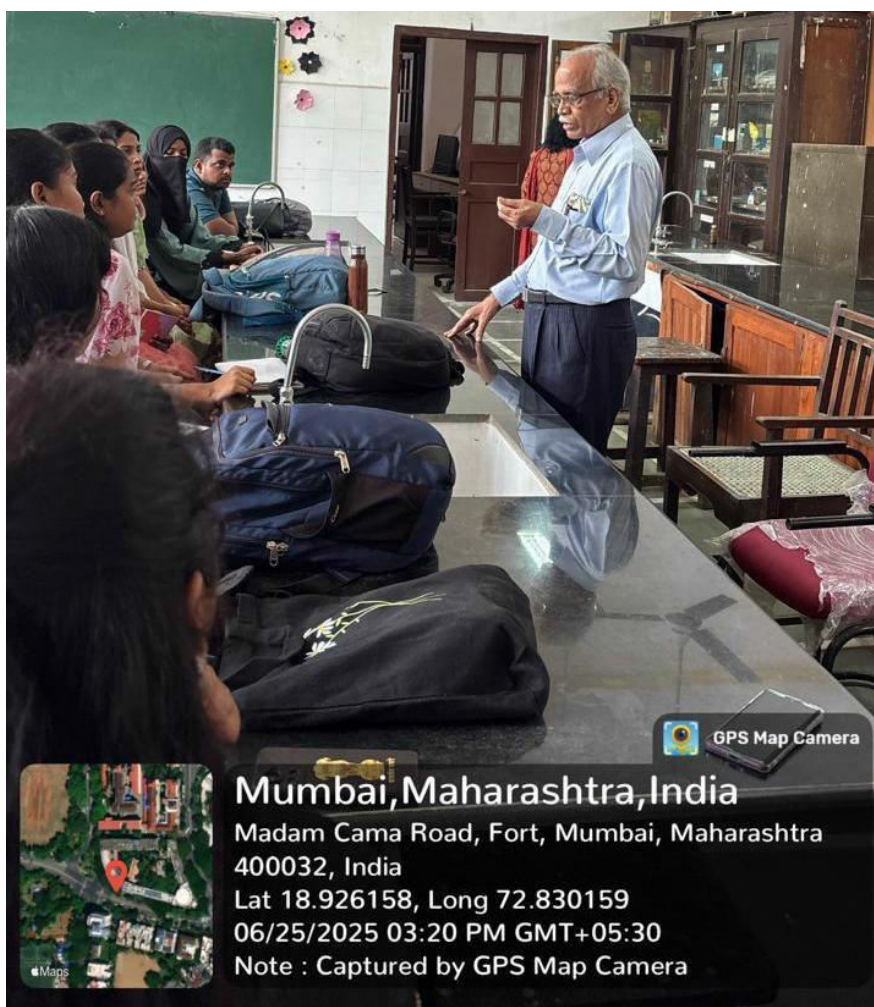


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The Alumni Association, in coordination with the Institute's departments, successfully executed multiple initiatives aimed at enhancing student learning and career readiness. The following pages capture key moments from these engagements.

Interactive Workshop on Eco-restoration 25th June 2025

An interesting and thought-provoking session was conducted today for Botany students by Prof Chaphekar Sir and Dr Lattoo Sir. 22 MSc students from the department attended the session where speakers shared their expertise on Eco restoration.



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Short Excursion to Institute Garden 1st July 2025

Exploring the Institute Garden: A Journey of “Discovery Today” the students of MSc and PhD of the Department of Botany went on a fascinating trip to The Institute Garden, expertly guided by Dr. C.S. Lattoo Sir. This enriching experience highlighted the significance of familiarizing themselves with the plants in Institute campus. As all 21 participants walked through the garden, they were amazed by the remarkable diversity of flora within such a compact space. This encounter not only deepened their appreciation for the garden's potential but also inspired them to contribute to its development and enhancement.



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Research Methods for Social Science: A Data Science Approach 1st August 2025

On 1st August 2025, a talk on Research Methods was held at Department of Mathematics, The Institute of Science Mumbai, focusing on causality and cause-effect relationships in research. The session began with the question, “Does X cause Y?” to stress the importance of understanding causality, supported by a clear example. The speaker Dr. Priyadarshi Amar, Post-Doctoral Fellow, Instituto Carlos III-Juan March, Madrid, Spain, highlighted the value of experimental research, especially Randomized Controlled Trials (RCTs), which reduce bias through random assignment.

The challenge of causal inference and the use of counterfactual analysis to estimate alternative outcomes were also discussed. A comparison between experimental and observational studies was explained using a minimum wage and unemployment study. The importance of controlling confounding variables was emphasized to ensure valid results. The session concluded with a reminder to think critically when analysing causal claims in research.

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Research Methods for Social Science: A Data Science Approach

The lecture explores data-driven research methods used in social science, including text analysis of budget data, survey research, and experimental design. A key objective is to equip students with the tools to critically evaluate causal relationships and apply data-driven approaches to understanding the social world.

Speaker : Dr. Priyadarshi Amar
Post-Doctoral Fellow, Instituto Carlos III-Juan March, Madrid, Spain

Priyadarshi is a political economist whose research on governance and misinformation in South Asia has been recognized by APSA. He holds a joint Ph.D. from Wisconsin-Madison and joins the Juan March Institute as a postdoctoral fellow in Fall 2025. His work appears in leading journals like American Political Science Review.



29TH JULY 2025
TUESDAY

ROOM NO. 205
02:00 PM - 04:00 PM

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Short Excursion to Maharashtra Nature Park 4th October 2025

The Department of Botany organized a short educational excursion to Maharashtra Nature Park, Dharavi, Mumbai. The field visit was conducted under the expert guidance of Dr. C.S. Lattoo, a distinguished alumnus of the Institute of Science and renowned taxonomist. Dr. Lattoo's deep knowledge of urban biodiversity and wetland ecology added immense value to the learning experience.

Key Learning Highlights:

Urban Forest Walk: Students explored the 37-acre park, once a dumping ground, now a thriving green lung of Mumbai with over 14,000 trees and 580 plant species.

