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# CELEBRATION OF THE WEST BENGAL STATE FOUNDATION DAY

## Introduction:

As part of the 'Ek Bharat Shreshtha Bharat' initiative of Government of India, Maharashtra Raj Bhavan has been celebrating the State Foundation Days and Union Territory Foundation Days of various States and Union Territories in India.

Under the guidance and leadership of the Hon'ble Governor of Maharashtra Shri C P Radhakrishnan, the State Foundation Day of West Bengal was celebrated at Raj Bhavan Mumbai on 20 June 2025.

## Organisers:

The West Bengal State Foundation Day was organised by Maharashtra Raj Bhavan in association with the Punyashlok Ahilyadevi Holkar Solapur University (PAHSU).

## Venue:

The programme was held at the historic Darbar Hall of Raj Bhavan.

## Present:

Secretary to the Governor Dr Prashant Narnaware, Vice-Chancellor of PAHSU Prof Dr Prakash Mahanvar, Deputy Secretary to the Governor S Ramamoorthy, Dr Kedarnath Kalwane, members of the Bengali community in Mumbai, cultural coordinators and students of the University and the staff and officers of Raj Bhavan were present.



## Programme Itinerary:

The programme started with the Lighting of the Lamp followed by the National Anthem and the State Song of Maharashtra 'Jai Jai Maharashtra Majha, Garja Maharashtra Majha'. The Governor witnessed a beautiful Rangoli drawn by the students of PAHSU outside the Darbar Hall.

This was followed by the welcome speech by Dr Prashant Narnaware, Secretary to the Hon'ble Governor of Maharashtra.

The programme began with the playing of the State Song of West Bengal. This was followed by an AV presentation depicting the rich history and heritage of West Bengal.

The stage was set for the cultural presentation by the artists and students of PAHSU. Boys and Girl Students of the PAHSU presented the 'Elo Durga Maa' folk dance.

It was followed by a Mono act in which a student dressed up as Rabindranath Tagore enacted a monologue 'West Bengal in the Eyes of Rabindranath Tagore'. It was accompanied by a short musical note of Rabindra Sangeet.

A group of students then presented the Raibenshe folk dance of West Bengal followed by the Jhumur folk dance by the girls.

