

Celebrating Excellence: Felicitation Ceremony at the University of Mumbai

Date: 29th November 2025

Venue: Convocation Hall, University of Mumbai, Fort Campus



The historic Convocation Hall at the University of Mumbai witnessed a grand celebration of young scientific talent during the Felicitation Ceremony for the State-level Winners of the Aavishkar Research Convention 2023–24 and 2024–25. The event honoured outstanding students, mentors, and coordinators from across Maharashtra for their remarkable contributions to research and innovation.

The Aavishkar Research Convention, instituted by the Hon'ble Governor of Maharashtra and organized by the

Maharashtra University of Health Sciences (MUHS), Nashik, aims to promote a culture of research among students and faculty. The 18th round saw enthusiastic participation from our institute under **Category 6 – Medicine and Pharmacy**, led by **Dr. Anuradha Majumdar, Head and Associate Professor, Department of Pharmacology**.

Participation Overview

A total of **14 projects** were submitted for the preliminary rounds:

- 2 Undergraduate (UG)
- 10 Postgraduate (PG)
- 2 Post-PG (PPG)

Following four competitive evaluation rounds—including Zonal and University of Mumbai levels—**5 projects qualified** for the final MUHS round:

- 1 UG project
- 3 PG projects
- 1 PPG project

Highlights of the Felicitation Ceremony

The ceremony commenced at 4:30 PM with the felicitation of student winners, followed by recognition of mentors and coordinators for their valuable guidance. The event was graced by esteemed dignitaries including:

- **Prof. Ravindra D. Kulkarni**, Vice Chancellor
- **Mr. Ajay Bhamre**, Pro Vice Chancellor

- **Dr. Sunil Patil**, In-charge Director, Student Development

Representing **Bombay College of Pharmacy (BCP)** were:

- **Prof. Ujwala Shinde**, Principal In-charge
- **Mrs. Mayuri Padhye**, Assistant Professor, Pharmacology
- **Mr. Vishwanath**, Assistant Professor, Pharmacognosy
- **Ms. Siddhi Nakashe**, Research Scholar

BCP Achievements at the 18th Aavishkar Research Convention (AY 2023–24)

1. **Ms. Mayuri Padhye**
 - **Gold Medal | PPG Level | Category 6**
 - *“Transforming rice husk waste into a sustainable solution for removing nanoplastics from potable water”*
 - **Guide:** Dr. Anuradha Majumdar
2. **Ms. Siddhi Nakashe**
 - **Gold Medal | PG Level | Pharmacy**
 - *“Synthesis of Deuterated Drugs by H/D Exchange for Improvement of Pharmacokinetic Parameters”*
 - **Guide:** Dr. Premlata Ambre
3. **Mr. Manas Mahale**
 - **Silver Medal | UG Level | Pharmacy Category**
 - *“Masked Language Models are Fragment-Based Drug Designers in Medicine and Pharmacy”*
 - **Guide:** Dr. Evan Coutinho

Additionally, **Mr. Manas Mahale** secured the **Gold Medal at the National Level (Anveshan – Student Research Convention)** for the same project.

These accomplishments contributed to BCP winning:

- **Zonal (Zone XI) Championship**
- **Category 6 Championship**
- **Overall Championship – AY 2023–24**



A Moment of Pride

Awardees received medals and trophies engraved with the iconic building of the University of Mumbai, symbolising academic excellence and institutional pride. The ceremony concluded with a heartfelt vote of thanks, leaving the audience inspired and proud of the outstanding achievements.