

# INTERNATIONAL INSTITUTE FOR POPULATION SCIENCES (IIPS), MUMBAI



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## Report on Chatrapati Shivaji Maharaj Jayanti Celebration at IIPS on 19th February 2025



### **I. The Great Maratha King Chatrapati Shivaji Maharaj.**

**Introduction:** The International Institute for Population Sciences (IIPS) proudly celebrated Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj Jayanti with great enthusiasm and reverence. The event was a tribute to the legendary Maratha warrior, reflecting his valor, leadership, and the indelible mark he left on Indian history. Faculty members, students, and staff gathered to honor the great warrior and his ideals of justice, bravery, and good governance.

The Chatrapati Shivaji Maharaj Jayanti was celebrated with great enthusiasm and reverence at the International Institute of Population Sciences (IIPS) on 19th February 2025 in MSD class room,

Library building, IIPS. The event was organized to honor the legacy and ideals of the great Maratha warrior, Chatrapati Shivaji Maharaj. The celebration was attended by various dignitaries, including faculty members, students, and staff of IIPS.

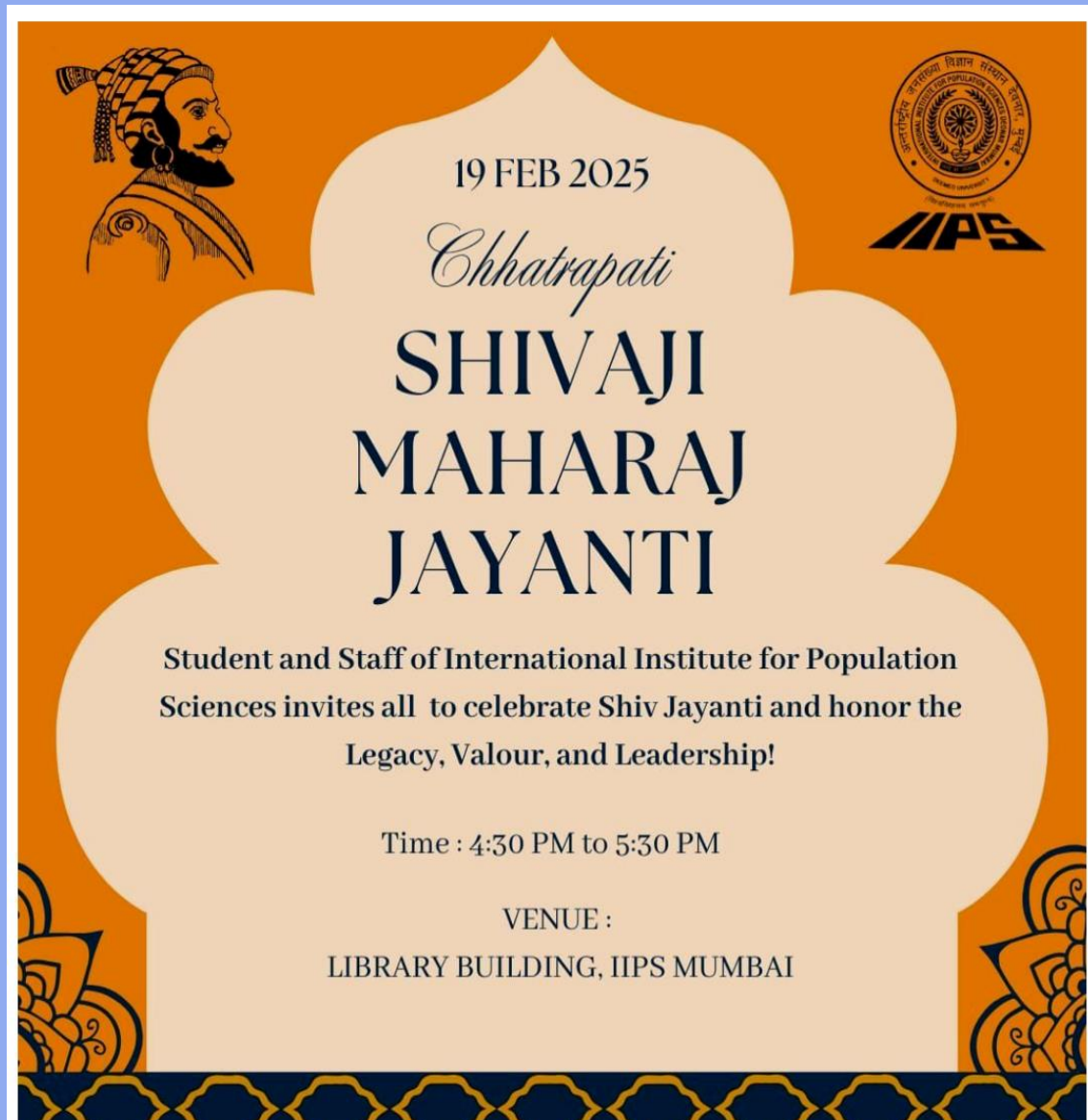
### Event Highlights:

