

## Dr. Babasaheb Ambedkar Marathwada University, Aurangabad (MS) Reports for Extension/Outreach Activities Carried out in Year 2022

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Name of Activity

**Electoral Literacy Initiative** 

**Date of Conduction** 

25-01-2022

Organized by

National Service Scheme

**Student Participated** 

350

## **Brief Report**

On 25th January, 2022, the District Collectorate of Aurangabad and Dr. Babasaheb Ambedkar Marathwada University, Aurangabad, jointly organized an Electoral Literacy Initiative Program to commemorate National Voters' Day. The primary objective of the event was to enhance awareness about electoral rights and responsibilities, foster a culture of informed and ethical voting, and encourage greater participation in the electoral process. The event was organized in Central Auditorium of the University. The initiative sought to empower individuals with the knowledge to make informed voting decisions and contribute to the democratic governance of the country. Key attendees included the Hon'ble Vice Chancellor of Dr. Babasaheb Ambedkar Marathwada University, Dr. Sunil Chauhan (IAS), Dr. Anjali Dhanorkar (IAS), and famous Marathi actor Shree Makrand Anaspure.





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Glimpses from the Electoral Literacy Initiative jointly organized by District Collector Office and Dr. Babasaheb
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The event began with an inaugural address by the Hon'ble Vice Chancellor, who emphasized the importance of electoral literacy in strengthening democracy. Dr. Sunil Chauhan delivered a powerful speech on the significance of voting as a fundamental right and duty, encouraging the audience to actively participate in the electoral process. Deputy Collector Dr. Anjali Dhanorkar provided valuable insights into the electoral process, explaining the various aspects of voting, the importance of voter registration, and the measures taken to ensure free and fair elections. Shree Makrand Anaspure, a renowned figure from the Marathi movie world, delivered an engaging and motivational speech, urging the youth and community members to recognize the power of their vote in bringing about positive change in society. A dedicated session on electoral literacy was conducted, where experts explained the voting process, the importance of ethical voting, and the impact of informed decision-making on governance. Interactive discussions and Q&A sessions were held to address participants' queries and concerns. The Electoral Literacy Initiative Program was a grand success, marked by enthusiastic participation from students, faculty members, and local community members. The presence of distinguished guests added immense value to the event. The District Collectorate and Dr. Babasaheb Ambedkar Marathwada University plan to continue their efforts in promoting electoral literacy and encouraging active civic engagement, focusing on reaching a broader audience, including rural areas, and enhancing the accessibility of electoral education.

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