

# A Stride to Glory: Hosting a Spectacular Annual Sports Day 2025-26

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S.B. Patil Public School, Ravet, celebrated its much-awaited Annual Sports Day for Grades VI to XII on 17<sup>th</sup> October, 2025 at the school's synthetic ground. The day was marked by enthusiasm, competitive spirit, and a strong sense of unity as students, teachers, and parents came together to celebrate the joy of sports and teamwork.

The event commenced with the arrival of the guest of honour, followed by a warm welcome speech and address by the Head Boy, who set the tone for the morning's celebrations. The felicitation ceremony was conducted to honour the esteemed chief guest, Prof. Dr. Anand Lunkad, whose presence added immense pride and prestige to the occasion.



Prof. Dr. Anand Lunkad, a renowned academician and sports mentor, holds multiple qualifications including M.P.Ed., NET, SET, M.Com., and Ph.D., and serves as a Ph.D. guide at Pune University. A distinguished Kho-Kho coach and NCERT member, he has represented and coached state and university teams numerous times and authored the book Kho-Kho and Related Games. His remarkable contributions to physical education and sports development have inspired countless students and educators alike.

Following the felicitation, the ceremonial lighting of the lamp and torch symbolised the spirit of knowledge and perseverance. The School Sports Captain then led the students in the Sports Oath, reaffirming their commitment to sportsmanship and integrity. The Principal officially declared the Sports Meet open, filling the air with excitement and anticipation.



The cultural segment of the event included a melodious welcome song by the Music Department and an energetic dance performance that captivated the audience. The chief guest, Prof. Dr. Lunkad, later addressed the gathering, emphasising the importance of balancing academics with physical fitness, teamwork, and resilience. His words resonated deeply with students and staff, leaving a lasting impression.

The event concluded with a heartfelt vote of thanks, expressing gratitude to all who contributed to the success of the day. The celebration not only highlighted the athletic talent of students but also underscored the school's commitment to holistic education — nurturing both the mind and body in equal measure.

