

Maharashtra Education Society's  
**MES Night College of Arts and Commerce**  
Karve Road, Pune-41104

**Session on Marathi Classical Language**

**Date:** 26 February 2022

**Time:** 4 PM.

**Speaker:** Prof. Sandeep Khade

**Objective of the Programme:-**

1. To give information about the celebration of Marathi Bhasha Gaurav Din is celebrated.
2. To aware the students about the classical language.
3. To inform the students about which languages have received the status of classical languages till date.
4. To aware the students about the process of any language for getting the status of classical language.
5. To inform about by whom the language is given classical status and what are its criteria.
6. To inform about what can be done for the preservation of the language once Marathi language gets the status of elite or classical.
7. To inform about the brief history of Marathi language.

**Details of the Programme:-**

On the occasion of Marathi Bhasha Gaurav Din, MES Night College of Arts and Commerce, under the guidance of Principal Dr. Atul Kulkarni, organized a virtual lecture on "Marathi Bhasha Abhijat" on February 26, 2022, at 4 PM. The program was spearheaded by Prof. Amardeep Gurme, Head of the Examination Department, Prof. Shiv Kumar and Ms. Smita Raut, Librarian. Prof. Gurme delivered the opening remarks and introduced the keynote speaker, Prof. Sandeep Khade.

Professor Sandeep Khade's lecture, "Marathi Bhasha Abhijat," began by honoring the renowned poet Kusumagraj (pen name of Vishnu Vaman Shirwadkar). Shirwadkar, a leading figure in Marathi literature, is celebrated for his diverse contributions as a poet, writer, playwright, storyteller, and critic. He is considered a significant self-driven and socially conscious voice in Marathi literature.

Further highlighting the significance of February 27th, Professor Khade described Shirwadkar as a "resplendent gem" in the temple of Saraswati. This date is also celebrated as "Marathi Language Glory Day" or "Marathi Rajbhasha Din" due to V.S. Khandekar becoming the second recipient of the prestigious Dnyanpeeth Award in Marathi literature.

The central theme of the lecture revolved around the classical status of the Marathi language. Professor Khade presented detailed arguments based on the 2013 "Abhijat Marathi Bhasha Samiti Report," chaired by Professor Ranganath Pathare. The report explored the origin of the term "Abhijat" and its application to languages. Additionally, it discussed the criteria established by the central government for granting classical language status and provided evidence demonstrating how Marathi fulfills these criteria. Professor Khade provided a concise history of the Marathi language, focusing on early inscriptions and the literary tradition. This historical context served as a foundation for his concluding remarks, which emphasized the compelling case for recognizing Marathi as a classical language.

The program concluded with Librarian Smita Raut expressing gratitude to all participants and declaring it a success.

**Program Outcome:-**

1. The Programme gave detailed information about why Marathi is celebrated to all the students Helped.
2. All the students got to know about what classical language is.
3. The awareness of the significance of language developed in the students through the knowledge of the Speaker.
4. The knowledge of how old and independent the mother tongue Marathi has helped to develop love and compassion in the community.
5. It also helped to create awareness in the students about how Marathi language is a classical language.

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