Smt.Nankibai Wadhwani kala Mahavidyalaya, Yavatmal

Report by History Department

Academic Programme: For the Session 2026-27

Report on Participation in Avishkar Research Competition – 2026

Date: 28 October 2026
Venue: Darda Engineering College, Yavatmal

Description of the Programme:

The Department of History of Smt. Nankibai Wadhwani Arts College, Yavatmal, actively participated in the Avishkar Research Competition organized at Darda Engineering College, Yavatmal, on 28 October 2026.



On this occasion, two students from the Department of History, Mr. Nilesh Gajanan Chaudhary BA 3rd year and Mr. Nayan Rajesh More,Ba 1st year participated in the competition and presented their research project entitled "Pachkhed: A Discovery of a 3,000-Year-Old Human Settlement."

The research project focused on the archaeological significance of Pachkhed village in Babhulgaon Taluka of Yavatmal District. Through this project, the students attempted to highlight the ancient cultural heritage of the region and present an understanding of human settlements that existed approximately 3,000 years ago. They explained various aspects of the ancient lifestyle, social and cultural practices, technological development, and settlement patterns on the basis of archaeological findings.



The project particularly highlighted archaeological remains associated with the Iron Age, Mesolithic period, and Satavahana period discovered at Pachkhed. The students presented information about various archaeological findings, including ancient pottery, an iron-smelting furnace, structural remains, and brick-built wells. These findings provide valuable insights into the cultural development, technological knowledge, and settlement patterns of ancient communities in the Vidarbha region.



The students also referred to the archaeological research conducted by historian and researcher Dr. Vilas Vahane, who submitted a report on Pachkhed in 2009. Furthermore, they highlighted the ongoing archaeological research and excavation activities conducted under the guidance of Prof. Dr. Prabhas Sahu and Prof. Dr. Priyadarshi Khobragade from the Department of Ancient Indian History, Culture and Archaeology, Rashtrasant Tukadoji Maharaj Nagpur University.

The primary objective of this research project was to bring attention to the ancient historical and archaeological heritage of Yavatmal District. The project attempted to demonstrate that the history of Yavatmal is not limited merely to the medieval political dynasties such as the Mughals, Nizams, Bhosales, and Gond rulers, but also has a significant prehistoric and ancient cultural background supported by archaeological evidence.

The research presentation helped highlight the importance of Pachkhed as an archaeological site and provided an opportunity to understand the development of human civilization in the region through material remains and archaeological evidence.

The students received valuable academic guidance, encouragement, and support from Dr. Jayant Chatur, Principal, Smt. Nankibai Wadhwani Arts College, Yavatmal, and Prof. Dr. Siddharth Jadhav, Head of the Department of History. Their guidance and encouragement played an important role in motivating the students to undertake this research project and participate in the Avishkar Research Competition.

The participation in this competition provided the students with valuable exposure to research activities, academic presentation, archaeological studies, and the systematic interpretation of historical evidence. It also encouraged them to develop a research-oriented approach towards understanding local history and preserving the cultural heritage of the region.

The participation of the Department of History in the Avishkar Research Competition was a significant academic initiative towards promoting historical research, archaeological awareness, and research aptitude among students. The project successfully brought attention to the historical importance of Pachkhed and the rich ancient heritage of Yavatmal District.