



THE 4th
**MAHARASHTRA LEVEL
SCIENCE FAIR 2026**

From a Question to a Discovery

Classes 5 to 12 · All Eight Districts of Marathwada

Judging : 14 & 15 December 2026
Award Ceremony : 19 December 2026
Venue : **Education Expo 2026**, Aam Khas Maidan,
Aurangabad – Chhatrapati Sambhajinagar.



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ABOUT THE SCIENCE FAIR 2026

Not an Exhibition. A Four-Month Research Journey.



Most science competitions ask a student to arrive on one day with a working model. The **Maharashtra Level Science Fair** asks for something **harder, and far more valuable**.

From **September to December 2026**, every registered team moves through the actual practice of science — framing a researchable question, having the concept reviewed by experts, building and testing, writing a formal research paper, and finally defending the work before an independent jury.

Instituted in 2023 and conducted by the **Maharashtra Science Fair Academy**, the Fair enters its **fourth edition** this year as the flagship academic component of **Education Expo 2026** — an eight-day educational congregation held from **13 to 20 December 2026** under the theme **Roshan Mustaqbil Mission**.



- 4 – months of guided work.
- 3 – stages of independent evaluation.
- 1 – platform, open to every school in Maharashtra



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WHO WE ARE

Minds in Motion Foundation is a not-for-profit company registered under Section 8 of the Companies Act, 2013 (NGO Darpan ID: MH/2024/0400214), working from Aurangabad - Chhatrapati Sambhajinagar **since 2022**.



The Foundation is dedicated to fostering educational excellence and innovation, and is committed to nurturing the intellectual and creative potential of students, educators and communities. Its mission is to inspire and empower individuals through education by creating platforms that foster knowledge sharing, innovation and collaboration – enhancing the quality of education, promoting lifelong learning, and ensuring that every individual has the opportunity to realise their potential.

Its vision is to be a catalyst for educational transformation, where learning transcends traditional boundaries and every learner is equipped to thrive in a rapidly changing world.



The **Maharashtra Science Fair Academy** is dedicated to showcasing the remarkable scientific talent, creativity and innovation of students across the Marathwada region, presently the Academy's principal ambit.

The **Science Fair is more than a competition** – it is a movement to inspire curiosity, nurture innovation and celebrate discovery.

Designed to empower young minds, it provides a dynamic platform for students to present innovative projects and solutions to real-world challenges. Aligned with the mission of the **Minds in Motion Foundation**, the Fair promotes educational excellence and advances STEM learning in our community.

Our Mission : To nurture a culture of scientific inquiry, innovation and discovery across the state – creating inclusive and engaging platforms for students, educators and communities in STEM education; empowering young learners with critical thinking, problem-solving and research skills; and connecting schools, institutions, scientists and policymakers to strengthen Maharashtra's role as a hub of scientific excellence.

Our Vision: A state-wide ecosystem in which talent is identified early, nurtured consistently and celebrated widely – built through collaborative programmes, teacher training, state-level exhibitions and national and global linkages, so that science education is not confined to textbooks but becomes a lived and transformative experience for every child in Maharashtra.

THE JOURNEY SO FAR

From One Expo to a Regional Movement

2022 — The Expo Begins: The first Aurangabad Education Expo is held by Minds in Motion Foundation. What is conceived as a single gathering of schools and educators draws a response large enough to make it annual.

2023 — The Academy and the Fair Are Born : The Maharashtra Science Fair Academy is established as the Foundation's division for science education, and the 1st Aurangabad Level Science Fair is conducted within the Expo — 37 projects from 16 schools. It is the region's first platform to ask school students not merely to display a model, but to research, document and defend it.

2024 — Gaining Ground: 51 projects from 23 schools — participation growing by more than a third in a single year. The 2nd Aurangabad Level Science Fair is judged by a panel drawn from the region's academic institutions, among them **Prof. Dr. Sanjay Harke** of MGM University's Institute of Bioscience and Technology Study. Around it, the eight-day Expo runs programmes on mathematics, space and satellite education, career guidance, women's health and empowerment, dropout prevention, and the culture of reading.

2025 — Coming of Age: The 3rd Marathwada Level Science Fair draws 68 projects from 34 schools, presented by 321 students — the number of participating schools now more than double that of the first edition. In the same year the Roshan Mustaqbil Mission is launched as the social campaign of the Expo, bringing anti-drug awareness, civic responsibility and environmental cleanliness onto the same platform as academic work.

2026 — Where We Stand Today: The 4th Maharashtra Level Science Fair, held within an eight-day Education Expo at Aam Khas Maidan, with **MGM University** as Academic Partner and **Britannica Education India** as Knowledge Partner — the first edition to carry both university-level academic supervision and an international knowledge platform.

