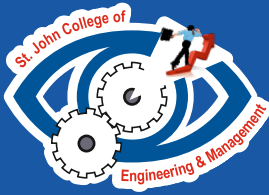


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- To provide conducive environment for joyful learning, innovation and research
- To promote innovative technology enabled teaching and learning process
- To nurture socially responsible engineers, entrepreneurs and leaders
- To enhance employability skills to meet the changing industrial trends

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Message from the Principal's Desk



Dr. Kamal Shah
Principal, SJCEM

It gives me immense pleasure to address the readers of the Bi-monthly edition of **TECHNOवांध** (January–February 2026) of the SJCEM Newsletter. As a NAAC A+ accredited and NBA-accredited Autonomous Institution, St. John College of Engineering and Management remains steadfast in its commitment to academic excellence, quality assurance, and outcome-based education.

The conferment of Autonomous status has enabled the institution to implement a flexible and industry-relevant curriculum, strengthen learner-centric pedagogies, and promote innovation, research, and multidisciplinary learning—core principles emphasized by NAAC and NBA frameworks. At SJCEM, continuous improvement, stakeholder participation, and ethical governance form the foundation of our academic and administrative practices.

The initiatives and accomplishments highlighted in this issue reflect our sustained focus on teaching–learning quality, research culture, professional competencies, and societal engagement. These efforts are the result of the dedicated contributions of our faculty members, enthusiastic participation of students, and the consistent support of our management.

I commend the editorial team for effectively documenting the institution’s progress and best practices. I encourage our students to pursue excellence with integrity and responsibility, and urge our faculty to continue fostering innovation, mentorship, and quality consciousness in all academic endeavors.

Together, let us advance with a shared vision of transforming education through excellence, accountability, and innovation.

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Prasang 2026 Celebrated at SJCEM with Vibrant Cultural Spirit

Theme: Rang-E-Rasta
Date: 7th & 8th January 2026
Venue: St. John College of Engineering and Management (SJCEM)

The Institute Cultural Committee of SJCEM successfully organized the much-awaited Annual Cultural Event Prasang 2026 on 7th and 8th January 2026. Based on the vibrant theme “Rang-E-Rasta”, the event beautifully celebrated the essence of Indian folk culture, diversity, and youthful expression.

The primary objective of the event was to provide a dynamic platform for students to showcase their artistic, literary, and creative talents while fostering teamwork, leadership, and coordination. The event also aimed to strengthen bonds between students and faculty and encourage inter-college cultural participation.

The celebration began with a Thematic Week, where students enthusiastically participated in activities such as Jersey Day (Regional Pride), Twinning Day (Unity in Diversity), and Streetstyle Fashion Day (Desi Street Swag), setting the tone for the grand event.

A Pre-Event Day (6th January 2026) was dedicated to fine arts competitions including Nail Painting, Face Painting, Drawing/Painting, Rangoli, and Clay Modeling. These activities witnessed impressive creativity and active student engagement.

Day 1 (7th January 2026) commenced with a formal inauguration at Quadrangle A, marking the beginning of intramural competitions. The day featured energetic performances such as Flashmob, Fashion Walk, and Talent Show. Simultaneously, fun and interactive events like Fish Pond, BGMI (e-sports), Dumb Charades, and Treasure Hunt kept the campus lively and engaging.

Day 2 (8th January 2026) was dedicated to inter-college competitions under the theme “Lokdhara: The Folk Roots of India.” The highlights included Ramp Walk, Inter-College Singing and Dance Competitions, along with literary events such as Quiz, Story Writing, Storytelling, and Debate conducted in Hindi, Marathi, and English.

The event was successfully coordinated by the Institute Cultural Committee and Student Council under the guidance of Mrs. Uttara Dalvi, Mrs. Subhasini Shukla, and Mr. Sagar Patil.

Prasang 2026 concluded on a high note, achieving remarkable participation and enthusiasm. The event not only enhanced students’ creative expression but also strengthened their communication, leadership, and organizational skills. It truly reflected the spirit of unity in diversity and left lasting memories for all participants.



St. John Technical and Educational Campus, Palghar

The 16th Annual Day Celebration – 2026 of St. John Technical and Educational Campus, Palghar, was held with great enthusiasm and cultural splendour on 9th January 2026 at the campus premises. The event marked another proud milestone in the institution's journey of academic excellence, holistic development, and community engagement.

The programme began with a warm welcome by the comperes, setting an inspiring tone with the visionary words of Dr. A. P. J. Abdul Kalam on the transformative power of education. The dignified gathering included trustees of Aldel Education Trust, principals and directors of campus institutes, faculty members, students, parents, alumni, and distinguished guests. The ceremony opened solemnly with the National Anthem and the Campus Anthem, reflecting the shared vision and values of the institution.