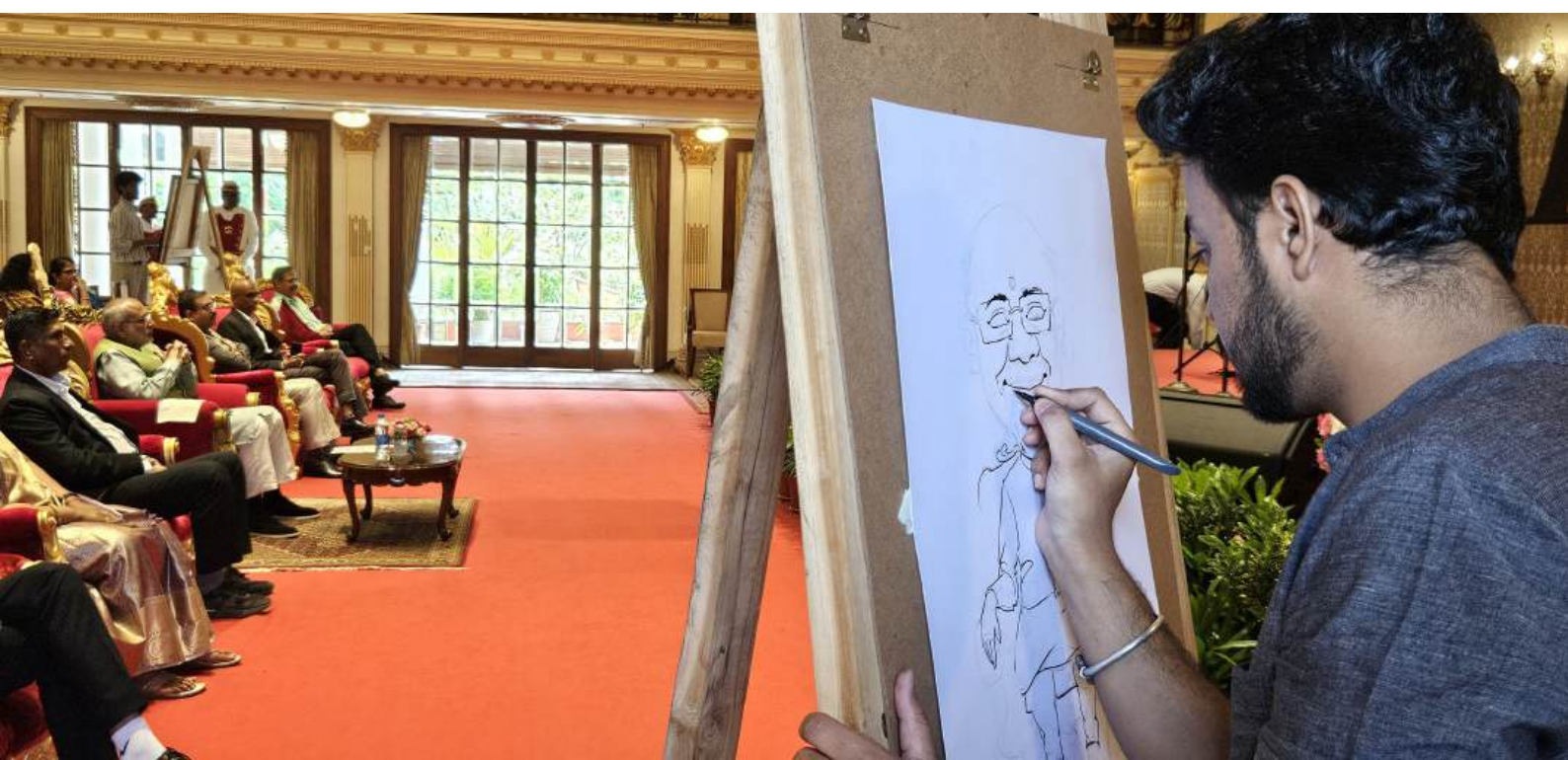
The Governor accompanied by the Vice Chancellor of Punyashlok Ahilyadevi Holkar Solapur University Prof Prakash Mahanvar, Secretary to the Governor Dr Prashant Narnaware, Deputy Secretary to the Governor S Ramamoorthy and Director Student Development of PAHSU Dr Kedarnath Kalwane were then invited to the dais.

The Governor was felicitated by the Vice Chancellor of PAHSU following which the Governor felicitated the Vice Chancellor of PAHSU.

This was followed by the Address by the Hon'ble Governor:







# ADDRESS BY THE HON'BLE GOVERNOR



**SHRI C.P.RADHAKRISHNAN**  
Hon'ble Governor of Maharashtra

I touch and salute the holy feet of Bharath Mata, the Most Powerful and the Most Merciful.

ஆஐ இத்தே உபஸ்தித்  
சர்வான்னா மாஜே நமஸ்கார்

Dr Prashant Narnaware, Secretary to the Governor

Prof. Prakash Mahanvar, Vice Chancellor, Punyashlok Ahilyadevi Holkar Solapur University

Shri S. Ramamoorthy, Deputy Secretary, Raj Bhavan

Dr Kedarnath Kalwane, Director, Student Welfare,

Members of the statutory bodies of the University Distinguished members of the Bengali community in Mumbai,

Students and Artists

Members of Raj Bhavan family

Outstanding...is the only word that occurs to my mind

What a brilliant performance by the students !

For a moment we felt that we were in West Bengal. Indeed, the students brought to life the culture and traditions of West Bengal in Raj Bhavan today.