Three Years of Growth	2023	2024	2025
Projects presented	37	51	68
Schools represented	16	23	34
Students participating	—	—	321

In 2025, 321 students of this region spent four months doing science rather than memorising it.



WHY YOUR SCHOOL SHOULD PARTICIPATE

Aligned with NEP-2020 : Experiential, enquiry based and competency based learning, put into practice rather than discussed.

Free Britannica resources access: Every registered team and mentor teacher receives complimentary access to Britannica Project-Based Learning and Britannica Library — resources most schools in the region have never had.

University-level academic guidance : The evaluation framework and expert jury are shaped in association with MGM University, Aurangabad Chhatrapati Sambhajinagar.

Training for your teachers : Structured workshops on project design, research

methodology and rubric-based assessment — capacity that stays with the school long after the Fair.

A public stage : Students present not only to a jury but to thousands of visitors at Education Expo 2026 parents, educators, institutional heads, public representatives & the press.

Recognition for the institution : Every participating school receives a Memorabilia Trophy; every student a certificate; every mentor teacher a Certificate of Appreciation.

HOW IT WORKS THE JOURNEY, STAGE BY STAGE

Stage 1 — Register (by 14 Sep. 2026)

Your school nominates its teams. Up to eight projects per school; one to five students per team; one mentor teacher may guide all of them.

Stage 2 — Present the Idea (21 Sep. 2026)

Each team submits its project concept. Approved ideas are intimated on 21 September; concepts requiring revision may be resubmitted by 28 September, with final approval on 5 October.

Stage 3 — Learn & Build (Sep. – Nov. 2026)

Orientation seminars for students & capacity building workshops for mentor teachers, conducted with resource persons from Britannica Education India & academic guidance from MGM University. Teams develop their projects with access to Britannica's digital research resources throughout.



Stage 4 — Write the Research Paper (by 23 November 2026)

Every team submits a written research paper — in English, Urdu or Marathi. This is what distinguishes the Fair: the student must document, cite and argue, not merely display.

Stage 5 — Face the Jury (December 2026)

Three successive evaluations: synopsis assessment (1–10 December), stall presentation (14 December), and oral/PPT presentation (15 December).

Stage 6 — The Award Ceremony (19 December 2026)

Results announced and awards conferred at a formal ceremony at Education Expo 2026.

CATEGORIES, ELIGIBILITY & EVALUATION

Who May Participate : Students of recognised schools in the eight districts of the Marathwada division — Chhatrapati Sambhajinagar, Jalna, Beed, Dharashiv, Nanded, Latur, Parbhani and Hingoli.

Group	Title	Classes
Group I	Junior Researchers	5 to 7
Group II	Rising Minds	8 to 10
Group III	Future Scientists	11 and 12

Mixed-class teams are grouped by the senior-most member.

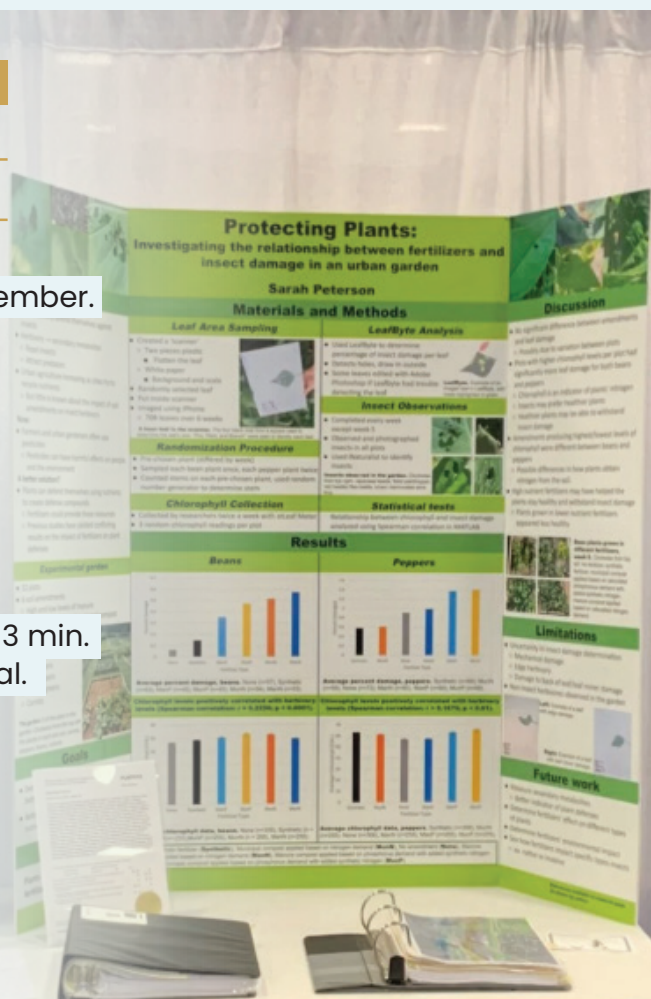
How Projects Are Judged

Stage	Weightage
Synopsis / Research Work	50%
Stall Presentation before the Jury	25%
PPT / Oral Presentation	25%

