, cooperation and togetherness embodied by Gopal Kala.

A lively Jumbo Dance added colour and energy to the celebrations, while the much-awaited Dahi Handi, hosted by Vice Principal Mr. Sameer Alhat, brought students together in a spirited display of teamwork and coordination. With the girls participating first, followed by the boys in the school hall, the celebration concluded on a joyful note, leaving behind cherished memories and a beautiful reminder of the power of unity, cooperation and togetherness.



Celebrating the Language of Our Heritage

On 8 September 2026, Mukul Madhav Vidyalaya celebrated Hindi Diwas with enthusiasm and pride, bringing together 242 students from Standards V–X to honour Hindi as a language of culture, heritage and identity. The programme began with Principal Mr. Rohit Deshpande and Vice Principal Mr. Sameer Alhat offering a garland to Goddess Saraswati, followed by a warm welcome and an insightful address by Mr. Pralhad Tendulkar on the significance of Hindi Diwas and the importance of preserving the language.

A graceful dance performance added vibrancy to the occasion, while Mr. Ashish Shinde felicitated the winners of various Hindi Diwas competitions. Reflections on the importance of Hindi further highlighted its role in connecting us to our literature, traditions and cultural roots. The celebration concluded with a heartfelt vote of thanks, leaving students with a renewed sense of pride in the richness of the Hindi language.



Little Hearts, Big Devotion

On 11 September 2026, 56 young learners from Nursery, Jr. KG and Sr. KG at Mukul Madhav Vidyalaya celebrated Ganpati with joy and devotion. Through a simple demonstration, the children learned about Ganpati Sthapana and Visarjan, gaining a meaningful understanding of these cherished traditions.

They also came together to chant Ganpati Aarti and Shlokas, creating a beautiful spiritual atmosphere.

The celebration offered the little ones a joyful introduction to India's rich cultural heritage while nurturing confidence, participation and respect for our traditions and values.



Welcoming Ganpati Bappa with Devotion

On 12 September 2026, 341 students from Standards I–XII at Mukul Madhav Vidyalaya celebrated the arrival of Lord Ganesha with devotion, enthusiasm and spiritual fervour.

The celebration began with Ganpati Aagman by Mr. Ravi Mayangade, followed by the sacred Pratishthapana by Mr. Varad Gore and Ganpati Aarti led by Mr. Pralhad Tendulkar. Students of Std. X presented a soulful bhajan, followed by speeches highlighting the significance of Lord Ganesha and Ganesh Chaturthi, while Mrs. Swarali Dixit shared an inspiring message on the values associated with the festival.

The celebrations continued with a devotional chorus by students of Std. III and V, a soulful kirtan by the boys, and a graceful devotional dance by the girls of Std. X. Concluding with a vote of thanks by Mrs. Abhilasha Dhuri, the celebration beautifully brought together devotion, unity, culture and gratitude, seeking the blessings of Ganpati Bappa for all.



EXTRACURRICULAR



Innovating the Future Through Robotics

From 7 to 11 September 2026, Mukul Madhav Vidyalaya organized an immersive five-day Robotics Workshop and RoboArt Expo 2026 in collaboration with Robotex, engaging 264 students from Standards V–XII in hands-on technical learning.

The event opened with an interactive orientation where specialists introduced foundational concepts of robotics and coding, helping learners explore how logical thinking brings automation to life. Using specialized equipment, students collaborated across the week to design, build, and program custom working models under trainer guidance.

The initiative culminated in a spectacular exhibition on the final day, where invited parents witnessed live demonstrations of student projects. The workshop empowered participants with valuable future-ready capabilities while celebrating innovation, teamwork and experiential learning.



Empowering Future Technocrats Through Vocational Skills

On 10 September 2026, Mukul Madhav Vidyalaya and Junior College, in collaboration with Finolex Academy of Management and Technology (FAMT), initiated a specialized Short Term Training Program (STTP) on Problem Solving and Technical Skills for 55 students of Standards X and XII. The initiative offers learners immersive exposure to foundational engineering principles, modern technical applications, analytical methodologies, and emerging technological trends through engaging workshops conducted by FAMT experts.

The comprehensive curriculum spans foundational scientific disciplines like Physics, Mathematics, and Chemistry, alongside practical domains including Electrical Engineering, Computer Science Engineering, and Electronics & Telecommunication Engineering. Complemented by dedicated sessions on career guidance, the program equips young minds with essential technical competencies and strategic insights for their academic and professional journeys ahead.



AWARENESS SESSIONS



Empowering Young Minds Through Career Guidance

On 3 September 2026, Mukul Madhav Vidyalaya conducted an insightful Career Guidance and Outreach Session for 58 students of Standards X and XII.

Designed to offer meaningful exposure beyond standard academic learning, the initiative helped learners discover their innate strengths and evaluate diverse professional paths.

