

Tilak College of Education, Pune

Report on Bhondla and Dandiya 2023

The Bhondla and Dandiya Program at Tilak College of Education on October 21, 2023, was a celebration of rich traditions and cultural diversity that brought together students, teachers, and non-teaching staff in a memorable evening. The event, organized by Dr. Suvarna Shikare, commenced at 4:00 PM, with the warm sun casting a glow on the college campus. Dr. Shikare opened the event by explaining the historical significance of Bhondla, emphasizing that it was originally a respite for young married women, allowing them to visit their families during Navratri.



The Bhondla traditions came alive at the college as students and teachers danced and sang around a picture of an elephant made with rangoli. The songs, which were lighthearted and mischievous, created a sense of camaraderie among participants, much like the traditional celebrations in Maharashtrian homes. The day's festivities continued until 4:30 PM when it seamlessly transitioned into the Dandiya segment.

Dandiya, a folk dance with Gujarati origins, added an extra layer of cultural diversity to the event. Dr. Shikare welcomed this addition as a way to embrace various cultural

traditions. Students and teachers, dressed in vibrant traditional attire, formed circles and pairs, armed with Dandiya sticks. The energetic dance, characterized by lively, rhythmic movements and the clashing of sticks, created an electrifying atmosphere, leaving everyone in high spirits.

The program marked a resounding success, characterized by the active and participative role of key individuals who graced the event with their presence. Their enthusiastic attendance, participation, and encouragement, particularly to the students, played a pivotal role in enhancing the cultural experience and fostering a sense of unity throughout the celebration.

In recognition of their active involvement and unwavering support, we extend our heartfelt gratitude to M. Ed. HOD, Dr. Chandan Shingate, M. Ed. Staff Dr. Swati Pawar, Prof. Mayuri Mahajan, B. Ed. Professor Dr. Prakash Jagtap, Purnima Chuttar, Dr. Rajshree Rathod and Office Staff Mrs. Ashwini Gandhe, Mrs. Aarti N, and Mrs. Aswini Jadhav.

Furthermore, we would like to highlight and commend the exceptional efforts of our dedicated non-teaching staff members, Deepak Ghanekar, Rahul, and Dheeraj, whose contributions went beyond the ordinary to ensure the success of the event.



Their involvement and support not only added to the cultural richness of the celebration but also inspired and motivated our students. Their presence and active participation

served as a source of encouragement and unity during the Bhondla and Dandiya celebration, leaving an indelible mark on the event's success.

The role of these individuals in encouraging and celebrating with the students was instrumental in making the event a joyful and culturally significant occasion. Their commitment and support aligned perfectly with the values and spirit of Tilak College of Education. We express our deepest appreciation for their integral contributions to the success of the program.

In conclusion, the Bhondla and Dandiya Program at Tilak College of Education was a tremendous success, thanks to Dr. Shikare's efforts and the enthusiastic participation of the college community. The event celebrated cultural diversity, unity, and happiness while preserving and promoting cultural heritage. It was a joyful, memorable gathering that emphasized the value of traditions in bringing people together and fostering a sense of shared culture and happiness.