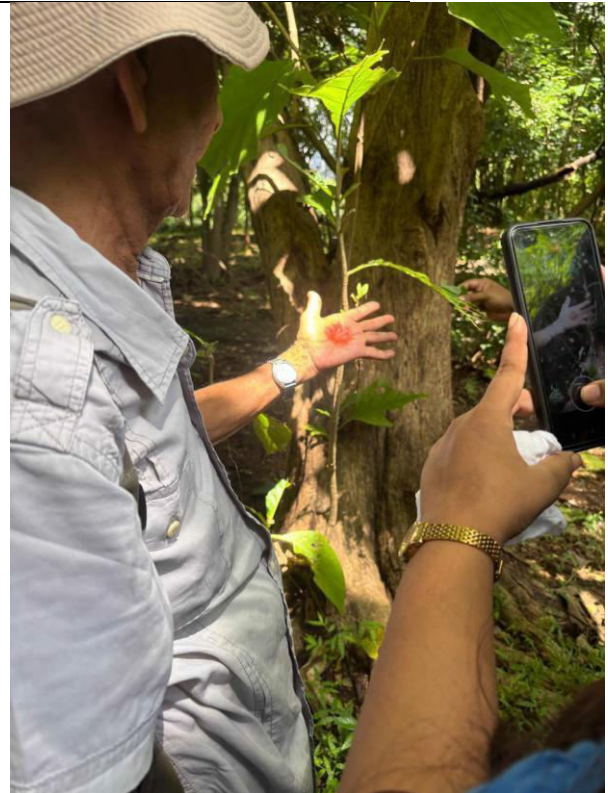
Biodiversity Observation: Dr. Lattoo helped students identify native and exotic flora, butterfly species, migratory birds, and explained the ecological role of wetlands adjoining the Mithi River.

Conservation Insights: The session covered topics like solid waste management, composting units, and how MNP serves as a model of ecological restoration in an urban setting.

Head of Department, thanked Dr. Lattoo for mentoring the students and reconnecting with his alma mater. Students expressed that seeing classroom concepts in a living ecosystem made the subject come alive. It was a short but enriching trip that blended nostalgia, nature, and knowledge. 46 participants including students, faculty members and alumni joined the nature walk.



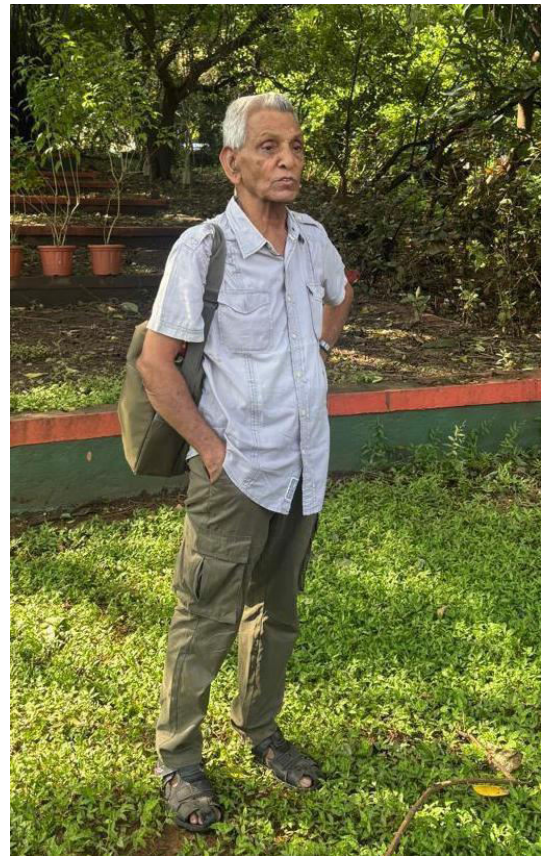
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Current role of cyogenomic analysis in Haematological malignancies 11th October 2025

ISMAA in collaboration with Department of Biochemistry organized a talk by Alumnus Dr. Dhanlaxmi Shetty, Scientific Officer “F”, ACTREC, Tata Memorial Centre, Kharghar, Navi Mumbai. A simple and lucid talk which captivated the students was the highlight of the talk. Dr Shetty in a very versatile manner touched upon the basics, the techniques and applicability of Cytogenetics. Hon. VC Sir and the Registrar of the University for graced the occasion. 68 participants including students and faculty attended the event.



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by



Dr. Dhanlaxmi L. Shetty

Scientific Officer “F”
Assistant Professor, HBNI
Officer in charge, Cancer Cytogenetics Department, ACTREC,
Tata Memorial Center, Kharghar, Navi Mumbai

On

**“Current role of Cytogenomic analysis in
Hematological malignancies”**

Date: October 11th 2025 at 11:30 am
Venue: University Hall

Dr. Shekhar Jadhav
Co-Ordinator

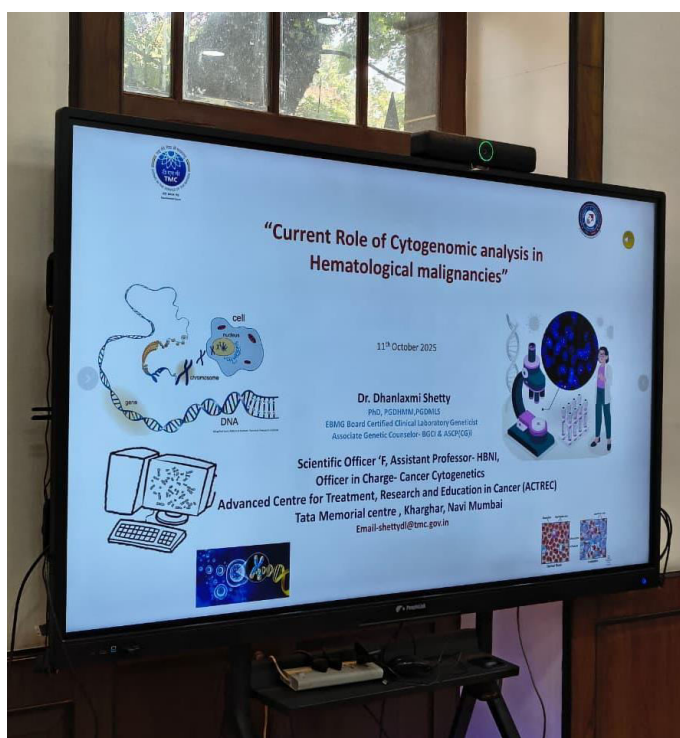
Prof. Manohar Padul
Head, Dept. of Biochemistry

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Prof. Ardeshir Damania Endowment Lecture 22nd January 2026

The Department of Botany, Institute of Science was privileged to host the “**Damania Endowment Talk**” on 22nd January 2026, featuring **Dr. Ravikiran Govekar**, IFS (Maharashtra Cadre), Additional Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (Mantralay), Mumbai, who delivered a captivating lecture on Biodiversity Conservation.

