

## Balika Diwas, or National Girl Child Day, 3<sup>rd</sup> January 2025

On January 3rd, 2025 Arni College celebrated Balika Diwas, honoring Savitribai Phule, a pioneer in women's education, with events like speeches, poems, and discussions on empowering girls and combating gender inequality, showcasing the importance of girls in society.

The main Context of Balika Diwas, or National Girl Child Day, is celebrated on January 3rd in Maharashtra to honor the birth anniversary of Savitribai Phule, a social reformer, educator, and poet, who was a pioneer in women's education.

Dr N.A.Pistulkar was the president and Dr.S.V.Wankhade was the chief guest of the college while Sunil Sukhdev social worker was the chief speaker of the programme. Dr R.P Tekade head women cell was also present.

The college organized various events to raise awareness about the rights, education, and well-being of girls.

- Speeches and Discussions:** Students and faculty delivered speeches and engaged in discussions highlighting the importance of girls in society and the need to empower them.
- Poetry and Creative Activities:** Students recited poems and participated in creative activities, such as drawing and skit performances, to express their views on the theme of Balika Diwas.
- Focus on Savitribai Phule:** The celebrations paid tribute to Savitribai Phule, emphasizing her contributions to women's education and social reforms.
- Emphasis on Empowerment:** The events aimed to empower girls and encourage their active participation in society.

The Significance behind celebration of the event was -Balika Diwas serves as a reminder of the importance of gender equality and the need to address issues like gender-based discrimination and unequal access to resources. It encourages the importance of empowering girl children for a prosperous future. The celebration at Arni College aimed to create awareness and inspire action towards creating a more equitable society for all.

### Overall:

The Balika Diwas celebration at Arni College was a resounding success, with students and faculty actively participating and demonstrating their commitment to empowering girls and promoting gender equality. Dr N.A.Pistulkar principal focused on the work done by Savitribai Phule. Dr S.V. Wankhade also spoke about the empowerment of Girls.





