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Ek Bharat Shreshtha Bharat



Introduction

India is a unique nation, with twenty-nine states and seven union territories each having its own language, cuisine and culture. A country with such huge diversity is also united by its national identity. This identity can be traced back to its rich history of rousing freedom struggle, built around the tenets of non-violence and justice. The spirit of mutual understanding and a shared history has enabled a special unity in diversity, which envelops the flame of nationhood that needs to be nourished and cherished into the future.

The advancement in technology has shrunk the distance of time and space, allowing people to connect with each other with a touch of a button. Living in this era, that facilitates mobility and outreach, it is important to establish cultural exchanges between people of different regions, as a means to further human bonding and a common approach to nation-building. The idea of a sustained and structured cultural connect between denizens of different regions was mooted by **Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi** during the **Rashtriya Ekta Divas** held on 31st October, 2015, to commemorate the birth anniversary of Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel. In his view, mutual understanding and trust are the foundations of India's strength and all citizens should feel culturally integrated in all corners of India.



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So, he propounded that every State and UT in the country would be paired with another State/UT for a year, during which they would carry out a structured engagement with one another in the spheres of language, literature, cuisine, festivals, cultural events, tourism etc., which would bring about a common spirit of understanding that would resonate throughout the country. This interaction would thus generate a vibrance of understanding and appreciation amongst the people and forge mutual bonding, thus securing an enriched value system of unity in the nation.

The broad objectives of the initiative are as follows

- i. **To CELEBRATE** the Unity in Diversity of our Nation and to maintain and strengthen the fabric of traditionally existing emotional bonds between the people of our Country;
- ii. **To PROMOTE** the spirit of national integration through a deep and structured engagement between all Indian States and Union Territories through a year-long planned engagement between States;
- iii. **To SHOWCASE** the rich heritage and culture, customs and traditions of either State for enabling people to understand and appreciate the diversity that is India, thus fostering a sense of common identity
- iv. **TO ESTABLISH** long-term engagements and,
- v. **TO CREATE** an environment which promotes learning between States by sharing best practices and experiences.

In line with this vision of our Prime Minister, **Ek Bharat Shreshtha Bharat** Cell has been formed, under which Department of Higher Education, MHRD and AICTE has partnered institutes from two different states to work in unison towards this vision country. Our institute, **Vivekanand Education Society's Institute of Technology, Mumbai**, has been partnered with **International Management Institute, Bhubaneswar** under this Ek Bharat Shreshtha Bharat programme.

To accomplish these objectives of the EBSB program, an EBSB committee was set up in our college with our Principal, Dr. J. M. Nair as the Chief Coordinator and Dr. Geeta Ajit as the Coordinator. The committee also includes a faculty from each Department to ensure equal participation from students of all departments. Several activities have been planned to be conducted under the EBSB programme. The students from both colleges will participate in these activities, which in turn will help them to understand the unity in diversity that exists between these two states of Maharashtra and Orissa. This programme aims to bring students closer to a united country by understanding the similarity and diversity in the culture and traditions of each state. It endeavours to have the essence of '**Ek Bharat**' take root within the heart of each student.



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VESIT Committee Members:

Sr. No.	Name	Department/address	Position in a Committee
1	Dr. J. M. Nair	Principal	Chief Coordinator
2	Dr. Geeta Ajit	Humanities & Applied Sciences	Coordinator
3	Dr. P. Birajdar	Electronics Engineering	Member
4	Mrs. Priya R.L.	Computer Engineering	Member
5	Mrs. Nilima Warke	Instrumentation Engineering	Member
6	Mr. Ajinkya Valanjoo	Electronics & Telecomm. Engg.	Member
7	Mrs. Pooja Shetty	Information Technology	Member
8	Dr. Ramesh Solanki	MCA	Member
9	Dr. Sushil Dhuldhar	Humanities & Applied Sciences	Member
10	Mr. Pravin Shivsharan	Technical Support	Member
11	Mr. Vikas Pange	Administrative Support	Member



Mrs. Pooja Shetty, Mrs. Nilima Warke, Mrs. Priya R.L., Dr. Sushil Dhuldhar, Mr. Ajinkya Valanjoo, Mr. Pravin Shivsharan, Mr. Vikas Pange, Dr. Ramesh Solanki, Dr. P. Birajdar, Dr. Geeta Ajit