The session was marked by engaging interactions with students and alumni, making it a truly memorable event. The Alumni Association and Department of Botany extend their sincere appreciation to Dr. Govekar for sharing his expertise.

The Head of the Department, Prof. Aparna Saraf thanked the 66 participants which included students, faculty and alumni- Dr. Ambuja, Prof. A.D. Sawant, Dr. Lattoo, Dr. Smita Jadhav, and Dr. Amit Saraf for their active participation and insightful interactions.

The event enriched the knowledge and perspectives of the audience.



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Prof. Ardeshir Damania Endowment Lecture
by



Dr. Ravikiran Govekar
IFS (Indian Forest Service) 2001, Maharashtra cadre.
Additional Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (Mantralaya) Mumbai
on

**“Conserving our Biodiversity –
Concepts, Issues and Approaches”**

Date: Thursday, 22nd January 2026, 12:30 pm Venue: Room No. 36

Prof. Aparna Saraf
Secretary, ISMAA

Dr. Ambuja Udas
President, ISMAA

Prof. S.B. Kulkarni
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C.C. Shroff Memorial Lecture 12th March 2026

ISMAA in collaboration with Department of Chemistry organized C.C. Shroff Memorial Lecture on 12th March 2026 at The Institute. Shri. Dilip Udas delivered a talk on “Industrial Research and Development: Bridging Science & Industry”. The function was presided by Hon. Vice Chancellor Prof. Rajanish Kamat. Nearly 180 students, staff and alumni attended the talk. Shri Dilip Udas from ICT delivered a very relevant talk on bridging the gap between academia and industry.

A wonderful talk delivered in a very passionate manner.



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Late. Shri. Champraj C. Shroff Memorial Lecture
by



Dilip G. Udas
Adjunct Professor, ICT University, Mumbai
Director, Ultra Conserve Pvt Ltd

on
**“Industrial Research and Development:
Bridging Science & Industry”**

Hon’ble Vice Chancellor Prof. Rajanish Kamat
Dr. Homi Bhabha State University, Mumbai
will preside over the function

Date: Thursday, 12th March 2026, 11:30 am ; Venue: Room No. 36

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Secretary, ISMAA

Dr. Ambuja Udas
President, ISMAA

Prof. Y.S. Malghe
Head, Dept. of Chemistry

Prof. S.B. Kulkarni
Director

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Research Scholars' Meet 2026

ISMAA in collaboration with The Institute of Science conducted Research Scholars' Meet 2026 on 12th March 2026 at the Institute. Shri Dilip Udas from ICT inaugurated the event.

The event received a huge response from students with 140 participants registering for the event. The vibrant poster presentations and students' enthusiasm created a truly engaging research atmosphere.

The Alumni Association and Golden Jubilee Trust Fund provided financial support for the event. Dr. Prashant Ratnaparkhi, Prof. Rupendra Jadhav, Dr. Smita Jadhav, Prof. Vishwanath Patil, Dr. Gaurav Sawant, Prof. Sagarika Damle, Dr. Ashraf Khan, Mrs. Sangita Joshi, Dr. Samadhan Waghmode, Dr. Arvind Singh and Prof. Shantaj Deshbhratar helped out with the judging

The organizing committee comprising of faculty members and PhD students contributed to making the event success. Their efforts behind the scenes ensured everything ran smoothly.

The Institute of Science, Mumbai and
The Institute of Science Mumbai Alumni Association (ISMAA)
(In collaboration with Golden Jubilee Trust Fund)

cordially invite you to the

Research Scholars' Meet
12th March 2026

Chief Guest
Dilip G. Udas
Adjunct Professor, ICT University, Mumbai
Director, Ultra Conserve Pvt Ltd

Date: 12th March 2026, 12:30 pm
Venue: Corridor, First Floor,
The Institute of Science, Mumbai

Prof. Aparna A. Saraf
Prof. & Head, Dept of Botany
Secretary, ISMAA

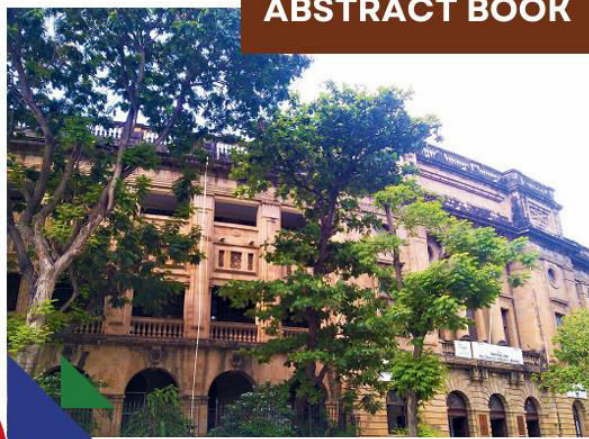
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**RESEARCH SCHOLARS' MEET
(RSM) - 2026**

