

Marathwada Shikshan Prasarak Mandal's
Vinayakrao Patil Mahavidyalaya, Vaijapur

**Staff Academy organised Mr. S.K. Rathod's
Lecture on "Traditions of the Banjara Community" on
27th June 2016**

REPORT

Staff Academy organised Mr. S.K. Rathod on the Traditions of the Banjara Community on **Monday, 27th June, 2016**, in audio video classroom room. The topic of his lecture was "**Traditions of the Banjara Community**". As Mr. S.K. Rathod hails from the same community, he has thorough knowledge of the traditions and religious rites of his community not only in Marathwada region but different cultural aspects within the community in various parts of India. Mr. S.K Rathod was welcomed by Prof. Sahebrao Hiwale who also introduced the resource person to the audience.

In the beginning of his speech Mr. S.K. Rathod pointed out that all banjara people profess faith In Hinduism and follow Hindu culture. They worship deities such as Balaji, Goddess Jagdamma Devi, Goddess Bhavani, Renuka Mata of Mahur and Hanuman. They have great respect for Guru Nanak. he also shared interesting facts of the community that Banjara usually refers themselves as Gor and outsiders as Kor. The related usage is Gormati meaning own people. The Banjara are historically nomadic trading tribe who may have origins in the Mewar region of what is now Rajasthan.


Gor Banjara have a unique cultural life and practices that differentiate them from others. They have their own language, food habits, body tattooing, dress and ornament, art and dance and festivals and ceremonies which have formed their culture. The banjara community's habitat is called Tanda but now they prefer to live in cities. they like music and particularly snake and peacock dance. Devidas Rathod of the Banjara Kranti Dal claimed that the community has a population of one core in Maharashtra. The then Chief Minister of Maharashtra Vasantarao Naik, Sudhakar Rao Naik who was also a former Chief Minister of Maharashtra, Milkha Singh who was a well-known Athlete, Jeev Milkha Singh who was also athlete and Shri Ranjeet Naik are the notable personalities from the communities. He also referred to the views expressed by a veteran writer Prof. Motiraj Rathod. His book Gor Banjara Jan-Jati Ka Ithihas throws light on the cultural aspects of the community. By writing many books he provided ideological logistics to lead movements for the betterment of other and Banjara

community. The cultural and literary movement of Banjara community became orphan by the sad demise of Prof. Motiraj Rathod.

At the end of his lecture, he expressed his distress that the culture of the Banjara community is getting more and more influenced by the modern way of life. The new generation is losing their touch with their old culture. He also pointed out the fact that the Banjara Folk songs are taking their last breath. If collective efforts are not carried out to retain the culture, then the rich Banjara culture of the community would be a part of history.

The programme came to end with the proposing of vote of thanks by Dr. Sunil Dahale. The programme was well attended by teaching and non-teaching staff and students.


Dr. B.R. Dhapase.


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Lectures Organised by Staff Academy

Resource Person : Mr. S.K. Rathod (Department of Sociology)

Topic : Traditions in the Banjara Community

Time : 2:30- 3:15

Date: 27/06/2016

Venue : Audio Visual 4

Sr. No.	Name of Teacher	Department	Signature
1.	Dr. A.M. Zine	Chem	
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11.	R.B. Kolekar	Marathi	
12.	A.V. Sarage	Physics	
13.	J.S. Patil	Phy	
14.	R.R. Jattap	Chemistry	
15.	A.R. Desale	Pol. Sci	
16.	P.S. Shinde	Hindi	
17.	R.S. Dukare	Com.	
18.	S.T. Waghchaure	English	
19.	V.N. Wagh	Socia	
20.	S.J. Narayankar	His.	
21.	Paikade S.K.	Biology	
22.	M.A. Jadhav	Chem	
23.	R.A. Dhawate	Comm	
24.	Sunil Dahale	Hindi	
25.	Sawade A.B.	Library	
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