

Smt. Mathubai Garware Kanya Mahavidyalaya, Sangli

- **Name of the Programme/Activity:-** Report on NATS Awareness Academic Conclave at Shivaji University, Kolhapur
- **Day:-** Saturday **Date:-** 20/6/2026 **Time:-** 10.00 a.m.
- **Total No. of Participants:-** 200
- **Resource Person/Expert/Chief Guest:-**

Sr. No.	Name of the Resource Person	Designation	Place/Institution
1	Shri. N. N. Wadode	NATS Regional Officer	Kolhapur

- **Organising Department/Committee:-**
Placement Department
- **Members:-**
 1. Dr. D. S. Deshpande, Placement Cell Co-ordinator
 2. Dr. Sunita Naik, Member
- **Objectives of the Programme/Activity:-**
 1. To facilitate placement by selecting place and eligible candidates for apprenticeship training in suitable industries.
 2. To secure training facilities by providing OJT in Private and Public Sector organizations for real work exposure.
 3. To bridge skill gap by matching hands on practical experience missing in regular studies with industry needs.
- **Learning outcomes of the Programme/Activity:-**
 1. Graduates and diploma holders gained practical hands on experience that was missing in regular academic studies.
 2. On-the-Job-Training was provided in Private and Public Sector organization, giving apprentices real work exposure.
 3. Eligible candidates were selected and placed for apprenticeship training in industries suited to their discipline.

- **Brief Report of the Programme/Activity:-**

A special awareness lecture on the National Apprenticeship Training Scheme (NATS) was organized on 20 June 2026, Saturday at Shivaji University, Vidyanagar, Kolhapur, where Shri N. N. Wadode, Regional Officer, Board of Apprenticeship Training (BOAT), Western Region, Mumbai, addressed the students and faculty. During his lecture, Shri Wadode elaborated on the objectives and benefits of NATS, emphasizing that the scheme serves as a vital bridge between academic knowledge and industry requirements. He explained that NATS, implemented under the Apprentices Act, 1961 by the Ministry of Education, provides On-the-Job-Training (OJT) to fresh graduates, diploma holders, and vocational pass-outs for a period of 6 months to 1 year, with a stipend of ₹9,000 per month for graduates, 50% of which is reimbursed by the Government of India.

Shri Wadode highlighted that the scheme, which has its origins in the 1960s, has now been upgraded through the NATS 2.0 Portal and extended to non-technical streams such as Commerce, Arts, Humanities, and Management, in addition to Engineering disciplines. He guided students of Shivaji University on the registration process, eligibility criteria, and the role of BOAT-WR Mumbai in verification and placement. Stressing the "earn while you learn" model, he pointed out that apprentices gain practical exposure in Central, State, and Private sector organizations, along with soft skills, work ethics, and a Government of India "Certificate of Proficiency" that enhances employability.

The lecture also addressed the current status of the scheme, noting that 5.23 lakh apprentices were engaged under NATS in 2025, with 16,400 MSMEs participating. Shri Wadode encouraged students to utilize the portal to apply for customized apprenticeship opportunities in the Kolhapur-Pune-Mumbai industrial belt. The session concluded with an interactive Q&A, where he urged Shivaji University students to leverage NATS to transform their degrees into industry-ready careers and contribute to the national skill development mission. The university's Training & Placement Cell coordinated the event to ensure maximum student participation.

• **Photograph:-**



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