ABSTRACT BOOK



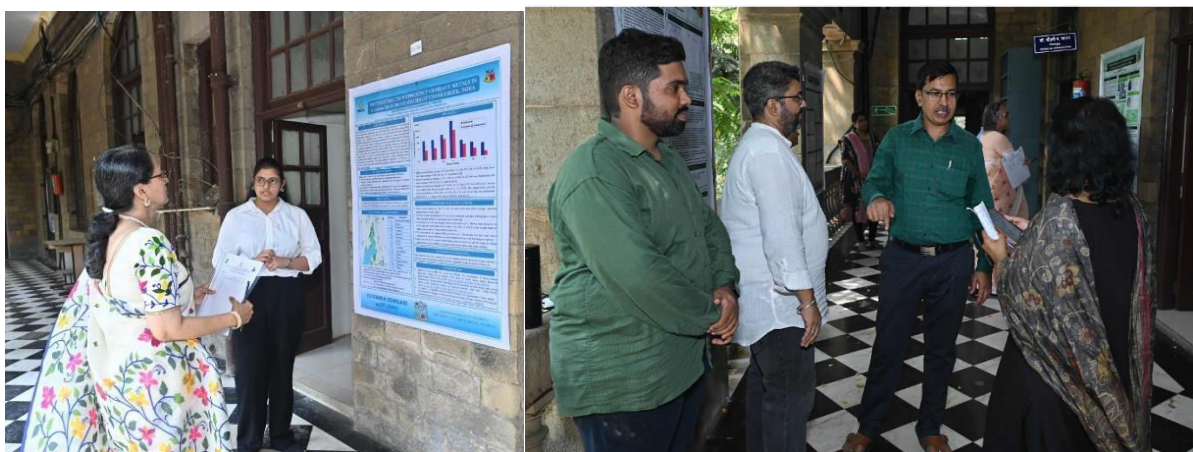
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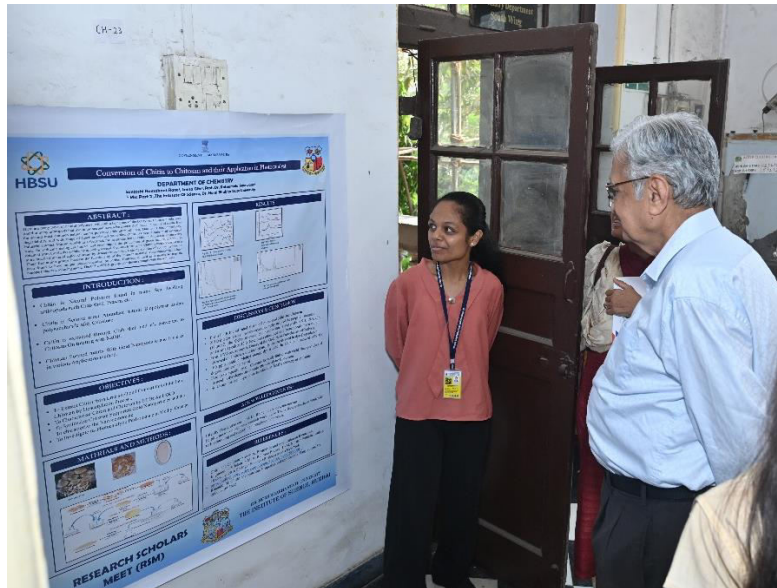


Shri. Dilip Udas inaugurated the event and released the abstract book along with Hon. VC Prof. Rajanish Kamat, Director Prof. S.B. Kulkarni, Prof. Yuvraj Malghe, Dr. Ambuja Udas and Prof. Aparna Saraf.

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RSM 2026 - Winners

NAME	PRIZE
BIOCHEMISTRY	
Sneha Ganpule (Ph.D)	1 st
BIOTECHNOLOGY	
Zameena Ansari (Ph.D)	1 st
BOTANY	
Dwijalee Deo (Ph.D)	1 st
Bhumika Ambadkar (Ph.D)	2 nd
Sheetal Sharma (Ph.D)	3 rd
Vaibhavi Pawar (M.Sc)	Consolation Prize
Vrushali Kumbete (M.Sc)	Consolation Prize
CHEMISTRY	
Sayli Kadam (Ph.D)	1 st
Mamta Pimpale (Ph.D)	2 nd
Khan Parvin Zeba (Ph.D)	3 rd
Santoshi Rane - M.Sc	Consolation Prize
Shraddha Nijai - M.Sc	Consolation Prize
DATA SCIENCE	
Sanika Parle - M.Sc	1 st
Shabistan Urankar	
MICROBIOLOGY	
Sneha Bidwe (Ph.D)	1 st
Mamta Bhusara (Ph.D)	2 nd
Vaishnavi Shinde (Ph.D)	3 rd
Dyaneshwar Patil (Ph.D)	

NAME	PRIZE
MATHEMATICS	
Aisha Shaikh (M.Sc)	
Akshat Chaube (M.Sc)	1 st
Sagar Thakare (M.Sc)	
Zaujaan Khan (M.Sc.)	
Melvin Jothiraj (M.Sc)	
Rincia Dias (M.Sc.)	2 nd
Sakshi Naik (M.Sc.)	
Senzilla Lopes (M.Sc.)	
Anjali Giri (Ph.D)	
Aanchal Giri (Ph.D)	2 nd
Muskan Shaikh (Ph.D)	
Saima Ansari (Ph.D)	
Anushree Lohakare	
Sanika Polekar	3 rd
Laiba Mahevi	
Janaki Yadav	
PHYSICS	
Pratik Sutar (Ph.D)	1 st
Bhavya Shetty (Ph.D)	2 nd
Girija Mahamuni (Ph.D)	3 rd
Gopika Rajan (Ph.D)	
Indira Banerjee - M.Sc	Consolation Prize
ZOOLOGY	
Bapusaheb Shinde (Ph.D)	1 st
EVS	
Rajneesh Sharma (Ph.D)	1 st

Cash prizes and Certificates were awarded to the winners

First Prize:	₹ 1000/-
Second Prize:	₹ 750/-
Third Prize:	₹ 500/-
Consolation:	₹ 300/-

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Nature Walk conducted by the ISMAA 12th April 2026

On 12th April 2026, friends, family members, students, and alumni gathered at Veermata Jijabai Bhosale Botanical Udyan and Zoo, Byculla, to enjoy the sights and fragrances of the historic botanical gardens under the expert guidance and leadership of our senior colleague, Dr. C. S. Lattoo.

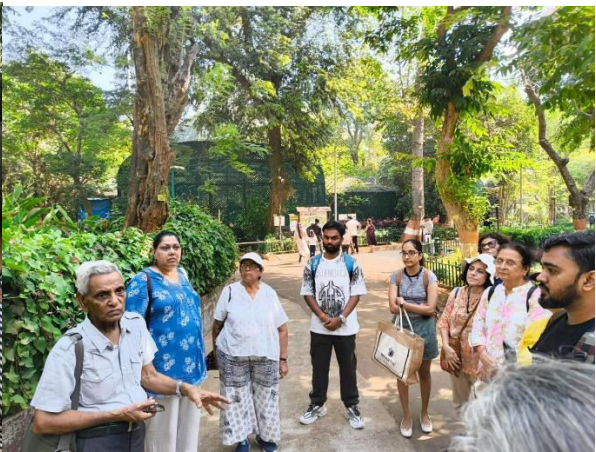
Established in 1861, the garden is not merely a collection of trees and greenery, but a living archive of trade routes, botanical heritage, and ecological history. Many of the trees were planted during the colonial era, when Mumbai was still known as Bombay under the British Raj. Participants had the opportunity to observe several rare, unusual, and historically significant trees such as the African Baobab, Krishna Vad, Calabash (Beggar's Bowl) Tree, and the Rose of Venezuela.

