



## MH Marathi Shala Parents Meeting

(Annual Meeting) July 2024

# Agenda:

- Introduction- Shala Vision & Mission
- Shala Team- Teachers, Functional Leads
- 2024 Shala Syllabus and Cultural Activities
- Year 2024 workshop and activity calendar- Parents involvement
- Achievements from 2023-24
- Parental Responsibilities and Expectations
- Website- Demo
- Feedback / Suggestions

- **MH Marathi Shala (Started in 2023):** MH Marathi Shala is a nurturing educational environment dedicated to teaching children the Marathi language and immersing them in the rich cultural heritage of Maharashtra.

- **Mission & Vision Statement:**

MH Marathi Shala and Community is dedicated to nurturing a deep understanding and appreciation of the Marathi language and culture among our younger generation. We aim to achieve this by fostering a strong sense of community spirit and by integrating modern technologies through workshops and other educational initiatives. Our mission extends to teaching and celebrating Indian and American cultural values, guiding our students and members towards a profound understanding of Marathi traditions, Indian traditions, festivals, and the rich tapestry of Indian American culture.

## Shala Vision & Mission

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# Shala Teams (Teachers and Functional Lead)

## Functional lead & Teachers (People running the organization)

| Teachers                                | Functional Lead                                       |
|---|---|
| Sucheta Marathe (Teacher lead) (Batch1) | Sachin Kolte - Treasurer                              |
| Amita Sant (Batch1)                     | Laxmikant G – Fundraiser                              |
| Suhasini Patil (Batch1 - Backup)        | Abhijeet Kahale – Fundraiser & Tech Co-lead           |
| Puja Varude (Batch2)                    | Puja Varude - Spokesperson                            |
| Jayshree Devkar (Batch2)                | Amita Sant - Library lead                             |
| Smita Patil – (Batch2 - Backup)         | Sandeep Sonawane – Library Lead                       |
| Balasaheb (Batch1 & 2- Backup)          | Balasaheb - Organizer                                 |
|   | Mandar Patil – Logistic lead                          |
|   | Rohit Sonawane – Logistics Lead & Outreach Co-lead    |
|   | Vaishali Sangale – Administration lead & Co-organizer |
|   | Vidyut Kolte – Administration Co-lead                 |
|   | Pradnya Ahire – Cultural lead                         |
|   | Vaishali Dhanawade – Social Media Content Lead        |
|   | Shantanoo Kirtane – Tech Lead                         |
|   | Yogesh Athave – Media Lead & Co - tech lead           |
|   | Shrikant Dhanawade – Content lead & Co-Tech lead      |
|   | Santosh Patil – Volunteers Lead                       |
|   | Viral Ahire – Outreach Lead                           |



# Shala Syllabus Outline:

- Barakhadi, Words, and Numbers
- Prarthana and Shlok
- Reading and Writing
- Pronunciation, Speaking Practice, and Conversation
- Poems / Badbad Geete and Pathantar
- Rivers and Mountains of India and USA
- Cultural Events (Workshop)
- Project-based Learning: Theme-based Projects
- Shala Exam: Unit tests and Sahamai Exam
- Reading practice: Library initiatives.
- Modern Technology teaching and sports (optional)
- Shala book.
- Syllabus demo website:  
<https://mhshala.org/syllabus/>

# The Year 2024-25 Workshop Calendar

- Makar Sankranti
- Mahashivratri
- Gudi Padwa (Marathi New Year)
- Shiv Jayanti
- Holi & Rang Panchami
- Ram Navmi
- Akshaya Tritiya
- **Shala –field trip Camping - summer**
- Raksha Bandhan
- Ashadhi Ekadashi
- Guru Purnima
- Bail Pola/ Nag Panchami
- Krishna Janmashtami
- Ganesh Chaturthi
- Navratri Puja/Garba
- Dasara
- Diwali
- Participation in CVMM activities
- **Shala –field trip – Winter**
- Marathi Movies night
- Shala Annual day

