



MAHARASHTRA EDUCATION SOCIETY'S

MES NIGHT COLLEGE OF ARTS & COMMERCE

(Affiliated to Savitribai Phule Pune University, Pune)

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"Shantata Punekar Vachat Aahet"

Date: 9th December 2025

Time: 11:00 AM to 12:00 PM

Venue: College Library

Institution: MES Night College of Arts and Commerce

MES Night College of Arts and Commerce organized the reading activity "Shantata Punekar Vachat Aahet" on Tuesday, 9th December 2025, in the College Library. The program was organized by Librarian Ms. Smita Raut with the aim of promoting reading habits among students and creating awareness about the importance of books in academic and personal life.

The activity was conducted in association with the spirit of initiatives taken by the National Book Trust (NBT), an autonomous organization under the Ministry of Education, Government of India, which has been actively promoting book exhibitions, book sales, and reading culture across the country since 1954. In continuation of this national effort, the Pune Book Festival 2025 is being organized by the National Book Trust at Fergusson College, Deccan Education Society, Pune, from 13th December 2025 to 21st December 2025, on the college campus.

As part of the program, students, faculty members, and staff were encouraged to participate in a silent reading activity under the theme "Shantata Punekar Vachat Aahet". Participants were requested to read a book of their choice wherever they were between 11:00 AM and 12:00 PM. They were also instructed to upload a photograph of themselves reading a book by scanning the provided QR code or using the given link, thereby becoming a part of the city-wide reading movement.

The response from students was positive and enthusiastic. Many participants actively engaged in reading and shared their photographs, reflecting their interest in books and learning. The activity successfully created a calm and reflective atmosphere and reinforced the message that reading can be practiced anytime and anywhere.



Objectives of the Program

1. To encourage and develop regular reading habits among students.
2. To create awareness about national initiatives promoting reading culture.
3. To motivate students to participate in city-level and national-level reading campaigns.
4. To emphasize the importance of books in enhancing knowledge, concentration, and personal growth.

Outcomes of the Program

1. Students actively participated in the silent reading activity and showed interest in books.
2. Awareness about the National Book Trust and the Pune Book Festival 2025 was increased.
3. The program promoted a peaceful and focused reading environment.
4. Students were motivated to make reading a regular habit beyond academic requirements.