Inaugural Ceremony

The traditional Lighting of the Lamp, led by the Honourable Chairman, Mr. Albert W. D'Souza, symbolised the spread of knowledge, wisdom, and hope. The celebrations were gracefully inaugurated with a Welcome Dance by students of St. John College of Humanities and Sciences (Autonomous), setting an elegant and festive mood for the evening.

Chairman and Chief Guest Addresses

In his welcome address, Mr. Albert W. D'Souza, Chairman of Aldel Education Trust, highlighted the institution's commitment to academic excellence, innovation, values, and holistic education, emphasizing the role of education in nation-building.

The Chief Guest, Dr. Indu Rani Jakhar, IAS, District Collector and Magistrate, Palghar, inspired the audience with her insightful address. She stressed responsible leadership, societal contribution, and the importance of skill development for employability and industry readiness, encouraging students to pursue excellence with purpose.

Cultural Highlights

The cultural segment showcased India's rich heritage and youthful creativity through vibrant performances:

A Koli Folk Dance of Maharashtra by students of St. John Institute of Pharmacy and Research (SJIPR)

The Divli Folk Dance of Goa by students of SJCHS, winners of the Gold Medal at the 58th Youth Festival of the University of Mumbai (2025)

An energetic cultural presentation by students of Aldel College of Pharmacy and Research

These performances added colour, rhythm, and cultural pride to the celebration.

Annual Report and Institutional Achievements

The Annual Report Presentation highlighted the academic, research, cultural, and sports achievements of the campus. The reports were presented by the principals and directors of all constituent institutes, reflecting consistent growth, innovation, and institutional excellence.

Guest of Honour Address

The Guest of Honour, Mr. Agnelo Rajesh Athaide, Chairman and Founder of Global St. Angelo's Group of Companies, shared valuable insights on leadership, entrepreneurship, perseverance, and emerging opportunities for students in Palghar, especially in light of the upcoming Vadhvan Port. He encouraged students to dream big and contribute meaningfully to society.

Recognitions and Felicitations

Distinguished alumni were felicitated for their professional achievements and continued association with the institution. Faculty members were honoured for PhD completions, Indian Patent Grants, and excellence in research and leadership. University rankers and student achievers from Engineering, MMS, Pharmacy, and Humanities & Sciences were recognised for their outstanding academic and co-curricular accomplishments.

Campus Shield Sports 2026

A major highlight of the evening was the announcement of the Campus Shield Sports 2026, where St. John College of Engineering and Management (SJCEM) emerged as the Overall Champions, scoring 440 points, demonstrating exceptional sportsmanship and team spirit.

Release of College Magazines

The Annual College Magazines — Scintilla, Spectrum, Coalesce, Prism, Vantage, and Analecta — were formally released, celebrating academic thought, creativity, and literary excellence across all institutes.

Grand Cultural Evening and Conclusion

The celebrations concluded with a vibrant Grand Cultural Evening, featuring award-winning skits, music, and dance performances in English, Hindi, and Marathi, leaving the audience with cherished memories and a sense of pride.

The Annual Day 2026 beautifully blended tradition, achievement, innovation, and creativity, reaffirming St. John Technical and Educational Campus's commitment to nurturing responsible professionals, creative thinkers, and compassionate citizens—truly embodying the spirit of holistic education.



SJCEM and UltraTech Cement Establish Centre of Excellence for Sustainable Construction Materials

Palghar, January 21, 2026: St. John College of Engineering & Management (SJCEM), in collaboration with UltraTech Cement, inaugurated a state-of-the-art Centre of Excellence (CoE) for Sustainable Construction Materials at the college campus.

The inauguration ceremony, held at the AIM Library and the newly established Centre premises, marks a significant milestone in strengthening industry–academia collaboration and fostering innovation in sustainable construction technologies.

The Centre of Excellence has been established with the objective of promoting research, development, and knowledge dissemination in sustainable construction materials. The initiative will facilitate technical lectures, expert interactions, Faculty Development Programmes (FDPs), workshops for industry professionals, and provide students with enhanced opportunities for internships, apprenticeships, and industry-oriented placements.

The Centre aligns with the national vision of Viksit Bharat @2047 and aims to support emerging infrastructure needs, particularly the development of the Vadhvan Port project and the rapidly growing urban landscape of the Palghar region. Its research focus will include smart construction materials, high-performance concrete, and environmentally sustainable construction solutions that contribute to the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and promote a circular economy approach to infrastructure development.

