"Vachan Prerana Din" (Reading Inspiration Day) Celebrated with Great Enthusiasm at Lokmangal Agriculture College!



On October 15, Lokmangal Agriculture College, Wadala operated by the Shriram Shriram Gramin Sanshodhan Va Vikas Pratishthan and affiliated with Mahatma Phule Krishi Vidyapeeth, Rahuri—celebrated "Vachan Prerana Din" (Reading Inspiration Day) with immense enthusiasm and an inspiring atmosphere under the National Service Scheme (NSS). The event was organized to foster intellectual enrichment among students and pay glowing tribute to the memory of India's beloved former President and Bharat Ratna, Dr. A. P. J. Abdul Kalam.

The program commenced with the garlanding of the portrait of Dr. A. P. J. Abdul Kalam—the great scientist and architect of modern India—along with the ceremonial lighting of the lamp. Dignitaries, faculty members, and students paid floral respects and recalled the inspiring ideals of Dr. Kalam. In the welcome address, student Miss. Rajnandini Katre highlighted the significance of a reading culture and outlined the objective behind celebrating Vachan Prerana Din. Following the introduction, students Miss.. Sanika Kemdarne, Miss.. Gayatri Kamble, and Miss. Sayali Ghadge expressed their thoughts eloquently. Shedding light on Dr. Kalam's life and his autobiography *Wings of Fire* (*Agni Pankh*), they urged students to make books their true friends and cultivate a lifelong reading habit. Following the students' speeches, Prof. Kiran Mali delivered an impactful address reflecting on the life and legacy of Dr. Kalam. Subsequently, College Principal Dr. Amol Shinde delivered the presidential address. In his guidance, he emphasized that books are mankind's best guides and the master key to intellectual enrichment. Reading provides a new direction to human imagination and creativity; therefore, he urged agricultural students to expand their extracurricular reading beyond their academic curricula to absorb global knowledge. The latter half of the program featured a vote of thanks proposed by Miss. Rohini Irwadkar, while the anchoring was skillfully and engagingly managed by Miss. Shyamal Hazare and Miss. Akshata Hattali. All faculty members actively participated and graced the inspiring occasion. The planning and management of the event were successfully executed by Dr. Akshay Shinde and Prof. Sanket Birajdar. Highlighting the vital importance of reading, the event proved to be a memorable and knowledge-enriching experience for all students and attendees, receiving an unprecedented response in the college auditorium.