

MSP Mandal's
Vinayakrao Patil Mahavidyalaya, Vaijapur
Marathwada Liberation Day: 17 September 2019
Lecture by Dr. Dadasaheb Salunke on 'Role of Swami Ramananda Tirth in Marathwada
Liberation'
REPORT

Vinayakrao Patil Mahavidyalaya, Vaijapur celebrated the Marathwada Liberation Day on 17 September 2019. Hon. Shri. Appasaheb Patil, Member CDC, Vinayakrao Patil Mahavidyalaya, Vaijapur and Member, Central Executive Council, Marathwada Shikshan Prasarak Mandal, Aurangabad, hoisted the national flag at 7:50 am. All sang the national anthem. The NCC cadets carried out March Past and gave a guard of honor to the dignitaries and saluted the national flag. Dr. U. V. Panchal, Principal, Dr. D. S. Salunke, Vice Principal, Dr. S. D. Pardeshi, Vice Principal, students, teachers and citizens were present on the occasion. Shri. Appasaheb Patil gave best wishes.

Dr. Dadasaheb Salunke, Vice Principal, delivered a talk on 'Role of Swami Ramananda Tirth in Marathwada Liberation'. He said that the liberation of Marathwada was an important historic event. Though there were more than 550 princely states in India at the time of independence, a few witnessed upheaval and armed revolutions. The state of Hyderabad was one of them. He pointed out that the states had the choice to merged in India or Pakistan or remain independent. But that was a threat to the integrity of India. Sardar Patel had a vision of one India and so the merger movement gather momentum.

Even before the Independence, Swami Ramananda Tirth, had united people against the atrocities of the Nizam of Hyderabad. He was born on 3 Oct 1903 at a place called Sindge, Bijapur. He was a seminal figure in setting up the organization Hyderabad State Congress which was established in 1938. He was a sannyasi who followed the dharma of independence. He was a great freedom fighter, educationist and a leader of the masses. He united people against the Nawab of Hyderabad who ruled Hyderabad Princely state in an undemocratic way. He was a strong believer of Mahatma Gandhi's path of Satyagraha and so with his activists he staged satyagraha, but the Nizam forces arrested him and he was imprisoned for 111 days. The terror of the Razakars grew unabated and so the Indian army came into action on 13 September 1949. This military operation was named as Operation Polo. He passed away on 22nd January 1972 at the age of 69.

In his presidential address, Shri. Devdatta Pawar, Member, CDC, said that the story of Marathwada Liberation is very motivating. Swami Ramananda Tirth spearheaded the movement. He made it a non-violent protest. His thoughts are relevant even today. Dr. S. D. Pardeshi proposed the vote of thanks.



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