

Classrooms Buzzing: Welcoming the Batch of Academic Year - 2026

Orientation Day looked a little different this year, trading out the massive auditorium echoes for the close-knit energy of our own classrooms. On 30th June 2026, The campus came alive as departments welcomed the incoming batch directly into the spaces where they will spend the next few years creating, learning, and collaborating.

Instead of a long series of formal speeches, the day was packed with interactive icebreakers, department introductions, and hands-on activities designed to get everyone talking. Students got a chance to map out their semesters, meet their professors face-to-face, and—most importantly—connect with their future peers.

Breaking the Ice: From Strangers to Collaborators

The classroom setup broke down the usual first-day walls instantly. Rather than just listening to presentations, the freshers were thrown right into the mix. From quick-fire trivia and collaborative group challenges to sharing their creative goals, the rooms were filled with laughter, friendly competition, and early sparks of teamwork.

By the time the syllabus roadmaps were handed out, the initial nervous silence had completely vanished, replaced by the unmistakable buzz of new friendships.

Seniors Lead the Way

A massive shoutout goes to our dedicated team of senior volunteers and student coordinators! They transformed ordinary classrooms into welcoming hubs, complete with creative welcome boards, photo booths, and survival guides to college life.

Voices from the Day—*"I was definitely nervous about walking into a massive new campus, but starting out directly in the classroom made everything feel way more approachable. By the end of the first icebreaker game, I already found my crowd and felt like I belonged here."*

MAJESTY 2026: An Unforgettable Celebration!

The crown has officially been passed, the laughter was loud, and the vibes were unmatched! To our amazing class of freshers: welcome to the family! Majesty was everything we hoped for and more, thanks to the incredible energy every single one of you brought to the venue. We kicked off the day in true royal fashion with a grand opening ceremony that set a majestic tone for the festivities, followed by a heartfelt short video spotlighting your journey so far—from early campus bloopers to the exciting road ahead.

The stage truly came alive when our standup comedy act took the mic, keeping the audience in absolute splits with spot-on jokes about campus life, professors, and the shared pain of early morning lectures. The excitement reached its peak during the student games, where fast-paced stage challenges brought out everyone's competitive spirit and gave our winners some awesome gifts and exclusive swag to take home. To wrap up the excitement, everyone recharged with delicious, juicy burgers and ice-cold soft drinks while snapping pictures and making new friends.

Thank you to the organizers, performers, and most importantly, our freshers for making Majesty an absolute success. College is all about the people you share the journey with, and this is only the beginning! You can relive all the best



Matheran Unplugged: Rain, Trails & Tandoori Zingers

On July 22nd, 2026, our group took on the lush, rain-soaked trails of Matheran for a day that tested our endurance, fueled our spirits, and delivered pure adventure.

1. The Sunrise Buzz & Fueling Up

The journey began at dawn aboard a lively Mumbai local train, where chatter, songs, and selfies filled the compartment as concrete gave way to green hills. Arriving at Neral station, we tackled our first essential ritual: piping-hot, spicy Vada Pavs to power the climb ahead.

2. Into the Mist & Mud

The Sahyadri range was alive with monsoon magic—dense canopy cover, cool breezes, and cascading cliffside waterfalls. The steep, muddy inclines tested our legs, but teamwork kept everyone moving together with a steady stream of encouraging words and helping hands.

3. Eco-Pacts & Panoramic Views

Reaching the upper viewpoints made every bit of effort worth it. Standing above mist-cloaked valleys and watching clouds sweep over the peaks was breathtaking. Navigating Matheran's famous vehicle-free paths gave us a rare chance to unplug, all while sticking to strict leave-no-trace trekking to protect the environment.

4. The Ultimate Reward

After hours on the trail and countless photos, hunger set in right on schedule. We wrapped up the trek with a well-earned feast of smoky, crispy Chicken Tandoori Zinger Burgers—the ultimate victory meal after a day on the mountain.



Shaping Tomorrow's Leaders: The Elegant Leadership Training Program

The transition to college and future careers demands more than textbook knowledge. To bridge this gap, Ms Rabab Ghadiyali conducted a transformative, three-day Elegant Leadership Training Program focused on essential life and professional skills.

