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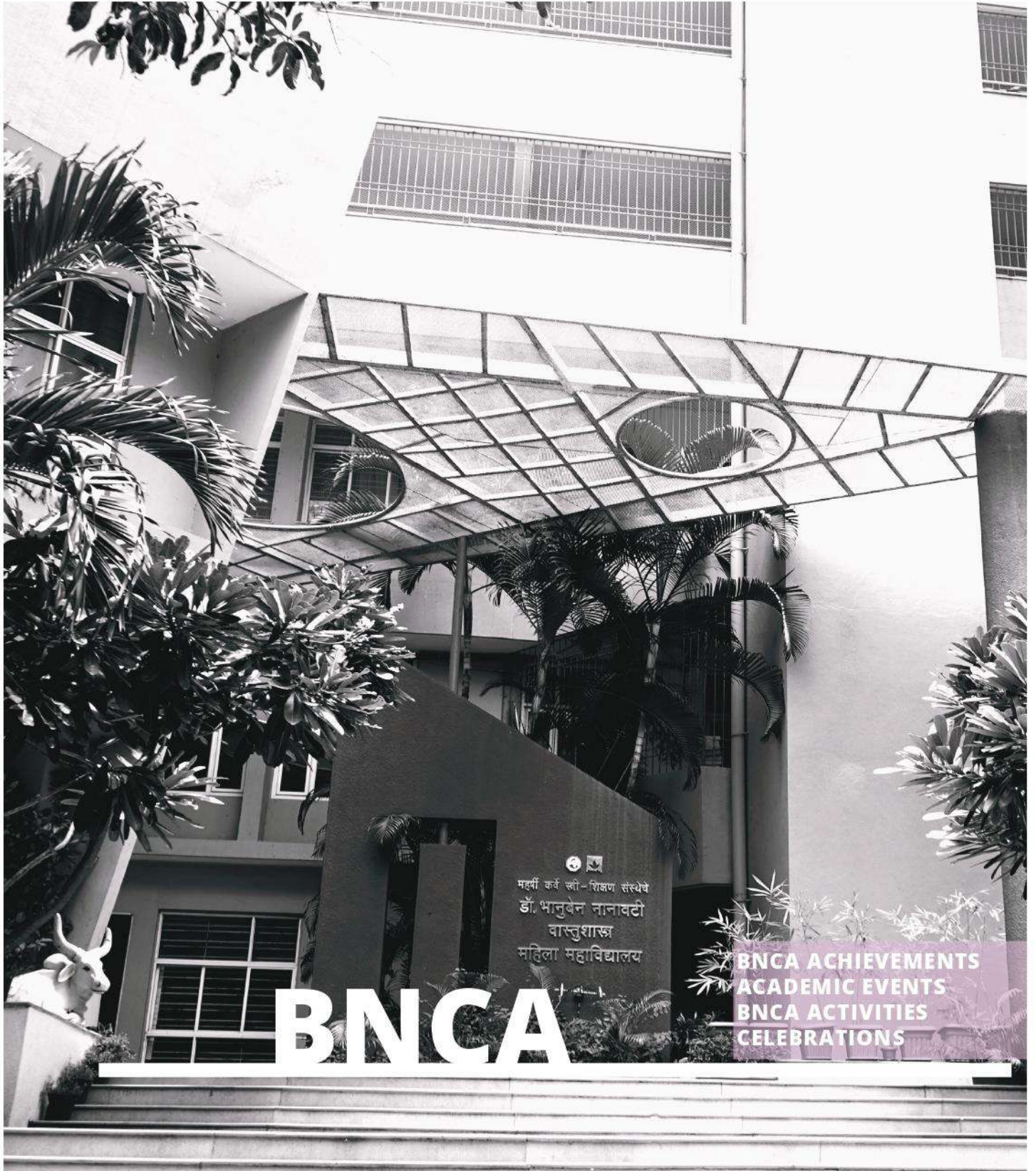
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**BNCA ACHIEVEMENTS
ACADEMIC EVENTS
BNCA ACTIVITIES
CELEBRATIONS**

Student Anushka Nagle selected at Youth Energy Narratives Council



Anushka Nagle, 5th year B. Arch

Miss. Anushka Nagale, a final year B.Arch student of BNCA has been selected at the Youth Energy Narratives Council by Student Energy. The Youth Energy Narratives Council will explore the status of youth engagement in the climate and energy space through creative storytelling and youth-led research. The goal is to produce a set of actionable and evidence-based recommendations to help climate philanthropists better understand youth perspectives and consequently shape their priorities to become more responsive to the needs of youth. She is invited to the UNFCC COP 28 summit at Abu Dhabi from 28th Nov to 1st Dec 2023. Her travel and stay is sponsored by Students Energy.