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1	Sivanta Beera	D12A	Head
2	Pronoy Mandal	D16B	Deputy Head
3	Yash Bhise	D4B	Jr. Executive Committee
4	Tanya Dubey	D4B	Jr. Executive Committee
5	Anuraj Bhosale	D12A	Member
6	Sartha Tambe	D12A	Member
7	Sejal Attarde	D8	Member
8	Amit Chhabria	D7C	Member
9	Saurav Jeswani	D15	Member
10	Risa Samanta	D4B	Member
11	Abhishek Singhal	D9B	Member
12	Krunal Rane	MCA 1B	Member
13	Vighnesh Joshi	D16A	Member
14	Viraj Sapte	D11A	Member
15	Vipul Chaudhari	MCA 1B	Member
16	Jalaj Limaye	D20	Member
17	Kritika Pathak	D9B	Member
18	Manali Ganacharya	D8	Member
19	Amogh Sadhu	D8	Member
20	Poorva Vichare	D8	Member
21	Tania Mahata	MCA 1A	Member
22	Hemkesh Raina	D10	Member
23	Sukanya Bagave	MCA 1A	Member
24	Prithvi Shetty	D13	Member
25	Naren Khatwani	D12B	Member



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26	Abhishek Kaudare	D20	Member
27	Purva Ratnaparkhi	MCA 1A	Member
28	Neeraj Patil	D11A	Member
29	Rushikesh Vasule	D16B	Member

The First Event: Maharashtra Odisha Paryavaran Jaagrukta Quiz Competition

The first event held under the EBSB programme, was the **Maharashtra Odisha Paryavaran Jaagrukta**, a Quiz Competition between VESIT and IMI Bhubaneshwar, on the indigenous flora and fauna of the two states i.e. Maharashtra and Odisha. As the activity was to be held during the Environment week, it was felt that there was no better way for the students to understand their partner state, than to be aware and understand mother nature in its minute form. On 5 June 2020, being World Environment Day, the students from both the institutes exchanged notes about the respective flora and fauna of their state. It was pre decided that the quiz would be based on the notes exchanged. Dr. Geeta Ajit, was the coordinator from VESIT, while Dr. Ranjit Ghatak was the coordinator from IMI. **Mrs. Pooja Shetty** was the event in-charge while **Mrs. Priya R L** was in charge of Technical Support. The competition, held on **Sunday**, on **7 June 2020**, at **5:00 pm**, was screened live on YouTube using Zoom platform, a first for this institute. The faculty members and students of both the event and the technical team worked for long hours during the whole week to ensure a smooth, flawless coordination of the event. Dr. Sushil Dhuldhhar took charge of the publicity.

The event began with a speech by our principal **Dr. J. M. Nair** introducing this program and stressing its importance. She also pointed out the need to nurture our environment, citing examples of the positive impact on environment following the efforts taken by activists in our city of Mumbai. This was followed by a short speech by Dr. Ranjit Ghatak from IMI. The introductory round was followed by quiz competition which was divided into three rounds. Each team had three participants. C. V. Ananya conducted the first round which involved multiple choice questions. Each team had 15 seconds to answer 7 questions and awarded 10 points for each correct answer. There was no negative marking in this round. Both teams had answered five questions correctly and thus had 50 points each bringing them on par with each other.

In the second round, conducted by Rohan, the teams had to identify the given photograph. Each team had to guess the species shown in the picture. Each picture was accompanied by four clues, with each



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clue revealed after 20 seconds. The team would be awarded 10 points for answering correctly the first time. However, the points would keep reducing with each clue given. There were no negative marking in this round as well. The IMI team took a lead in this round as they scored 40 points in this round, while team VESIT scored 25 points.

The third round was the rapid-fire round. Each team had to answer Maximum questions within 2 minutes. While the maximum number of questions was ten, there was negative marking in this round, which made it more challenging for the participants. The marking scheme was +10 for each correct answer and -5 for each incorrect response. In this round, Ananya quizzed team IMI while Rohan put forth the questions to team VESIT. Team IMI answered 6 questions and scored 15 points while team VESIT answered all 10 questions and scored 55 points.

