

**PUNE DISTRICT EDUCATION ASSOCIATION'S
SETH GOVIND RAGHUNATH SABLE COLLEGE OF PHARMACY
SASWAD, DIST-PUNE**

**Report On Two Days National Level Workshop & Poster Presentation
“Frontiers in Ethnopharmacology: Natural Products, Culture and Therapies”
In Association with
Society for Ethnopharmacology, India – Pune Chapter.**

Date: 7th & 8th August 2026

Venue: Seminar hall.

The college in association with the **Society for Ethnopharmacology, India – Pune Chapter**, organized a **Two-Days National Level Workshop and Poster Presentation** on the theme **“Frontiers in Ethnopharmacology: Natural Products, Culture and Therapies”** on 7th and 8th August 2026.

The programme was organized with the objective of providing a common platform for academicians, researchers, students, pharmaceutical professionals and delegates to exchange knowledge and discuss recent developments in ethnopharmacology, natural products, traditional medicine, herbal drug standardization, metabolomics, nanomedicine and the translation of traditional knowledge into modern medicine.

The Two-Days National Level Workshop and Poster Presentation was generously supported and sponsored by **Ari Healthcare Private Limited, Jejuri, Pune, Maharashtra**, and **Grinsons Phytoherb India Pvt. Ltd.**

DAY I – 7th August 2026

Inaugural Ceremony

The first day of the programme commenced with the inaugural ceremony. The college extended a warm welcome and expressed gratitude to **Dr. Pandit Shelke Sir, Principal, PDEA's Waghire College of Arts, Science and Commerce, Saswad**, for gracing the inaugural function and encouraging the organizing team and participants with his valuable presence.

The **Keynote Address** was delivered by **Dr. Murlidhar Zope**, Associate Vice President and Head of Analytical R&D Center, Sun Pharmaceutical Industries Ltd., Baroda, Gujarat.

Dr. Zope highlighted the importance of scientific approaches in the development, characterization and standardization of natural products and emphasized the need to bridge traditional knowledge with modern scientific technologies.

The inaugural programme was further enriched by the **preamble delivered by Dr. Vaibhav Shilimkar**, who introduced the theme and objectives of the workshop.

Dr. Rajashree Chavan, Principal, addressed the gathering and motivated the participants to actively participate in the scientific sessions and utilize the workshop as an opportunity for academic and professional development.

Scientific Session I

The first scientific session was conducted by **Dr. Murlidhar Zope**, Associate Vice President and Head of Analytical R&D Center, Sun Pharmaceutical Industries Ltd., Baroda, Gujarat.

Topic:

“Characterization of Nanomedicine”

Dr. Zope provided an insightful overview of nanomedicine and its characterization. The session emphasized the importance of analytical approaches in understanding the physicochemical characteristics, quality and performance of nanomedicine-based systems. The lecture provided participants with valuable insights into the role of advanced characterization techniques in pharmaceutical research and development.

Scientific Session II

The second scientific session was delivered by **Dr. Swapnil Borse, Scientist – SPPU Healthcare.**

Topic:

“Natural Products Drug Discovery and Development in the Context of Integrative Medicine: Past, Present and Future”

The session focused on the role of natural products in drug discovery and development. Dr. Borse discussed the historical contribution of natural products to modern therapeutics and highlighted current developments and future possibilities in natural-product-based drug discovery.

The session also emphasized the importance of integrative medicine and the need for systematic scientific validation of natural products for therapeutic applications.

The poster presentation was conducted on the first day of the workshop, providing students, research scholars and delegates with an opportunity to present their research work and interact with experts.

The **Poster Presentation was formally inaugurated by Dr. Murlidhar Zope Sir**, Associate Vice President and Head of Analytical R&D Center, Sun Pharmaceutical Industries Ltd., Baroda, Gujarat. Dr. Zope inaugurated the poster presentation and encouraged the participating students and researchers to actively engage in scientific research and effectively communicate their findings through poster presentations.