BNCA students win at the Sakal YIN Kala Mahotsav

On 28th October 2023, six students from MKSSS's BNCA participated in Yin Kala Mahotsav 2023 organized by Sakal. Pradnya More of 4th year B. Arch won the First prize in Cartooning and Esha Jagade of 1st year won the second prize in Mehendi competition.

The topic for the competition was caricature based on current politics. The medium used for artwork was alcohol marker, copic markers for border and white pencil for highlights.

The garbage near the globe shows how we are polluting the earth by giving the nation in the hands of blindfolded top beings, while we on the bottom are too afraid to even ask questions.

The broom hitting the globe shows the impact of trashy corruption in India. The flags in the hands of the media man show the world, not caring for the ongoing issues.



Pradnya More with the trophy



Pradnya's caricature

First Year B. Arch Induction week October 2023



Induction Day 01 in the auditorium



Dr. Kashyap's welcome address

The orientation program aims to familiarize students and their parents with Maharshi Karve Stree Shikshan Samstha's (MKSSS) BNCA and its work environment. The day commenced with an informal gathering of parents and BNCA staff over welcome tea. The formal proceedings took place in the BNCA Auditorium, beginning with the rendition of Sharada Vandana by Ms. Gargi Rajhans, a student at BNCA and Samstha Ashram Geet performed by the non-teaching staff.

Dr. Shubhada Kamalapurkar, the Academic Head of BNCA, provided an overview of MKSSS and Dr. Bhanuben Nanavati College of Architecture (BNCA) followed by the screening of Samstha's documentary film.

Dr. Anurag Kashyap, the Principal of BNCA, then delved into a detailed explanation of BNCA and its organizational ethos, emphasizing the philosophy that "Life is Larger than Architecture."

Dr. Sharvey Dhongde, the Vice-Principal of BNCA, introduced the architecture curriculum, including an introduction to the Heads of Departments (HODs) and Class teachers of the first year of all four Divisions at BNCA. He also introduced the attendees to the non-teaching staff of BNCA.



Library session by Dr. Amita Pradhan

After that, he explained the examination pattern of SPPU. The event concluded with the vote of thanks by Ar. Amruta Barve, followed by tea and refreshments. The second day of the induction program was led by Ar. Surabhi Gadkari. She began by introducing students to various aspects of student life in the college. This included an overview of student activities, clubs, and the significance of the 'My Card' system. She also explained the role of the Student Council and the various cells that exist within the institution, which are aimed at fostering personal and academic growth. Dr. Vaishali Anagal explained the layout of the college, including its buildings, classrooms and facilities, allowing the students to familiarize themselves with the physical layout of the college. Dr. Meera Shirolkar introduced the Equal Opportunity Cell, highlighting the college's commitment to providing equal opportunities to all students.



Students experiencing the AR-VR lab



Maharshi Karve Museum

After this, the first-year class teachers led the students on a college tour, providing a first-hand look at various essential facilities within the college. This included visits to the Fab-Lab, the Library, the Material Lab, the Submission Room, the Augmented and Virtual reality Lab, and the Construction Yard. Post lunch, the students were introduced to the diverse academic and extracurricular opportunities available in the field of architecture, through enlightening sessions from esteemed faculty members- Dr. Sujata Karve, Dr. Swati Sahasrabudhe, Ar. Dhanashree Sardeshpande, Dr. Vaishali Latkar, Dr. Shubhada Kamalapurkar, Dr. Amita Pradhan, Dr. Dhruv Chandawania, and Ar. Madhuri Zite. The second day of the induction program was filled with valuable information, ensuring that the new students are well-prepared and motivated to embark on their educational journey. The third day of the orientation was planned in three parts, where, in



Students at Anna Karve Samadhi

the morning students were divided into three groups and a guided tour of the MKSSS campus was conducted.

Two senior faculty members of BNCA namely Dr. Sujata Karve and Dr. Shruti Joshi led the guided tour and were accompanied by the four first year class teachers. The tour began from the Maharshi Karve's Memorial and the Museum and covered campus level important places such as Ramasadan, Karve kuti, MNVIT and Open Air Theatre. The second part planned for the day was the movie screening of the Doshi movie in the BNCA Auditorium.