The highlight of the trail was a visit to the Conservatory. Our visit to the conservatory was made possible through the kind support and assistance of Dr. Lattoo, who arranged special access to this remarkable collection of rare, delicate, and exotic plants. These included a variety of orchids, ferns, palms, cycads, cacti, and succulents.

The entire walk was both magical and deeply enriching, made memorable by Dr. Lattoo's vast experience, knowledge, and insightful explanations, which he generously shared with all the participants. One student aptly expressed the sentiments of the group: "It was a wonderful experience to see blooming flowers so closely. Your guidance and explanations made the entire experience more meaningful."

The Institute of Science Mumbai Alumni Association sincerely thanks Dr. Lattoo for making this nature walk such an informative and memorable experience.

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Amidst the greens.....

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Academic Award Winners

ALUMNI ASSOCIATION PRIZES 2025-26

9th January 2026



Felicitation at the hands of Dr. Prasanna Venkataraman, Deputy Director, Cancer Research Institute (CRI), ACTREC.

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1) **Teacher Shaila Dhanbhura Fellowship:**

The annual fellowship to be awarded to the topper among the M.Sc. Part-I (Biochemistry) students of the Institute of Science, Mumbai, who are continuing their studies for M.Sc. Part-II (Biochemistry) at the Institute.

Endowment created from the Donation by NBM Sarkari Trust.
Approximate Funding: Rs. 6000/- p.a.

Winner: Ms Athashree Bharat Nar Avg SGPA 9.63

2) **Dr. K. V. Hippalgaonkar Endowment Award:**

Dr. K. V. Hippalgaonkar Endowment Prize to be awarded annually to the Topper in Plant Physiology and Biochemistry at the M.Sc. Part-I in Botany.

Endowment created from Donation by research students of Prof. K. V. Hippalgaonkar.
Approximate Funding: Rs. 6000/- p.a.

Winner: Ms Vaibhavi Pawar Avg SGPA 9.82

3) **Prof. S. B. Chaphekar Endowment Award:**

Prof. S. B. Chaphekar Endowment Prize for the Topper in Environmental Botany at the M.Sc. Part-I in Botany.

Endowment created from Donation by research students of Prof. S. B. Chaphekar.
Approximate Funding: Rs. 6000/- p.a.

Winner: Ms Tazeen Khan Avg SGPA 9.54

4) **Dr. V. D. Tilak Endowment Award:**

Dr. V. D. Tilak Endowment Prize to be awarded annually to the M.Sc. Part-I Topper in Botany.

Endowment created from Donation by Dr. (Mrs). Umavathi Hegde.
Approximate Funding: Rs. 6000/- p.a.

Winner: Ms Vaibhavi Pawar Avg SGPA 9.82

5) **"The Institute of Science Mumbai Certificates of Excellence"**

The Institute of Science Mumbai Certificates of Excellence to be given every academic year to the top rankers at M.Sc. II in the subjects of Analytical Chemistry, Inorganic Chemistry, Organic Chemistry and Physical Chemistry from the Institute of Science, Mumbai.

Endowment created from Donation by Dr. Jairam D. Chavan.
Approximate Funding: Rs. 2500/- p.a.

Winners:

Organic Chemistry:
Inorganic Chemistry:
Physical Chemistry:
Analytical Chemistry:

Riya Nalawade CGPA: 9.91
Aashutosh Singh CGPA: 9.41
Adit Karnik CGPA: 9.96
Sumit Tiwari CGPA: 9.59



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17th May 2025

NOTICE OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE TO BE HELD IN ONLINE MODE ON TUESDAY, 4th JUNE 2025

A Meeting of the Members of the Executive Committee of the ISMAA will be held in **ONLINE MODE** on Tuesday, 4th June 2025 at 4:00 pm. All the Core Committee Members including the Trustees of the Association and the Members of the Executive Committee are requested to kindly make it convenient to attend the Meeting.

The link for the ONLINE mode of Meeting will be communicated later.

AGENDA:

1. Introduction of New EC and Invitee members.
2. Planning of the ISMAA activities for the academic year 2025-26.
3. Renewal of FD's
4. Disbursement of Shroff's Fellowship.
5. Any other matter with the permission of the Chair.

Prof. Aparna Saraf
Hon. Secretary, ISMAA

N. B. :

If there is no quorum at 4:00 pm, the meeting shall be adjourned. The adjourned meeting shall be reconvened at 4:30 on the same day in the ONLINE mode and there shall be no quorum requirement. The business transacted at the said meeting shall be valid.



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4th June 2025

MINUTES OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE HELD IN ONLINE MODE

ON 4TH JUNE 2025

A Meeting of the Members of the Executive Committee of ISAA was held in ONLINE MODE on **4th June 2025** at 4:00 pm on Zoom platform. The proceedings were recorded.

Following trustees, EC members and invitees were present at the Meeting:

Dr. Ambuja Udas, Prof. N.V. Thakkar, Prof. Aparna Saraf, Prof. A.D. Sawant, Dr. K.V. Hippalgaonkar, Shri. Anil Nimkar, Dr. C.S. Latto, Prof. Gayatri Barabde, Dr. Sankar Raman, Dr. Sudesh Bhagwat, Prof. Sagarika Damle, Prof. Ramesh Yamgar, Dr. Rupesh Gaikwad, Prof. Anamika Kadam, Dr. Amit Saraf & Shri Shubham Tanpathak.

Dr. Sampurna Murti had communicated her inability to attend the meeting.

At the outset, Dr. Ambuja Udas, President, ISMAA, welcomed all the trustees, EC Members and the invited members.

Following business was transacted in the Meeting with Dr. Ambuja Udas in Chair.

Minutes of the ISMAA Executive Committee Meeting

1. Alumni Committee Planning for 2025–26

The meeting began with a warm welcome to new members. The committee expressed appreciation for Dr. Thakkar and his team, whose dedicated efforts over the past six years have strengthened the Alumni Association. Members discussed the annual event calendar, which will include the alumni get-together, a science journalism course, and the long-awaited Research Scholars' Meet (RSM). The committee also proposed inviting distinguished speakers for student lectures and sought suggestions from members on potential topics and guests.