Five Core Pillars Covered

- **Communication & Public Speaking:** Articulating ideas clearly and speaking with confidence.
- **Confidence & Personality:** Building self-assurance and a positive mindset.
- **Professional Etiquette:** Mastering workplace behavior and professional presentation.
- **Leadership & Teamwork:** Cultivating collaborative problem-solving and decision-making.
- **Future Readiness:** Preparing for long-term academic and professional success.

Through hands-on learning, Professor Ghadiyali turned passive listeners into active problem-solvers. The program served as a vital stepping stone, equipping participants with a practical toolkit and the confidence to excel in college and beyond.

A huge thank you to Ms Rabab Ghadiyali for her invaluable guidance and mentorship!



ELEVATE – From Potential to Profession: Seminar Highlights

Day 1: The Engine & The Fuel

Speaker: Mr. Murtuza Ujjainwala | Focus: Mindset, Growth & Networking

- **Strategic Networking:** Serves as the key soft skill to unlock mentorship, collaborations, and career pivots. Success follows a clear path: Networking → Reputation → Conversion → Spotlight.
- **Mindset & Presence:** Dynamic movement drives energy and focus. Command attention using strategic silence, visual anchoring, and sweeping eye contact (the lighthouse effect).
- **Core Frameworks:** Build expertise via the KSEF model (Knowledge → Skill → Experience → Familiarity) and divide focus intentionally using the 33% Network Rule (Family, Career, Mentors).

Day 2: CV Making & LinkedIn Profile

Speaker: Ms. Sadiya Fugawala | Focus: Personal Branding & Job Tools

- **Targeted Resumes:** Align resume keywords and measurable achievements directly with job descriptions.
- **Digital Presence:** Treat LinkedIn as a digital billboard—connect with industry leaders, share updates, and request recommendations.
- **Professional Presentation:** Maintain classic corporate dress standards (e.g., light shirt with dark trousers) and match shoe color to belt for a polished first impression.

Day 3: Campus to Corporate

Speaker: Akshay Dhaman Foundation | Focus: Navigating Professional Expectations

- **Execution & Discipline:** Degrees open doors, but practical skills, execution, and professional discipline get you hired.
- **Active Engagement:** Expand industry awareness by attending corporate events, engaging in campus activities, and reading financial news.
- **Continuous Growth:** Embrace workplace mistakes as natural learning steps to continuously refine your craft.

Success isn't just about what you know—it's about how you apply knowledge, build strategic relationships, and present yourself. Turn your potential into your profession.

Green Thumbs, Bright Futures: Home Science Department Hosts Organic Farming Workshop

The Department of Home Science recently brought agricultural science to life by organizing an Organic Farming Activity focused on hands-on, experiential learning. Led under the guidance of **Rabab J. Ghadiyali** and featuring **Ms. Varshaa Ransshur** as the expert resource person, the interactive workshop gave students a complete, practical look into sustainable food production.

Bridging Theory and Action

The session kicked off with an engaging theoretical foundation where students explored core agricultural principles:

- **Soil Preparation:** Understanding healthy soil composition, natural aeration, and organic enrichment.
- **Cultivation & Care:** Learning non-chemical plant care, natural pest management, and sustainable watering techniques.
- **Eco-Friendly Living:** Exploring how small-scale organic farming reduces carbon footprints and promotes long-term environmental sustainability.

Following the discussion, the classroom transformed into a mini-greenhouse. Putting theory straight into practice, students rolled up their sleeves to prepare soil containers and plant fresh vegetable saplings.

Growing Sustainable Habits

The workshop did more than teach planting techniques—it reinforced the vital role of experiential learning in higher education. By physically connecting with the process of growing food, participating students gained practical insights into environmentally responsible living and daily eco-friendly choices.

"Connecting classroom theory with real-world application makes learning truly stick. Seeing our students enthusiastically dig in and embrace sustainable practices was the highlight of the day."

Thank you to our coordinators and to Ms. Varshaa Ransshur for cultivating such a rewarding experience for our Home Science students!



Pledging for a purpose: Burhani College Joins the “Drug-Free Mumbai” Movement

Action-Oriented & Impactful

On **July 30th, 2026**, the Department of Lifelong Learning & Extension (DLLE) Unit of Burhani College represented our institution at the state government's landmark "**Drug-Free Mumbai**" campaign—a mass awareness drive and pledge ceremony held at the NSCI Dome, Worli. The university-wide initiative brought together thousands of students from across the city to take a united stand against substance abuse.

