



# Maharashtra Education Society's MES Night College of Arts and Commerce Garware College Campus, Karve Road, Pune

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## SHIV JAYANTI CELEBRATION

February 19, 2025

On February 19, 2025, Abasaheb Garware College, Garware College of Commerce, MES Night College of Arts and Commerce, and the MES Hostel jointly celebrated the birth anniversary of Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj with great enthusiasm and devotion. The event began at 9:00 AM on the college premises with a grand palanquin procession showcasing a majestic representation of Shivaji Maharaj. The figure of the legendary Maratha warrior was seated in the palanquin, surrounded by the resonating beats of traditional dhol-tasha, which filled the atmosphere with patriotic fervor.



### Objectives of the Celebration

1. **Tribute to Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj:** Commemorate his birth anniversary by spreading awareness about his contributions to Indian history and governance.
2. **Promotion of Patriotism & Leadership:** Instill values of bravery, self-governance, and strategic leadership among youth and citizens.
3. **Awareness of Good Governance:** Highlighting Shivaji Maharaj's administrative Skills, military strategies, and inclusive governance as a model for modern India.
4. **Youth Engagement & Participation:** Encouraging students to take an active role in preserving and promoting historical values.
5. **Community Mobilization:** Bringing together faculty, students, and community members in a collective celebration.
6. **Promotion of Self-Reliance & Swadeshi Spirit:** Reinforcing the importance of self-sufficiency and local empowerment.

The chief guest for the event was Prof. P. K. Ghanekar, a renowned historian and expert in Maratha history. The celebration commenced with Prof. Ghanekar laying a wreath at the statue of Shivaji Maharaj as a mark of respect. Following this, the esteemed guest delivered a thought-provoking lecture, eloquently narrating the life, achievements, and ideals of Shivaji Maharaj. He emphasized the ruler's exceptional leadership, military strategies, and governance, which continue to inspire generations.







Students and faculty members actively participated in the celebration, displaying their reverence for the great warrior king. The procession, accompanied by traditional music and vibrant enthusiasm, symbolized the valiant spirit of Shivaji Maharaj and his significant contributions to Indian history.

The program concluded with a vote of thanks from the organizing committee, acknowledging the efforts of all participating institutions and individuals who contributed to the event's success. The celebration served as a reminder of Shivaji Maharaj's legacy and inspired students to uphold his values of courage, justice, and dedication to the motherland.

#### Outcomes:

- ✓ Increased Historical Awareness: Students gained deeper insights into Shivaji Maharaj's life, leadership, and governance.
- ✓ Cultural and Patriotic Enthusiasm: The event fostered a sense of pride and respect for Indian history and heritage.
- ✓ Inspiration for Leadership: The discussions encouraged students to adopt courage, strategic thinking, and justice in their personal and professional lives.
- ✓ Student Engagement: Enthusiastic participation from students in various activities promoted teamwork and unity.

