

Department of Marathi Report 2025-26

The Inaugural Function of Marathi Bhasha and Vangmaya Mandal:

The Inaugural Function of the *Marathi Bhasha and Vangmaya Mandal* for the academic year 2025–2026 was successfully organized on 20th September 2025 in the college auditorium with great enthusiasm and participation.

The programme was presided over by *Hon. Mr. Vivek Potdar, Joint Secretary, Vidya Mandir Mandal*, whose gracious presence added dignity to the occasion. The Chief Guest for the function was *Hon. Mr. Dilip Gadkari, a well-known writer from Karjat*, whose contribution to Marathi literature is widely appreciated.

The programme commenced with the traditional lighting of the lamp and Saraswati Vandana, symbolizing the pursuit of knowledge and wisdom. The Head of the Marathi Department delivered the introductory speech, highlighting the objectives of the Mandal, which aims to promote Marathi language, literature, and cultural awareness among students.

The Chief Guest, *Hon. Mr. Dilip Gadkari*, delivered an inspiring speech emphasizing the richness of the Marathi language, the importance of reading habits, and the role of youth in preserving literary heritage. His insightful thoughts motivated students to actively participate in literary activities and develop creative writing skills.

A significant highlight of the programme was the presidential address delivered by *Hon. Mr. Vivek Potdar, Joint Secretary, Vidya Mandir Mandal*. In his thoughtful and inspiring speech, he emphasized the vital role of the Marathi language in shaping cultural identity and intellectual growth.

Other distinguished dignitaries present on the occasion included *Hon. Dr. Milind Potdar, Trustee, Vidya Mandir Mandal, Hon. Mr. Arun Dharap, Vice President, Vidya Mandir Mandal, Hon. Mr. Ramesh Kumbhar, Member, Vidya Mandir Mandal, Hon. The Principal madam of Middle school of Neral Vidya Mandir and Hon. Dr. Nandkumar Ingale, Principal of the college.*

Students also contributed to the programme through poetry recitation, speeches, and short performances, showcasing their talent and enthusiasm for Marathi literature.

The programme concluded with a vote of thanks, expressing gratitude to the Chief Guest, President, respected members, faculty, and students for their valuable presence and cooperation.



2.Hon. Mr. Vivek Potdar, Joint Secretary, Vidya Mandir Mandal,welcoming Hon. Mr.Dilip Gadkari, Chief Guset of the program



1.Hon. Dr.Nandkumar Ingale, Principal welcoming the President of the program Hon. Mr. Vivek Potdar Joint Secretary, Vidya Mandir Mandal,



3.Respected dignitaries on the dais from left side- Hon. Dr .Nandkumar Ingale, Hon.Arun Dharap, Vice-President, Vidya Mandir Mandal, Hon. Mr.Dilip Gadkari, Chief Guset, Hon. Mr. Vivek Potdar, Joint Secretary, Vidya Mandir Mandal, Hon. Dr. Milind Potdar,Trustee,Vidya Mandir Mandal and Headmistress Middle School Neral Vidya Mandir.



3.Hon. Mr. Vivek Potdar, Joint Secretary, Vidya Mandir Mandal, addressing to the students.

State-Level Intercollegiate Elocution Competition:

A State-Level Intercollegiate Elocution Competition was successfully organized at Vidya Mandir Mandal's, Matoshri Sumati Chintamani Tipnis Arts and Commerce College on 11th December 2025,organized by Department of Marathi for the successful conduct of this competition, Mrs. Poonam Tipnis extended generous support by donating ₹30,000. A total of 17 student participants took part in the said competition.

Matoshri Sumati Chintamani Tipnis Arts and Commerce College organizes this State-Level Intercollegiate Elocution Competition every year on 11th December, on the occasion of the death anniversary of Matoshri Sumati Chintamani Tipnis. The current year marked the 9th

consecutive year of the competition, which was conducted with great success. Participants from various regions such as Pune, Mumbai, and Thane enthusiastically participated.

In the competition, First Prize was awarded to Mr. Shravan Vaman Kadam from S.P. College, Pune. Second Prize was secured by Mr. Abhay Krishnakumar Alshi from the University of Mumbai, Mumbai, while Third Prize was won by Ms. Dakshata Santosh Dukre from Neral Vidya Mandir and Junior College. Consolation Prizes were awarded to Mr. Kaustubh Shailesh Gosavi and Ms. Revati Chandrakant Mundhe.

The competition was inaugurated by Hon. Mr. Dilip Gadkari, a renowned literary figure, critic, and journalist from Karjat. The program was presided over by Hon. Mr. Vivek Potdar, Joint Secretary, Vidya Mandir Mandal. Other distinguished dignitaries present on the occasion included Hon. Dr. Bharatkumar Lad, Trustee, Vidya Mandir Mandal, Hon. Dr. Milind Potdar, Trustee, Vidya Mandir Mandal, and Hon. Mr. Arun Dharap, Vice President, Vidya Mandir Mandal. Also present were Hon. Mr. Pramod Vichve, Headmaster, Neral Vidya Mandir and Junior College, Neral, and Hon. Mr. Girase, Supervisor, Neral Vidya Mandir and Junior College.

