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Title of the Event	Zonal Level “Aavishkar 2024” Research Competition		
Date of the Event	26th November 2024	Place of the event	St. Vincent College, Pune
Objectives of the Event	To cultivate a research-oriented mindset among students, encouraging them to explore and present innovative ideas.		
Name/s of the Resource Persons	Dr. Radhakrishna Thange and Panelists from S.P.P.U affiliated colleges		

A short narration of the program

The Zonal Level “Aavishkar 2024” Research Competition aimed to cultivate a research-oriented mindset among students, encouraging them to explore and present innovative ideas. Hosted by St. Vincent College, the event provided a platform for participants across disciplines to showcase their academic pursuits and research outcomes.

This report provides an account of the event’s proceedings, participation details, expert panel contributions, and outcomes.

Inauguration Program

The event commenced with the inauguration ceremony at 11:00 AM, held in the college auditorium, and attended by dignitaries, experts, and participants.

Program Details

1. Welcome and Introduction

- Dr. Anil Adsule, Principal of St. Vincent College, formally welcomed all attendees, including participants, experts, and guests.
- He emphasized the significance of research in contributing to societal and academic growth.

2. Event Overview

- Asst. Prof. Radhakrushna Thanage (ARC) presented an overview of the competition, outlining the objectives, structure, and expectations from the participants.

3. Special Address

- **Dr. Fr. Kenneth Misquitta:** Encouraged students, wishing them the best and urging them to view the competition as a stepping stone for future research opportunities.

4. Felicitation Ceremony



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- Distinguished guests and experts were felicitated by the organizing committee in recognition of their significant contributions to their fields and for supporting the event.

5. Speeches by Dignitaries

- **Dr. C.N. Rawal (Former Principal, BMCC, Pune):** Delivered an inspiring talk on how small, incremental steps in research can lead to significant impacts over time.
- **Prof. Ram Gambhir (Former Professor, Dept. of Anthropology, SPPU, Pune):** Stressed the importance of serious research and its long-term contributions to the nation's progress.
- **Dr. K.C. Mohite (Principal, C.T. Bora College, Shirur):** Highlighted the role of innovations in improving the Human Development Index (HDI) and the need for student-driven initiatives in research.

6. Vote of Thanks

- Dr. Yogesh Mate concluded the inauguration program by expressing gratitude to all dignitaries, experts, participants, and organizing staff for their contributions to the event's success.

Participation Overview

The competition witnessed robust participation, with a total of **476 students** across various disciplines and academic levels.

Discipline-Wise Participation

- **Humanities, Languages, and Fine Arts:** 114 Projects (34.6%)
- **Commerce, Management, and Law:** 117 projects (33.1%)
- **Medicine and Pharmacy:** 122 projects (32.3%)

Academic Levels

- **Undergraduate (UG):** 193 projects (54.7%)
- **Postgraduate (PG):** 132 projects (37.4%)
- **M.Phil./Ph.D. (PPG):** 28 projects (7.9%)

Event Proceedings

Morning Session (11:15 AM – 1:30 PM)

- Participants presented their research projects to the panel of experts in the allocated rooms.
- Experts evaluated projects based on originality, methodology, relevance, and presentation.

Lunch Break (1:30 PM – 2:30 PM)



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- A lunch break provided an opportunity for networking among participants, experts, and organizers.

Afternoon Session (2:30 PM – 5:00 PM)

- Further evaluations were conducted for remaining projects.
- Experts provided constructive feedback to participants, helping them refine their research work.

Certificate Distribution (5:00 PM – 5:30 PM)

- Certificates of participation and excellence were distributed to all participants.
- Experts and dignitaries were thanked for their invaluable contributions to the event.

Expert Panel

The competition featured a distinguished panel of experts across various disciplines, who played a pivotal role in evaluating the research projects. Notable experts included:

Name	Faculty/Field	Institution/Organization
Dr. C N Rawal	Commerce	Brihan Maharashtra College of Commerce, Pune
Dr. Balkrishna Damle	Commerce	EMRC, SPPU, Pune
Dr Shilpa Kakonkar	Management	Management Dept. COEP University, Pune
Dr Prakash Chaudhari	law	Ness Wadia College, Pune
Dr. Kavita Murgkar	Humanities, Fine Arts	Bharati Vidyapeeth, College of Architecture, Pune
Dr Deepali R Patil	Humanities, Fine Arts	Appasaheb Jedhe College, Shukravar Peth, Pune 2
Dr Nitin Mundhe	Humanities, Fine Arts	S P College, Pune
Dr. Ram Gambhir	Anthropology	Emeritus Professor, Dept. of Anthropology, SPPU, Pune.



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Dr. Undale Vaishali R.	Medicine & Pharmacy	Dr. D Y Patil Institute of Pharmaceutical Sciences, Pimpri
Dr. Vikas Kandekar	Medicine & Pharmacy	Citron Life Sciences, Nigdi, Pune
Dr Pratima Shinde	Medicine & Pharmacy	Siddhant College of Pharmacy, Sadumbare, Pune
Dr Rukhsana Rub	Medicine & Pharmacy	Principal, Sinhgad Institute of Pharmaceutical Sciences, Lonavala

Selected Projects for University Level

A total of **27 projects** were selected to represent the zone at the University Level “Aavishkar 2024” competition.

Faculty	UG	PG	PPG	Total
Humanities, Languages & Fine Arts	3	3	1	7
Commerce, Management & Law	3	4	3	10
Medicine & Pharmacy	3	4	3	10

Key Takeaways

1. **Encouraging Innovation:** The competition successfully provided a platform for students to showcase their creativity and research aptitude.



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2. **Expert Guidance:** The constructive feedback from experts helped participants enhance their understanding and improve the quality of their work.
3. **Cross-Disciplinary Exchange:** The event fostered collaboration and exchange of ideas across diverse fields, promoting interdisciplinary approaches to problem-solving.

Conclusion

The Zonal Level “Aavishkar 2024” Research Competition was a resounding success, achieving its goals of promoting research culture and inspiring young minds. The event was marked by excellent participation, insightful evaluations, and engaging discussions.

Name of the Collaborating Agency	Savitribai Phule Pune University
Learning Outcomes of the Event for the Participants	The Students were exposed to different research and Entrepreneurship Ideas
Learning Outcomes for the Organizing team	Various new research and entrepreneurship ideas were presented
No. of Participants	Around 200+ Students from different colleges
Faculty in Charge	Dr. Radhakrishna Thange
Documents Attached	1. Photographs



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