

# Understanding Maharashtra: 2008

In the coming couple of years Maharashtra is going to celebrating its golden jubilee of its formation. Taking privilege of this Rambhau Mhalgi Prabodhini had organized a workshop on Understanding Maharashtra : 2008 for Media Persons. This workshop was attended by 37 media persons from 14 print & electronic media such as Time of India, Maha. Times, Loksata, Sakal, Nava Bharat Times, Samana, Pune Sharmika Patrakar Sangha, Pudhari, Sa. Vivek, Lokmat, Punayanagari, Stra Maza, Sahayadri,

The main objective of the workshop was to make aware the young generation journalist about the past, present and future of Maharashtra. To address the workshop proficient people from social, economics, literature, cinema and theater of Maharashtra were present. After understanding different aspects of states present situation all participants took part in discussion.

Inauguration session of workshop was conducted by veteran editor and writer Dr. Arun Tikekar .In his inaugural speech he presented the facts of expanding fields of journalism and its future challenges. He also discussed the changing context of newspaper and electronic media from a medium of communication & information to a product. According to him nowadays journalism has become a serious business of communication. He stressed that journalist should be very conscious about his command over language and specialization in particular field. It is said that free press is an important pillar of democracy but independence of journalist has been reduced due to some factors viz. owner of newspaper, political parties, advertisers and consumer. In future internet journalism is going to be a big challenge for news papers journalists.

The veteran political analysist Dr.Atamaram Kulkarni in his session talked about the political history of Maharashtra. He discussed the important stages in political history of Maharashtra the election manifesto of political parties, the effect of caste and religion on future development of Maharashtra.

Journalist Mr. Sanjay Ranade and well known writer Pratibhae Ranade discussed about the social and cultural realization of people of Maharashtra and suggested journalist to study in depth at least some subjects.

Mr.Promad pawar Sr.stage artist discussed the different stage of changing Marathi Theater. He also discussed the role of critics and audience to make a play successful. He gave some sugision to the critics about how a play should be analyzed by them.

Sr. journalist Mr. Ambarish Mishra discussed about Marathi literature and its different courses in last 50 years. He suggested journalist about the use of perfect words and good command over language while writing by giving some day to day examples.

Shri. Jayaraj Salgaonkar took a glance at economic and industrial development of Maharashtra. He emphasized the positive side of SEZ's and its importance for development in Maharashtra.

Marathi Cinema which is nowadays going global due to its nomination for Oscar was discussed by Mr. Sudhir Nandagoakar and Mr. Shrikant Bojewar. They told the participants about the role played by new technology in the field of cinema. How a critics and audience should watch a movie was the theme of their discussion.

Social realities on which normally the history and future of a state depend was discussed by Dr. D. N. Dhanagare. He discussed about the stability and continuity of Indian society and factors of its survival. According to him Indian. Society survived due to following factors – 1. Village/ gram rachana- based on agriculture. 2. Caste system- every caste has its own status, culture and relations with other caste. 3. Gotra/ family.

He elaborated the changing feature of agriculture from subsistence to commercial since 1830's. And how a farmer had to depend on the fluctuation in price of agriculture commodities. He showed how the present important problem in front of Maharashtra about the farmers suicide in Yavatmal dist. is contradictory to the situation of 1875 Deccan riots in same area. He predicated that the future politics of Maharashtra would revolve around the problem of water avability and agricultural facilities.

The important pillar of development policies i.e. political parties who many a times direct the developing policies of a state and in turn the country were invited to address the session on their vision of Maharashtra: 2008. These sessions were conducted by Dr. Ratnakar Majana of NCP, Mr. Hussian Dalvai INC, Mr. Vinod Tavade of BJP and Mr. Subash Desai.

The concluding speech of workshop was delivered by the Director General of Rambhau Mhalgi Prabodhini Mr. Vinay Sahasrabuddha. He suggested the journalist to develop and maintain their diligent and hardworking qualities and master at least one subject of many discussed in workshop.