I congratulate and applaud all the students of the Punyashlok Ahilyadevi Holkar Solapur University for the wonderful cultural presentation.

This year we are celebrating the 300th Birth Anniversary of Ahilyadevi Holkar, the brave and visionary Maharani of Indore.

I pay my respects to the memory of this great ruler who renovated many temples and worked for the welfare of the people and preserving the Sanatana Dharma.

Today, I extend a warm welcome to each one of you on the joyous occasion of the West Bengal State Foundation Day.

Maharashtra Raj Bhavan is indeed privileged to organize for the West Bengal Foundation Day as part of the 'Ek Bharat Shreshtha Bharat' initiative of Government of India.

This day holds immense significance as we celebrate the rich history, cultural heritage, and the remarkable contributions made by West Bengal to our great nation.

West Bengal has for long, given the nation thought leaders in various disciplines.

From ancient times, this region has witnessed the rise and fall of empires, the influence of various dynasties, and the assimilation of diverse cultures.

West Bengal played a crucial role in India's freedom movement.

Maharashtra, West Bengal and Punjab complimented each other in the freedom movement in so many areas.

Maharashtra gave the nation Bal Gangadhar Tilak while West Bengal gave it Bipin Chandra Pal. Punjab gave the nation Lala Lajpat Rai. The sacrifices of Lal – Bal – Pal trio cannot be forgotten by a grateful nation.

Maharashtra and West Bengal became hotbed of revolutionary ideas and a breeding ground for courageous freedom fighters who fought relentlessly against colonial rule.

The names of great visionaries like Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose, Rabindranath Tagore and Surendranath Banerjee resonate with pride and admiration, as they fearlessly championed the cause of independence and inspired millions to join the struggle.

When India attained Independence, in many places Vande Mataram was sung as our National Anthem.

The Constituent Assembly then adopted Rabindranath Tagore's work 'Jana Gana Mana' as the anthem of India.

Beyond its contributions to the freedom movement, West Bengal has emerged as a thriving center for business and commerce.

From the bustling streets of Kolkata to the industrial towns of Howrah and Durgapur, the state has been a hub of entrepreneurship and economic growth.

West Bengal has not only excelled in trade and commerce but has also been instrumental in shaping the parliamentary democracy of our nation.

Bengal gave the nation distinguished statesmen and political leaders, who gave the nation democratic ideals. How can we forget the contributions of Dr Syama Prasad Mukherjee, Dr. Meghnad Saha, Pranab Mukherjee, Jyoti Basu, Hiren Mukherjee, Somnath Chatterjee and many others.

The art and culture of Bengal have flourished in various forms, be it through painting, sculpture, music, dance or theater.

Renowned film-makers, artists, musicians and performers from Bengal have carved a niche for themselves, not only within India but also on the global stage.

The idea of Mumbai's iconic Hindi film industry cannot be imagined without mentioning the names of film makers,

actors, directors and musicians from West Bengal.

Today Sandesh Sweets and Misty Doi have become household names in Maharashtra. So also Kulchas.

Odisha may have claim to be the origin of Roshogulla, but many believe that Roshogulla came from West Bengal.

The Bengalis, especially those from Mumbai are the pride of Maharashtra. Many of them have excelled themselves in as diverse fields as Medicine, Art, Music, Films, Theatre, History, Heritage, Journalism, Judiciary and so many others.

Mumbai has a large Bengali population and there are hundreds of Durga Puja Celebrations in and around Mumbai. Some of the Durga Puja Mandals are almost 100 year old.

As we celebrate West Bengal State Foundation Day, let us take a moment to appreciate the invaluable contributions made by this remarkable state to the nation.

Maharashtra Raj Bhavan is committed to promoting cultural exchange and fostering ties of friendship between Maharashtra and West Bengal.

Together, let us continue to celebrate the rich tapestry of our diverse nation and work towards building a prosperous and harmonious 'Viksit Bharat'.

