

## ILS MARATHI DEBATING SOCIETY (MARATHI VAAD SABHA)

### Introduction:

ILS Marathi Debating Society is the primary platform for debating, discussion, and deliberating and trains students to develop strong argumentative skills. The society is also responsible for conducting the prestigious State Level Elocution Competition and also provides a platform for everyone to express their views and opinions in open sessions like *Swachchanda*, *Kaydyacha Bola*, etc. The Society seeks to build a solid foundation for students to succeed in critical thinking and the exploration of various ideas.

**Faculty Coordinators:** Ms. Mugdha Hedau and Ms. Sae Tamhankar

**Student Coordinators:** Renuka Sulakhe, Vaibhavi Jagtap, Prasad Langote, Prashik Rakshe, Vaishnavi Kakade, Vishwajeet Deshmukh, Soham Prabhukeluskar, Nilesh Charati, Sanket Madane (all V BA LLB); Anuja Bhujbal, Siddhi Kale, Rutuja Waghmode, Rucha Mhaske, Mandar Akotkar (all III BA LLB).

### Activities and Events Reports:

The activities conducted by Marathi Vaad Sabha can be broadly categorized into three parts viz. *Kaydyache Bola* (Advocacy-Related Sessions), *Swachchanda* (Open Mic Sessions) and *Vaad-Vivad Satra* (Debate and Training Sessions).

#### 1. Kaydyache Bola (Advocacy-Related Sessions)

This recently added segment of Vaad Sabha has the ultimate objective of exchanging opinions and conducting discussions on a variety of current socio-legal issues and imparting knowledge of Legal terms.

- **Title:** Marathi Moot Court

**Date:** July 25, 2023

**Mode:** Offline

**Resource Person:** Prashik Rakshe & Renuka Sulakhe (both V BA LLB)

**No. of Participants:** 10

**Report:** This session on Marathi Moot Court was arranged for the internal committee only. It was to decide the roadmap of upcoming activities, especially the Marathi Moot Court competition. Here, the general rules for mooting are discussed in simple Marathi language. A rulebook in Marathi with Devnagari script to be prepared was resolved.

- **Title:** Legal Terminologies

**Date:** August 22, 2023

**Mode:** Offline

**Resource Person:** Renuka Sulakhe (V BA LLB)

**No. of Participants:** 30

**Report:** This was a session on the usage of Legal Terminologies in Marathi Language. Reference was made to the Marathi Legal Dictionary. In this session, participants were informed about the Marathi Legal Dictionary available in our college library. This session also informed students about the importance of knowledge of the Marathi language and the use of appropriate terminologies for practicing advocates in Courts.

- **Title:** Discussion on LGBTQIA+ Community Rights

**Date:** September 12, 2023

**Mode:** Offline

**Resource Person:** Renuka Sulakhe (V BA LLB)

**No. of Participants:** 25

**Report:** This session was conducted to help participants to express their opinions in a constructive manner. 'LGBTQIA+ Community Rights' was taken as a topic, around which the discussion revolved. The decisions of Landmark cases were also presented by participants. Different views and Social -Economic- Political- legal aspects of the topic were discussed during the session.

- **Title:** Uniform Civil Code

**Date:** March 5, 2024

**Mode:** Offline

**Resource Person:** Renuka Sulakhe (V BA LLB)

**No. of Participants:** 25

**Report:** This session discussed the Uniform Civil Code. This session briefly discussed the background and impacts of the Uniform Civil Code. Various opinions in favour of and against the Uniform Civil Code were exchanged and a healthy discussion was witnessed in this session.

## 2. Swachchand (Open Mic Sessions)

One of the most popular sessions of Vaadsabha is 'Swachchand'. As the name suggests 'Swachchand' is the open stage provided to the students to explore and present their artistic skills.

- **Title:** *Swachhand Pushpa Pahile* - Celebration of the Birth Anniversary of Anna Bhau Sathe & Death Anniversary of Lokmanya Tilak.

**Date:** August 01, 2023

**Mode:** offline

**Resource Person:** Sanket Madane (V BA LLB)

**No. of Participants:** 36

**Report:** Marathi Vaad Sabha celebrated the Birth Anniversary of Anna Bhau Sathe & Death Anniversary of Lokmanya Tilak. On this occasion open platform was provided for the

students to present the thoughts that they have penned down in the form of poetry or a piece of writing. A book review was also presented by the participants.