The posters covered diverse areas related to ethnopharmacology, natural products, herbal medicines, pharmacological evaluation, traditional medicine and related pharmaceutical sciences.

The poster presentations were evaluated by:

Mrs. Mukta M. Abhyankar, **Assistant Professor**, STES's Smt. Kashibai Navale College of Pharmacy, Kondhwa, Pune and Dr. Vidya Patankar, **Assistant Professor**, Waghire College of Arts, Science and Commerce, Saswad

The evaluators assessed the posters based on scientific content, originality, presentation, methodology, clarity, relevance and ability of the presenters to answer questions.

The poster presentation provided participants with valuable exposure to scientific communication and encouraged interaction between young researchers and experienced academicians.

DAY II – 8th August 2026

The second day of the workshop commenced with a series of scientific sessions delivered by eminent experts from different areas of natural products, ethnopharmacology and pharmaceutical research.

Scientific Session I – Dr. Amod Kulkarni

The first scientific session of Day II was delivered by **Dr. Amod Kulkarni**, Dy. GM, MJ Biopharm, Pune

Topic:

“Nature's Pharmacopeia: Decoding Foods and Food Supplements for Optimal Health”

The session explored the therapeutic and health-promoting potential of foods and food supplements. Dr. Kulkarni discussed the importance of understanding bioactive components present in food and their potential contribution to health and disease prevention.

The session provided participants with an understanding of the scientific basis behind food-derived bioactive compounds and their relevance to modern health care.

Scientific Session II – Dr. Shailendra Gurav

The second scientific session was delivered by **Dr. Shailendra Gurav**, Professor, Gov. College of pharmacy, Goa.

Topic:

“Ethnopharmacological Validation of Ayurvedic Samskaras: Optimizing Shelf Life and Therapeutic Efficacy of Ghrita Formulations”

The session focused on the scientific validation of Ayurvedic Samskaras and their importance in optimizing the quality, stability and therapeutic efficacy of Ghrita formulations.

Dr. Gurav highlighted the significance of integrating traditional Ayurvedic concepts with modern scientific approaches for the systematic evaluation and standardization of traditional formulations.

Scientific Session III – Dr. Deepak Kasote

The third scientific session was delivered by **Dr. Deepak Kasote**, Scientist, Qatar University, Doha, Qatar.

Topic:

“Application of Mass Spectrometry-Based Metabolomics in Herbal Drug Standardization and Characterization”

The session focused on the application of advanced analytical technologies in herbal drug research. Dr. Kasote explained the role of mass spectrometry-based metabolomics in identifying and characterizing complex chemical profiles of herbal drugs.

The session emphasized the importance of metabolomic approaches for quality control, standardization, characterization and authentication of herbal medicines.

Scientific Session IV – Dr. Digamber Mokat

The final scientific session was delivered by **Dr. Digamber Mokat**, Professor, PI and Nodal Coordinator, RCFC-WR (NMPB, Ministry of Ayush, Govt.), Dept. of Botany, Savitribai Phule Pune University, Pune.

Topic:

“Ethnomedicine to Modern Medicine”

The session highlighted the journey of traditional ethnomedicinal knowledge towards modern therapeutic applications. Dr. Mokat discussed the importance of documenting traditional knowledge and scientifically validating ethnomedicinal practices for their potential translation into modern medicine.

The session provided an appropriate conclusion to the scientific component of the two-day programme by emphasizing the relationship between traditional knowledge, scientific validation and modern therapeutic development.

Valedictory Function and Poster Prize Distribution

The two-day workshop concluded with a **Valedictory Function**. The function provided an opportunity to reflect on the academic and scientific outcomes of the programme.

As part of the valedictory ceremony, prizes were distributed to the winners of the poster presentation.

