

## Department of Marathi

Year of Establishment : 1959

### Faculty Profile

	<p><b>Name : Dr. Smita Shende</b> Qualification : M.A. (Marathi), M.Phil, NET, PhD. Designation : Associate Professor &amp; Head Professional Experience: 29 Years</p>
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Study of ancient literature shows that Marathi language has been originated in Vidarbha. In this region, great Mahanubhav Saints like Shri. Chakradhar Swami and Shri. Govind Prabhu have made a significant contribution in Marathi Literature and Culture. Even in the modern age Saint Gulabrao Maharaj, Saint Gadge Maharaj, Rashtrasant Tukdoji Maharaj have also made significant contribution in this area for the enlightenment of common, subaltern people.

The department of Marathi was established in 1959. The subject Marathi Literature was introduced in Arts Faculty in 1968. Prof. G. R. Telang was the Head of the department of Marathi from 1959 to 1961. In 1962, Prof. Ram Kapse became the Head, but his term was very short, in 1963 Prof. M. M. Joshi took over the charge and headed the department till 1992. In 1993, Dr. G. N. Deshpande became the Head and started PG Marathi non-granted classes. The first batch of M.A. (Marathi) passed out in April 1995. After the retirement of Dr. G. N. Deshpande in 1995. Dr. Ajitsingh Chahal took over the mantle of this department till 2002. In 2002 Dr. R. G. Chaware became the Principal of the college. He also headed the Department of Marathi till 2012. Dr. Seema Chaware completed her minor and major project during this period. She got retired on 30 April 2015.

Right now, Dr. Smita Shende, Associate Professor is the Head of the Department along with Dr. Ashalata Asutkar, Assistant Professor. Dr. Shende has been looking after the Under Graduate and Post Graduate departments since 2012.

The Department has a glorious and long tradition of meritorious students. Many of the students have found place in the merit list of SGB Amravati University Amravati. In Summer 2018, 05 of the PG Marathi students have found place in University Merit list, viz. Sadhana D. Dafar- 6<sup>th</sup> merit, Sarika M. Meshram-7<sup>th</sup> merit, Sonali S. Bhagat-8<sup>th</sup> Merit, Shital A. Chaudhari-9<sup>th</sup> and Varsha A. Chaudhari-10<sup>th</sup>.

In Summer 2020, 02 of PG Marathi department students Twinkal V. Rathod and Ku. Ashwini S. Khadse bagged 7<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> merit position in SGB Amravati University, Amravati. The glorious tradition of meritorious students was continued by Renuka P. Brahmanacharya by securing 6<sup>th</sup> merit position in 2021 Summer Examination SGBAU.