**Note:** We will produce possible dates—some workshops will have a potluck.

# Shala Library - Amita / Sandeep

Library link: <https://mhshala.org/library/>

| Book #    | Book Name  | Total Qty | Author /Publications | Age Type | Book #    | Book Name  | Qty | Author /Publications     | Age Type |
|-----------|--|-----------|----------------------|----------|-----------|--|-----|--------------------------|----------|
| MHMS-1048 | Shakti Ani Yuktichya Goshti  | 1         | Kshipra Shahane      | Kids     | MHMS-1023 | 65 Stories Based on Maharshi, Pralhad (Dhondo) Keshav Atre Biography | 1   | Ramakanta Deshpande      | Kids     |
| MHMS-1049 | Panchatantramadhil Dnyanacha Khajina   | 1         | Manoj Publications   | Kids     | MHMS-1024 | Majedar Goshti   | 1   | Subhash Chandra Vaishnav | Teen     |
| MHMS-1050 | Sanskar Katha (संस्कार कथा)  | 2         | Kshipra Shahane      | kids     | MHMS-1025 | Vikram Ani Vetal ( विक्रम आणि वेताळ)                                 | 1   | Sumati Inamdar           | Teen     |
| MHMS-1051 | Goshta Sangu Ya Yuktichi (गोष्ट सांगू या युक्तीची)                           | 1         | Kshipra Shahane      | kids     | MHMS-1026 | Shivrayanchya Sphurtikatha (शिवरायांच्या स्फूर्तिकथा)                | 2   | Shantaram Kulkarni       | Teen     |
| MHMS-1052 | Panchatantra Stories - Sasa Ani Sinha (पंचतंत्र मराठी गोष्टी - ससा आणि सिंह) | 1         | Shree Book Center    | Kids     | MHMS-1027 | Avadtya Goshti (अवडत्या गोष्टी)                                      | 1   | Subhash Chandra Vaishnav | Teen     |
| MHMS-1053 | Panchatantra Stories - Ghubad Ani Hans (पंचतंत्र मराठी गोष्टी - घुबड आणि हस) | 1         | Shree Book Center    | Kids     | MHMS-1028 | Dhadasi Mulanchya Navalkatha   | 1   | Kumudini Khandekar       | Teen     |
| MHMS-1054 | Vikas Shishu Vachan -1   | 1         | Navneet              | Kids     | MHMS-1029 | Hitopadesh V.3 (हितोपदेश)  | 1   | Yogesh Joshi             | Teen     |
| MHMS-1055 | Vikas Shishu Vachan -2   | 1         | Navneet              | Kids     | MHMS-1030 | Hitopadesh V.5 (हितोपदेश)  | 1   | Yogesh Joshi             | Teen     |
| MHMS-1056 | Vikas Shishu Vachan -6   | 1         | Navneet              | Kids     | MHMS-1031 | Panhalgad (पन्हाळगड)   | 1   | Babasaheb Purandare      | Teen     |
| MHMS-1057 | Vikas Shishu Vachan -7   | 1         | Navneet              | Kids     | MHMS-1032 | Agra (आग्रा)   | 1   | Babasaheb Purandare      | Teen     |
| MHMS-1058 | Vikas Shishu Vachan -8   | 1         | Navneet              | Kids     | MHMS-1033 | Purandar (पुरंदर)  | 1   | Babasaheb Purandare      | Teen     |
| MHMS-1059 | Vikas Balvawadi  | 1         | Navneet              | Kids     | MHMS-1034 | Lalmahal (लाल महाल)  | 1   | Babasaheb Purandare      | Teen     |
| MHMS-1060 | Vikas Balbharti Grade -2   | 1         | Navneet              | Kids     | MHMS-1035 | Sinhagad (सिंहगड)  | 1   | Babasaheb Purandare      | Teen     |
| MHMS-1061 | Ganeet Grade -2  | 1         | Navneet              | Kids     | MHMS-1036 | Rajgad (राजगड)   | 1   | Babasaheb Purandare      | Teen     |
| MHMS-1062 | Akar and Rang  | 2         | Alka                 | Kids     | MHMS-1037 | Pratapgad (प्रतापगड)   | 1   | Babasaheb Purandare      | Teen     |
| MHMS-1063 | Paliv Prani  | 1         | Alka                 | Kids     | MHMS-1038 | Rajmata Jijau Aaisaheb Yanchya 51 Goshti                             | 1   | Ramakant Deshpande       | Teen     |
| MHMS-1064 | Aksharbag  | 1         | Navneet              | Kids     | MHMS-1039 | 75 Goshti Shree Krushnacha (७५ गोष्टी श्रीकृष्णाच्या)                | 1   | Shantaram Karnik         | Teen     |
| MHMS-1065 | Chala Jau Balwadit   | 1         | Navneet              | Kids     | MHMS-1040 | Ramayan Mahabhartatil Sundar   | 1   | Shantaram Karnik         | Teen     |
| MHMS-1066 | Virudhaarthi Shabdha   | 1         | Alka                 | Kids     | MHMS-1041 | Manoranjak Bodhkatha (मनोरंजक बोधकथा)                                | 1   | Anjali Thakur            | Teen     |
| MHMS-1067 | All In One   | 1         | Monoj Packat         | Kids     | MHMS-1042 | Chaan-Chaan 101 Goshti   | 1   | Manoj Publications       | Teen     |
| MHMS-1068 | Hitopdesh -3   | 1         | Navneet              | Kids     | MHMS-1043 | Kalechi Kimat  | 2   | Kshipra Shahane          | Teen     |
| MHMS-1069 | Hitopdesh-5  | 1         | Navneet              | Kids     | MHMS-1044 | Tale of The Animals - Pranyachya Goshti                              | 1   | Prayas Agencies          | Teen     |
| MHMS-1070 | Paha Wacha and Liha  | 1         | Apala Prakashan      | Kids     | MHMS-1045 | Majedar Bal Katha  | 1   | Prakash Teredesai        | Teen     |
| MHMS-1071 | Vividha kar  | 1         | Navneet              | Kids     | MHMS-1046 | Bakshikanchya Katha  | 1   | Prakash Teredesai        | Teen     |
|           |  |           |                      |          | MHMS-1047 | Fuktya Kohla   | 1   | Saraswati Book Company   | Teen     |