With the final round turning to be the game changer, Team VESIT emerged victorious with a total of 130 points with team IMI scoring 105 points. It was an interesting competition with each team giving an exceptional performance.

The Second Event: International Day of Yoga

On **21st June 2020**, to celebrate International Day of Yoga, **Vivekanand Education Society's Institute of Technology, Mumbai**, went live at 8:00 a.m. with its second event '**Aarogyam Dhansampada**' under the **Ek Bharat Shreshtha Bharat programme**. VESIT, in collaboration with International Management Institute, Bhuvaneshwar and Dr. D.Y. Patil Institute of Technology, Pimpri, Pune, celebrated '**International Day of Yoga**' by having a live Yoga session with Yoga Guru Mrs. Pallavi Pawar.

The event was organized and managed by VESIT with active participation from the other two institutes. Dr. Geeta Ajit was the coordinator for the event with **Mrs. Nilima Warke**, as the in-charge and **Dr. Ramesh Solanki** as in-charge of Technical Support. The event was hosted on the Zoom App and was streamed live on YouTube. Both the faculty in-charges and all the participants worked round the clock to ensure that the event has a complete smooth run without any glitches, and their efforts did not go in vain. The event, despite the fact that each transmission was from different place in the country, came together as a show united under one umbrella.

Two students from each institute were selected to participate in this program. Dhvani Serai (D7B) and Aditya Moykhede (D5A) from VESIT; Sloka Patel and Snehil Singh from IMI Bhubaneshwar; Sarthak Khedkat and Neha Kishor from D. Y. Patil College of Engineering, Pimpri, Pune.



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The live session began with a short college video followed by an introduction to the EBSB program and the International Day of Yoga 2020 program by the host, Prithvi Shetty .

This was followed by a series of addresses- first, Shri. B. L. Boolani, President of Vivekanand Education Society, followed by Prof. Ramesh Bhel, Director of IMI and then by Dr. Kishor Dhande, HOD Mechanical Department, D.Y. Patil Institute of Technology, Pimpri, Pune.

After the introductory round, Prithvi introduced Mrs. Pallavi Pawar, the yoga guru, who is also an alumni of VESIT. **Mrs. Pallavi Pawar** is an alumna from the Batch of 1990, Department of Instrumentation Engineering. She worked 22 years in Engineering Consultancies and did many projects in the chemical and petrochemical industry. Her love and interest in Yoga, led her to do her diploma in it first, and later went on to do a three -year B.A. and is now pursuing her M.A. in Yoga. She loves teaching and learning Yoga. Apart from that she also teaches German and English language to students from all age groups.

The one hour long yoga was indeed a pleasure to behold. As the audience was invited to join in the yoga session, there was a humongous positive feedback for this session. Many viewers, both young and old, who had joined with their yoga mats, thoroughly enjoyed this exercise. Her instructions and her explanations on the benefits of various asanas were very clear and motivating, that many planned to continue to follow it and make it their daily routine.

The live session came to an end with a vote of thanks by Dr. J. M. Nair, Principal VESIT.



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In October 2020, the EBSB student team was reformed as few of the earlier member had graduated from the VESIT. The new team was as follows :

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1	Sivanta Beera	D17A	Head
2	Akshay Khanna	D14B	Deputy Head
3	Tanya Dubey	D9B	Jr. Executive Committee
4	Yash Bhise	D9B	Jr. Executive Committee
5	Srushti M Jagtap	D9B	Member
6	Hemkesh Raina	D15	Member



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7	Janhavi Bhagat	D14B	Member
8	Jisha Anna Philip	D10A	Member
9	Jasmine sawra	D7C	Member
10	Shrushti Govindwar	D7C	Member
11	Simran Huddedar	D10 A	Member
12	Saritha Ponnambalan Tharakan	D6	Member
13	Adwait Shirodkar	D7A	Member
14	Aditi Jamwal	D6	Member
15	Isha Gawde	D10A	Member
16	V. Anuparvathi	D9A	Member
17	Niraj Wadile	D9A	Member
18	Kartik M Avhad	D9A	Member
19	Aditi Singh	MCA M	Member
20	Dhruvisha Mondhe	D7B	Member
21	Vishesh Mittal	D7B	Member
22	Bharat Uttamchandani	D7B	Member
23	Sartha Tambe	D17A	Member
24	Ishaan Sharma	D8	Member
25	Shatanshu Choudhary	D13	Member