Each team is allotted 7 minutes to present, followed by 3 min. of questions from the jury. The decision of the jury is final.

Research Paper — Prescribed Length

Group	Length
Group I (Classes 5–7)	4 to 8 pages
Group II (Classes 8–10)	6 to 12 pages
Group III (Classes 11–12)	8 to 16 pages



SUGGESTED THEMES & AWARDS

Where to Begin : Projects are not restricted to these themes. They are offered as a starting point, drawn from the concerns of our own region and from the UN Sustainable Development Goals.

1. Physical, Chemical & Engineering

Sciences — motion, energy, electricity, chemical reactions, materials, robotics, industry.

2. Life, Health & Human Sciences —

biology, ecosystems, nutrition, hygiene, human body, behaviour, assistive devices.

3. Environment, Earth, Water &

Biodiversity — climate, pollution, waste, water conservation, wildlife, habitats.

4. Agriculture, Food, Energy &

Sustainability — farming, soil, irrigation, hydroponics, renewable energy, recycling, packaging.

5. AI, Robotics, Space & Future

Technology — sensors, automation, astronomy, satellites, space exploration.

6. Community, Smart Cities & Safety

Science — traffic, urban systems, disaster management, safety, everyday science.

Awards & Recognition

Award	Entitlement
First, Second & Third Prize	Ranging from ₹1,000 to ₹5,000, Trophy and Certificate of Excellence, in each of the 3 groups
Best Research Paper	Publication of the paper in the Academy's annual compendium
Britannica STEM Excellence Award	For the most rigorous research methodology and use of sources
School Excellence Trophy	For the best overall institutional performance
Best Mentor Teacher	Certificate of Honour, conferred at the Award Ceremony
Certificate of Distinction / Merit	For every team scoring above the prescribed threshold
Memorabilia Trophy	For every participating school
Certificate of Participation	For every participating student
Certificate of Appreciation	For every mentor teacher

Certificates for winning teams are issued jointly with MGM University, the Academic Partner & Britannica Education India, the Knowledge partner.

OUR PARTNERS



Academic Partner : MGM University One of the foremost academic institutions of the Marathwada region, **MGM University** brings to the Fair the academic rigour and institutional standing of a **full - fledged university**. Its association informs the constitution of the expert jury, the evaluation framework applied at each stage, and the **academic mentorship** extended to participating teams and their teachers.



**Britannica
EDUCATION**

Knowledge Partner : For over two and a half centuries, the Britannica name has stood for verified, carefully edited knowledge. **Britannica Education India** brings that legacy to the Fair in a form students can use directly. Every registered team and mentor teacher receives complimentary access, for the duration of the Fair, to:

- **Britannica Project-Based Learning**, with the Britannica Build platform structured design - thinking projects, navigation guides and assessment rubrics
- **Britannica Library and Britannica Collective** — fact-checked, curriculum-aligned reference content and nonfiction e-books, with reading-level adjustment, translation into over a hundred languages, and text-to-speech, Britannica resource persons will also conduct sessions for students and mentor teachers on **research methodology** and the responsible use of **authoritative sources**.



Organiser : Maharashtra Science Fair Academy A division of **Minds in Motion Foundation** — a not-for-profit company registered under Section 8 of the Companies Act, 2013 — dedicated to building platforms that encourage scientific enquiry, knowledge exchange and teamwork among young innovators across Maharashtra.



चौथ्या महाराष्ट्र स्तरीय सायन्स फेअर 2026

मध्ये सहभागाचे निमंत्रण

महोदय / महोदया,

माइंड्स इन मोशन फाउंडेशनचा विभाग असलेल्या महाराष्ट्र सायन्स फेअर अकॅडमीतर्फे दरवर्षी मराठवाडा स्तरीय सायन्स फेअरचे आयोजन करण्यात येते. या उपक्रमाची चौथी आवृत्ती एज्युकेशन एक्स्पो 2026 अंतर्गत दिनांक 13 ते 20 डिसेंबर 2026 या कालावधीत आम खास मैदान, औरंगाबाद येथे आयोजित करण्यात येत आहे. या निमित्ताने आपल्या मान्यवर संस्थेस सहभागासाठी सादर निमंत्रण देण्यात येत आहे.