# **Workshop Photo's & Highlights- Separate Slide**



# Workshops 2023-2024

## Ganesha Building and Coloring





# 2. Dasara Saraswati Drawing





# Diwali Aakash Kandil Making, Diya painting





# Shala Sahal arranged by volunteers





# Shala Sahal ( Dori Khech – Kids won)





# Sankranti & Kite Celebration



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# 26 Jan Republic day









# Mahashivratri Celebration



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# Shiv Jayanti Celebration





# Holi & Ranga Panchami





# Holi Celebration





# Gudi Padwa Celeration

## नील, असत

### "गुढी" आणि "पाडवा" हया शब्दांचा अर्थ

#### • "गुढी"

- गुढी हे समुद्रपी आणि विजयाचे प्रतीक आहे.
- गुढीचा अर्थ ध्वज (झेंडा) असाही होतो.
- गुढीला ब्रह्मदेवाचा ध्वजही म्हणतात.



#### • "पाडवा"

- पाडवा हा चैत्र महिन्याचा पहिला दिवस असतो.
- हया दिवशी ब्रह्मदेवाने सृष्टीची निर्मिती केली आणि सत्ययुगाची सुरुवात झाली



## हर्षिल

### गुढीपाडवा महत्व

महाभारताच्या कथेनुसार, उपरिचर राजाला इंद्रदेवाने कळकाची काठी दिली. ती काठी राजाने जमिनीत रोवून नविन वर्षाची सुरवात केली. त्यानंतर गुढीपूजन सुरु झाले असे म्हणतात.



## सोहम

### गुढीपाडवा महत्व

भगवान श्रीरामाने लकांधिश रावणाचा पराभव केला आणि ह्या दिवशी श्रीराम सीता मातेला घेवून अयोध्येला परत आले. त्या दिवशी सर्वांनी गुढी उभारून त्यांचे स्वागत केले म्हणून ह्या दिवशी गुढी उभारतात.



### सुस्वागतम्

वक्रतुंड महाकाय सूर्यकोटि समपथम् ।  
निर्विघ्नं कुरु मे देव सर्वं कार्यं सुवेदा ॥

नमस्कार मंडळी, मी संयोगीता आणि मी आयुष,  
गुढी पाडवा म्हणजेच हिंदू नव वर्षाच्या आपणास खूप शुभेच्छा  
आणि मराठी शाळेतर्फे आपणा सर्वांचे स्वागत

गुढी पाडवा हा महाराष्ट्रातील मोठा आणि महत्त्वाचा सण  
चला तर मग, गुढी पाडवा म्हणजे काय व तो कसा साजरा केला  
जातो हे जाणून घेऊया...

## वरद

### गुढीपाडवा महत्व

शालिवाहन नावाचा एक कुंभार होता. त्याच्या मुलाने सहा हजार मातीचे सैनिक बनवले. त्यावर पाणी शिंपडून प्राण घालून जिवंत केले आणि शकां विरुद्ध युद्ध जिंकले तो दिवस म्हणजे गुढीपाडवा आणि त्यानंतर शालिवाहन शक सुरु झाला.