Highlights of the Event

- **Strong Representation:** A student delegation, accompanied by Ms. Rashida Borsadwala and DLLE heads, attended in person at a packed NSCI Dome, while students back on campus joined the initiative live from their classrooms.
- **Creative Awareness:** The program featured impactful nukkad natak (street plays) by schoolchildren, video messages from film and sports personalities, an AI-generated campaign film, and a special message from the Hon'ble Prime Minister.
- **Dignitaries & Leadership:** The event was formally inaugurated by Maharashtra Chief Minister Devendra Fadnavis alongside Minister Mangal Prabhat Lodha. In a memorable moment, the Chief Minister recorded a selfie video with the enthusiastic crowd.
- **The Mass Pledge:** The core highlight saw thousands of attendees—in person and online—raise their hands in unison to take an oath to remain vigilant against substance abuse and actively build a healthier city.
- **Enforcement & Action:** The event showcased police and administrative efforts against drug trafficking and concluded on a patriotic note with the National Anthem and Maharashtra Geet.

Our Commitment

Through this participation, Burhani College's DLLE Unit reaffirmed its dedication to social responsibility and community welfare.



The Power of Adaptability: Burhani College Takes the Stage on World Youth Skills Day

To commemorate World Youth Skills Day, the District Skill Development, Employment and Entrepreneurship Guidance Centre, Mumbai City, organized a PowerPoint Presentation Competition on the theme "Importance of Skill Development in the Era of Changing Technology," held on 15th July 2026 at M. M. P. Shah Women's College, Matunga. The competition aimed to build awareness among students on skill development, employability, entrepreneurship, innovation, and effective presentation and critical thinking skills.

Burhani College was represented by two teams at the event, each bringing its own perspective to the theme and reflecting the department's continued encouragement of students to engage in platforms that build confidence and real-world presentation experience.

One of the teams, comprising Sufiyan and Ruksar, approached the theme through the idea that no skill matters more in this era than the ability to keep learning new ones. Drawing on the analogy of the horse and the automobile, the duo argued that entire trades have historically vanished not because those who practiced them failed, but because the world changed faster than they could adapt, and that unlike the horse, people today do have the ability to choose to keep evolving. The presentation traced this idea through the shift from single-trade thinking to continuous skill-building, tying it to the belief that ability is built through effort rather than fixed by nature, and closing with adaptability as the true foundation that decides whether every other skill stays relevant. Preparation for the theme included researching through documentaries, TED talks, and short films before translating that research into the final presentations.

While neither Burhani team placed among the winners, participants from both teams described the competition as a valuable learning experience, an opportunity to present confidently before an external panel and to engage with the theme of skill development in a way that went beyond the classroom.

The department extends its appreciation to **Dr. Rameeza Khan** and **Dr. Mehjabeen Shaikh** for facilitating the opportunity, and to all participating students, including **Sufiyan Shaikh (S.Y.B.M.S)**, **Ruksar Pawaskar (S.Y.B.C.O.M)**, **Zaid Khan (S.Y.B.S.C-C.S)**, and **Amena Ghadiyali (S.Y.B.S.C-H.S)**, for representing Burhani College with enthusiasm and confidence.



Breaking the Mold: True Equality in the Modern Era

Unaiza Sayed (T.Y. B.A.M.M.C)

True equality is not about matching physical builds or erasing the physiological differences between men and women. As global leaders and advocates—including UNICEF Goodwill Ambassador Priyanka Chopra—have frequently pointed out, the real conversation centers on cerebral opportunity. It is about ensuring that a woman's capacity to lead, innovate, and excel as a CEO is never restricted by outdated biases or double standards.

To achieve a society where equal opportunity is the norm, we must dismantle the systemic and cultural barriers that hold women back.

The Pillars of Autonomy

Achieving genuine progress requires action across three fundamental areas:

- **Financial Independence:** True self-sufficiency begins when women take full responsibility for their own financial destinies. Relying entirely on a father or a husband limits autonomy; financial literacy and economic independence provide the framework for freedom and choice.
- **Shifting Cultural Mindsets:** In many societies, deeply rooted stereotypes continue to devalue girls. Legacy labels that view daughters as temporary liabilities must be actively dismantled. Progress relies on fostering self-belief and confidence in young women from an early age.
- **Allyship and Systemic Push:** Feminism cannot succeed in a vacuum. It requires active support from men to champion equal opportunities. Furthermore, women must be intentionally supported and pushed into positions of power rather than being left to navigate institutional hurdles alone.

