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**Department of Zoology**

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**B.SC. II (MINOR) VISIT TO  
'RCSM COLLEGE OF  
AGRICULTURE, KOLHAPUR'  
(24<sup>th</sup> February, 2026)**



**Academic Year: 2025-2026**

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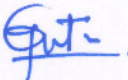
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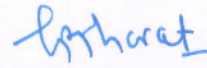
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**Internal Quality Assurance Cell**  
**2025-26**



**Quality Initiatives/ Activities Report**

1. **Name of Department:** ZOOLOGY

2. **Name of Organized Activity:** Visit to RCSI College of Agriculture, Kolhapur

3. **Date/ Duration:** 24/02/2026, 10:30 am onwards

4. **Aims and Objectives:**

**Aim:** To create interest among students about insect pests and their management

**Objectives:**

- i. To provide information about different types of insect pests
- ii. To give information about morphology and life cycle of insect pests
- iii. To acquire knowledge about insect pests management

5. **No. of Beneficiaries:**

Sr. No.	No. of Beneficiaries		Total
	Male	Female	
1	00	25	25

6. **Expenditure & Funding Agency:** NA

7. **Brief Description:**

The Department of Zoology, Vivekanand College, Kolhapur (An Empowered Autonomous Institute), organized a one-day academic visit for B.Sc. II (Minor) students to RCSI College of Agriculture, Kolhapur on Tuesday, 24/02/2026, from 10:30 am onwards. A total of 25 students participated in the visit. The purpose of the visit was to enhance student's understanding of insect pests and their scientific management practices. During the program, students visited the Department of Agricultural Entomology, where they explored the insect museum, the Biopesticide Production Laboratory (Phule Metarhizium production), the Sericulture Unit and the Apiculture Unit. The visit provided valuable insights into different insect pests and their control strategies. The activity was conducted under the guidance of Dr. G. K. Sontakke and was accompanied by Ms. N. A. Jadhav and Ms. P. R. Gaikwad.

**8. Outcomes:**

- i. Students got information about different types of insect pests
- ii. Students got information about morphology and life cycle of insect pests
- iii. Students acquired knowledge about insect pests management

**9. Photos:**



Visit to RCSM College of Agriculture, Kolhapur

**10. Signature of Coordinator/ Organizer:**

**Dr. G. K. Sontakke**  
Head

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**PERMISSION LETTER**

Department of Zoology

**Date: 23/02/2026**

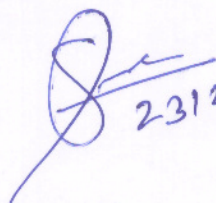
**To,**  
The Principal,  
Vivekanand College, Kolhapur (An Empowered Autonomous Institute)

**Subject:** Regarding the permission for organising visit to the RCSI College of Agriculture, Kolhapur for the students of B. Sc. II Zoology Minor

**Respected Sir,**

With reference to the above subject, the Department of Zoology, Vivekanand College, Kolhapur (An Empowered Autonomous institute), is organizing a visit for the B. Sc. II (Minor) students to various departments of RCSI College of Agriculture, Kolhapur including Agricultural Entomology, Animal Husbandry & Dairy Science Research, Agronomy (Vermiculture Unit) and Pathology. This visit is scheduled for **Tuesday, 24<sup>th</sup> February 2026** and is a part of the syllabus for B. Sc. II students. Therefore, I kindly request you to grant permission.

Thanking you.

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23/2/2026  
G. K. Sontakke  
23-2-2026

Yours faithfully,



**Dr. G. K. Sontakke**

Head  
Department of Zoology  
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Ref. No. VCK/ 2709/202526

Date : 23/2/2026

To,  
The Associate Dean,  
RCSM College of Agriculture,  
Kolhapur

**Subject:** Request for permission to visit your reputed institute

**Respected Sir,**

With reference to above mentioned subject, **B. Sc. II (Minor Zoology)** students (47 students) of Department of Zoology, Vivekanand College, Kolhapur (An Empowered Autonomous Institute), are interested to visit various Departments - **Agricultural Entomology, Animal Husbandary & Dairy Science Research, Agronomy (Vermiculture Unit), Pathology** of your reputed institute on Tuesday, 24<sup>th</sup> February, 2026. Student will acquire knowledge regarding the scopes and opportunities in the field of animal agricultural field. Therefore, I kindly request you to grant the permission.