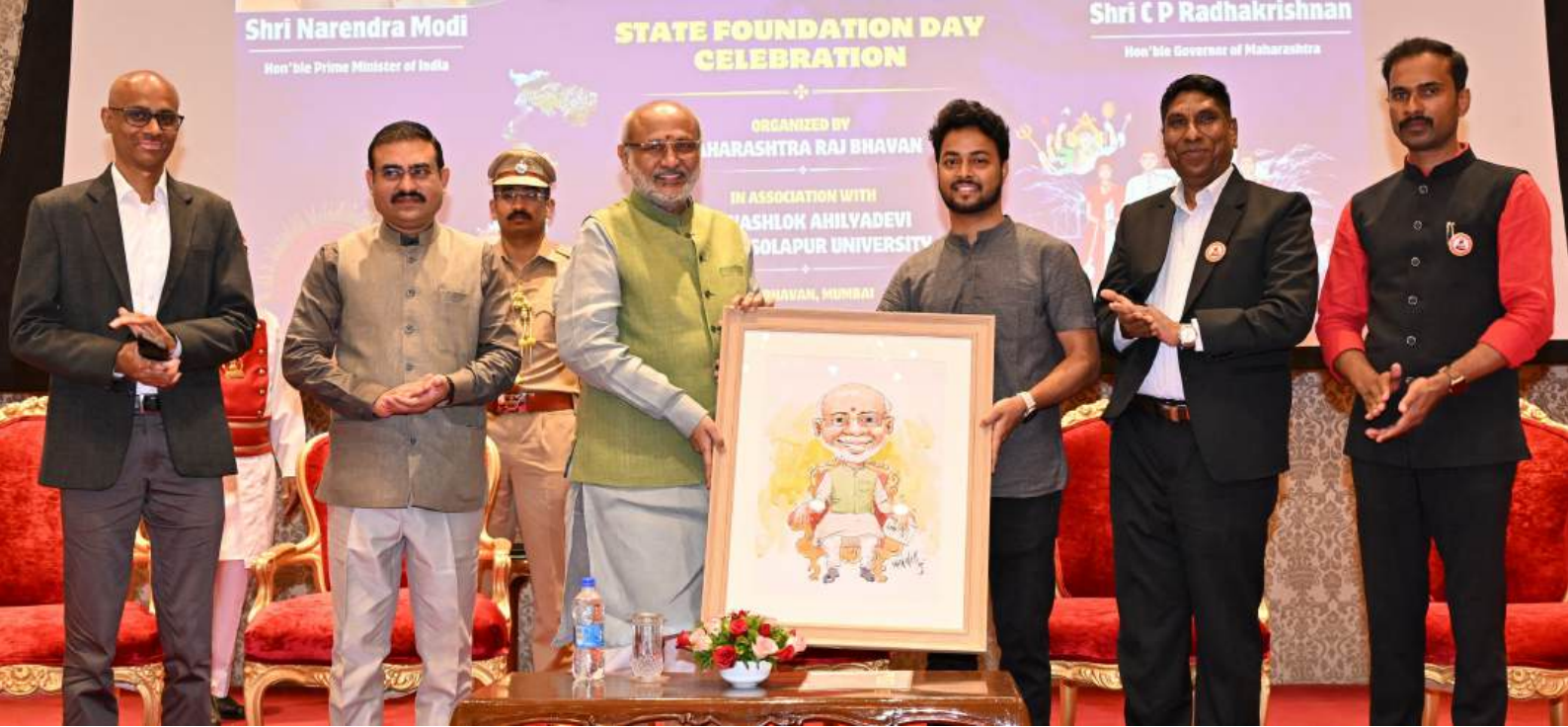
Thanks to the 'Ek Bharat Shreshtha Bharat' Initiative conceived by our visionary Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi Ji, we are meeting and celebrating the Foundation Day of West Bengal in Maharashtra. So, we have to admire the vision of our great Prime Minister.

