

Marathi Bhasha Divas Celebration

Date: 27th February 2025

Time: 2:00 am to 4:00 pm

Venue: HBX Hall IPS

Introduction:

Marathi Bhasha Divas is celebrated every year on 27th February to commemorate the birth anniversary of the legendary Marathi poet Vishnu Vaman Shirwadkar, popularly known as Kusumagraj. The day honors the rich heritage, cultural identity, and literary tradition of the Marathi language, which holds a special place in the hearts of the people of Maharashtra.

At ASM IPS College, Pimpri, Marathi Bhasha Divas is not just a celebration, but a tribute to the language that binds communities and carries the legacy of great thinkers, writers, and reformers. The aim of the celebration is to encourage students to embrace and take pride in their mother tongue, while also promoting the preservation and growth of Marathi literature, art, and culture.

Objective:

- To celebrate the birth anniversary of renowned Marathi poet Kusumagraj (V.V. Shirwadkar) and honor his contribution to Marathi literature.
- To promote awareness and appreciation of the Marathi language, literature, and culture among students.
- To encourage students to express themselves creatively in Marathi through poetry, speeches, and performances.
- To instill a sense of pride and respect for the mother tongue.
- To preserve and promote the linguistic heritage of Maharashtra for future generations.

Report:

The event began with the lighting of the traditional lamp followed by the recitation of Marathi Abhiman Geet. The college Principal addressed the gathering, emphasizing the importance of preserving and promoting our native language.

- Dr. D. D. Balsaraf delivered a powerful keynote address, speaking on the journey of Marathi language from ancient times to the modern era. He highlighted how literature is a mirror of society and emphasized the need to preserve linguistic diversity.
- Dr. Sudhakar Bokephode shared valuable thoughts on language and identity, encouraging students to cherish and use Marathi in their daily academic and personal lives.

One of his most iconic poems, “Labhale Amhas Bhagya Bolto Marathi” (“It is our fortune to speak Marathi”), is often recited on this day. The poem beautifully expresses pride and gratitude for the Marathi language and its rich literary heritage. It captures the essence of Marathi as not just a medium of communication, but a symbol of identity, emotion, and culture. The lines of the poem have become a source of inspiration, especially among students and young speakers, as they reaffirm the beauty, power, and dignity of the Marathi language.

Celebrating Marathi Bhasha Diwas is not just a tribute to Kusumagraj but also a collective effort to preserve and promote the linguistic and cultural essence of Maharashtra. ASM IPS College proudly upholds this tradition each year, reaffirming its commitment to regional heritage and education.

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Outcomes:

- Students gained a deeper understanding of the importance of Marathi as a cultural and literary force.
- The event fostered a sense of identity, pride, and belonging among Marathi-speaking students.
- Participation in creative and intellectual activities promoted language skills and confidence.
- The college reaffirmed its role in preserving regional languages through education and celebration
- Inspired students to read more Marathi literature and contribute creatively.