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Report on Candle March

1. **Nature of the event:** Candle March celebrated to mark Suicide Prevention Day
2. **Title of the event:** Candle March - a gathering of hope from darkness to light
3. **Organized by:** Connecting Trust and Rotary Club of Pune Sarasbaug, Kothrud
4. **Date:** Saturday, 13th September 2025
5. **Time:** 06:00 AM – 08:30 PM
6. **Venue:** Near Sambhaji Park, Pune
7. **Participation:** Students of MMCC actively participated in the candle march as part of their Community outreach initiative.
8. **Objectives of the Program:**

The primary objectives of conducting the March were:

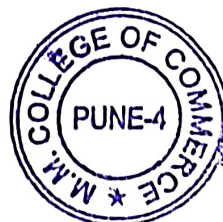
- To educate the public about mental health issues and the warning signs of suicide.
- Break the stigma surrounding mental illness and suicide through open dialogue.
- Share resources such as helplines, counseling centers, and support groups.
- Unite people from different walks of life to show collective compassion and support.

9. **Audience:**

The event witnessed the active participation of approximately 200 individuals, including students, teachers, youth volunteers, and mental health professionals from various colleges across the city. Students of MMCC took an active part in the candle march.

10. **Brief description of the event:**

A Candle March for Suicide Prevention and Mental Health Awareness was held to mark World Suicide Prevention Day, bringing together around 200 students, volunteers,



and community members from across the city. The event aimed to raise awareness about mental health issues and break the stigma surrounding suicide through a variety of engaging formats. The event provided a platform for education, reflection, and solidarity, encouraging people to seek help and support one another.

11. Learning Outcome:

Outcomes of the March are as follows:

- Participants gained a deeper understanding of mental health issues and the importance of suicide prevention.
- The event helped reduce the stigma associated with mental illness among attendees.
- Students and volunteers learned to recognize the warning signs of suicidal thoughts and behaviors.
- Attendees became aware of available mental health resources and support services.

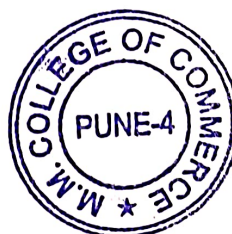
12. Photographs:



Students of MMCC actively participating in the Candle March



Candle March Programme attended by the Students.





Speaker addressing the marchers during the candlelight

13. Feedback:

Many students expressed that the event significantly increased their understanding of mental health and suicide prevention. They acknowledged that they were previously unaware of how widespread these issues are and appreciated learning about ways to support peers through open communication.

14. Acknowledgement:

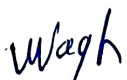
The success of the workshop was made possible by the collective efforts of many individuals. The Department extends its deepest gratitude to:

- Principal **Dr. Ganesh Patare** for his unwavering support and encouragement for the March.
- **Students** who participated enthusiastically for the success of the candle march. Their energy, dedication, and commitment played a vital role in making the event impactful and memorable.
- All the **faculty** members of Marathwada Mitramandal's College of Commerce.

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