

Sixty Minutes, Thousands of Readers, One Citywide Hush: Participating in the Pune Pustak Mahotsav 2025 Reading Initiative

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S.B. Patil Public School joined the city-wide Pune Pustak Mahotsav 2025 initiative, held on Tuesday, 9th December, 2025 from 11:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m., an hour dedicated across Pune to encourage collective reading under the banner “शांतता! पुणेकर वाचत आहेत!” — “Silence! Punekar are reading!”

Organised under the leadership of chief coordinator Mr. Rajesh Pande and supported by the Ministry of Education, NBT India, the Pune Municipal Corporation, Pune Book Festival Committee, and other festival partners, the initiative sought to bring readers together while contributing to Pune’s effort to set a world record once again.

Under the guidance of the librarians, the students and faculty members of S.B. Patil Public School participated with great enthusiasm, engaging in dedicated reading during the scheduled

hour. As part of the event’s guidelines, participants read their chosen books, photographed the activity, and uploaded their images through the official link provided via the festival QR code — to be counted in the world record attempt.

The Pune Pustak Mahotsav 2025 aims to reaffirm Pune’s longstanding cultural and literary identity while inspiring young readers to cultivate a deeper connection with books. Through this collective effort, the school community proudly contributed to the city’s vision of celebrating reading and achieving a global milestone.