

## **Victory at World AIDS Day Slogan Competition**

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On 2<sup>nd</sup> December, 2025, Vigyan Bharati, in collaboration with the ICMR–National Institute of Translational Virology & AIDS Research (ICMR–NITVAR), organised an HIV/AIDS Awareness Programme at the ICMR–NITVAR Institute to mark World AIDS Day under the theme \*“Overcoming disruption, transforming the AIDS response.”\* Five students from S.B. Patil Public School participated in this informative initiative, which aimed to strengthen awareness about HIV prevention and the risks associated with substance abuse.

The event featured expert sessions by ICMR scientists focusing on methods of HIV transmission, preventive measures and the importance of rejecting stigma through empathy and responsible behaviour. An impactful session on adolescence, peer pressure and self-motivation by Dr. Sanjeev Kumar Patil encouraged students to remain confident, make wise choices and support their peers positively.



A Slogan Writing Competition was held as part of the programme, where our students showcased creativity and social responsibility through meaningful messages. We are delighted to share that S.B. Patil Public School secured the top four positions — first place by Jiya Shaikh (IX-G), second by Shlok Suryawanshi (IX-G), third by Ishana Roy (IX-B) and fourth by Rajwardhan Patil (IX-C). All participants received certificates and were recognised as “Ambassadors of Change.”

This initiative empowered students with valuable knowledge and leadership skills, inspiring them to become advocates for health and safety within the school community. We extend our sincere appreciation to Principal Dr. Bindu Saini Ma'am, Vice Principal Ms. Padmavati Banda Ma'am, and the guiding teachers — Ms. Shailaja Mestry, Ms. Manjusha Nathe, Ms. Amrapali Nikalje, Ms. Rachna Sisodiya and Ms. Vandana Sangle — for their support in ensuring the success of this meaningful participation.