- **Title:** *Swachhand Pushpa Dusare*- Celebration of Teacher's Day  
**Date:** September 5, 2023  
**Mode:** offline  
**Resource Person:** Soham Prabhukeluskar (V BA LLB)  
**No. of Participants:** 40  
**Report:** Teacher's Day was celebrated to commemorate the birth anniversary of Dr. Radhakrishnan by reading and reciting some of the inspiring literature and to show gratitude towards teachers. Students presented a brief biography of Dr. Radhakrishnan and learnings from his life journey were also discussed.
- **Title:** *Swachhand Pushpa Tisare*  
**Date:** November 7, 2023  
**Mode:** offline  
**Resource Person:** Renuka Sulakhe (V BA LLB) & Vijeta Kulkarni (II BALLB)  
**No. of Participants:** 46  
**Report:** This session was conducted to provide an open platform for students to express their emotions through their poetry and pen notes. The session was a perfect mixture of every emotion and genre of literature.
- **Title:** *Swachhand Pushpa Chauthe*  
**Date:** March 19, 2024  
**Mode:** offline  
**Resource Person:** Vijeta Kulkarni (II BALLB)  
**No. of Participants:** 29  
**Report:** This session was highlighted with the famous poetries of Kusumagraj, Namdeo Dhasal, Karandikar, Narayan Surve, etc , Additionally, articles and stories of Annabhau Sathe, Durga Bhagwat, etc. were recited by participants on the topics like life, human emotions, struggles, friendship, etc.
- **Title:** *Swachhand Pushpa Pachve*- Gratitude Session  
**Date:** April 26, 2024  
**Mode:** offline  
**No. of Participants:** 55  
**Resource Person:** Soham Kathe (II BALLB)  
**Report:** This was a retrospection and gratitude session. The debating society took an overview of all the activities conducted and the scope for improvement was discussed. Students presented their gratitude towards each other. The 3<sup>rd</sup> year students organized a farewell for the 5<sup>th</sup> year students. Batch video was also presented for the core team

members of passing out batch 2023-24.

### 3. **Vaad- Vivad Satra (Debate and Training Sessions)**

The sessions aimed to provide complete guidance and polish the skills of students for debating. As given above recordings of previously held debate competitions and the demo of the debate were presented to the students by cell members.

- **Title:** Training session on Debate

**Date:** August 08, 2023

**Mode:** offline

**Resource Person:** Vaibhavi Jagtap (V BA LLB)

**No. of Participants:** 20

**Report:** A training session on how to prepare for the Debate was conducted where understanding “What is Debate?” , the topic of Debate, researching various aspects, the format of Marathi Debate, etc. were discussed. The society resolved to organize a Marathi Elocution and Debate Competition.

- **Title:** Screening of Recorded debates and Demo

**Date:** August 29, 2023

**Mode:** offline

**Resource Person:** Vaibhavi Jagtap (V BA LLB)

**No. of Participants:** 25

**Report:** This session was in continuation of the earlier session. The essentials of debating were discussed. It included choosing the topic of the debate, arranging the argument and presenting it- body language, voice modulation, concluding the argument, etc. The difference between parliamentary and conventional debate and their rules were also discussed. It was presented by Screening of Recorded debates and Demo by 5<sup>th</sup> year students.

- **Title:** Practice Debate

**Date:** September 26, 2023

**Mode:** offline

**Resource Persons:** Vaibhavi Jagtap and Renuka Sulakhe(V BA LLB)

**No. of Participants:** 28

**Report:** To make students aware of conventional debating- rules, regulations and procedures, a regular practice debating session was held. The topic for the same was the *Saman Nagari Kaydyachi Garaj?*

### **Competitions Conducted:-**

Marathi Vaada Sabha conducted its flagship event **State-Level Marathi Elocution Competition.**

Details are given below:

- **Title: State-Level Marathi Elocution Competition**

**Date:** February 20, 2024

**Level –** State Level

**Judges:** Dr. Swati Kulkarni and Dr. Neeta Bokil

**No. of Participants:** 50

**Report:** Marathi Vaad sabha on February 20, 2024 had successfully organized a State-Level Marathi Elocution Competition. 50 students from overall Maharashtra participated in this Competition. The topics for the elocution were as follows.

