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## Beyond the Blackboard: A Vision for Collaborative Learning

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On 22<sup>nd</sup> August, 2025, S.B. Patil Public School had the privilege of hosting Dr. Smirti Pathak, principal of PCACS (Pimpri Chinchwad College of Arts, Commerce and Science), under the banner of Pimpri Chinchwad Education Trust (PCET). The visit marked yet another step in strengthening the academic and cultural bond between the institutions of the Trust.

In an engaging and light-hearted discussion, Dr. Pathak interacted with the principal of S.B. Patil Public School, Dr. Bindu Saini; vice principal, Ms. Padmavati Banda; and HM, Ms. Shubhangi Kulkarni. Their dialogue centred around the vision and implementation of the National Education Policy (NEP) 2020, and how schools and colleges can collaborate more effectively to provide holistic education. Both leaders highlighted the importance of partnerships that go beyond the classroom — initiatives that involve not just students but also parents and other stakeholders, thereby creating a wider ecosystem of learning and growth.

The interaction was reflective of a shared commitment to nurturing well-rounded learners and preparing them for the challenges of higher education and careers of the future. The visit concluded with a strong note of collaboration, symbolising the collective responsibility of educational institutions in shaping the future.