2. Online Lectures and RSM Planning

Prof. Aparna Saraf suggested initiating a monthly online lecture series with invited experts across subjects. This would allow broader participation, including alumni. Although hybrid formats were debated, it was agreed to first trial one online lecture to gauge engagement. Building on past success, the committee finalized March 2026 for the RSM, reviving the event after several years of hiatus.



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3. CSR Funding and Workshops

Dr. Hippalgaonkar emphasized shifting focus from individual donations to Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) funding, leveraging alumni industry connections. Dr. Rupesh proposed project submissions to the RGST and collaborations with the Indian Chemical Society. To strengthen PhD training, Shri. Anil Nimkar will design a 7-day workshop after assessing available instruments at the institute.

4. Scheduling ECM and AGBM

The committee confirmed tentative dates for future ECMs: 27th September, 18th October (around Diwali), and 20th December 2025. It was agreed that the Annual General Body Meeting (AGBM) must be held before September to approve financial returns.

5. Alumni Outing

Plans for an alumni outing were discussed, with members suggesting late August or September 2025. Locations will be finalized after member feedback, ensuring at least 15 days' notice. Members were encouraged to suggest new activities for the next meeting.

6. Financial Review

The association currently holds approximately ₹24.01 lakhs in fixed deposits and over ₹2 lakhs in its savings account. The committee resolved to maximize fixed deposits for higher returns. Prof. Aparna Saraf will circulate past meeting records and reports for transparency, and future meetings will begin with a review of prior minutes and finances.

7. Constitution and Trustee Vacancies

Given that the Constitution has not been revised in 20 years, Dr. Ambuja recommended undertaking its review this year. The process for amendments and Charity Commissioner's approval was discussed. The need to fill three trustee vacancies was also highlighted, alongside preparing a clear budget for 2025–26.

8. Scholarships and Fellowships

The Shroff Fellowship selection process was reviewed. Four applications were evaluated on publications and presentations. Alumni involvement in scrutiny and transparency measures was suggested to encourage future donations. Scholarship distribution of ₹12,000 annually will be structured in two installments of ₹6,000 each. Prof. Aparna confirmed compliance with donor specifications and will provide detailed reports.



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9. Member Engagement

To improve communication, Shri. Shubham Tanpathak will create a committee email group and a Google Sheet for members' details. Prof. Aparna will also update the website with meeting minutes, reports, and the Constitution.

The meeting ended with optimism about upcoming initiatives and renewed commitment to alumni engagement, financial strengthening, and academic enrichment.

4th June 2025
Mumbai

-Sd-
Dr. Ambuja Udas
President, ISMAA

Prof. Aparna Saraf
Hon. Secretary, ISMAA



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17th September 2025

NOTICE OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE TO BE HELD IN HYBRID MODE **ON 27TH SEPTEMBER 2025**

A Meeting of the Members of the Executive Committee of ISMAA will be held on **Saturday 27th September 2025 at 3:00 pm.** at Room No. 59, Second Floor, Department of Botany, The Institute of Science, Mumbai. All the Trustees of the Association and the members of the Executive Committee are requested to kindly make it convenient to attend the Meeting.

The link for the on-line mode of meeting shall be communicated later.

AGENDA

1. Confirmation of the Minutes of the last online ECM held on 4th June 2025.
2. Report by the Hon. Secretary on the activities since last ECM.
3. Update by the Treasurer on the matters related to financials.
4. Planning of the ISMAA activities for the academic year 2025-26.
5. Discussion & Decision on
 - i. Ratna Award
 - ii. AGBM
 - iii. Annual Gathering
6. Any other matter with the permission of the Chair.

Prof. Aparna Saraf
Hon. Secretary, ISMAA

N. B.:

- i) If there is no Quorum at **3.00 p.m.**, the meeting shall be adjourned. The adjourned meeting shall be reconvened at **3.30 p.m.** on the same day and there shall be no quorum requirement. The business transacted at the said meeting shall be valid.



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27th September 2025

Minutes of the Executive Committee Meeting of ISMAA conducted on 27th September 2025

A meeting of the Members of the Executive Committee of The Institute of Science Mumbai Alumni Association (ISMAA) was held **online** on **27th September 2025 at 3:00 PM** via the **Zoom platform**.

The following Trustees, Executive Committee Members, and Invitees were present:

Dr. Ambuja Udas, Prof. N. V. Thakkar, Prof. Aparna Saraf, Prof. A. D. Sawant, Dr. K. V. Hippalgaonkar, Shri Anil Nimkar, Dr. C. S. Latto, Prof. Sagarika Damle, Dr. Rupesh Gaikwad, Prof. Anamika Kadam, Dr. Amit Saraf, Ms. Manjushree, and Shri Shubham Tanpathak.

Dr. Sampurna Murti conveyed her inability to attend the meeting.

At the outset, Dr. Ambuja Udas, President, ISMAA, welcomed all the Trustees, Executive Committee Members, and Invitees present.

The meeting was conducted with Dr. Ambuja Udas in the Chair, and the following agenda items were taken up:

1. Confirmation of Minutes of the Previous Executive Committee Meeting

The minutes of the last online Executive Committee Meeting held on 4th June 2025 were circulated to the members. The minutes were reviewed and approved unanimously.

2. Report by the Hon. Secretary on activities since the last ECM

Prof. Aparna Saraf, Hon. Secretary, presented a report on the activities conducted since the previous ECM. The following activities were noted:

1. Interactive Workshop on Eco-Restoration by Prof. Chaphekar and Dr. C. S. Latto on 25th June 2025.
2. Exploration of the Institute Flora conducted by Dr. C. S. Latto on 1st July 2025.
3. Guest Lecture on “*Research Methods for Social Science: A Data Science Approach*” by Dr. Priyadarshi Amar on 1st August 2025, organized by the Department of Mathematics in association with ISMAA.



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4. Short Excursion to Mahim Nature Park conducted by Dr. C. S. Latto on 4th October 2025.
5. A meeting with Dr. Satam of Marathi Vidnyan Parishad was held on 23rd September 2025 with the President and Secretary of ISMAA to discuss the organization of a Science Communication Workshop at the Institute.

3. Financial Update by the Treasurer

In the absence of the Treasurer, Dr. Utkarsha Lekhak, the President, Dr. Ambuja Udas, briefed the members on the financial status of the Association.

She informed that:

- ISMAA currently holds approximately ₹24.01 lakhs in Fixed Deposits, and
- Over ₹2 lakhs in the Savings Account.