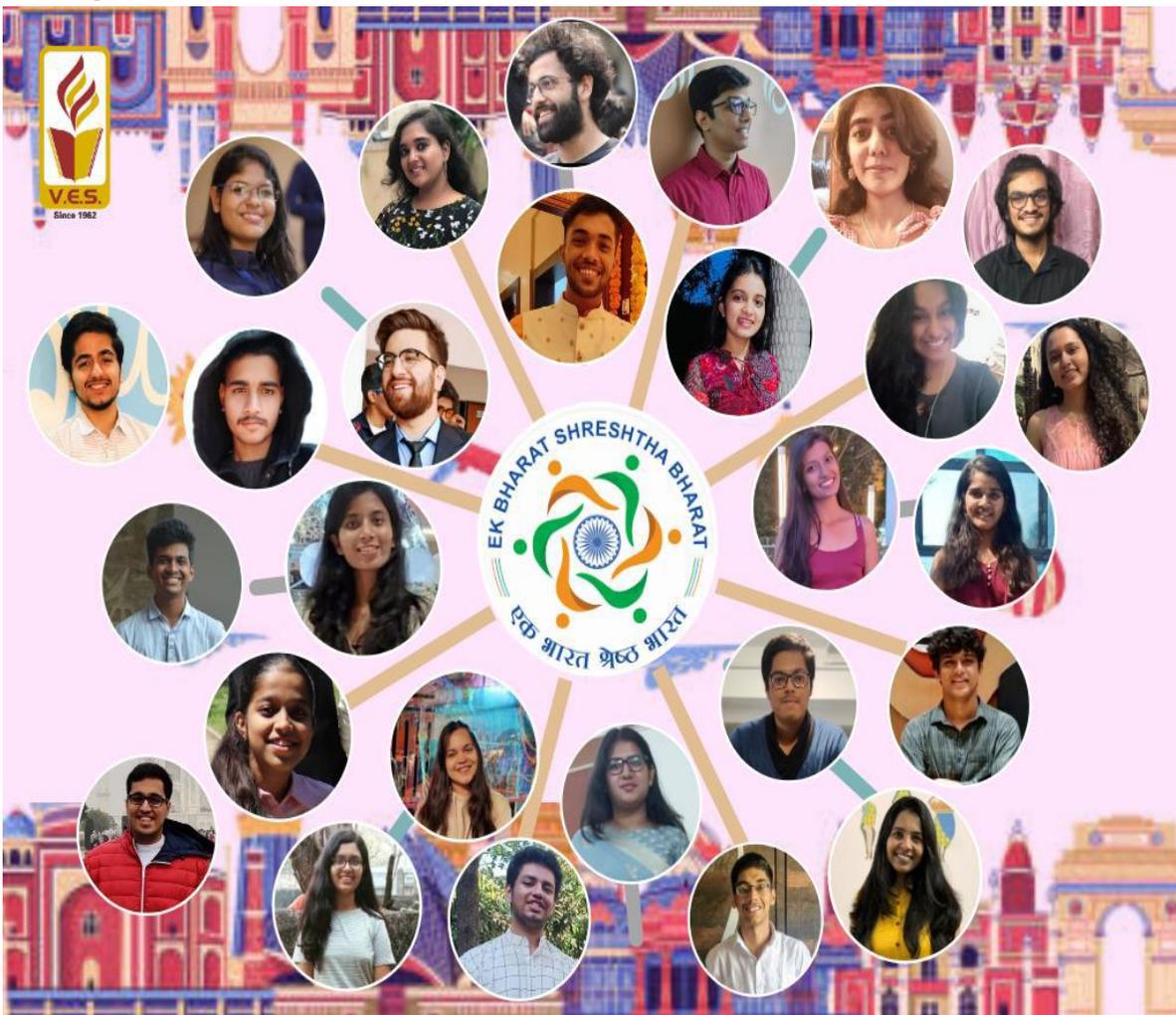
The EBSB team continued to have several activities under the new student council.