The Doshi movie is a well-known documentary based on famous architect B. V. Doshi and his life. The movie is a must-watch for any fresh architecture student. Directed by filmmaker Premjit Ramachandran and Architect Bijoy Ramachandran "Doshi" follows the life and work of the Pritzker Prize winning Indian architect, Balkrishna V. Doshi.

The third part was regarding the 'Life Skill' Session where Dr. Shruti Joshi conducted an interactive workshop with the fresh first year students on Life skills.

The fourth day of the induction program started with understanding the LMS (learning management system) for the college where



Session with first year class teachers



Dr. Chetan conducting the orientation

students have access to resource materials and submission windows for uploading their assignments. The orientation session was conducted by Dr. Chetan Sahasrabudhe.

The next program was a fun session where students and faculty got to know each other as individual personalities.

Most of the students have a unique skillset acquired over the years, like singing, dancing, cartoon making, portrait making, poetry, playing various musical instruments, etc. Performing these in front of batchmates and teachers was a task undertaken which indirectly helped the BNCA Kaladhaar club to fetch prospective performers to represent BNCA in competitions. Pre-lunch, the students had fun on and off the stage cheering their friends. The program was compered by Ar. Yash Joshi with technical support of Ar. Pooja Ghorpade.

Post lunch, the students were allotted divisions and sent to their own classrooms for an informal interaction with their faculty.



Showcasing student's skill sets

The students were given orientation about the nature of subjects, kind of assignments that are undertaken and marking systems, etc. The faculty tried to gauge their students in terms of students staying at the hostel, about places they hail from, about their family backgrounds in the field of architecture, previous achievements as well as their aspirations and dreams.

Reel making competition "Nostalgia Narrative"

The Centre for Cultural Studies at MKSS's BNCA organized a Reel Making Competition 'Nostalgia Narrative' open to all students of Architecture, the entries were to be submitted till 10th Oct 2023. This was an attempt to celebrate the rich heritage of our country through student's lens and narratives.

Heritage Quiz

BNCA was the Venue Partner for the Intach Heritage Quiz for School Children conducted on 20th October in the BNCA Auditorium on the 4th floor.

BNCA's Student Club Fair

BNCA's Student Club Fair was held in the Square Courtyard from 3.00 pm on Monday 25th October 2023. Nine student clubs had put up their posters and student representatives of fourth year B. Arch explained the activities of each club to the other students of all years. Students have to be a member of at least one club of their choice.

Research News - BRH

Dr. Vaishali Anagal's research paper titled "Identifying factors shaping architecture of residential redevelopment-application of factor analysis model in architectural research" co-authored by Dr. Abhijit Natu has been accepted for publication in web of science indexed journal titled 'Advances and Applications in Statistics'.

Dr. Swati Sahasrabudhe has been honoured by being given an opportunity to write for LA journal's 75th landmark issue.

LA Journal is the one and only journal for landscape architecture in India since 2001 that was inaugurated at the hands of Late landscape architect Prof. Ravindra Bhan and Editor and founders Geeta Wahi and Brijender Dua from New Delhi.

Prof. Piyush Girgaonkar's article "Breaking the deadlock: Potential keys for attaining urban resilience in the cities of Bharat" is featured in Ministry of Housing & Urban Affairs' special publication on the occasion of United Nations World Habitat Day 2023.

The book will be published at the hands of Hon. Hardeep Singh Puri (Union Minister of Housing & Urban Affairs, Govt. of India), Hon. Kaushal Kishor (Minister of State, Housing & Urban Affairs, Govt. of India) & Shri. Manoj Joshi (Secretary, Urban Development, Govt. of India) at Vigyan Bhavan, New Delhi on 9th October 2023.

Career Guidance (Part II) Employers Day at BNCA



Employers Day- interaction in the
BNCA Boardroom

Dr. Bhanuben Nanavati College of Architecture for Women (BNCA) in Pune took a significant step in bridging the gap between academic knowledge and the practical needs of the architecture and construction industry on October 9, 2023.

In collaboration with the British Council, this pioneering initiative, known as 'Employers' Day,' brought together 73 aspiring architects and civil engineers with industry leaders from ten renowned companies.

The event began with a guidance session that aimed to prepare students for interviews and offered insights into training and employment opportunities. Following this, students had the opportunity to interview with ten distinguished companies actively engaged in the construction and architecture sector. The day was marked by the signing of a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between BNCA and the participating companies, solidifying their commitment to providing training and job opportunities to the students.