गुढी पाडवा हा सण पूर्ण सामान्य महाराष्ट्रात आणि गोव्या मध्ये साजरा केला जातो. गोव्यामध्ये हया सणाला samsar padvo म्हणतात. हा सण चैत्र महिन्याच्या पहिल्या दिवशी साजरा करतात. हा दिवस शुक्ल पक्षा बरोबर पण जुळून येतो.

## औंढुन, स्वरा

- गुढीपाडवा हा चैत्र महिन्याचा पहिला दिवशी साजरा केला जातो.
- महाराष्ट्रीय लोक या दिवसाला गुढीपाडवा म्हणतात.
- गुढीपाडवा हा हिंदूमाती, ज्ञानुळ्याने भरती आणि कोकणी माठी नवीन वर्षाची सुरुवात करण्यात सण आहे.
- गुढीपाडवा हा महाराष्ट्र आणि मराठीतील लोकामध्ये मोठ्या प्रमाणावर आणि प्रामुख्याने साजरा केला जातो.
- मोठा गुढी पाडवासाठी पडवो म्हणून साजरा करतात
- पण वैशाखी इतर राज्यांही वैशाखीच्या नववने हा उत्सव साजरा करण्यात येतो
- आंध्र प्रदेश, केरलामध्ये आणि कर्नाटक याला "गुढी" म्हणतात.
- तामिळनाडू त्याला "गुयडू" म्हणतात.
- केरळमध्ये ते त्याला "विशु" म्हणतात.
- आसाममध्ये याला "बिहू" असे संबोधले जाते.
- बंगालमध्ये याला "पोहेना बैशाख" म्हणतात.
- कर्नाठी हिंदू हा दिवस नववने म्हणून साजरा करतात.
- सिंधी लोक दिवस पैसी चांद म्हणून साजरा करतात.



## ईरान



1. आम्ही सर्वांनी मिळून गुढीची पुजा केली
2. गुढी आई ने शीखड आणि पुते या प्रसाद केला होत
3. त्याचा प्रसाद दाखवून आम्ही जेवन केले
4. सगळ्यांसाठी गुढीची पुजा केली आणि गुढी काढून ठेवली

## अवघूत

### गुढीपाडवा उत्सव

मी सकाळी लवकर उठलो आणि नवीन कपडे घालून तयार झालो. आईला रांगोळी काढायला आणि पुजा करायला मदत केली. बाबा ना गुढी उभी करायला मदत केली. गुढी ची पुजा करून सर्वांनी मिळून जेवन केले.