A key highlight of the event was the signing of a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) between SJCEM and UltraTech Cement, formalizing a long-term partnership for technical collaboration, research initiatives, and knowledge exchange. The inauguration ceremony was graced by the esteemed management of Aidel Education Trust and SJCEM, including Mr. Albert W. D’Souza (Chairman), Mrs. Elvina D’Souza (Secretary), Mrs. Elaine D’Souza Buthello (Treasurer), Mr. Aldridge D’Souza (Member), Dr. Kamal Shah (Principal, SJCEM), and Dr. B. J. Godbole (Head, Department of Civil Engineering).

Representing UltraTech Cement were Mr. Rahul Goel (Functional Head Technical), Mr. Mukesh Jha (Zonal Head Technical – West Zone), Mr. Rohit Pandya (Regional Head Technical – Mumbai Region), Mr. Binu Raj (Regional Head Marketing), and Mr. Kishor Patil (Territory Sales Manager). Following the inauguration, Mr. Mukesh Jha delivered an insightful technical session on recent advancements in sustainable construction materials, emphasizing UltraTech Cement’s commitment to innovation and excellence in the construction sector.

The programme concluded with a Vote of Thanks, marking the beginning of a visionary partnership that will empower future civil engineers, advance sustainable construction practices, and strengthen the bridge between academia and industry.



Vikram Sarabhai Space Exhibition 2026

Event Title: Vikram Sarabhai Space Exhibition 2026

Collaborating Agency: Space Applications Centre, ISRO, Ahmedabad

Host Institution: St. John College of Engineering and Management (Autonomous), Palghar

Dates: 17–19 February 2026

Venue: St. John Technical & Educational Campus, Palghar, Maharashtra



St. John College of Engineering & Management successfully organized the Vikram Sarabhai Space Exhibition 2026 at the St. John Technical and Educational Campus, Palghar, in collaboration with Space Applications Centre as a three-day scientific outreach initiative promoting STEM education and scientific awareness among students and educators across the region.

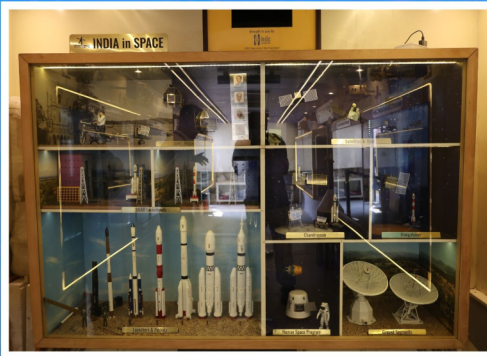
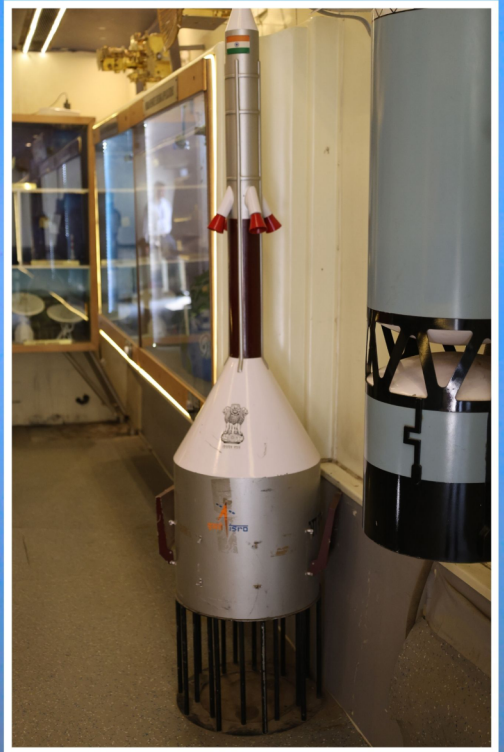
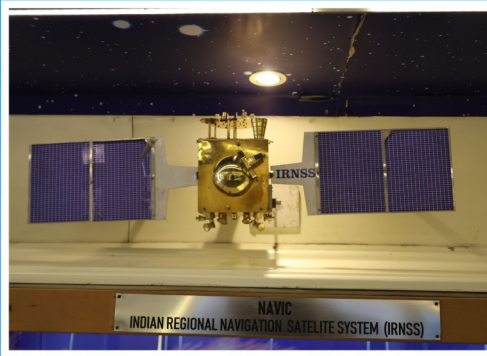
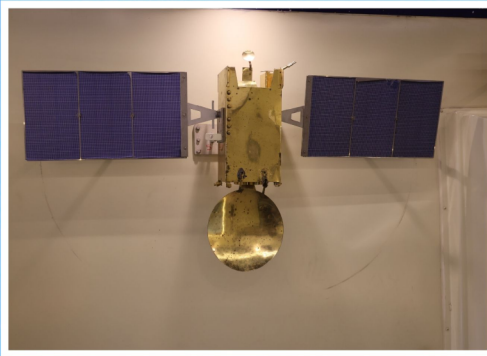
The exhibition was inaugurated with great enthusiasm and academic dignity in the presence of a 12-member ISRO team of distinguished scientists, science communicators, and technical experts. The inaugural programme commenced with the Campus Anthem and Saraswati Vandana, followed by the Chairman’s recorded address emphasizing the importance of nurturing scientific temper and innovation among youth. ISRO dignitaries, including Dr. Dhani Ram Rajak, Group Director, SAC-ISRO, and Dr. S. P. Vyas, Retired Senior Scientist, were felicitated by Dr. Savita Tauro, Dr. Kamal Shah, and Heads of Departments.