Once again, I convey my appreciation to the Punyashlok Ahilyadevi Holkar Solapur University, to Vice Chancellor Prof Prakash Mahanvar and to all the students for their excellent cultural presentation.

Let us resolve to stay united and work for the glory of Mother Bharath.

**\*Dhanyavad ! Jai Hind !\***  
**\*Jai Bharath ! Jai Maharashtra ! Jai West Bengal !!\***







## **Felicitations:**

The Governor felicitated the students and artists of the Punyashlok Ahilyadevi Holkar Solapur University. Two students who did live paintings – one on the theme of West Bengal and the other on the illustration of the Governor – presented their works to the Governor.

## **Vote of Thanks:**

Smt Karuna Wavdankar, Under Secretary (Admn) (i/c) delivered the vote of thanks. The programme concluded with the National Anthem. Lunch packets were served after the programme. The State Foundation Day event of West Bengal was a grand success.

## **Past Celebrations:**

This was the 22<sup>nd</sup> State / UT Celebration organised by Maharashtra Raj Bhavan.

The Raj Bhavan had earlier organised the Sikkim State Formation Day on 16<sup>th</sup> May 2023, Goa Formation Day on 30 May, Telangana State Formation Day on 2 June, West Bengal State Formation Day on 20<sup>th</sup> June 2023, the 'Jammu & Kashmir' and 'Ladakh' Union Territory Formation Day on 31<sup>st</sup> October 2023. The State Formation Day of Haryana, Karnataka, Kerala, Punjab and Tamil Nadu and the Union Territory Formation Day of Andaman & Nicobar, Chandigarh, Delhi, Lakshadweep and Puducherry was celebrated on 1<sup>st</sup> November 2023.

The State Formation Day of Chhattisgarh, Madhya Pradesh and Andhra Pradesh was celebrated separately, on the same day, 1 November 2023. The Uttarakhand State Formation Day was celebrated at Raj Bhavan on 9<sup>th</sup> November 2023. The Jharkhand State Formation Day was celebrated at Raj Bhavan on 15<sup>th</sup> November 2023. The Manipur, Meghalaya and Tripura State Formation Day was celebrated on 21<sup>st</sup> January 2024, while UP State Formation Day was celebrated on 24<sup>th</sup> January. There were no State or UT day celebrations on account of the Model Code of Conduct first for Lok Sabha elections and thereafter for the State Assembly elections. The State formation Day of Nagaland and Assam was held on 1<sup>st</sup> December 2024. The State Formation Day of Manipur, Meghalaya and Tripura was celebrated on 21<sup>st</sup> January 2025. The State Formation Day of Uttar Pradesh and the Union Territories of Dadra Nagar Haveli, Daman and Diu was held on 25 January 2025. The State Foundation Day of Arunachal Pradesh and Mizoram was held on 20<sup>th</sup> February 2025. The State Foundation Day of Bihar was celebrated on 22 March 2025. The Rajasthan State Foundation Day was celebrated on 4<sup>th</sup> April 2025. The Himachal Pradesh State Foundation Day was celebrated on 21<sup>st</sup> April 2025. The Maharashtra and Gujarat State Foundation Day was celebrated on 1<sup>st</sup> May 2025. The Sikkim State Foundation Day was celebrated on 16<sup>th</sup> May 2025. The Goa and Telangana State Foundation Day was jointly held on 30<sup>th</sup> May 2025.

