

Celebrating Marathi Bhaasha Diwas

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On February 27th, 2023, S.B. Patil Public School celebrated Marathi Bhaasha Diwas. The event began early morning on the day with a welcoming by Ms. Manjusha Nathe, the secondary Marathi Language teacher.

Commencing the event, vice principal, Ms. Padmavati Banda; and section coordinator, Ms. Vandana Sangle garlanded the photo of V.V. Shirvadkar who was an eminent Marathi poet, playwright, novelist and short story writer, who wrote of freedom, justice and emancipation of the deprived.



The school's choir group, headed by Ms. Sulochana Pawar, performed a song that highlighted the significance of Marathi as a language. Partaking in the programme were the students from Grades VII and VIII partook in the event.



They gave a speech on the occasion, and on Saade Teen Shakti Peethe or the 3.5 Divine Powerhouses in Maharashtra; partook in a skit on Women's Empowerment; and performed a captivating dance on Evoking Women Empowerment.

As the event came to a close, an AV Presentation on Marathi Bhaasha Diwas was played. This highlighted the important turning points in Marathi history, the famous historical figures, the renowned places across Maharashtra, and the famous personalities.



CCA in-charge, Ms. Swaleha Mujawar took to stage and briefly have a closing speech on the journey of Marathi Language – from the regional Marathi to the Standard Marathi that is spoken today. She highlighted that how Marathi Bhaasha Diwas is celebrated because it is the day, February 27th, is the birth anniversary of the renowned Marathi Poet V. V. Shirwaadkar who was the first recipient of the prestigious Dnyanpeeth Award in Marathi Literature; and thus, to honour this achievement, the Govt. of Maharashtra established the day as Marathi Bhaasha Diwas.



For the primary grades of I and II, Marathi Bhaasha Diwas celebrations were held on March 1st, 2023. Students were dressed up in Maharashtrian attire with boys dressed in dhoti-kurta and kurta pyjamas, and girls dressed in Navari sarees.

The programme commenced with the lamp-lighting by the primary section head, Ms. Shubhangi Kulkarni. Three regular prayers were sung by students followed by a special hymn, "Hich Aamchi Praathana"





With anchoring done by students in Marathi, a welcome dance was performed by students on “*Labhle he Bhagya Amhas Bolto Marathi.*” The celebration encompassed speeches on the occasion and Marathi festivals, songs, a ramp walk in traditional attire, a Gondal dance that was performed enthusiastically, and a tribute to the Marathi poet Vishnu Vaman Shirwadkar, who was popularly known as Kusumagraj. And with this, the celebration was brought to a close.