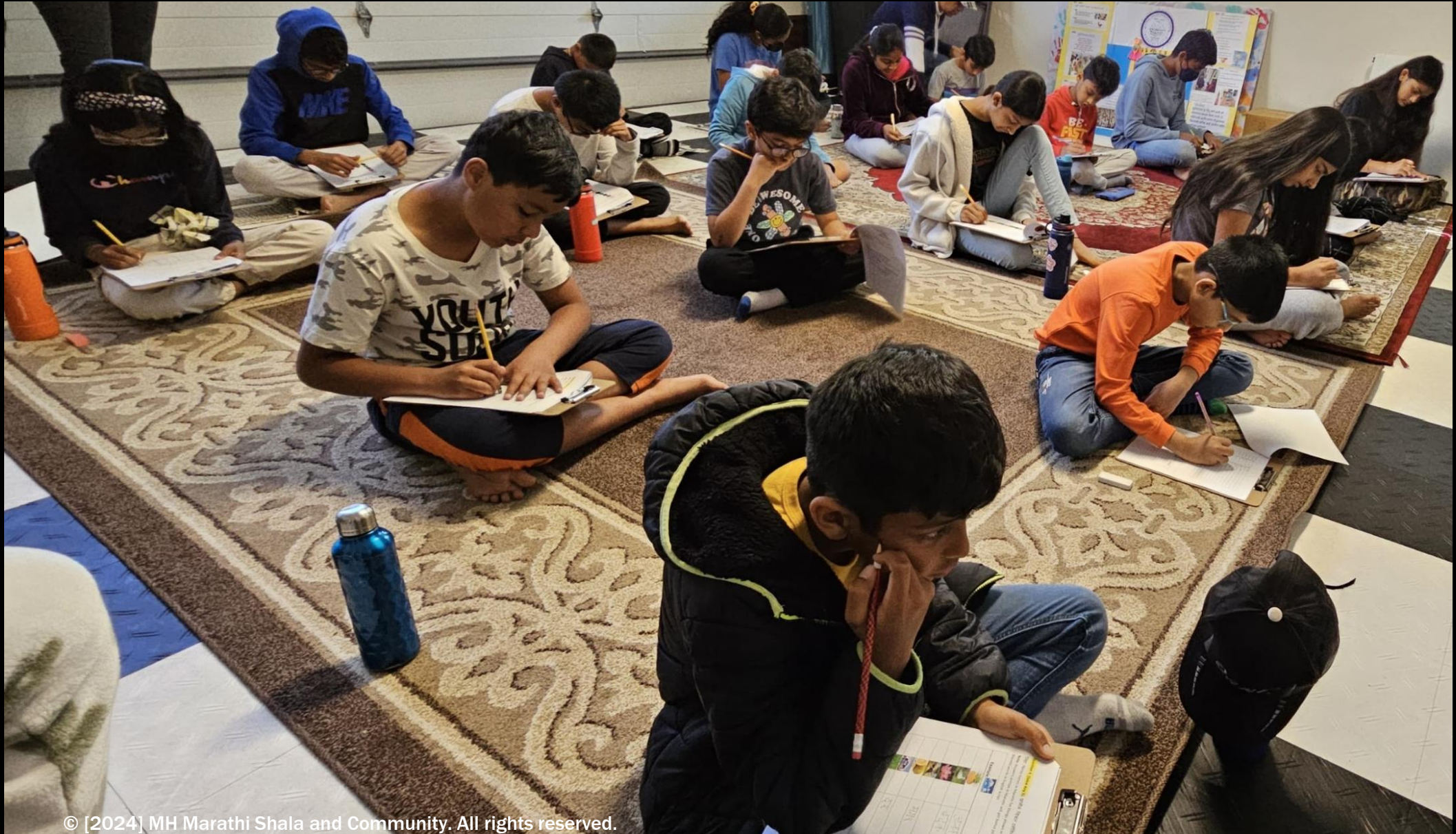
## सियोना

गुढीपाडवा हा हिंदू सण आहे जो जगभरात साजरा केला जातो. हे नवीन वर्ष आणि मराठा योद्ध्यांच्या विजयाचे प्रतीक आहे. सर्वांना नवीन वर्षाच्या शुभेच्छा!

गुढी पाडवा  
सायलीत :-  
१) माझ्याकडून आणि माझ्या परिवाराकडून तुम्हासोबतच गुढी पाडवाच्या हार्दिक शुभेच्छा.  
२) तुम्ही सर्वजण गुढी पाडवासाठी इथे एकत्र आला त्यासाठी तुमचे खुप-खुप आभार.



# Exam Time- With Full Concentration





# Oral Exam





# Shala Samarambha









# Shala Sahal 2024









# 4<sup>th</sup> Of July Celebration





# 4<sup>th</sup> Of July Celebration





# Calligraphy Workshop





# Calligraphy Workshop





# Class Photo





# Teacher Updates - Sucheta

- Get familiar with Marathi Language
- Provide Experiences (Traditions, Culture, History)
- Classroom Lectures, Projects, Outdoor Events
- Interactive and Group Games
- Storytelling, Movies, Music
- Participation
- Attention
- Parent Support



# Fundraising Initiatives - Laxmikant & Abhijeet

- Fundraising Avenues:
  - Shala workshop fees
  - Special events - e.g. Calligraphy
  - Donations from parents company
- Donations:
  - Monetary
  - Supplies and materials drive - Shala supplies, Workshop supplies
  - Library books drive
- Shala org formation & Operating cost
  - Tax deductible donations with receipts
  - Employer matching
  - Dedicated/separate Shala account for receiving monetary donations and fees.