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# राजभवन येथे पश्चिम बंगाल राज्य स्थापना दिवस साजरा राज्यपालांकडून पुण्यश्लोक अहिल्यादेवी होळकर सोलापूर विद्यापीठाच्या विद्यार्थ्यांचे सांस्कृतिक सादरीकरणाबद्दल अभिनंदन पश्चिम बंगालने देशाला अनेक क्षेत्रात विचारवंत दिले: राज्यपाल सी पी राधाकृष्णन

पश्चिम बंगालने देशाला अनेक क्षेत्रात थोर विचारवंत व क्रांतिकारक दिले. देशाच्या स्वातंत्र्य लढ्यात लाल - बाल - पाल या त्रयींसह महाराष्ट्र, पंजाब व पश्चिम बंगालने देशाला नेतृत्व प्रदान केले असे नमूद करून विकसित भारताचे लक्ष्य गाठताना देखील महाराष्ट्रासह पश्चिम बंगाल मोठे योगदान देईल असा विश्वास राज्यपाल सी पी राधाकृष्णन यांनी आज येथे व्यक्त केला.

'एक भारत श्रेष्ठ भारत' उपक्रमांतर्गत राज्यपाल राधाकृष्णन यांच्या प्रमुख उपस्थितीत शुक्रवारी (दि. २० जून) महाराष्ट्र राजभवन येथे पश्चिम बंगाल राज्य स्थापना दिवस सांस्कृतिक कार्यक्रमाच्या माध्यमातून साजरा करण्यात आला, त्यावेळी राज्यपाल बोलत होते.

पश्चिम बंगाल देशातील महत्वाचे सांस्कृतिक केंद्र असून या राज्याने देशाला वैज्ञानिक, चित्रपट निर्माते, संगीतकार व कलाकार दिले आहेत. बंगालने देशाला डॉ श्यामाप्रसाद मुखर्जी, डॉ मेघनाद सहा, हिरेन मुखर्जी, प्रणब मुखर्जी, सोमनाथ चॅटर्जी, यांसारखे संसदपटू दिले असे सांगताना आपल्याला प्रणब मुखर्जी व सोमनाथ चॅटर्जी यांच्या कार्यकाळात काम करण्याची संधी मिळाली असे राज्यपालांनी सांगितले.

यावेळी पुण्यश्लोक अहिल्यादेवी होळकर सोलापूर विद्यापीठाच्या विद्यार्थ्यांनी पश्चिम बंगालच्या लोकसंस्कृतीचे लोकगीत व नृत्याच्या माध्यमातून उत्कृष्ट सादरीकरण केल्याबद्दल राज्यपालांनी विद्यार्थ्यांना कौतुकाची थाप दिली. राज्यपालांचे सचिव डॉ प्रशांत नारनवरे यांनी यावेळी स्वागतपर भाषण केले तर अवर सचिव करुणा वावडणकर यांनी आभारप्रदर्शन केले. राज्यपालांच्या हस्ते पुण्यश्लोक अहिल्यादेवी होळकर सोलापूर विद्यापीठाचे कुलगुरु प्रा प्रकाश महानवर यांचा सत्कार करण्यात आला.

कार्यक्रमाला राज्यपालांचे उपसचिव एस राममूर्ती, विद्यार्थी विकास अधिकारी डॉ केदारनाथ कळवणे, मुंबईतील बंगाली भाषिक निमंत्रित, विद्यापीठाचे विद्यार्थी कलाकार तसेच राजभवनातील अधिकारी व कर्मचारी उपस्थित होते. विद्यापीठाच्या दोन विद्यार्थ्यांनी यावेळी सजीव चित्रकला सादर करीत आपल्या कलाकृती राज्यपालांना भेट दिल्या.

सांस्कृतिक कार्यक्रमात विद्यार्थ्यांनी पश्चिम बंगालचे 'एलो दुर्गा माँ' लोकगीत, रवींद्रनाथ टागोर यांच्या दृष्टीतून पश्चिम बंगाल हे एकपात्री सादरीकरण, रैबेनशे लोकनृत्य व मुलींचे झुमर लोकनृत्य सादर केले.

# MAHARASHTRA RAJ BHAVAN CELEBRATES WEST BENGAL STATE FOUNDATION DAY

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Maharashtra Raj Bhavan celebrated the West Bengal State Foundation Day in presence of State Governor C P Radhakrishnan at Raj Bhavan Mumbai on Fri (20 Jun). The State Foundation Day was celebrated as part of the Government of India's programme 'Ek Bharat Shreshtha Bharat' initiative.