1. *'Taali' aani Nyay- Pratiksha Pidhyanchi*
2. *Virodhi Pakshache astitva; Lokshahichi Litmus test*
3. *Fandry te Sairat: Aadhunik Manasiktechhi Magas Paaulvaat*
4. *Mazya Marathi chi Bolu Kautuke; pan Ingrajit!*
5. *Kay karu aata dharuniya bhid, Nishank he tond vajavile.*

The competition was in Marathi language. The students were given the time of 7(5+2) minutes to present their topic. They were judged based on the content, understanding of the topic, presentation, Voice Modulation and timing. Krunal Bedre won the first prize. Yash Patil and Rohan Kavade secured second and third rank respectively.

#### **Other Activities conducted:**

- **Title of the Activity: Flash Mob**

**Date:** October 16, 2023

**No. of Participants:** 16 performers

**Report:** An appeal to join the orientation of Marathi Vaad Sabha was made by the members by performing a small skit indicating the importance of the preservation of the Marathi Language, the use of Marathi in the Legal field, the beauty of the dialects in the Marathi Language, etc.

- **Title of the Activity : Orientation Session for I BA LLB, I BBA LLB, I LLB students**

**Date:** October 17, 2023

**No. of Participants:** 40

**Report:** Vaad Sabha hosted an orientation session for the students of the first years. Students were informed about the Know-how of the cell and appealed to join the cell.

- **Title of the Activity: Marathi Rajyabhasha Divas**

**Date:** February 27, 2024

**No. of Participants:** 45

**Report:** In honour of the famous Marathi Poet V.V. Shirwadkar also known as Kusumagraj Marathi Rajyabhasha Divas was celebrated by Marathi Vaad Sabha. The session was hosted

by Rucha Mhaske (III BALLB) and participants presented various dynamics of the Language through poetry, articles, etc. One act play of famous Marathi author P. L. Deshpande '*Ti Phularani*' was performed by Renuka Sulakhe (V BALLB). The overall session was so engaging and participants enjoyed and appreciated the beauty of the Marathi Language and its dialects.

**Participation of ILS Students who made us proud in various competitions:**

1. **Shridhar Madane (I BALLB) and Siddhesh Balwar (I LLB)** participated and represented the college at the state-level debate competition '*Bhaskarrao Karve Smruti Karandak*' organized by Bhaskarrao Karve Adhyapak Vidyalay at Pune on. They have argued on the topic of '*Vartamanatil Rajkaran ani Ajacha Tarun*'.
2. **Vijeta Kulkarni and Riya Oswal (II BALLB)** participated and represented the college in the inter-college *Nyaymurti Ranade Vaadspardha* organized by Tilak Maharashtra Vidyapith, Pune. They have debated on '*Krutrim Buddhimatta- Shap Ki Varadan?*'
3. **Shridhar Madane and Yogendra Ramteke (I BALLB)** individually participated and represented the college at the state-level elocution competition '*Sahitya Kesari Vakrutva Spardha*' organized by Sahitya Kesari Vakrutva Parishad. They have presented a speech on the topic of '*Aamhi Bharatache Lok*'.
4. **Sharlika Chavan and Vijeta Kulkarni (II BALLB)** individually participated in the Late Dr. P. G. Sahasrabuddhe National-Level Elocution Competition organized by S. P. College, Pune. They spoke on '*Kiti Khol Sanga Ata Khanayache Pay Kaydyache Shodhavaya*'.
5. **Sham Ghule (II BALLB)** participated and represented the college in *Kai. Ni. Go. Panditrao Smruti Vakrutva Spardha* organized by Samarth Sevak Mandal at Thane. He presented a speech on '*Krutrim Buddhimatta: Navi Kshitije, Navi Aavhane*'.
6. **Sharlika Chavan (II BALLB)** participated and represented the college in *Parivartan Yuva Vakta* state-level elocution competition organized by Yuva Parivartan, Pune on the topic of '*Ain Yuddhat Amcha Karna Zala*'.