Dr. Anurag Kashyap, Principal, expressed the significance of the initiative stating that it seeks to bridge the divide between classroom education and the dynamic needs of the architecture

and construction sector.

The MoU encompasses key aspects of research, training, suitable employment prospects, work experience, and practical field on study.

Notably, over 50 female students participated in the event, underscoring the importance of diversity and gender inclusivity in these sectors.

Among the dignitaries present were Dr. Vaishali Anagal, the project head, the Vice Principal Dr. Sharvey Dhongde, and Professors Dr. Sujata Karve, Saurabh Marathe, Pooja Ghorpade, and Kanchan Atnurkar.

Dr. Vaishali Anagal shared insights into ongoing research projects and the features of the syllabus being prepared for the postgraduate courses. She emphasized that the primary objective of this endeavour is to provide aspiring architects with deep understanding of current industry trends and the array of career opportunities available to them. The 'Employers' Day' event was organized under the British Council's 'Going Global Partnership Programme' in collaboration with John Moores University, England, BNCA, Pune Construction and Engineering Research Foundation, and Rohan developers Private Limited.

The 'Employers Day' event was a remarkable step forward in creating a symbiotic relationship between academia and industry, equipping aspiring architects with the knowledge, skills, and opportunities they need for successful careers in the field.

It exemplifies the commitment of BNCA with John Moores University, the British Council, and industry leaders to the development and growth of the architecture and construction sector.



Employers Day interviews



Employers Day interviews

Mega Jury for B. Arch students

Architectural Design Mega jury-for 3rd and 4th year students was successfully conducted on Friday, October 6th, 2023 from 9am onwards. The Jury had two parts, Studio jury and Panel Jury. The organizing team was led by Prof. Sayali Andhare.

Architectural Design Mega jury Mega Jury for Second year B. Arch was conducted successfully on 31st October 2023 from 9am onwards. The Jury had two parts, Studio jury and Panel Jury. The organizing team was led by Prof. Siddhi Joshi.

Industrial Site visit to Wai for 4th year B.Arch

Students and faculty of 4th year B. Arch went on a site visit to Filtrum Autocomp, an Industrial structure at Wai on 12th October 2023.

They left from BNCA at 10.30 am and returned at 7pm.

Students got to see and learn about pre engineered buildings. They also visited a ferrocrete structure "Rudrana Restaurant" at Wai after the industry visit.



Ferrocrete structure at Wai



Ferrocrete structure at Wai

Ferrocrete workshop by Archineering Cell

Archineering Cell, in collaboration with BNCA M. Arch Landscape Department and Indian Concrete Institute ICC (Pune chapter) had organized a one-day 'ferrocrete planter-making' workshop for third year B. Arch students as a part of the Performance Enrichment Program (PEP) on Thursday 19th Oct, 2023 at the BNCA Construction yard from 12.30 pm to 5.00 pm.

The programme was conducted in two parts, with a visit to a ferrocrete site, followed by the hands-on workshop.

The reinforcement cage with the weld mesh and chicken mesh was kept ready well in advance. The skilled ferrocrete labourers first



Ferrocrete technology demonstration

demonstrated the process of preparing the concrete mix and the actual process of laying it on the reinforcement cage and the finishing process for one planter.

The students then formed groups and took up the task of making one planter each. In this process the students learnt the behaviour of the material and the skill required.

Prof. Nilesh Gaikwad, a member of third year building technology faculty, co-ordinated and led this workshop under the guidance of Dr. Poorva Kulkarni who heads the Archineering Cell. Prof. Neha Adkar coordinated from the Landscape department. The teachers who took part in the workshop were Dr. Avanti Bambawale, Prof. Prakash Joshi, Dr. Dharati Sote, Prof. Shweta Albal, Prof. Ketaki Kadam, Prof. Bhagyashree Chutake, Prof. Smita Ogale and Prof. Ninad Jog.



Students working on planter type 1



Students working on planter type 2

INHAF Open Ideas Competition Awards Ceremony at BNCA



Mr. Kirti Shah addressing the audience

INHAF Open Ideas Competition Awards Ceremony was hosted by BNCA in the auditorium on 26th October 2023. The guests of honor were Ms. D. Thara, Additional Secretary, Housing, Ministry of Urban development, Government of India who joined in the online mode and Adv. Vandana Chavan, Member of Parliament and Mr. Ranjit Naiknavare President of CREDAI Metro. Mr. Kirti Shah, founder of INHAF and Dr. Sharvey Dhongde, Vice Principal of BNCA, welcomed the guests and the audience.

