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## **Marathi Diwas Celebration Report**

**Date:** 27th February 2025

**Venue:** Class 401

**Organized by:** Oriental College of Education & Research

On the occasion of **Marathi Bhasha Diwas**, the Oriental College of Education & Research celebrated this significant day with great enthusiasm on **27th February 2025**. The event aimed to promote the **rich heritage, culture, and significance of the Marathi language** among aspiring educators. The program was well-organized, and both faculty members and students actively participated in various activities that highlighted the beauty and depth of the Marathi language.

### **Program Highlights:**

**Introduction to Marathi Divas:** Marathi Divas, celebrated on 27th February every year, holds a significant place in the hearts of Marathi-speaking people. It commemorates the recognition of the Marathi language as the official language of Maharashtra. The day is marked to honor the rich culture, traditions, and language of the Marathi people. Marathi Divas also serves as a reminder of the importance of preserving one's regional language and culture.

**Why We Celebrate Marathi Divas:** We celebrate Marathi Divas to acknowledge the beauty and legacy of the Marathi language, which has played an essential role in the cultural and social fabric of Maharashtra. It also serves to inspire future generations to appreciate and contribute to the growth of the Marathi language and literature. This day promotes the significance of regional languages and fosters a sense of pride in one's linguistic heritage.

**Marathi Prarthana (Hich Amuchi Prarthana):** The celebration often begins with the recital of "Hich Amuchi Prarthana," a prayer that reflects the essence of Marathi culture and traditions. This prayer highlights the values of unity, integrity, and the preservation of cultural identity, which are crucial for the progress of society.

**Significance and Importance:** Marathi Divas stands as a symbol of pride for every Marathi speaker. It underscores the language's rich literary history and its impact on Indian culture. Marathi literature, songs, and stories have shaped much of the region's history. The day is an occasion to remember and honor those who have contributed to its growth, be it through literature, theater, cinema, or social activism. It reminds the community of their responsibility to protect and promote their language and traditions.

Thoughts of the Day: "Language is the soul of culture. It is through language that we connect with our roots and our history." This thought serves as a reminder of the power and importance of our mother tongue in maintaining our cultural identity.

**News Headline:** "Marathi Divas Celebrated with Enthusiasm Across Maharashtra: Schools, Colleges, and Communities Pay Tribute to Marathi Language and Culture."

**Health Tips for the Day:**

Start your day with a healthy breakfast to energize yourself for the celebrations.

Stay hydrated by drinking enough water throughout the day.

Engage in physical activities like yoga or light exercises to boost your energy levels.

Eat a balanced meal including fruits, vegetables, and whole grains to keep your body in top shape for the day's events.

**Speech about Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj on Marathi Day:** Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj, a true son of Maharashtra, exemplified the ideals of courage, leadership, and self-respect. On Marathi Divas, we remember his valor and leadership, which continue to inspire generations. Shivaji Maharaj's reign was not only a golden period for the state but also a reminder of the importance of defending one's heritage and culture. His contributions to Marathi pride and identity are immeasurable, and his legacy is a source of immense pride for all Marathi speakers.

**Activities:**

**Jokes and Stories:** A variety of Marathi jokes and folk tales are shared, creating laughter and an environment of joy and togetherness.

**Games:** Fun traditional games such as "Antakshari" with Marathi songs, "Kho-Kho," or "Kabbadi" to encourage team spirit and participation among students.

**Speech:** A short speech highlighting the importance of Marathi Divas is given by the school principal or head of the institution, emphasizing the value of preserving one's cultural heritage and the need to nurture the Marathi language among young people.

**Singing a Poem:** A poem in Marathi is recited or sung, reflecting the beauty of the language and the culture it represents. The poem might speak about the land of Maharashtra, its people, and its vibrant traditions.

**Dance Performance (Marathi Song):** A traditional Marathi folk dance such as the "Lavani" or "Folk Dance" is performed by students to a popular Marathi song, showcasing the vibrancy and rhythm of Marathi culture.

**Lezim Dance:** A traditional Lezim dance performance is held, a typical folk dance that involves rhythmic movements with the use of the Lezim (a musical instrument), demonstrating the festive spirit of the occasion.

**Teacher's and Principal's Speech:** The teachers and principal offer their valuable thoughts, encouraging the students to take pride in their language, respect their culture, and be ambassadors of the Marathi heritage. They emphasize how such cultural celebrations strengthen the spirit of unity and pride among students.

**Group Photos:** The celebrations conclude with a group photo involving all the students, teachers, and the principal, symbolizing the unity and enthusiasm shared by all members of the school or community in celebrating Marathi Divas.

This day is not just a celebration of the Marathi language but a reminder of the rich history, culture, and heritage that must be preserved and passed on to future generations. It brings the community together and ignites a renewed sense of pride and responsibility in every Marathi-speaking individual.

## **5. Conclusion & Vote of Thanks**

The event concluded with a heartfelt **vote of thanks** delivered by a faculty member, expressing gratitude to all participants, organizers, and attendees for making the celebration a grand success. The efforts of students in organizing and performing were highly appreciated.

### **Impact of the Celebration**

The Marathi Bhasha Diwas celebration **successfully instilled a sense of pride and awareness about the Marathi language and culture** among future educators. It reinforced the importance of preserving and promoting the language while encouraging students to engage deeply with Marathi literature and heritage.

The event served as a **reminder of the cultural richness of Maharashtra** and emphasized the crucial role of educators in fostering **linguistic and cultural appreciation** among students. The celebration ended on a positive note, leaving the participants motivated and inspired to continue their engagement with Marathi literature and traditions.

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