

Department of Sanskrit

Babaji Datey Kala and Vanijya Mahavidyalaya, Yavatmal was established in 1959. Since its establishment, the college has supported and promoted Sanskrit—which is the compendium of Bharatiya culture, knowledge, traditions and values.

The department's first faculty was Dr. Manik Bodhankar (1961-68). It was under her valuable guidance that the college team won laurels by bagging a prize in the state-level drama competition for the performance of the drama 'शर्मिष्ठादास्यम्'. In 1968, Mr. Bhaskar Vishwanath Kunte joined the department as its head. The department continued to flourish during his tenure. He was succeeded by Dr. Anupama Dongre in 1974. She was the Chairman of The Board of Studies at the SGB Amravati University. In 1993, Dr. Shailaja M. Ranade joined the department. She was a gold medal-winning alumna of the college. Clearing the NET exam in her very first attempt was one of her many achievements. Students greatly benefitted from her great oratory and teaching skills. She wrote and also guided a team of students in their wonderful performance of a Sanskrit Kirtan. Since the retirement of Dr. Anupama Dongre, the responsibility of running the department is shouldered by the CHB lecturers.

Literature is the mirror of our society, and it reflects the rich cultural diversity of our nation. It helps in imparting strong moral values to the students as well as in creating social awareness. Our department aims to provide a good platform to gain deep and quality knowledge of the Sanskrit language and literature for its students.

The department organises a multitude of programmes for its students with the aim of inculcating in them the values of Indian culture, and to emphasise the unifying role of Sanskrit in the context of national integration. The department has a glorious tradition of mentoring exceptional students such

as Dr. Vibha Kshirsagar. She is an artist and has directed many state- and national-level award winning Sanskrit plays. Another notable name is Dr. Swanand G. Pund. He is a renowned orator and writer. His precious work and literature on Lord Ganesha has been recognised by The Limca Book of Records.

The department regularly organises a 'संभाषण वर्ग' in collaboration with 'संस्कृतभारती' to develop students' language skills. Wallpaper-making is another activity organised by the department to encourage student engagement. Several guest lectures on various topics in Sanskrit are also arranged by the department. The department of Sanskrit has a spotless 100% result every year and keeps producing toppers year-after-year, making it the pride of our college.