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DEPARTMENT OF ZOOLOGY

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Report of the Activity

Celebration of *National Butterfly Awareness Month*

The Department of Zoology, Padmabhushan Vasantraodada Patil Mahavidyalaya, Kavathe Mahankal organized a series of activities on the occasion of *National Butterfly Awareness Month in September 2025*. The celebration aimed at sensitizing students towards the ecological role of butterflies, their diversity, and the urgent need for conservation. A set of interactive and engaging programs were conducted, including a **Guest Lecture**, a **Poster Presentation Competition**, and a **Butterfly Walk**, all of which received enthusiastic participation from students.

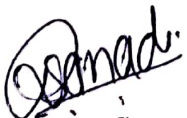
The celebration began with a **Guest Lecture on "Butterfly Diversity and Conservation Strategies in India"**, held on **22nd September 2025** at the college auditorium. The session was presided over by Ms. P. U. Mahamuni, Head of the Department of Physics, in the esteemed presence of dignitaries including Mr. Sudarshan B. Shinde, Secretary of Shikshan Prasarak Sanstha, and Mr. Dhanpal Yadav, Vice Principal of the college and other teaching and non-teaching staff. The event commenced with the welcome and introduction of the chief guest by Dr. Reshma A. Sanadi, Head, Department of Zoology, while the program was anchored by Ms. Vidya T. Patil. The Chief Guest, Dr. Santosh Umarane, a renowned entomologist, delivered a highly informative and inspiring lecture highlighting the ecological and aesthetic value of butterflies, their role in pollination, and the threats they face due to deforestation and pollution. The talk also emphasized the importance of community participation and simple conservation measures that can help protect these delicate creatures. Around **118 students attended the lecture**, and their active involvement in the interaction and discussion reflected the success of the event. The program concluded with a formal vote of thanks proposed by Mr. Shivam P. Jaganade.

To further encourage creative expression and scientific awareness, a **Poster Presentation Competition** on the theme "**Butterfly Diversity**" was organized on **22th September 2025** in the Zoology Department corridor. A total of **25 students participated**, presenting beautifully designed posters that depicted the life cycle of butterflies, their

ecological importance, adaptations, and various conservation strategies. The colorful and informative posters not only displayed students creativity but also served as an awareness tool for the entire college community, as many students from other departments visited the display. Faculty members judged the posters based on scientific accuracy, creativity, and clarity of message and the winners were appreciated with certificates. The event successfully merged science with art, leaving a lasting impression on participants as well as the viewers.

The highlight of the celebration was the **Butterfly Walk**, conducted on 22th **September 2025** in the college campus's Oxygen Park and Medicinal Plant Garden. Faculty members guided students through the field activity, encouraging them to observe butterflies in their natural habitat, identify species, and understand their interaction with plants. During the walk, students observed several species such as the Common Mormon (*Papilio polytes*), Lime Butterfly (*Papilio demoleus*), Common Grass Yellow (*Eurema hecabe*), Crimson Rose (*Pachliopta hector*), and Blue Tiger (*Tirumala limniace*). The walk provided students with hands-on experience in butterfly identification and biodiversity documentation. It also helped them realize the importance of conserving native flora, as these plants serve as host and nectar sources for butterflies. A total of **118 students actively participated**, making the event lively and engaging.

Overall, the celebration of *National Butterfly Awareness Month* at PVP Mahavidyalaya was a grand success. Through the combination of expert insights, creative expression, and field-based learning, students gained a holistic understanding of butterfly diversity and conservation. The activities not only strengthened their academic knowledge but also instilled a sense of responsibility towards nature. The events served as a reminder that butterflies, though small and delicate, play a vital role in maintaining ecological balance, and protecting them is essential for a sustainable future.


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Title	On the occasion of National Butterfly Awareness Month Activity: Butterfly Walk at Medicinal Garden, Botanical garden and Oxygen park at college campus
Day & Date	Monday, 22nd September, 2025
Organizer	Department of Zoology
Chief Guest	Dr. Santosh Umarane, A/P Shivnakwadi, Tahsil: Shirol, District: Kolhapur
Co-ordinator	Dr. Reshma A. Sanadi Head, Department of Zoology, P. V. P. Mahavidyalaya, KavatheMahankal
President	Principal Prof.(Dr.) M. K. Patil P. V. P. Mahavidyalaya, KavatheMahankal
Present Students	118
Background	National Butterfly Awareness Month is celebrated to highlight the ecological role of butterflies and their importance in biodiversity conservation. On this occasion, the Department of Zoology organized a series of activities — a Guest Lecture, Poster Presentation, and Butterfly Walk — to educate students and create awareness about butterfly diversity and conservation. Department of Zoology organized a guest lecture to educate students and nature enthusiasts about butterfly diversity and the need for conservation in India.
Objective	• To provide hands-on learning about butterfly species, host plants, and feeding habits. • To promote environmental awareness and appreciation of biodiversity. • To encourage students to participate in conservation efforts and develop butterfly-friendly habitats on campus. • To integrate theoretical knowledge from lectures with practical field observations.
Conclusion	The Butterfly Walk was a successful field activity that enhanced students' understanding of butterfly ecology and conservation. Students gained practical knowledge of species identification, host plant relationships, and ecological importance. The activity fostered environmental awareness, inspired participation in conservation initiatives, and reinforced classroom learning through direct observation.


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Students Observing Butterflies In The Oxygen Park.



Explaining butterfly-plant interactions in the Medicinal Plant Garden.



Participants enjoying interactive field learning during the walk.