1. सदर सायन्स फेअर हे एक दिवसीय प्रदर्शन नसून चार महिन्यांचा मार्गदर्शित संशोधन-प्रवास आहे. विद्यार्थ्यांना केवळ प्रतिकृती सादर करण्याऐवजी संशोधनयोग्य प्रश्न निश्चित करणे, तज्ज्ञांकडून आपल्या संकल्पनेस मान्यता घेणे, प्रयोग करणे, रीतसर शोधनिबंध लिहिणे आणि अखेरीस स्वतंत्र परीक्षक मंडळासमोर आपल्या कामाचे समर्थन करणे अपेक्षित असते. राष्ट्रीय शैक्षणिक धोरण 2020 मध्ये अभिप्रेत असलेल्या अनुभवाधिष्ठित व संशोधनाधारित शिक्षणास प्रत्यक्ष स्वरूप देणारे हेच प्रशिक्षण आहे, असे आमचे मत आहे.

2. यंदाच्या वर्षातील दोन बाबी विशेषत्वाने पुढे ठेवाव्याशा वाटतात. प्रथम, एमजीएम विद्यापीठ, औरंगाबाद हे शैक्षणिक भागीदार (Academic Partner) म्हणून सहभागी झाले असून, त्यामुळे परीक्षक मंडळाची रचना व मूल्यमापन पद्धतीस विद्यापीठ स्तरावरील शैक्षणिक अधिष्ठान प्राप्त होत आहे. द्वितीय, ब्रिटानिका एज्युकेशन इंडिया हे ज्ञान भागीदार (Knowledge Partner) म्हणून सहभागी होत असून, त्याअंतर्गत प्रत्येक सहभागी संघास व त्यांच्या मार्गदर्शक शिक्षकास Britannica Project-Based Learning व Britannica Library या साधनांचा चार महिन्यांचा निःशुल्क वापर उपलब्ध करून देण्यात येईल, तसेच विद्यार्थी व शिक्षकांसाठी प्रशिक्षण सत्रे आयोजित करण्यात येतील.

3. या सहभागातून आपल्या संस्थेस विद्यार्थ्यांच्या संशोधनात्मक व विश्लेषणात्मक क्षमतांचा विकास, मार्गदर्शक शिक्षकांचे रीतसर प्रशिक्षण, तसेच संस्थेच्या कार्याचे व्यापक सार्वजनिक व शैक्षणिक व्यासपीठावर सादरीकरण असे लाभ होतील. मागील आवृत्तीत (सन 2025) या प्रदेशातील 34 शाळांच्या 321 विद्यार्थ्यांनी 68 प्रकल्प सादर केले होते.

4. सहभागाचा तपशील — गट, पात्रता, मूल्यमापन पद्धती, पारितोषिके, शुल्क व संपूर्ण वेळापत्रक — सोबत जोडलेल्या माहितीपत्रकात व सहभाग नियमावलीत नमूद केला आहे. नोंदणीची अंतिम मुदत दिनांक 14 सप्टेंबर 2026 आहे.

5. तरी आपल्या संस्थेकडून एका मार्गदर्शक शिक्षकाची नियुक्ती करून इच्छुक विद्यार्थ्यांपर्यंत ही माहिती पोहोचवावी, ही विनंती. अधिक माहितीसाठी सायन्स फेअर सचिवालयाशी (99750 99200) संपर्क साधावा. आपल्या संस्थेच्या सहभागामुळे या सायन्स फेअरच्या शैक्षणिक दर्जाची मोलाची भर पडेल, असा आम्हांस विश्वास आहे.

आपले विश्वासू,

बासित सिद्दिकी

संचालक — माइंड्स इन मोशन फाउंडेशन

सरतान शाकेर

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چوتھے مہارشرٹ اسٹوڈیو سائنس فیئر ۲۰۲۶ میں شرکت کی دعوت

محترم جناب/محترمہ،

مہارشرٹ سائنس فیئر اکیڈمی، جو مائنڈز ان موٹن فاؤنڈیشن کا شعبہ ہے، ہر سال مراٹھواڑہ اسٹوڈیو سائنس فیئر کا انعقاد کرتی ہے۔ اس کا چوتھا ایڈیشن ایجوکیشن ایکسپو ۲۰۲۶ کے تحت ۱۳ تا ۲۰ دسمبر ۲۰۲۶، عام خاص میدان، اورنگ آباد میں منعقد ہو رہا ہے۔ اس سلسلے میں آنجناب کے معزز ادارے کو شرکت کی پُر خلوص دعوت پیش کی جاتی ہے۔