The inaugural ceremony featured inspiring addresses by eminent dignitaries. Dr. Savita Tauro highlighted the significance of hosting a national-level scientific exhibition in the Palghar region, while Dr. Kamal Shah presented SJCEM’s academic achievements and India’s advancements in space technology. The Chief Guest and senior ISRO scientists motivated students to pursue careers in science, research, and innovation. Officials from the Zilla Parishad appreciated the institution’s efforts in spreading scientific awareness at the grassroots level.

The exhibition showcased scaled models of Indian launch vehicles and satellites, demonstrations on propulsion systems, remote sensing applications, communication satellites, planetary exploration missions, and the “Space on Wheels” mobile outreach unit. Interactive technical sessions, audio-visual presentations, Poster Making, and Space Quiz competitions further enriched the learning experience for students. The exhibition witnessed overwhelming participation through systematic outreach efforts. A total of 152 schools and junior colleges were personally visited before the event, leading to participation of 4,548 external students and 5,743 in-house students, with overall attendance exceeding 9,071 visitors during the three-day programme.

The event concluded with a Vote of Thanks proposed by Ms. Hiral Patel, while the inaugural ceremony was gracefully compered by Mrs. Joslyn Gracias and Mr. Romero D’Souza. The exhibition reflected academic excellence, scientific pride, and institutional commitment towards research, innovation, and national development inspired by the vision of Vikram Sarabhai.





"3rd Anveshnam 2026"

The Department of Applied Science and Humanities (ASH), SJCEM, successfully organized the "3rd Anveshnam 2026 – One Week National Level Workshop on Research Writing with Advanced Techniques & Inter-Collegiate Paper Presentation Competition" from 23rd to 27th February 2026 in a hybrid mode at the Auditorium (3rd Floor). The event witnessed an enthusiastic participation of 220 attendees (137 offline and 83 online), including UG/PG students, research scholars, and faculty members from various states such as Tamil Nadu, Gujarat, Kerala, and Rajasthan.

Workshop Highlights

Day 1: Expert Sessions

The workshop commenced with insightful sessions by Dr. BhushanKumar Nemade, Associate Professor and HOD, Shree L.R. Tiwari College of Engineering, Mira Road. Key topics included:

- Fundamentals of Research Writing
- Research Paper Structure
- Literature Review Techniques
- Advanced Research Writing using AI Tools
- Plagiarism and Research Ethics

A Poster Presentation Activity was also conducted under the guidance of Dr. Eknath Patil, enriching participants' visual communication skills.

Day 2 & 3: Article Discussions

Interactive sessions led by faculty members including Mrs. Subhasini Shukla, Mrs. Uttara Dalvi,

Mr. Pankaj Patil, Mr. Suresh Renge, Mr. Avinash Chavan, and Ms. Reshma Chavan enabled participants to:

- Critically analyze research papers
- Understand writing styles
- Identify key elements of quality research

Day 4: Paper Drafting Session

Participants engaged in hands-on paper writing, guided by mentors. This session helped students apply learned concepts and build confidence in drafting academic papers.

Day 5: Paper Presentation Competition

The event culminated with an Inter-Collegiate Paper Presentation Competition, inaugurated formally before the presentations.

A total of 27 research papers were presented (online & offline) on emerging domains such as:

- AI/ML-based Systems
- Edge Computing
- IoT & Cloud Computing
- Renewable Energy Systems
- Blockchain & Cybersecurity
- Statistics & Mathematics

Outcomes of the Event

The workshop achieved remarkable outcomes:

- Strong understanding of the research writing process
- Improved skills in literature review and paper structuring
- Awareness of ethical research practices
- Enhanced presentation and communication abilities
- Hands-on experience in drafting and presenting research papers
- Increased confidence among participants for future research endeavors



One Week National Level Research Conclave organized by ASH Dept.(F.Tech)



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