# Finance Updates & Projections - Sachin Kolte

| Academic Year - 2023-2024 |                   |
|---------------------------|-------------------|
| Workshop Fees by Students | \$3,040.00        |
| Donation by Shala Parent  | \$150.00          |
| Total                     | \$3,190.00        |
| Expenses                  | \$2,100.07        |
| <b>Balance</b>            | <b>\$1,089.93</b> |

| Call outs   |
|---|
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● <b>THANK YOU</b> for all the Donations.</li> <li>● Appreciate Workshop Fees (New Students) by <b>August 10th</b>.</li> <li>● Existing Students who paid - No workshop fees until <b>May-2025</b>), donations appreciated.</li> </ul> |

| Academic Year - 2024-2025                      |                   |
|--|-------------------|
| Carry Forward Balance from previous year       | \$1,089.93        |
| Fundraising - Calligraphy Workshop             | \$74.00           |
| Donations from Parents Organizations- Expected | *\$320.00         |
| Workshop Fees from New Students - Expected     | *\$1,760.00       |
| <b>Expected Funding</b>                        | <b>\$3,243.93</b> |
| <b>Expenses - till date</b>                    | <b>\$927.66</b>   |

| Projections (Expenses)          |                   |
|---------------------------------|-------------------|
| Shala org setup expenses        | \$480.00          |
| Shala Insurance Renewal         | \$422.62          |
| Shala Supplies                  | \$250.00          |
| Workshops (throughout the Year) | \$1,400.00        |
| <b>Expected Expenses</b>        | <b>\$2,552.62</b> |
| <b>Shortage of Funding</b>      | <b>\$236.35</b>   |



# Technology Initiatives Updates - Shantanoo & Abhijeet

- **Vision:**  
*To explore and implement technology initiatives that benefit our community and foster innovation.*
- **Audience:**  
Mountain House Youths and Middle-schoolers.
- **Implementation:**
  - Advertisement (social media, library, Marathi Shala)
  - Registrations (max 25)
  - Weekly training workshops
  - Technologies -
    - Frontend (HTML/CSS, Javascript, React, NodeJS)
    - Backend (Java, microservices)
    - Other (Cyber Security, Data Analytics)
  - Hands-on assignment
  - Users: Mountain House Residents
- **Requirements:**
  - Students should have basic knowledge of computer systems and any programming language
  - Should have own laptop to do hands-on work
  - Willing to spend 1-2 hrs weekly to do assignments



# Logistics Updates - Mandar & Rohit

- **Shala classroom logistics**
  - For Classroom
- **School supply management for events**
  - Collaboration
  - Communication
- **Workshop, Festival, Event Planning and Coordination**
  - Festival activities planning
  - Workshop
  - Shala Annual event
  - Field Trip



# Shala Administration Updates- Vaishali S & Vidyut

- **Facilitate the smooth conduct of overall Marathi shala program**
  - A wide range of administrative support (Shala amenities and day-to-day school supplies/materials)
  - Manage Shala objectives and resources
- **Oversee the Marathi Shala kids' Activities and workshops planning and execution in collaboration with Logistics Leads**
- **Liaison with parents for the shala activities/workshops/festival celebrations**
  - Addressing parents' miscellaneous inquiries including admission, food material, goodie bags etc.
  - POC for workshop/ Festival celebration lead/participation and shala supply/workshop material donation



# Shala Cultural Updates - Pradnya

## Cultural activities during Shala workshops and Community Festivals/Programs.

- Drawing
- Crafting
- Dancing
- Singing
- Drama and Musical Skits
- etc...

## Upcoming Events.

- Independence Day
- Raksha Bandhan
- Janmashtami (Dahi Handi)
- Ganesh Chaturthi



# Shala Social Media content lead - Vaishali Dhanawade

In this digital era , social media has become an indispensable tool to establish a robust online presence, engage with target audience, and ultimately drive results.

Plan -

- Raise MH Marathi Shalas's social media awareness
- Generate and nurture new leads
- Boost engagement
- Digital contests



# Shala Google Classroom -Suhasini Patil

- Shala Google classroom
- This Google Classroom will be our hub for class activities, study materials assignments.
- The class code to join classroom is :  
**fd4h4q3**



The screenshot shows the Google Classroom interface for a class named 'MH Marathi Shala & Commur'. The breadcrumb navigation at the top reads 'Classroom > MH Marathi Shala 2024-25'. Below this, there are tabs for 'Stream', 'Classwork', 'People', and 'Grades', with 'Stream' being the active tab. The main content area features a large banner with the text 'MH Marathi Shala & Commur' in English and 'MH मराठी शाळा' in Marathi. Below the banner, the text 'MH Marathi Shala 2024-25' is visible. At the bottom of the page, there is a 'Class code' field displaying 'fd4h4q3' and a button to 'Announce something to your class'.