The competition was evaluated by Hon. Mr. P. B. Rathod, retired Headmaster, along with Hon. Mr. Dilip Gadkari, renowned literary critic and journalist.

The successful organization of the event was made possible through the excellent planning and dedicated efforts of Dr. Nandkumar Ingale, Principal of the college, along with all teaching staff, non-teaching staff, and students.



1. Respected dignitaries on the dais from left side- Hon. Vichave Sir, Principal, Neral Vidya Mandir and Jr. College, Hon. Dr. Nandkumar Ingale, Principal, Hon. Dr. Milind Potdar, Trustee, Vidya Mandir Mandal, Hon. Mr. Dilip Gadkari, Inaugural, Hon. Mr. Vivek Potdar, Joint Secretary, Vidya Mandir Mandal Hon. Arun Dharap, Vice-President, Vidya Mandir Mandal, Vidya Mandir, Hon. Mr. R.B.Rathod ,Examiner.



2. Prize Winners of the competition



3. Hon. Dr.Nandkumar Ingale, Principal welcoming the President of the program Hon. Mr. Vivek Potdar Joint Secretary, Vidya



4. Hon. Dr. Milind Potdar, Trustee, Vidya Mandir Mandal, addressing to the students and participants.



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6. Students and participants of the competition.

Marathi Bhasha Sanvardhan Pandharvada:

The Department of Marathi celebrated the ‘*Marathi Bhasha Sanvardhan Pandharvada*’ on 23rd January 2025 with great enthusiasm, aiming to strengthen students’ connection with the Marathi language and its literary tradition. The celebration served as a meaningful platform to inspire linguistic pride and creative engagement among students.

As a highlight of the programme, an insightful lecture was organized on the topic “*Pustak Lekhan ani Prakashan Vyavsay*” (Book Writing and Publishing Industry). The session was delivered by Prof. Santosh Turukmane, who served as the resource person for the event.

In his engaging and thought-provoking lecture, Prof. Turukmane unfolded the fascinating journey of transforming ideas into books. He elaborated on the art of book writing, emphasizing clarity of thought, originality, and the writer’s responsibility towards society. He encouraged

students to explore their creative potential and view writing not only as an art but also as a powerful medium of expression and influence.

Further, he provided valuable insights into the world of publishing, explaining various stages such as manuscript preparation, editing, designing, printing, and marketing. He also highlighted the growing opportunities in the publishing industry and motivated students to consider it as a promising career avenue.

Prof. Turukmane stressed that in the digital age, while technology has changed the modes of reading and publishing, the essence of meaningful writing remains unchanged. He inspired students to contribute to Marathi literature through innovative writing and to preserve the richness of the language through their creative efforts.

The lecture was highly informative, practical, and inspiring. It not only enhanced students' understanding of book writing and publishing but also ignited a passion for literary creation.

Overall, the celebration of 'Marathi Bhasha Sanvardhan Pandharvada' proved to be a successful and enriching experience, fostering creativity, awareness, and a deeper appreciation for Marathi language and literature among students.



1. Prof. Santosh Turukmane addressing the students. Prof .Amol Sonawane attended the program.



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3. Prof. Santosh Turukmane addressing the students. Prof . Anant Gharat and Prof. Ashok Bhoir attended the program.

Marathi Bhasha Gaurav Din: 27th Feb.2026

The Department of Marathi proudly celebrated *Birth Anniversary of Kusumagraj as 'Marathi Bhasha Gaurav Din'* on 27th February 2026 with great enthusiasm and a deep sense of cultural pride. The programme was organized to commemorate the birth anniversary of the *Kusumagraj (V. V. Shirwadkar)* and to highlight the contribution of Kusumagraj in Marathi literature.

On this occasion, a special lecture was conducted. The session was delivered by *Prof. Santosh Turukmane*, who once again guided the students with his insightful and engaging discourse.

In his lecture, Prof. Turukmane began by explaining the significance of *27th February* as Marathi Bhasha Gaurav Din. He elaborated on the life, vision, and remarkable contribution of *Kusumagraj*, whose literary works have immensely enriched Marathi literature and inspired generations. He highlighted Kusumagraj's powerful writings, which reflect social awareness, human values, and artistic excellence.

Further, he provided a brief yet comprehensive overview of the historical development of Marathi literature, tracing its journey from saint literature to modern literary expressions. He also discussed the current trends in Marathi literature, including the influence of digital media, changing readership patterns, and emerging opportunities for new writers.

In addition to the lecture, a *Prashna Manjusha (Quiz Competition)* was also organized to actively engage students and test their knowledge of Marathi language and literature. The quiz generated great enthusiasm among participants and encouraged healthy competition, making the celebration more interactive and lively.



1. Prof. Sagar Mohite along with Prof.Santosh Turukmane, Prof. Amol Sonwane and Prof. Sonam Gupta garlanding the portrait and while paying tribute to the portrait of the great poet Kusumagraj.



2. Students attendees for the program.



3. Prof. Vaibhav Borade anchoring the program .



4. From Left Side-Prof. Sagar Mohite as the president of the program and Prof.Santosh Turukmane Key Speaker.