Smt. Nankibai Wadhwani kala Mahavidyalaya, Yavatmal

Report by History Department

Academic Programme: For the Session 2026-27

Name of the Programme: One-Day Workshop on the Importance of Reading

Place of the programme organized: **Maa Jijau Municipal Council School No. 20, Yavatmal**

Date of Event – 22/09/2026

Resource Person - Prof. Dr. Siddharth B. Jadhav

Students Participated : 79

Name of the Students – **All Students Class 4 to 7 Students**

Description of the Programme:



A one-day workshop on "The Importance of Reading" was organized by Mahatma Jyotiba Phule College of Social Work, Yavatmal, at Maa Jijau Municipal Council School No. 20, Yavatmal, on 22 September 2026. The primary objectives of the workshop were to develop reading habits among students, create awareness about the importance of reading culture, and inculcate the values of reading from an early age.

The programme was presided over by Mrs. Vandana Uike, Headmistress of the school. Prof. Vikas Adorkar from Mahatma Jyotiba Phule College of Social Work, Yavatmal, attended as the Chief Guest. Prof. Dr. Siddharth Jadhav served as the keynote resource person and guided the students on the importance of reading and its contribution to personality development.



While addressing the students, Prof. Dr. Siddharth Jadhav emphasized that "The values and habits developed through reading during childhood remain with an individual throughout life." He observed that in the present era, people of all age groups, including children and adults, are increasingly becoming dependent on social media. Due to the growing use of mobile phones and digital platforms, the habit of reading books is gradually declining. In view of this situation, he stressed the need for students to develop a regular reading habit from childhood.

He explained that reading plays an important role in shaping young minds and developing good values. It helps improve imagination, critical thinking, memory, language skills and comprehension abilities. Reading also broadens the horizons of knowledge and

enriches an individual's emotional and intellectual world.

He encouraged students not to restrict their reading to textbooks alone but also to develop an interest in stories, novels, biographies, autobiographies, newspapers, science-related books and the thoughts of great personalities. He advised every student to read at least one page of supplementary literature daily, apart from their regular academic studies.

He further stated that the present era is characterized by competition and rapid technological advancement. With the growing influence of Artificial Intelligence (AI), numerous sources of information and knowledge have become available. However, despite technological progress, reading continues to hold exceptional importance in developing independent thinking, a scientific and analytical outlook, creativity and human values. Therefore, students should make appropriate use of digital media while simultaneously preserving and promoting the culture of book reading.

On this occasion, Chief Guest Prof. Vikas Adorkar also addressed the students. He highlighted the role of reading in personality development, enhancement of knowledge and achieving success in life. He encouraged students to make reading an integral part of their daily routine.

In her presidential address, Mrs. Vandana Uike, Headmistress of the school, appealed to students to cultivate regular reading habits and actively participate in the reading-related activities organized by the school.



The programme was compered by Pooja Holkar, while the vote of thanks was proposed by Shyam Shikari. The successful organization of the workshop was made possible through the efforts of Pawan Sasane, Anushree Rupnar, Shyam, Vaishnavi Chavan and Sheetal Daine.

The workshop helped create awareness among students about the importance of reading and encouraged them to develop a sustained interest in books. Through this programme, students received the valuable message that books are not merely sources of knowledge but also powerful instruments for shaping personality, developing ideas and enriching human life.

In conclusion, reading is not merely an academic habit; it is the foundation for building an educated, cultured and intellectually developed society. The love for reading cultivated during childhood guides an individual towards knowledge, wisdom and lifelong learning.