۱۔ یہ سائنس فیئر ایک روزہ نمائش نہیں بلکہ چار ماہ کا رہنمائی یافتہ تحقیقی سفر ہے۔ طلبہ کو محض نمونہ پیش کرنے کے بجائے قابل تحقیق سوال متعین کرنا، ماہرین سے اپنے تصور کی منظوری لینا، تجربہ کرنا، باقاعدہ تحقیقی مقالہ تحریر کرنا اور آخر میں آزاد ججوں کے سامنے اپنے کام کا دفاع کرنا ہوتا ہے۔ ہماری رائے میں یہی وہ تربیت ہے جو قومی تعلیمی پالیسی ۲۰۲۰ کے تجرباتی و تحقیقی پر مبنی تعلیم کے تصور کو عملی جامہ پہناتی ہے۔

۲۔ رواں سال کی دو پیش رفت خصوصی طور پر پیش نظر رہیں۔ اول، ایم جی ایم یونیورسٹی، اورنگ آباد بحیثیت اکیڈمک پارٹنر شریک ہے، جس سے ججوں کے پینل اور جانچ کے معیار کو یونیورسٹی سطح کی علمی سند حاصل ہو رہی ہے۔ دوم، بریٹانیکا ایجوکیشن انڈیا بحیثیت نالج پارٹنر شامل ہو رہا ہے، جس کے تحت ہر شریک ٹیم اور اس کے مینسٹر ٹیچر کو Britannica Project-Based Learning اور Britannica Library تک چار ماہ کی مفت رسائی فراہم کی جائے گی، نیز طلبہ و اساتذہ کے لیے تربیتی نشستیں منعقد کی جائیں گی۔

۳۔ اس شرکت سے آنجناب کے ادارے کو حاصل ہونے والے فوائد میں طلبہ کی تحقیقی و تجرباتی صلاحیتوں کا فروغ، مینسٹر ٹیچرز کی باقاعدہ تربیت، اور ادارے کے کام کو ایک وسیع عوامی علمی حلقے کے سامنے پیش کرنے کا موقع شامل ہے۔ گزشتہ ایڈیشن (۲۰۲۵) میں خطے کے ۱۳۴ اسکولوں کے ۳۲۱ طلبہ نے ۶۸ پروجیکٹس پیش کیے تھے۔

۴۔ شرکت کی تفصیلات زمرے، اہلیت، جانچ کا معیار، انعامات، فیس اور مکمل نظام الاوقات منسلکہ بروشر اور قواعد شرکت میں درج ہیں۔ رجسٹریشن کی آخری تاریخ ۱۴ ستمبر ۲۰۲۶ ہے۔

۵۔ استدعا ہے کہ ادارے کی جانب سے ایک مینسٹر ٹیچر نامزد فرمائیں اور دلچسپی رکھنے والے طلبہ تک یہ اطلاع پہنچائیں۔ کسی بھی وضاحت کے لیے سائنس فیئر سکریریٹ (9975099200) سے رابطہ فرمایا جاسکتا ہے۔ ہمیں یقین ہے کہ آنجناب کے ادارے کی شرکت اس سائنس فیئر کے علمی معیار میں گراں قدر اضافہ کرے گی۔

نیا زمند،

عبدالباسط صدیقی

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At a glance:

Projects per school : Maximum 8 | Students per project 1 to 5

Mentor teacher : 1 (One) per team; one teacher may guide all of a school's projects

Exhibition space : 1 (One) table 2 ft × 6 ft with cloth cover, and 4 (four) chairs.

Electricity : On prior intimation by **23 November 2026** only.
24V DC ordinarily; 230V AC by prior written permission

Registration Closes : 14 September 2026

Registration Fee : ₹500 per project (non-refundable)

How to register:

Online : educationexpo.org/msfa2026

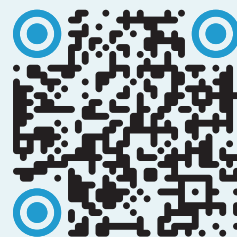
By email : send the registration form to team@mindsinmotion.in

Key Dates:

Registration closes : **14 Sept. 2026**
Idea Presentation : **21 Sept. 2026**
Idea Approval : **28 Sept. 2026**
Research Paper Submission : **23 Nov. 2026**
Judging : **14 & 15 Dec. 2026**
Award Ceremony : **19 Dec. 2026**

Everything you need,
in one place Rules,
research paper format,
key dates, forms and links.

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