

## Marathi Divas Celebration in St. Xavier's Institute of Education

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Marathi Divas, or Marathi Language Day, holds significant cultural and linguistic importance in Maharashtra, India. It commemorates the birth anniversary of Vishnu Vaman Shirwadkar, also known as Kusumagraj, a prominent Marathi poet, playwright, and novelist. This year, our BEd college celebrated Marathi Divas with great enthusiasm and fervour, showcasing the rich heritage and diversity of the Marathi language and culture.

The celebration took place on 27/02/2024 in the Multi-Purpose Hall, with students, faculty, and staff coming together to honour the language that holds a special place in the hearts of millions. The event was organized by the First Year Bed Students in collaboration with Dr. Elvina Pereira and some Second year students. The programme started with the anchors reciting a poem in Marathi followed by the lighting of the lamp. Later Principal dr. Andrea Coutinho welcomed the guests and the students in Marathi Language. The program moved ahead with a prayer and a documentary video by the FY BEd students. The highlight of the celebration was the video that interviewed the students on the question "Why do you like Marathi Language" that showcased the vibrant traditions of Maharashtra. Students presented Marathi songs, and skits, capturing the essence of Marathi culture with their colorful costumes and lively performances. These cultural presentations not only entertained the audience but also served as a reminder of the rich artistic heritage of the Marathi-speaking community. In addition to cultural performances, the celebration also



featured interactive sessions in the form of quiz aimed at promoting the use and appreciation of the Marathi language. Students participated in language quizzes exploring different aspects of Marathi literature, grammar, and vocabulary. These interactive sessions provided a platform for students to engage with the language in a fun and meaningful way, fostering a deeper connection with their linguistic roots. The celebration included a special tribute to Kusumagraj, whose contributions to Marathi literature are celebrated and revered to this day. Students recited his poems and excerpts

from his literary works, paying homage to the literary giant whose words continue to inspire generations of Marathi speakers. The celebration of Marathi Divas served as a platform for promoting linguistic and cultural diversity within our college community. It provided an opportunity for students from diverse backgrounds to come together and celebrate their shared cultural heritage, fostering a sense of unity and belonging among all members of the college community. The celebration of Marathi Divas at our BEd college was a resounding success, showcasing the vibrancy and richness of the Marathi language and culture. Through cultural performances, interactive sessions, and culinary delights, students came together to celebrate their linguistic and cultural identity, reaffirming the importance of preserving and promoting the Marathi language for generations to come.

## REPORT ON MAHARASHTRA DIVAS CELEBRATION AT ANTONIO DE' SOUZA SCHOOL, BYCULLA

DATE: May 1, 2024

Maharashtra Divas, celebrated on May 1st every year, marks the formation day of the state of Maharashtra. It is a day of pride and patriotism for Maharashtrians, commemorating the achievements and culture of the state. One of the prominent ways this day is celebrated is by hoisting the Indian flag at various institutions across the state. This year, an initiative took place where student teachers of St. Xavier's Institute of Education, in groups, collaborated with their internship schools and its teachers to hoist the flag in their respective schools, fostering a sense of unity and camaraderie among educators and students.

Prior to the event, the student teachers were given certain protocols for the Maharashtra Divas event flag hoisting timings. Working closely with school educators, they meticulously planned the logistics for the day's activities. On May 1st, student teacher groups gathered around 7:30 am in the school. With enthusiasm and a sense of pride everyone actively engaged in raising the Maharashtra flag alongside the school educators. This collaborative effort not only symbolized their commitment to the state's values but also fostered a strong bond between the upcoming and experienced members of the education community. The flag hoisting ceremony was followed by a speech by the Chief Guest of the event and a marathi song sung by the school teachers, showcasing Maharashtra's rich heritage. The event commenced by 8:30 with the singing of the National Anthem. The students teachers along with the Principal of the school took pictures and also had interactive conversations with school students, facilitating discussions on

the significance of Maharashtra Divas and the importance of unity and patriotism. The initiative received widespread appreciation from both educators and students, highlighting the success of the collaborative endeavor.

Initiatives like these not only commemorate significant milestones but also contribute to the holistic development of future educators and students, ultimately shaping a brighter future for Maharashtra.



## **Report on Maharashtra Divas Celebration at Antonio DiSilva School**

**Date:** May 1, 2024

**Introduction:** Maharashtra Divas, also known as Maharashtra Day, is celebrated on May 1st each year to commemorate the formation of the state of Maharashtra. This year, the celebration was marked with enthusiasm and patriotic fervor at Antonio DiSilva School and across all SSC schools.

**Events and Activities:** The celebration at Antonio DiSilva School commenced with a flag hoisting ceremony at 7:30am, where the national flag and the Maharashtra state flag were unfurled amidst the singing of the national anthem and the Maharashtra state anthem. Students, teachers, and staff gathered in the school premises, dressed in traditional attire, adding to the vibrancy of the occasion.

Various cultural programs were organized to showcase the rich heritage and diversity of Maharashtra. Students presented traditional folk dances like Lavani and Lezim from 8:00 am onwards, which enthralled the audience with their energetic performances. Additionally, skits depicting the history and significance of Maharashtra Day were staged, highlighting the contributions of iconic figures like Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj and Dr. B. R. Ambedkar.

The spirit of Maharashtra was further celebrated through competitions such as poetry recitation, essay writing, and drawing, where students displayed their creativity and talent. The themes revolved around the cultural heritage, historical significance, and achievements of Maharashtra, fostering a sense of pride and belonging among the participants.

**Speakers:** The Principal and teachers addressed the students, sharing their insights on the importance of Maharashtra Day and its relevance in today's context at 8:20am. Their speeches emphasized the values of unity, diversity, and progress upheld by the state, inspiring young minds to contribute positively to society.

**Community Involvement:** The celebration extended beyond the school premises, with students participating in community service activities such as cleanliness drives and tree plantation campaigns. This initiative aimed to instill a sense of civic responsibility and environmental consciousness among the youth, aligning with the spirit of Maharashtra's progressive outlook.

**Conclusion:** The Maharashtra Divas celebration at Antonio DiSilva School and across SSC schools was a resounding success, fostering a deeper understanding and appreciation of Maharashtra's rich cultural heritage and historical significance. Through various events and activities, students were not only able to celebrate their state's pride but also imbibe values of patriotism, unity, and social responsibility. The event ended at 9:15am.

As we reflect on this memorable day, let us carry forward the spirit of Maharashtra and continue to uphold its glorious legacy in all our endeavors.