Cultivating Workplace Sisterhood

Historically, a scarcity of top-tier roles has occasionally pitted women against each other in the professional arena. To build an inclusive future, this dynamic must change.

"Women in positions of power have a unique responsibility to uplift others, turning isolated achievements into a collective rise."

True empowerment means balancing multiple roles—whether that means managing a corporate boardroom, raising a family, or running a business—without having one's capability questioned. By advocating for equal cerebral opportunity and fostering strong networks of mentorship, we pave the way for a more equitable world.

What step will you take this week to support equal opportunity in your workplace or community?



The Gen-Z "Lazy" Myth (And What They're Really Demanding)

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Every generation plays the same broken record about the one coming up behind them:

"They're lazy."
"They're entitled."
"They just don't want to work anymore."

We heard it about Millennials, Gen X heard it from Baby Boomers, and now it's Gen Z's turn in the hot seat.

But if you look past the headlines and hot takes, you'll find a generation that isn't avoiding hard work at all—they're avoiding meaningless work.

The Shift from Control to Purpose

Gen Z grew up with the internet at their fingertips. They've seen side hustles turn into empires, remote work become the norm, and traditional corporate loyalty crumble in real-time. They enter the workforce with more information, more options, and zero interest in "paying their dues" through busywork.

They aren't asking for participation trophies. They're asking simple, fundamental questions:

- "Why does this task matter?" (Purpose)
- "Do you trust me to deliver results on my own terms?" (Flexibility & Autonomy)
- "Are my ideas being heard, or am I just a cog in a machine?" (Respect)

When a generation refuses to suffer through soul-crushing processes just because "that's how we've always done it," older models call it entitlement. Modern leaders call it efficiency.

What Great Leaders Get Right

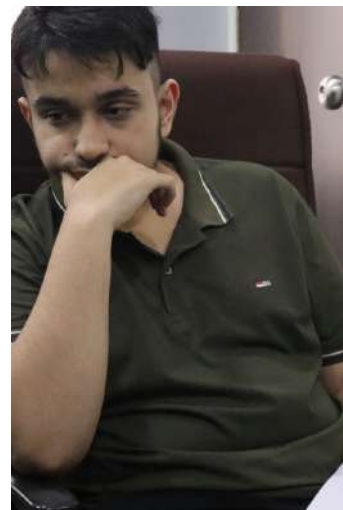
The future of leadership isn't about micromanagement or monitoring clock-in times. It's about building environments where people actually want to show up.

The Bottom Line

Gen Z isn't breaking the workplace—they're fixing it.

By refusing to settle for toxic hustle culture or dead-end routine work, they are pushing organizations to become more human, agile, and purpose-driven. Leaders who double down on control will watch their top talent walk out the door. Leaders who offer trust, ownership, and clear purpose won't just keep Gen Z—they'll build happier, higher-performing teams overall.

How is your organization adapting to this shift? Are you seeing this play out in your own teams?



Redefining the Mold: Why "Cerebral Opportunity" Isn't Enough for True Equality

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The modern conversation around gender equality has increasingly shifted toward the concept of "cerebral opportunity"—the idea that true progress is achieved when women have the unrestricted path to become corporate CEOs, tech innovators, and global leaders. While dismantling biases in the boardroom is crucial, this hyper-focus on professional advancement overlooks a deeper reality. True equality cannot be measured solely by how many women enter elite, high-stress professional spaces; it must be measured by how society values, protects, and supports all individuals, regardless of their economic output.

To achieve a genuinely equitable society, we must move past individualistic metrics of success and address the deep structural inequalities that the "corporate empowerment" model leaves behind.

The Pillars of Collective Support

Achieving genuine progress requires moving away from placing the entire burden of autonomy on the individual, shifting instead toward systemic responsibility across three fundamental areas:

- **Interdependent Financial Security:** Framing financial independence as a purely individual responsibility ignores the structural barriers of the modern economy. True autonomy is not just about personal financial literacy; it requires systemic changes such as state-supported childcare, universal paid parental leave, and equal pay legislation that protect workers from economic vulnerability.