1. **Lamp Lighting Ceremony:** The event commenced with a traditional lamp lighting ceremony, where the distinguished guests—Prof. D. A. Nagdeve, Director & Senior Professor (Additional Incharge), Prof. Chander Shekhar, Prof. K.C. Das, and Dr. Sunil Sarode were joined by a student representative. This ritual marked the beginning of the program and set the tone for the rest of the celebration.
2. **Offering Flowers (Pushmala) on Maharaj's Photo:** The ceremony continued with the offering of flowers (Pushmala) on the photo of Chatrapati Shivaji Maharaj. This was a symbolic gesture of respect and tribute to the warrior king, known for his bravery, leadership, and vision.
3. **Marathi Song Performance:** In honor of the occasion, one of the Master's students performed a beautiful Marathi song, which added a cultural touch to the celebration and filled the atmosphere with a sense of pride and reverence for Shivaji Maharaj.
4. **Speeches on the Life and Legacy of Shivaji Maharaj:** The event proceeded with speeches, with Prof. D. A. Nagdeve, Prof. Chander Shekhar, and Dr. Sarode Sunil addressing the gathering. They shared inspiring thoughts and anecdotes from the life of Chatrapati Shivaji Maharaj, emphasizing his dedication to justice, his leadership qualities, and his unwavering commitment to the welfare of his people. Students and faculty members, including Dr. Sunil Sarode and Dr. Sarang Pedgaonkar, also delivered speeches, offering their spiritual reflections on the life of Shivaji Maharaj.
5. **Student Participation and Programme Announcements:** Ms. Komal Gajbhiye, the Ph.D. student, along with Mr. Mahadev, Ph.D. student made announcements about the Programme schedule and shared their thoughts on the legacy of Shivaji Maharaj. Their participation added a personal and engaging element to the event.
6. **Acknowledgment and Appreciation:** At the conclusion of the celebration, special thanks were extended to the individuals and teams who worked tirelessly to ensure the success of the event. The Cultural Programme coordinator, Dr. Guru Vashistha was acknowledged and main leadership and dedication of Mr. Amol Hase (Assistant, IQAC ), Mr. Rakesh Shinde (Assistant, EM ), Mr. Shubham Kawadkar (Machine Operator, EM), Mr. Mangesh Shivalkar (Caretaker, EM Section), Mr. Yogesh Kherdekar (SO, EM Section), Mr. Somnath Chougule (ICT Department), Mr. Bhau Sawant (Assistant Finance Officer), Ms. Anita Dogra (Hostel Manager), and Ms. Lavina Tauro (IQAC Cell) were all recognized for their cooperation and efforts in making the event a success.
7. **Vote of Thanks:** The Vote of Thanks was delivered by Mr. Shubham Kawadkar, acknowledging the contributions of everyone involved and expressing gratitude for the successful execution of the program.

## Conclusion:

The Chatrapati Shivaji Maharaj Jayanti at IIPS was a grand success, with a perfect blend of tradition, culture, and inspiration. The event provided an opportunity for the IIPS community to reflect on the greatness of Chatrapati Shivaji Maharaj and draw lessons from his life. The contributions of various faculty, students, and staff ensured that the event was memorable and impactful.

The Boucher and Programme photos attached for reference





**The attached photos capture the essence of the celebration, reflecting the spirit and admiration for the legacy of Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj**



**Lamp Lighting Ceremony by Director & Sr. Professor(Additional Charge) and Prof.K.C. Das , IIPS**