Speaking on the occasion, the Governor paid rich tributes to the extraordinary contributions of West Bengal to India's cultural, literary, and political landscape.

Highlighting West Bengal's pivotal role in India's freedom struggle, the Governor recalled how Maharashtra, West Bengal, and Punjab complemented each other in nurturing revolutionary ideas.

He remembered iconic freedom fighters Lal- Bal - Pal and visionaries such as Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose, Rabindranath Tagore, and Surendranath Banerjee, whose contributions continue to inspire generations.

He also paid homage to distinguished political leaders from Bengal like Dr. Syama Prasad Mukherjee, Dr. Meghnad Saha, Pranab Mukherjee, Jyoti Basu, Hiren Mukherjee, and Somnath Chatterjee.

The Governor praised the Bengali community in Maharashtra, particularly in Mumbai, which proudly hosts hundreds of Durga Puja celebrations,

with some mandals tracing their origins back nearly a century. As the nation works towards building a prosperous and harmonious Viksit Bharat, the Governor reaffirmed Maharashtra Raj Bhavan's commitment to fostering cultural exchange and strengthening ties of friendship between Maharashtra and West Bengal.

Students and artists of the Punyashlok Ahilyadevi Holkar Solapur University presented a cultural programme comprising folk songs and dance depicting the cultural traditions of West Bengal on the occasion.

Secretary to the Governor Dr. Prashant Naranware, Vice Chancellor of Punyashlok Ahilyadevi Holkar Solapur University Prof. Prakash Mahanwar, Deputy Secretary to the Governor S Ramamurthy, Student Development Officer of PAHSU Dr. Kedarnath Kalwane, Bengali-speaking invitees from Mumbai, student artists of the university and members of Raj Bhavan family were present.

Two students of the university presented their live paintings to the Governor on this occasion.

The students presented the folk song 'Elo Durga Maa' , a monologue on West Bengal through the eyes of Rabindranath Tagore, Raibenshe folk dance and Jhumar folk dance.



**पुढारी**

सोलापूर : राजभवन येथे पश्चिम बंगाल राज्य स्थापना दिवस साजरा करण्यात आला. यावेळी पुण्यश्लोक अहिल्यादेवी सोलापूर विद्यापीठ विद्यार्थी पश्चिम बंगालची झुमर या नृत्यांचे सादरीकरण करताना.

# राजभवनात सोलापूरच्या विद्यार्थ्यांचा नृत्याविष्कार

सोलापूर : पुढारी वृत्तसेवा

एक भारत श्रेष्ठ भारत उपक्रमांतर्गत नुकताच महाराष्ट्र राजभवन येथे पश्चिम बंगाल राज्य स्थापना दिवस साजरा करण्यात आला. या कार्यक्रमात पुण्यश्लोक अहिल्यादेवी होळकर सोलापूर विद्यापीठाच्या विद्यार्थ्यांनी पश्चिम बंगालची समृद्ध लोकसंस्कृती दर्शवणारे लोकगीत आणि नृत्यांचे

प्रभावी सादरीकरण केले. महाराष्ट्राचे राज्यपाल सी. पी. राधाकृष्णन यांनी विद्यार्थ्यांच्या कलेचे कौतुक करत त्यांना शुभेच्छा दिल्या. या कार्यक्रमाला राज्यपालांचे सचिव डॉ. प्रशांत नारनवरे, सोलापूर विद्यापीठाचे कुलगुरू प्रा. प्रकाश महानवर आणि इतर मान्यवर उपस्थित होते. विद्यार्थ्यांनी 'एलो दुर्गा माँ' हे पश्चिम बंगालचे प्रसिद्ध लोकगीत, रवींद्रनाथ टागोर

यांच्या दृष्टिकोनातून पश्चिम बंगालचे एकपात्री सादरीकरण, तसेच रैबेनशे आणि मुलींचे झुमर हे लोकनृत्य प्रकार सादर केले. विद्यापीठाच्या दोन विद्यार्थ्यांनी सजीव चित्रण करून आपल्या कलाकृती राज्यपालांना भेट दिल्या. राजभवनमध्ये पार पडलेला हा कार्यक्रम अत्यंत सुंदर होता आणि उपस्थितांनी विद्यार्थ्यांच्या कलेची प्रशंसा केली.