She also highlighted the need to appoint a new Chartered Accountant for the Association.

4. Planning of ISMAA Activities for the Academic Year 2025–26

Prof. Aparna Saraf informed the members that:

- The **Damania Endowment Lecture** and **Shroff Memorial Lecture** would be organized at the earliest.
- Talk by **Dr. Dhanalaxmi Shetty** on “*Current Role of Cytogenomic Analysis in Hematological Malignancies*” on **11th October 2025**, to be organised by the Department of Biochemistry in association with ISMAA.
- The **Research Scholars’ Meet (RSM)** is proposed to be conducted in the month of March 2026.

The meeting concluded with a Vote of Thanks proposed by Prof. Aparna Saraf.

17th September 2025
Mumbai

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Dr. Ambuja Udas
President, ISMAA

Prof. Aparna Saraf
Hon. Secretary, ISMAA



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15th January 2026

NOTICE OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE TO BE HELD IN ONLINE MODE ON SATURDAY, 24th JANUARY 2026

A Meeting of the Members of the Executive Committee of the ISMAA will be held in **ONLINE MODE** on Saturday, 24th January 2026 at 3:00 pm. All the Core Committee Members including the Trustees of the Association and the Members of the Executive Committee are requested to kindly make it convenient to attend the Meeting.

The link for the ONLINE mode of Meeting will be communicated later.

AGENDA:

1. Confirmation of the Minutes of the last online ECM held on 27th September 2025.
2. Report by the Hon. Secretary on the activities since last ECM.
3. Update by the Treasurer on the matters related to financials.
4. Discussion & Decision on
 - i. RSM
 - ii. Annual Gathering
 - iii. Appointment of new CA.
 - iv. Science Communication Workshop.
 - v. ISMAA activities for the academic year 2025-26
5. Any other matter with the permission of the Chair.

Prof. Aparna Saraf
Hon. Secretary, ISMAA

N. B. :

If there is no quorum at 3:00 pm, the meeting shall be adjourned. The adjourned meeting shall be reconvened at 3:30 on the same day in the ONLINE mode and there shall be no quorum requirement. The business transacted at the said meeting shall be valid.



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24th January 2026

Minutes of the Executive Committee Meeting of ISMAA conducted on 24th January 2026

A meeting of the Members of the Executive Committee of The Institute of Science Mumbai Alumni Association (ISMAA) was held **online** on **24th January 2026 at 3:00 PM** via the **Zoom platform**.

The following Trustees, Executive Committee Members, and Invitees were present:

Dr. Ambuja Udas, Prof. N. V. Thakkar, Prof. Aparna Saraf, Prof. Yuvraj Malghe, Shri Anil Nimkar, Dr. C. S. Latto, Dr. Sampurna Murti, Prof Selby Jose, Prof. Sagarika Damle, Prof. Anamika Kadam, Dr. Amit Saraf, Ms. Manjushree, Ms. Dwijalee Deo and Shri Shubham Tanpathak.

Dr. K.V. Hippalgaonkar conveyed his inability to attend the meeting.

At the outset, Dr. Ambuja Udas, President, ISMAA, welcomed all the Trustees, Executive Committee Members, and Invitees present.

The meeting was conducted with Dr. Ambuja Udas in the Chair, and the following agenda items were taken up:

1. Confirmation of the Minutes of the Last Online ECM

The minutes of the previous Executive Committee Meeting held on 27th September 2025 were reviewed by the members.

The committee unanimously approved the minutes as a true record of the previous proceedings.

2. Report by the Hon. Secretary on Activities Since Last ECM

Prof. Aparna Saraf, Hon. Secretary, provided an update on the successful completion of the Dr. Damania Endowment Lecture by Dr. Ravikiran Govekar, IFS (Maharashtra Cadre), Government of Maharashtra.

She further informed that the Dr. C.C. Shroff Memorial Lecture is currently pending, awaiting confirmation from the speaker.



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3. Update on Matters Related to Financials

Prof. Aparna Saraf along with Prof. N.V. Thakkar, in absence of the Treasurer updated matters related to financials.

- **Current Status:** The Association holds ₹24 lakhs in fixed deposits and over ₹2 lakhs in its savings account.
- **Interest & Expenses:** Interest from fixed deposits is estimated at ₹30,000–₹40,000. However, committed expenses for lectures, prizes, certificates, and the Research Scholars' Meet (RSM) are projected to exceed ₹1.5–1.6 lakhs.
- **Compliance:** All pending commitments must be fulfilled before the 31st March deadline.
- **Taxation:** Donors, including Dr. Sankar Raman, are to be informed that the 80G tax exemption is no longer applicable.
- **Audit Issues:** Follow-ups are required with the current CA regarding pending matters for FY 2013, 2018, and 2024-25.

4. Discussion & Decision

- **i. RSM (Research Scholars' Meet):**
 - ❖ The event is scheduled for after mid-March 2026 and will involve poster presentations from 10 departments.
 - ❖ The approved budget is approximately ₹25,000/- to ₹30,000/- (₹20,000 for expenses plus a ₹5,000/- to ₹10,000/- contingency).
 - ❖ Sponsorship will be sought from alumni and the Golden Jubilee Trust.
 - ❖ Refreshments will be provided.
- **ii. Annual Gathering:**
 - ❖ The Annual General Body Meeting (AGBM) and annual gathering/dinner are planned for June 2026, prior to the monsoon.
 - ❖ It was confirmed that no Ratna Awards will be conferred this year.
- **iii. Appointment of New CA:**
 - ❖ Candidates for a new Chartered Accountant will be shortlisted.
 - ❖ A formal resolution for the appointment will be prepared for the upcoming AGBM.



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- **iv. ISMAA Activities for the Academic Year 2025-26:**

- ❖ The committee emphasized the need for a permanent email distribution list for all EC members to streamline the circulation of notices and documents.
- ❖ At least one more EC meeting must be held before the year-end to meet constitutional requirements.

5. Any Other Matter with the Permission of the Chair

- **Administrative Changes:** The Treasurer has expressed the intent to step down; members are requested to suggest new candidates for the role.
- **Scheduling:** To accommodate overseas members, future meetings will be scheduled after 7:00 PM IST.