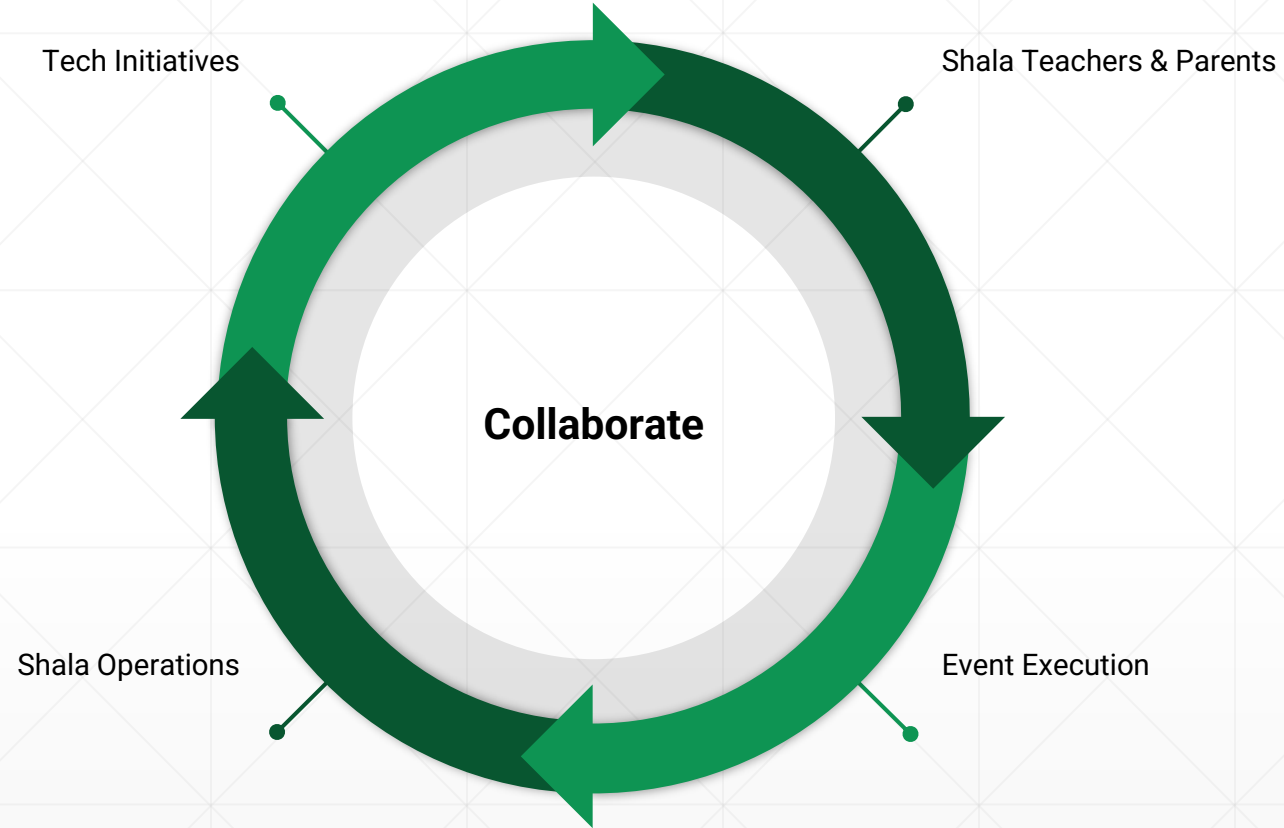


# Media - Photography Slide - Yogesh

- **Videography equipment updated for 2024-25**
- **Planning- upload teaching videos to dedicated education content channel.**
- **Coming up with pilot run of computer science and coding Podcast**
- **Working on digital studio where Podcast, storytelling can be facilitated.**



# Parent Volunteers Lead - Santosh Patil





# Org Updates

**MH Marathi Shala is community driven program.**

## **Thank You for Your Participation**

- Rapid growth: 67 students this year (couple of students in queue for admission)

**Operating Shala as Separate Entity for effective and efficient management**

## **Need for Full Support**

- Ensure successful teaching of Marathi language and cultural values
- Build a supportive community platform

## **Shala Services**

- Marathi Language Art (MLA)
- Cultural Education
- Workshops and Seminars
- Library Services
- Community Events
- Youth Leadership Programs
- Modern Technology Initiatives

## **Our Mission**

- Enriching the community through comprehensive programs



# Q and A