Poster Presentation Prize Winners

First Prize:**Mr. Atharva Ravindra Haalkunde**

SVKM NMIMS Global University, Dhule

Second Prize:**Miss Akshada Vinayak Bhoyarekar**

Dr. D. Y. Patil College of Pharmacy, Akurdi

Third Prize:**Dr. Kirteebala Pravin Pawar**

Dr. D. Y. Patil Deemed to be University, School of Pharmacy, Navi Mumbai

The winners were congratulated for their scientific contribution, effective presentation and research-oriented approach.

Feedback from Delegates

Feedback from the participants and delegates was an important component of the valedictory programme. Delegates appreciated the scientific quality of the sessions, selection of speakers, relevance of the topics and overall organization of the workshop.

The feedback was shared by:

1. **Mrs. Mukta M. Abhyankar**
STES's Smt. Kashibai Navale College of Pharmacy, Kondhwa, Pune
2. **Mr. Anurudha Nilangekar**
ACFMC, Pune
3. **Ms. Sakshi Ghatakamble**
Rani Chennamma College of Pharmacy, Belagavi

The delegates expressed their appreciation for the opportunity to interact with experts from different areas of ethnopharmacology and natural product research. They also acknowledged the efforts of the organizing committee in conducting the two-day academic programme successfully.

The **Vote of Thanks** was delivered by **Mr. Sumit Musale**. He expressed sincere gratitude to the dignitaries, invited speakers, poster evaluators, delegates, researchers, students, faculty members, organizing committee members and all those who contributed to the successful conduct of the workshop.

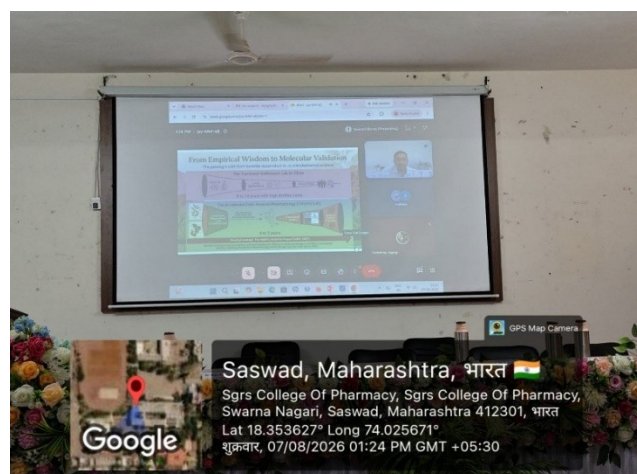
Special appreciation was expressed to the invited experts for sharing their valuable knowledge and expertise and to the delegates for their active participation throughout the two-day programme.

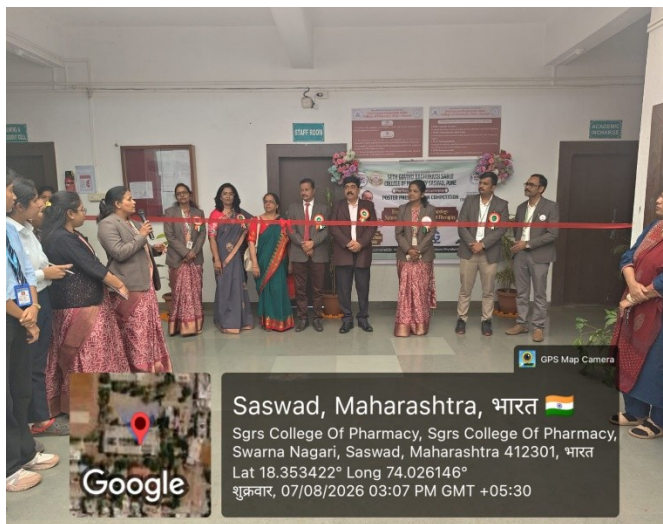
The programme concluded with the **National Anthem**, marking the formal end of the Two-Days National Level Workshop and Poster Presentation.


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Inaugural Function









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