

Marathi Vidnyan Parishad

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Science Research Contest – 2025

- (1) The contest is aimed at promoting interest for research amongst the collage students. There are three awards each of Rs. 15,000 for this contest. The awards are named as (i) Parashuram Bajee Agashe Vidnyan Sanshodhan Puraskar, (ii) Leela Parashuram Agashe Vidnyan Sanshodhan Puraskar and (iii) Sharad Naik Vidnyan Sanshodhan Puraskar.
- (2) Contestant can be from any college in the states of Maharashtra and Goa. Students from any college in Vadodara district in the state of Gujarat and Belagavi district in the state of Karnataka can also participate in the contest. (Marathi Vidnyan Parishad has chapters in these districts.)
- (3) The contest is open to anybody who is less than 25 years of age on 31/12/2025. The contestant should be an undergraduate college student, studying for degree/diploma in any of the disciplines. In the case of those who have joined integrated post-graduation course after HSC (12th Std.), students studying in first 3 years can only participate in this contest.
- (4) Research project can be from any subject related to field of science, technology or mathematics. You can see a sample list of earlier winning projects at the end of this pamphlet.
- (5) Language for the submission of the project can be Marathi/English/Hindi.
- (6) If the winning project has been carried out under the guidance of an expert, the latter will be felicitated with a special award of Rs. 2,000.
- (7) Last date for submission of the projects is **December 15, 2025**.
- (8) There is no entry fee for participating in the contest.
- (9) Project can be taken up as a group activity and can have maximum three participants. However, all the participants should be from the same college. Same participant can be associated with more than one project.
- (10) Contestants have to fill the application form online. Form is available on the website of Marathi Vidnyan Parishad.
- (11) Forms with incomplete or vague information will not be accepted.
- (12) While filling the form online, you have to upload a PDF copy of project report of your research work. An instruction about uploading the PDF file is included in the online form. Abstract should be on A4 size. Total number of pages (A4 size) in the report should not exceed three. File Should be less than 2 MB in size.
- (13) Project report should be comprised of following sections (a) Title of the project, (b) Names of the contestants, (c) Name of the expert* (if applicable), (d) Name of college, (e) Aim of the project, (f) Procedural details, (g) Data collected, (h) Inferences and (i) Conclusion.

* Only name of the contestants should appear as authors of the project report. Name of the expert (if applicable) should be mentioned separately in the project report, and not along with the contestants.

(The preliminary scrutiny of the application forms will be based on the contents of the project report. Hence, the project report should be prepared very carefully.)

- (14) There will be a preliminary scrutiny for selecting projects for final presentation. Results of the preliminary scrutiny will be displayed on MVP website in the first week of January (2026). Participants selected for final presentation will be informed about the date of presentation individually.
- (15) Final presentation will be held in Mumbai at the end of January or beginning of February (2026). Marathi Vidnyan Parishad will bear travel expenses for the outstation participants. The reimbursement of the travel expenses will be according to the norms set by Marathi Vidnyan Parishad. All contestants will have to produce their college identity card at the time of presentation.
- (16) Maximum duration for each presentation will be 15 minutes. Language for the presentation can be Marathi/English/Hindi. Presentation will be followed by queries from the examiners.
- (17) Project will be presented by only one participant. However, the queries can be answered by any of the participants in the project.
- (18) No name of a new participant (other than those mentioned in the application form), can be added in the final presentation. However, participants can acknowledge any number of their colleagues during the presentation.
- (19) Various factors that will be considered for the assessment are (i) originality of the research project, (ii) objective of the project, (iii) clarity about the concept behind the project, (iv) innovative ideas involved, (v) methodology (references studied, observations, efforts taken), (vi) quality of the results, (vii) interpretation of the results, (viii) applicability or usability of the project, (ix) presentation, etc.
- (20) If the number of projects received is small and/or the projects are sub-standard, number of awards may be reduced to less than three.
- (21) Regarding the selection of projects for the final presentation or for awards, decision of the selection committee will be final. In this regard, no correspondence will be entertained on behalf of the participants.
- (22) Awards will be distributed on annual day celebration of Marathi Vidnyan Parishad, which will be held in the last week of April 2026.
- (23) Marathi Vidnyan Parishad reserves the right of making changes in the above instructions, if required from the management point of view or otherwise.
- (24) If you have any query regarding the contest or any problem while filling the application form, send an email to vsp@mavipa.org.

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Some of the award-winning projects of the past

(Project reports: mavipa.org/vidnyan-sanshodhan-puraskar-winners/)

- 1) Numerical Analysis of the Effect of Natural Fibers on the Strength of Bonded Joints under Adhesive and Adherent Failure Modes
- 2) IoT Based Fully Automatic, Portable and Cost Efficient Weather Station
- 3) Formulation and characterization of edible packaging material from fruit peel
- 4) Role of Fe2O3 Nanoparticles as a Micronutrient for Growth of Maize Plant
- 5) Development of intelligent and interactive glove for sign language translation using Flex sensors
- 6) Sustainable approach to enhance soil fertility using chitin hydrolysate obtained from microbial management of chitin rich waste
- 7) Formulation and evaluation of power packed nutribars for lactating women
- 8) A proof of concept on nail metabopsy for the early detection of inherited metabolic disorders (IMDs)
- 9) Use of Photobacterium leiognathi PR2KSJ1 isolated from Harpadon nehereus to detect heavy metal pollution in water bodies
- 10) A Mathematical Model for the Diagnosis of Diabetes, Anaemia and Hypertension by using Fuzzy Matrices
- 11) Point of Care Visual Serum Calcium Detection Test Kit for Livestock
- 12) Phytochemical and Antibacterial Evaluation of Formulated Hand Sanitizer from Different Natural Sources and Waste Materials
- 13) Electricity generating device from waste heat of gas stoves and chulhas using thermoelectric effect (Thermen)
- 14) CULTUROMICS based approach for isolation of novel PGPRs from Vermiwash
- 15) Novel and eco-friendly staining method for proteins separated by polyacrylamide gel electrophoresis
- 16) ANDROID Controlled PRO-CLEANO
- 17) Bioplastic using sabudana and fly ash: An alternative to polythene bags
- 18) Portable Electronic Stethoscope with Phonocardiogram
- 19) Photocatalytic Degradation of Sugarcane Factory Wastewater using Photocatalyst under Natural Sunlight Illumination
- 20) Cellulose Extraction and Biofuel Production from Groundnut Waste
- 21) Study of Mannan from food yeast
- 22) Allelopathic effect of leaf extract of different trees on Vigna radiata L.
- 23) Energy harvesting using piezoelectric platform
- 24) Isolation of plastic degrading micro-organisms from soil.
