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S.N.D.T. College of Education, Pune

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Report: On the celebration of the Birth Anniversary of Annabhau Sathe

And

Death Anniversary of Lokmanya Tilak

Date: August 1, 2025

Venue: [S.N.D.T College Of Education Pune]

Time: [11:30a.m to 12: 30p.m]

Organized by: [ITEP Department]

Annabhau Sathe Jayanti and Lokmanya Balgangadhar Tilak Death Anniversary was celebrated with great enthusiasm on **1st August 2025** at SNDT College of Education, Pune.

The event was organized to honor visionary leaders who dedicated their life to the upliftment of marginalized

Introduction:

On the occasion of the birth anniversary of Annabhau Sathe and the death anniversary of Lokmanya Tilak, a solemn and inspiring event was organized to commemorate the contributions of these two eminent personalities who have made significant impacts on India's cultural and political landscape. The event, held on 1st August, 2025, aimed to honor their enduring legacies and reflect on their ideologies that continue to inspire generations of Indians.

Key Highlights:

Program Proceedings:

The event was skillfully anchored by Asst. Prof Purnima Koul (ITEP Faculty) . It began with a warm welcome and introductory speech on the event.



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1. Birth Anniversary of Annabhau Sathe:

- The event began by paying tribute by our Principal **Professor Shirode Madam** and other faculty members to the iconic writer, poet, and social reformer Annabhau Sathe, born on this day in 1920. Known for his revolutionary works in literature and his advocacy for the rights of the underprivileged, Sathe's legacy as a champion of the marginalized was highlighted.
- A session on his works, particularly his novels and poetry reflecting the struggles of the working class, was presented. His contribution to Marathi literature and his efforts in the field of social reform were discussed in detail.
- A performance of excerpts from Sathe's famous works, including his popular novel "*Mochangad*", was conducted by local theatre artists to give the audience a sense of his literary brilliance.

2. Death Anniversary of Lokmanya Tilak:

- The second part of the program focused on the death anniversary of Lokmanya Tilak, one of the foremost leaders of India's freedom movement, who passed away on this day in 1920. Tilak's role in the struggle for India's independence, his advocacy for education, and his efforts in fostering national unity were remembered.
- The significance of his slogan "Swaraj is my birthright" was discussed by historians and freedom fighters' descendants, emphasizing how Tilak's leadership laid the foundation for the mass movement that eventually led to India's independence.
- Special tribute was paid to his role in popularizing the celebration of Ganesh Chaturthi and his vision for a self-reliant India, which continues to inspire political and social leaders today.

Guests and Faculty Present:

The program was graced by the presence of our respected faculty members and staff:

1. Professor Shirode Madam (Principal)
2. Dr. Vijay Chouhaan sir
3. Dr. Usha More Ma'am
4. Dr. Neha dev Ma'am
5. Professor Jyoti Ma'am
6. Profesor Savita Dake madam
7. Asst.Prof.Priya Kalyankar Ma'am
8. Asst Prof Meenal Ma'am
9. Asst. Prof.Srishti Ashok
10. And all other teaching and non-teaching staff members

Speeches and Discussions:

- A panel discussion was held, by our Principal Madam, Professor, Usha More Madam, Professor Vijay Chauhan Sir and faculty members **Ms. Priya Kalyankar** Ma'am and **Ms. Meenal Saulaki** Ma'am spoke about the two great leaders historians, writers, and social activists discussing the lasting impact of Annabhau Sathe's literary contributions and Lokmanya Tilak's political ideology.
- Keynote speeches emphasized the importance of preserving the ideas of social justice, freedom, and nationalism that both individuals championed.
- The speakers highlighted how both figures—through their different mediums—contributed to India's identity and shaped the country's socio-political fabric.



Tribute and Conclusion:

- The event concluded with a moment of silence and a collective prayer to honor Annabhau Sathe and Lokmanya Tilak,
- Attendees left with a renewed sense of respect for the ideals of freedom, justice, and equality that both Annabhau Sathe and Lokmanya Tilak upheld, and a commitment to continuing their work toward a better society.

Conclusion:

The event was a heartfelt tribute to two of India's greatest leaders. It served as a reminder of the ongoing relevance of their thoughts and contributions. The birth anniversary of Annabhau Sathe and the death anniversary of Lokmanya Tilak not only celebrate their individual achievements but also reinforce the values they stood for—values that continue to shape India's progress today.

The program concluded with the distribution of commemorative literature and a call for people to engage with the ideas of these leaders, encouraging further learning and activism in line with their vision.

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