Thanking you.

Yours faithfully,

*Dr. S. P. Thorat*  
Dr. S. P. Thorat  
I/c Principal  
Vivekanand College, Kolhapur  
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*Dr. S. P. Thorat*  
23.2.2026

Dispatch Clerk to the  
Associate Dean,  
College of Agriculture, Kolhapur

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**Academic Year: 2025-26**

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**Date: 23/02/2026**

### NOTICE

All the students of **B. Sc. II (Minor)** are hereby informed that Department of Zoology, Vivekanand College, Kolhapur (An Empowered Autonomous Institute) has organized a visit at RCSI College of Agriculture, Kolhapur on **Tuesday, 24<sup>th</sup> February, 2026**. This visit is part of curriculum, so attendance is compulsory to all.

**Time: 10:00 am onwards**



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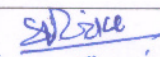
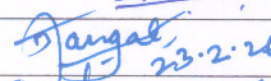
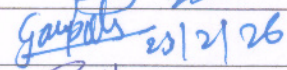
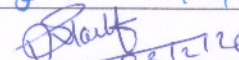
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**Date: 23/02/2026**

### NOTICE

It is informed to respected Head of the Departments mentioned below that Department of Zoology, Vivekanand College, Kolhapur (An Empowered Autonomous Institute) has organized a visit for **B.Sc. II Zoology (Minor)** students at RCSI College of Agriculture, Kolhapur on **Tuesday, 24<sup>th</sup> February, 2026, 10:00 am onwards**. Therefore, we kindly request you to grant the permission to the students for the same.

Sr. No.	Head of the Department	Department	Signature
1.	Dr. Shirke S. D.	Chemistry	
2.	Dr. Dangat B. T.	Botany	 23.2.26
3.	Dr. Gaupale T. C.	Microbiology	 23/2/26
4.	MS. Nadaf S. H.	Biotechnology	 23/2/26



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### **Report on 'Visit to RCSM College of Agriculture, Kolhapur'**

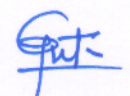
The Department of Zoology, Vivekanand College, Kolhapur (An Empowered Autonomous Institute) organized a one-day visit for B.Sc. II (Minor) students to RCSM College of Agriculture, Kolhapur on Tuesday, 24/02/2026, as a part of their academic curriculum. The primary objective of the visit was to enhance student's understanding of insect pests and their scientific control measures.

Students arrived at RCSM College of Agriculture at 10:30 am and visited the Department of Agricultural Entomology. Students explored the insect museum, where they observed a wide variety of insect specimens representing different orders. The exhibits included diverse types of insect mouthparts, antennae, legs, and wings. Dr. Bagade, along with departmental students, explained the identification features and significance of these insects.

Subsequently, the students visited the Biopesticide Production Laboratory within the same department. Here, they received detailed information about the production process of the biopesticide "Phule Metarhizium," which is prepared using the fungus *Metarhizium anisopliae*. The step-by-step method of production and its role in pest management were explained.

The visit continued to the Sericulture Unit, where students learned about different species of silkworms, their life cycle stages, pests affecting mulberry plants, diseases of mulberry and common pests and diseases of silkworms. They were also introduced to practical aspects of silkworm rearing. Finally, students visited the Apiculture Unit, where students were given an overview of beekeeping techniques and the agricultural importance of honey bees.

Overall, the visit proved to be highly informative and enriching. It provided students with valuable exposure to insect diversity, pest management practices and allied agricultural activities. Total 25 students participated in this visit. The program was conducted under the guidance of Dr. G. K. Sontakke and was accompanied by Ms. N. A. Jadhav and Ms. P. R. Gaikwad.



**Dr. G. K. Sontakke**

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