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Group Picture of the Council :



3. Saur Urja Bharat

The 3rd event was conducted on 24th October, 2020. The participants were encouraged to be a part of the activity where they had to use their marketing strategies for selling a solar powered lamp in the rural areas which were devised by the students of IIT Bombay under the guidance of prof. Chetan Singh Solanki. The event was organized by VESIT with active participation



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from IMI Bhubaneswar. Dr. Geeta Ajit was the coordinator for the event. Dr. Parmeshwar Birajdar and Mr. Ajinkya Valanjoo were the event in-charges. The event was inaugurated by our honorable principal Dr. J.M. Nair followed by the pitch by Dr. Parmeshwar Birajdar and Prof. Pallavi Pandey (Coordinator, IMI). The judges for the events were Mr. Prasad Rao and Ms Kriti Krishna. A virtual toss was done and the team who won the toss gets to decide which team goes first. Every team was given 15 minutes to present their ideas in front of the judges. There was a warning bell after 13 minutes and a final bell after 15 minutes. Any team exceeding the given time limit was negatively marked. The marking scheme was divided into five criterias; content, organisation, delivery, overall impact and handling of questions.

The winners were :-

Team IMI

Kumari Nikita

Abhirup Sarkar

Chhavi Singh

By concluding the event Mr. Ajinkya Valanjoo brought down the curtains on this event by his concluding speech and appreciated the EBSB teams of both the institutes.



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Team VESIT - Avinash Tripathy (D14B), Ayushi Pamnani (D14A) and Isha Gawde (D10A)



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Judges for the event - Mr Prasad Rao and Ms Kirti Krishna



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Dr Chetan Singh Solanki of the Energy Swaraj foundation sharing his thoughts on the importance of solar energy.

Events Participated in :

1. Online Quiz Competition on The June Festivities of Odisha

Hosted by IMI Bhubaneswar on 28th June 2020 at 4 pm on Zoom. IMI Bhubaneswar streamed the event live on their facebook page. The event witnessed participation from VESIT and DY Patil College of Engineering, Pimpri, Pune along with the host institute.

IMI shared some study material related to the June festivities of Odisha a few days before the quiz competition. The participants were asked questions based on the same. Each institute was represented by a team of two students.



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After a couple of quiz rounds and a tie breaker, Team Vesit stood first with the highest score. Team Vesit included Manu Siddharth (D9B) and Chelsi Prakash (D9B).



Poster by IMI, Bhubaneswar

2. Essay Writing Competition by DY Patil, Pune



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DY Patil College of Engineering, Pimpri, Pune conducted their first event under the EBSB program from 4th September 2020 to 10th September 2020. They organized an essay writing competition. The topic for the competition was 'Impacts of COVID 19 on Humans and Environment'. The idea behind organizing this competition was to promote the thoughts of the youth of the nation. They intended students to pen down their thoughts and expressions for the current COVID 19 situation. This essay writing competition was promoted in VESIT through the literature circle of the college. Interested students

had to attach their work in the provided google form. The participants were provided with a certificate.

Warmest Greetings
'Ek Bharat Shreshta Bharat' club of DIT pimpri
is enthusiastic to invite you to 1st event of 2020-21
"IMPACTS OF COVID-19 ON HUMANS & ENVIORNMENT"

We ensure to promote the thoughts of youths of the nation

Flow your thoughts and expressions through writing on the mentioned topic.

Attach your pdf in the google forms below.

Glad to honour with Certificate.

Date :4-10 september 2020

◆ Google Forms link- <https://forms.gle/A4ohaH76TJSN4aDL6>



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Invitation by DY Patil College of Engineering, Pimpri, Pune

3. Language and Cuisine

International Management Institute, Bhubaneswar hosted their second event under the EBSB program on Saturday, the 19th of September 2020. The topic for the event was 'Language and Cuisine'. The idea behind organizing this event was to bring about a cultural exchange between the states of Maharashtra and Odisha. They planned to execute the idea through presentations and a crossword quiz.

The event was hosted on zoom. The zoom meeting had around 118 participants which included students and faculty members from the states of Maharashtra and Odisha.

The event was commenced by introductions of the two states. Prof. Supriti Mishra from IMI, Bhubaneswar spoke about the language and cuisine of Odisha. Dr. Geeta Ajit from VESIT gave an insight into the language and cuisine of Maharashtra. Dr. Geeta Ajit, assistant professor at the Humanities and Science department, was the faculty coordinator of the EBSB team from VESIT. The introduction was followed by an Odia song "Vande Utkala Janani" by Subhashree Debata, a first-year student of IMI, Bhubaneswar.