24th January 2026
Mumbai

Dr. Ambuja Udas
President, ISMAA

Prof. Aparna Saraf
Hon. Secretary, ISMAA



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23rd March 2026

NOTICE FOR THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

The Executive Committee Meeting (ECM) of The Institute of Science (Mumbai) Alumni Association (ISAA) will be held **ONLINE** on Saturday, 28th March at 7:30 p.m.

All the Trustees and EC Members are requested to make it convenient to attend the Meeting and confirm their presence at the earliest.

AGENDA

1. Confirmation of the Minutes of the Meeting held on 24th January 2026.
2. Report by the Hon. Secretary on the activities since the last EC meeting.
3. Matters regarding financials.
4. Matters regarding
 - a) AGM
 - b) Annual Get-together
 - c) Ratna Awards
5. Any other matter with the permission of the Chair.

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23rd March 2026

Dr. Ambuja Udas
President, ISMAA

N. B.:

- i) If there is no Quorum at **7.45 p.m.**, the meeting shall be adjourned. The adjourned meeting shall be reconvened at **8.00 p.m.** on the same day and there shall be no quorum requirement. The business transacted at the said meeting shall be valid.
- ii) A confirmation of your presence at the Meeting through WhatsApp at the earliest will be highly appreciated.



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28th March 2026

Minutes of the Executive Committee Meeting of ISSMA conducted on the 28th March 2026.

A Meeting of the Executive Committee of The Institute of Science Mumbai Alumni Association was held on the 28th March 2026 on an online platform of Google Meet.

The following Trustees, Executive Committee member and Invitees were present:

Dr. Ambuja Udas, Prof. Arun Sawant, Shri Nijen Desai, Dr. C S Latto, Prof. Anamika Kadam, Ms. Dwijalee Deo and Shri Shubham Tanpathak.

Prof. Narendra Thakkar, Dr. Sampurna Murti, Prof. Aparna Saraf and Dr. Utkarsha Lekhak had communicated their inability to attend the meeting.

Due to lack of quorum at scheduled time of meeting the Chairperson announced an adjournment for 30 minutes. The meeting was reconvened at 8.00 pm.

Dr. A C Udas welcomed the members present. The meeting was conducted with her in the Chair.

The following agenda items were transacted:

1. Confirmation of the Minutes of the Meeting held on 24th January 2026.

Members reviewed the minutes of the 24-01-2026 meeting. The minutes were unanimously approved by the members present. The motion was proposed by Dr Latoo and seconded by Shubham Tanpathak.

2. Report by the Hon. Secretary on the activites since the last EC meeting.

The secretary was unable to attend the meeting however she had earlier given a report of the C C Shroff memorial lecture and the Research Scholars Meet held on the 12th March 2026. The speaker, Shri Dilip Udas delivered a talk “Industrial Research and Development, Bridging Science and Industry”. This talk was well received by the students.



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Shri Dilip Udas inaugurated the Research Scholars Meet for which there was an overwhelming response from the students. 140 M.Sc. and PhD students from 10 departments submitted posters for evaluation. We are grateful to the Judges for their generosity with their time, patience, encouragement and for providing valuable feedback to the students.

The ISSMA are grateful to the Hon. Vice Chancellor, Dr. Homi Bhabha State University, Director, The Institute of Science, for their support and cooperation, Shri Ashwin Shroff for his generous endowment and the Golden Jubilee Trust fund for their financial support.

3. Matters regarding financials.

The committee was informed that Alumnus Shankar Raman has contributed a generous amount of Rs. 250000 to the alumni association. This sum is intended to reward top scorers/students from the Physics department.

It was noted that all payments and receipts have to be completed by 31st March 2026. The accounts will be submitted for auditing shortly. The treasurer would be visiting the CA to understand the requirements for preparing the accounts for submission to the CA.

4. Matters regarding a) AGM b) Annual Get-together c) Ratna Awards

There was a discussion regarding matters pertaining to the AGM, Annual Get together and Ratna Awards. It was decided that all three events should be conducted on the same day so that there is maximum participation of the alumni. As seen in previous years the attendance for AGM is minimal. It was further agreed that this should be scheduled for the month of November. Regarding the guideline that all AGM meeting should be conducted by 30th September 2026, Prof. Sawant suggested that a suitable resolution can be made in an EC meeting to explain why the AGM had been deferred to a later date. Regarding the Ratna Awards, it was decided that all alumni should be asked to forward recommendation to the Ratna Award Committee. The EC should decide on a date and formally finalize it with the consultation with the Director and Vice Chancellor.

5. Any other matter with the permission of the chair

- a. Subsequent to the discussion regarding the RSM, Shubham Tanpathak said that we should look at separating the work of the MSc students from the PhD students since the work presented by MSc students cannot be judged in the same vein as the PhD students. He also said that we should consider conducting debates and elocution competitions for the students. Both points were well taken.



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- b. Dr. Latoo has agreed to conduct a Nature Walk for students and Alumni of ISSMA in the month of April. We need to decide on an appropriate date and the logistics of the event.
- c. Prof. Sawant suggested that the students of The Institute of Science should be encouraged to be members of the Alumni Association. The procedures should be worked out in subsequent meetings.

The meeting ended with thanks to the Chair.

28th March 2026
Mumbai

Dr. Ambuja Udas
President, ISMAA



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15th July 2026

NOTICE OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE TO BE HELD IN ONLINE MODE ON SATURDAY, 18TH JULY 2026

A Meeting of the Members of the Executive Committee of the ISMAA will be held in **ONLINE MODE** on **Saturday, 18th July 2026 at 4:00 pm**. All the Core Committee Members including the Trustees of the Association and the Members of the Executive Committee are requested to kindly make it convenient to attend the Meeting.

The link for the ONLINE mode of Meeting will be communicated later.

AGENDA

1. Confirmation of the Minutes of the last online ECM held on 28th March 2026.
2. Update by the Treasurer on the matters related to financials.
3. Discussion on workshop to be conducted on “Science Communication”
4. Planning of the activities by ISAA:
 - (i) Finalising the date for AGBM for the year 2026-27.
 - (ii) Vigyan Sanstha Ratna Awards.
 - (iii) Annual Gathering.
5. Any other matter with the permission of the Chair.

Prof. Aparna Saraf
Hon. Secretary, ISMAA

N. B. :

If there is no quorum at 4:00 pm, the meeting shall be adjourned. The adjourned meeting shall be reconvened at 4:30 on the same day in the ONLINE mode and there shall be no quorum requirement. The business transacted at the said meeting shall be valid.