- **Valuing Essential and Care Labor:** Culturally, society continues to measure a person's worth by their professional titles. A framework that celebrates the corporate leaderboard while ignoring the massive, unpaid burden of care work—traditionally borne by women—is incomplete. Progress relies on elevating the status of caregiving, domestic labor, and community-building, recognizing them as vital pillars of society rather than secondary pursuits.

- **Structural Overhauls Over Individual Mentorship:** Relying on the goodwill of individual allies or the mentorship of well-meaning executives is an insufficient solution to institutional hurdles. True equality demands structural overhauls—such as transparent hiring algorithms, mandatory diversity reporting, and robust labor protections—rather than expecting marginalized groups to simply out-negotiate outdated systems.

Beyond the Professional Arena

The idea that women in positions of power carry a unique responsibility to uplift others can inadvertently create an unfair double standard. It places the burden of fixing broken institutional systems on the very individuals navigating them, rather than holding the institutions themselves accountable.

"True societal progress is not achieved when a select few break through the glass ceiling, but when we ensure the floor beneath everyone is secure, dignified, and supportive."

Empowerment should not be defined by a person's ability to seamlessly balance multiple exhausting roles—such as managing a corporate boardroom while simultaneously raising a family—without cracking under the pressure. Celebrating this unsustainable "superwoman" ideal glorifies burnout. Instead of demanding that individuals adapt to grueling, outdated work cultures, we must advocate for a fundamental restructuring of work-life balance that allows everyone to thrive outside of their economic productivity.



The Hard Truth About Gen-Z's "Meaningless Work"

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There's a popular narrative going around right now:

"Gen-Z isn't lazy. They just refuse to do meaningless work."

It sounds empowering. It makes for great social media posts. But if we're being honest, it misses a fundamental truth about how real-world success actually happens: Almost every meaningful career is built on a foundation of "meaningless" work.

The Delusion of Instant Purpose

Somewhere along the line, we sold young workers a fantasy: that every assignment should feel like a passion project, every meeting should drive world-changing impact, and entry-level roles should come with executive-level influence.

When that doesn't happen, the work gets labeled "pointless" or "soul-crushing."

But here's what gets overlooked:

- Routine work builds core competence. Formatting spreadsheets, proofreading decks, and doing data entry aren't punishment—they're how you learn the business from the ground up.
- Earned trust precedes autonomy. Leaders don't withhold trust because they're power-hungry. They withhold total freedom until someone proves they can master the basics without supervision.
- Not every task has a deep "why." Sometimes work is just work. The invoices need to be sent, the code needs to be cleaned, and the queue needs to be cleared.

Purpose vs. Professional Endurance

There's a fine line between rejecting a toxic work culture and lacking professional endurance.

If an entry-level employee checks out the second a task feels tedious, that isn't "demanding efficiency"—it's an inability to handle the unglamorous reality of any profession.

The Takeaway

Demanding respect, fair pay, and healthy boundaries is essential. But expecting every work day to feel like a TED Talk is a recipe for chronic career dissatisfaction.

Gen-Z has incredible potential, talent, and tech fluency. But to turn that potential into genuine leadership, they'll need to learn the lesson every generation before them had to learn:

You don't earn the right to steer the ship until you've proven you can help row it.

Are we coddling the new workforce, or are legacy managers just afraid of change?



Humour Parody



Jokes

What do you call a sick Eagle?
Illeagle

Why are Spiders so smart?
They can find everything on the web

I just crashed my new Kia
Now I have Nokia

Rivers can't hear anything, kyuki
wo behri hoti hai

What do you call a Witch that lives in a desert?
A Sand Witch

Everyone told Sam not to Sing,
But Samsung anyway

What do you call a crying sister?
A Crisis

I learn from the mistakes of people who
took my advice

From the Artist Corner



Mansuri Iqra
(TY BAMMC)

Braniacs

What goes up but never comes down?
What always comes but never arrives?
What has a neck but no head?
What goes up and down but stays at the same place?
What has a head and a tail but no body?
What has a ring but no finger?
Who has hands but cannot claps?
What has many keys but can't open a single lock?
What gets wet while drying?
What can fly without wings?

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 - 2. Tomorrow
 - 3. Bottle
 - 4. Stairs
 - 5. Coin
 - 6. Telephone
 - 7. Clock
 - 8. Piano
 - 9. Towel
 - 10. Time