**लोकमत**

# राजभवनात विद्यार्थ्यांचा नृत्याविष्कार

**'एक भारत, श्रेष्ठ भारत'  
उपक्रम: पश्चिम बंगालच्या  
लोकसंस्कृतीचे घडवले दर्शन**

लोकमत न्यूज नेटवर्क



सोलापूर : पुण्यश्लोक अहिल्यादेवी होळकर, सोलापूर विद्यापीठाच्या विद्यार्थ्यांनी मुंबई येथील राज्यपालांच्या 'राजभवनात' नृत्याविष्कार केला. विद्यार्थ्यांनी पश्चिम बंगालच्या लोकसंस्कृतीचे दर्शन घडवले.

'एक भारत श्रेष्ठ भारत' उपक्रमांतर्गत महाराष्ट्राचे राज्यपाल सी. पी. राधाकृष्णन यांच्या प्रमुख उपस्थितीत महाराष्ट्र राजभवन येथे शुक्रवारी कार्यक्रमाचे आयोजन केले होते. पश्चिम बंगाल राज्य स्थापना दिवस सांस्कृतिक कार्यक्रमाच्या माध्यमातून साजरा करण्यात आला. यावेळी पुण्यश्लोक अहिल्यादेवी होळकर सोलापूर विद्यापीठाच्या विद्यार्थ्यांनी पश्चिम बंगालच्या लोकसंस्कृतीचे दर्शन घडवणारा लोकगीत व नृत्याचा कार्यक्रम

राजभवनात आयोजित कार्यक्रमात राज्यपाल सी.पी. राधाकृष्णन यांना चित्र भेट देताना सोलापूर विद्यापीठाचा विद्यार्थी, शेजारी कुलगुरू डॉ. प्रकाश महानवर, डॉ. केदारनाथ काळवणे, दुसऱ्या छायाचित्रात पश्चिम बंगालचे नृत्य सादर करताना विद्यार्थिनी.

सादर केला. यावेळी विद्यार्थ्यांची कला पाहून राज्यपाल सी. पी. राधाकृष्णन यांनी मुक्तकंठाने विद्यार्थ्यांचे कौतुक केले.

यावेळी राज्यपालांचे सचिव डॉ. प्रशांत नारनवरे, सोलापूर विद्यापीठाचे कुलगुरू प्रा. प्रकाश महानवर, राज्यपालांचे उपसचिव एस. राममूर्ती, विद्यार्थी विकास विभागाचे संचालक डॉ. केदारनाथ काळवणे, मुंबईतील बंगाली भाषिक निमंत्रित, विद्यापीठाचे विद्यार्थी कलाकार तसेच राजभवनातील अधिकारी व कर्मचारी उपस्थित होते.

## दोन विद्यार्थ्यांनी राज्यपालांना दिली कलाकृती भेट

विद्यापीठाच्या दोन विद्यार्थ्यांनी यावेळी सजीव चित्रण करीत आपल्या कलाकृती राज्यपालांना भेट दिल्या. तसेच सांस्कृतिक कार्यक्रमात विद्यार्थ्यांनी पश्चिम बंगालचे 'एलो दुर्गा माँ' लोकगीत, रवींद्रनाथ टागोर यांच्या दृष्टीतून पश्चिम बंगाल हे एकपात्री सादरीकरण, रैबेनशे लोकनृत्य व मुलींनी झुमर लोकनृत्य सादर केले.



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