## **MANTHAN 2025: CULTURAL FESTIA**

Bhavan's B.P. Vidya Mandir, Koradi, came alive with colours, rhythm and creativity as it celebrated its grand cultural festival Manthan 2025. The five-day extravaganza witnessed the enthusiastic participation of students from Pre - Primary to Std. X, each adding vibrance, talent and youthful energy to the event.

The festival was graced by esteemed dignitaries—Shri Sachin Shende, Regional Director, Reserve Bank of India, Nagpur, on 2nd December 2025, and Shri P. S. V. Sudhakar, Assistant General Manager, Human Resource Management Department, RBI Nagpur—whose presence elevated the occasion.

The showstoppers of the fest dazzled the audience in their resplendent costumes, earning admiration from everyone present. Several distinguished judges honoured the sub-events under various categories, lending prestige and encouragement to the participants.

The event was flawlessly anchored by Vidya Mandir's confident students. With exemplary poise, the council members led proceedings, showcasing their leadership skills. A captivating skit on the History of Nagpur transported the audience back in time, offering a glimpse into the city's rich past.

The Pre-Primary section presented a vibrant series of thematic performances that set a joyful tone for the inaugural day. The programme opened with the Inaugural Ceremony, followed by Aarambh: The Divine Beginning (KG II), which invoked positivity and grace. KG I & KG II together presented A Symphony of Greetings, spreading warmth and cheer. The little ones of KG II showcased पाँच तत्त्वों की झंकार, celebrating the harmony of the five elements. Nursery students conveyed a thoughtful message through Disconnect to Reconnect, reminding everyone of the importance of real human connections. KG I captivated the audience with रक्तबीज वध, a powerful depiction from Indian mythology. Nursery children charmed everyone with अपनों का आँगन, highlighting the beauty of family and togetherness. KG I took the audience on a cosmic journey through Udaan: Mission Chandrayan, while KG II brought royal elegance to the stage with Drama in the Darbar. Nursery's Colours in Motion added a splash of brightness, followed by KG I's energetic Folk Fusion – Spirit of Maharashtra, celebrating the state's cultural vitality. The segment concluded with KG I's heartwarming presentation A Bond Beyond Words, beautifully reflecting the innocence and affection of childhood.

The Cultural Week of Manthan 2025 brought together a vibrant mix of creativity, discipline and artistic expression from students of Grades I to X. Each class showcased a performance connected to the theme allotted for the week, ensuring active participation and a unified cultural experience. Under the guidance of the four Houses—Lily, Lotus, Jasmine and Daffodil—students displayed exceptional coordination, teamwork and confidence.

The Junior Group presented a colourful array of performances across a variety of genres, each reflecting imagination and cultural richness. Students participated enthusiastically in:

- Devotional Group Song
- Folk Dance
- English Skit
- Mime
- International Dance
- Unique Item

From lively folk rhythms and expressive mime acts to inspiring devotional songs and global dance representations, each performance added charm to the cultural showcase. The **Unique Item** segment included impactful themes such as:

- Nari shaktirupenshantitha
- Awsad Chakra
- Pandharpur Vari
- Different dance forms of India Colours of India It has began with AI integrated
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The Senior Group exhibited impressive cultural depth and stage presence through a structured line-up of performances. Their categories included:

- Invocation Dance
- Motivational Group Song
- Indian Classical Dance
- English Drama
- Regional Tribal Dance
- Unique Item

The Unique Item entries added theatrical richness and included powerful themes such as:

- History of Nagpur
- Life of Jhansi Ki Rani
- Yug ManthanRavan Yet, mighthy yet fallen king

Each House contributed meaningfully to the event, maintaining discipline, coordination and smooth transitions throughout the performances. The combined efforts of students, teachers and coordinators made the Cultural Week a dynamic celebration of heritage, creativity and collective talent.

The school campus bloomed with colourful rangoli, flowers and creative displays, along with artistic expressions such as Indian Classical Dance, Tribal Dance, International Dance, Mime and other unique entries, added splendour to the event.

Executive member of Bhavan's, Smt. Padmini Jog madam, lauded the event. For the valedictory ceremony, Smt. Padmini Jog madam, Executive Committee Member, Bharatiya Vidya Bhavan, Nagpur Kendra, graced the occasion as the Chief Guest.

The Music and Dance Department presented a breathtaking performance, leaving the audience enthralled. A delightful surprise came from the ancillary staff, whose spirited performance became one of the main highlights of the programme. The prize-winning students, proudly dressed in their house uniforms, were celebrated for their achievements.

The panel of esteemed judges included Shri Aakash Barwad Sir, Shri Anant Gulkashe Sir, Smt. Hemlata Popatkar Madam, Smt. Swati Bhalerao Madam and Smt. Manjiri Vaidya Madam, whose expertise enriched the competitive events of Manthan 2025.

In the final adjudication, Lily House was proclaimed the Overall Champion of Manthan 2025, while Daffodil House attained the Runner-Up position. The Principal extended high commendation to the students, staff and parents, whose unwavering commitment and collaborative efforts ensured the resounding success of the event.