The Odia song was followed by presentations by the students of IMI and VESIT. Navendu Behera and Satwika Nayak were the representatives from IMI. Srushti Jagtap (D9B) and Hemkesh Raina (D15) were the representatives from VESIT. Students from IMI began with the presentations and gave an informative presentation on the language and cuisine of Odisha. Following them were Srushti and Hemkesh who gave an insightful presentation on the language and cuisine of Maharashtra. Srushti began with the presentation and spoke about the language aspect of Maharashtra. She mentioned some prominent poets and authors of Maharashtra. She also threw light on some steps taken by Maharashtra to preserve its literature. Hemkesh continued with the cuisine part of the presentation. He mentioned numerous mouth-watering delicacies of the state.



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The presentations were followed by a crossword quiz by VESIT. Sivanta Beera (D17A), Tanya Dubey (D9B), and Yash Bhise (D9B) were the student coordinators of the EBSB team from VESIT. Risa Samanta (D9B) and Sartha Tambe (D17A) contributed greatly to making an intriguing crossword. There were two crossword puzzles, one for each team. The crossword for team IMI consisted of questions related to the language and cuisine of Maharashtra while the one for team VESIT consisted of

questions related to the language and cuisine of Odisha. Both the teams were provided with some study material the day before the event.

The marking scheme for the quiz was such that four points would be awarded for each correct answer. The participants had an option to prompt a letter in case they were unable to answer the question in one go. Two-letter prompts were allowed for each answer. However, the points would reduce with each prompted letter. Therefore, three points were awarded for each correct answer after one letter prompt and two points after two-letter prompts. There was a negative marking of -1 for each incorrect attempt.

Yash Bhise was the quiz master for the day. He presented the crossword to the participants, read out the questions to them, and filled in the crossword as the participants would spell out the answer. Sivanta was the scorekeeper. Team IMI performed extremely well with a score of 50/50 points. Team VESIT gave a tough competition with a score of 39 points.

The crossword puzzle was followed by a melodious Marathi song by Neeraj Patil (D11B) and Sanika Indulkar (D11A). They performed "Jeev Rangla" from the Marathi movie Jogwa. The event was concluded with a vote of thanks to all the students and faculty members who contributed to making the event a successful one.

EBSB shall continue to conduct many more events celebrating the diversity of cultures of Maharashtra and Odisha.



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Marathi मराठी

- Notable works in Marathi in the latter half of 20th century include Khandekar's 'Yayat', which won him the Jnanpith Award.
- Also Vijay Tendulkar's plays in Marathi have earned him a reputation beyond Maharashtra.
- P.L. Deshpande (Pu La), Vishnu Vaman Shirwadkar, P.K. Atre, Prabodhanwar Thackeray, were also known for their writings in Marathi in the field of drama, comedy and social commentary.
- Marathi Divas is celebrated on 27th of February every year.
- It is celebrated on the Birthday of eminent Marathi Poet V. V. Shirwadkar, popularly known as Kusumagraj.

Pu La Deshpande
Trishvani
Humour

P. K. ATRE
Jhendu Chiphde
Humour

Vi Va SHIRWADKAR
Phulkarni / Literature

Srushti Jagtap (D9B) discussing the language aspect of Maharashtra



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The Maharashtrian Cuisine

 <p>Mumbai : vada pav and pav bhaji are the speciality of the city.</p>	 <p>Konkan : Fish and seafood is available in vast varieties.</p>	 <p>Pune : Pune's Misal, thalipeeth, puri bhaji and Dalimbi usal are available here.</p>
 <p>Kolhapur : Famous for its spicy red and white mutton curries called "Tambda Pandhra Rass" .</p>	 <p>Nagpur : Famous for it's snacks, curries, pulao and sweets.</p>	 <p>Solapur : the mix culture of Maharashtra , famous for its Puran Poli</p>



Hemkesh Raina

Hemkesh Raina (D15) discussing the cuisine of Maharashtra



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Neeraj Patil (D11B) and Sanika Indulkar (D11A) performing the marathi song 'Jeev Rangla'