The Pune BRTS report was released in this function. The winners were announced and the prizes were given away at the hands of the dignitaries. This was followed by the winners project presentations. Students of several colleges and Third and fourth year B. Arch students of BNCA attended the ceremony.

BNCA ACTIVITIES

Freshers Party at BNCA



The host and guest batch- 1st and 2nd year

The Freshers' Party for the year 2023 was organized on the evening of 27th October 2023. Hosted by second year students, the theme for this year was "Euphoria".

The event was planned as an informal introductory session to welcome the First Year B.Arch batch and the evening included Ramp walk, dance performances and a talent show. The first year students dazzled the show with their ramp walk performances, in sync with the theme. Best performances across the divisions were selected and the best four competed for the final round. Sayal Doshi from F.Y. division B was awarded the title of "Miss Fresher" owing to her performance, answers and right attitude. The evening helped to break the ice, welcome the students



Students enjoying the interaction



Students performance

to the institute and develop inter-personal relationships and with the senior batches .

Live on Katta : Building with Waste

The first session of LIVE ON KATTA for Academic year 2023-24 was conducted on Wednesday, 11th October 2023 from 3pm to 4pm at the Auditorium. The speaker was Ms. Dhara Kabaria, Studio Alternatives, Pune. She presented her work on the topic "Building with Waste."

Dhara Kabariya has worked extensively in reuse of waste materials in design, through up-cycling. One of her major projects include up-cycling of shipping containers for creating sustainable homes.

Prior to the auditorium session, a faculty interaction session was held with her in the boardroom. The students learnt about Up-cycling and saw its application in 'Studio Alternative's work and learned about container Architecture.



Faculty interaction session with Dhara



Dhara Kabariya presenting her work

'Mandiranchya Desha' session at BNCA



Dr Sharvey felicitating the speaker

A lecture titled "Mandiranchya Desha" on India, the land of temples was organized by the center for cultural studies BNCA on 3rd Oct 2023 at 3pm at the BNCA Auditorium. The speaker was Indraneel Bankapure, Indologist and researcher on Indian Knowledge systems.

The session delved into India's rich temple architecture, guiding the audience through the intricate designs, historical significance, and cultural diversity embedded in these sacred structures. The speaker, offered a captivating journey, unveiling the spiritual tapestry woven into the architectural marvels.



Indraneel Bankapure in the session

Garba – Dandiya Dance event at BNCA

As a part of the Navratri Festival celebrations, like every year, BNCA student council organized a Traditional Garba and Dandiya

Dance Event at the MKSSS Basketball Court on October 20, 2023 from 4:30 pm to 7:30 pm. With the Kumarika poojan and Garba events, the whole premises was bustling with activity and dandiya beats.



Students enjoying the Dandiya



Faculty and students in the Garba event

Kumarika Poojan at BNCA



Kumarika Poojan Decorations

As per the custom followed every year during Navratri, BNCA had organized the Kumarika Poojan Ceremony on 20th October 2023 on the occasion of Durgashtami at the BNCA premises on the ground floor, from 4pm to 6pm. Faculty and staff were requested to bring along their daughters below ten years of age for the poojan ceremony.

Birthday Celebrations



Dr. Sujata Karve's 50th birthday

Dr. Sujata Karve, Co-ordinator of M. Arch Environmental Architecture, turned 50 on Sunday 22nd October 2023. The celebration for her 50th birthday was held on Monday 23rd October 2023, to which, her family was cordially invited. The traditional ceremony of 'aukshan' was performed by BNCA administrative staff, Mrs. Sangita Mohokar, Shilpa Pathak and faculty Dr. Vaishali Anagal. The celebration was held in the circular courtyard and was attended by all faculty and students.



Dr. Sharvey Dhongde's birthday celebration



Prof. Siddhi Joshi's birthday celebration

From among BNCA faculty, Dr. Sharvey Dhongde and Prof. Siddhi Joshi had their birthdays in October, which were celebrated in the usual style in the circular courtyard. From the administrative staff,

Rajesh Mane, Atul Bhalekar and Suraj Davale had their birthdays in October. From the helper staff, Ranjana Nidhalkar and Ganesh Mankar had their birthdays in the month of October 2023.



Suraj Davale's birthday celebration



Rajesh Mane's birthday celebration



Atul Bhalekar's birthday celebration



Ranjana Nidhalkar's birthday celebration



Mankar Kaka's birthday celebration

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