Through engaging interactions and practical direction, the session empowered students to make well-informed choices for higher education, preparing them to navigate their academic futures with confidence and vision.



Learning to Lead in the Age of AI

On 26 September 2026, Mukul Madhav Vidyalaya, in collaboration with KPMG, organised an insightful and interactive Artificial Intelligence Session for 156 students from Standards VII–XII.

The session introduced students to the growing role of AI in everyday life and explored the importance and function of effective prompts, helping them understand how precise questions can unlock more meaningful and accurate AI responses.

Equally important was the discussion on AI safety and cybersecurity, where students learned about protecting personal data, maintaining digital privacy and evaluating information critically. An engaging Q&A session allowed students to share their ideas and queries, leaving them better equipped to embrace the evolving world of technology with curiosity, responsibility and confidence.





Checkmating Challenges with Confidence

On 7 September 2026, students of Mukul Madhav Vidyalaya participated in the Taluka-Level School Chess Competition 2026-27 held at Shreeman Gangadhaar Govind Patwardhan English Medium School, Ratnagiri. The competition featured Under-14 Boys, Under-17 Boys and Under-17 Girls categories, with students demonstrating focus, strategic thinking and sportsmanship.

A special achievement came from Apurva Patil, who was selected from the Under-17 Girls' category to represent Ratnagiri at the District-Level School Chess Competition. We congratulate Apurva on this accomplishment and wish her the very best for the next level, while applauding all our young chess players for their enthusiastic participation and dedication.



Making Moves on the Chessboard

On 10 September 2026, Mukul Madhav Vidyalaya was represented by Apurva Patil at the District-Level School Chess Competition 2026-27, held at Shreeman Gangadhaar Govind Patwardhan English Medium School, Ratnagiri. Competing in the Under-17 Girls' category, Apurva delivered an excellent performance, demonstrating focus, confidence and strategic thinking.

Her participation at the district level is a proud achievement, and we wish her continued success as she moves forward in her chess journey.



A Winning Performance on the Handball Court

On 9 September 2026, Mukul Madhav Vidyalyaya & Junior College, Ratnagiri secured an impressive 3rd place at the Ratnagiri District-Level Handball Championship, held at Zulekha Dawood High School, Pawas. Representing Grades IX–XII, the 15-member squad displayed exceptional teamwork, discipline, determination and sporting spirit.

The achievement also carries an academic advantage, with six Grade XII students and one Grade X student becoming eligible for five additional marks in their Board Examinations, as per applicable sports provisions.

The victory reflects the school's commitment to nurturing well-rounded talent through quality education, dedicated teachers and opportunities beyond the classroom. Special appreciation goes to Sports Teacher Ms. Swapnali Pawar for her guidance and tireless efforts, along with the encouragement of the school leadership, parents and the entire MMV community.



Young Players, One Team, One Goal

On 10 September 2026, students of Mukul Madhav Vidyalyaya participated in the Under-14 Boys' Taluka-Level School Football Competition 2026–27, held at Gogate-Jogalekar College Ground, Ratnagiri.

The 18-member team took to the field with enthusiasm, determination and strong team spirit, showcasing their passion for the game and commitment to sporting excellence. We congratulate all our young players for their dedication, sportsmanship and enthusiastic participation, and for representing MMV with pride.



Teamwork Takes the Field

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Their participation reflected their dedication, sportsmanship and passion for the game, demonstrating the importance of discipline and teamwork both on and off the field. We congratulate all the young players for their spirited participation and commend their commitment to sporting excellence.



OTHER EDUCATION INITIATIVES



New Partnerships, New Pathways to Opportunity

On 24 September 2026, Finolex Industries Limited and Mukul Madhav Foundation (MMF) signed agreements with Joint Women's Programme (JWP) and VIDYA, following introductions through the Women's India Association (WIA).

Signed in the presence of D. V. Iyer, Company Secretary, Finolex Industries; Priyanka Mathur, CEO, VIDYA; Tanya D'Souza, Assistant Director, JWP; Samyadip Chatterji, Director & Secretary, JWP; Sangeeta Talukdar, Joint Treasurer & Trustee, WIA UK; and the FIL on-ground and MMF teams, the partnerships will advance meaningful opportunities through three initiatives. Mera Sahara by JWP, Delhi will support girls through educational scholarships, while providing skill development and non-formal education and awareness sessions for children, girls and women.

Vidya Bhavishya-Yaan by VIDYA, Vile Parle, Mumbai will strengthen learning at a municipal school through communicative English, life skills, teacher training, workshops and field visits. Vidya Margam by VIDYA, Powai, Mumbai will empower around 200 women through stitching and tailoring training, craft skills, life skills, English and digital literacy—creating pathways towards greater confidence and economic independence.



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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