



# स्मरणिका SMARANIKA २०२५

## जोडी मराठी मन Bridging Marathi Minds

Calgary Marathi Association (CMA), is a registered non-profit organization to preserve the Marathi Culture by bringing together Marathi speaking persons in Calgary and surrounding area. website : <http://www.cmacalgary.ca>

### Our Vision

- “As a forward thinking and socially responsible group, our vision is to work together to preserve, promote, and enhance our culture, heritage and religion as part of the multi
- We aspire to strengthen our community as a whole and to promote multi- culturalism and inclusiveness for all generations to come”

### Our Mission

- Uphold and encourage our values, heritage and culture through celebration of our customs and traditions for generations to come.
- To support the spirit of Multiculturalism in Canada and invite other Canadians to participate in our community
- To bring all persons interested in Marathi language and/or others interested in the promotion of Marathi language.
- To support relief of poverty through community service and by arranging various charitable and educational activities.
- To promote language and/or others interested in the promotion of Marathi language.

### CMA Objectives

- Endorse events to strengthen the heritage, culture, festivities of the Marathi traditions.
- Support initiatives to promote and preserve the rich legacy of Marathi Language including support to Marathi schools in & around Calgary.
- Endorse culture specific entertainment opportunities to members through social gatherings.
- Promote artists from other ethnic groups & cultures to perform at events organized by CMA.
- Support the spirit of multiculturalism by promoting the events of other ethnic groups within the Marathi community.

- Educate and inform the younger generation of the diverse cultural heritage of India in general and of Maharashtra through various activities
- Engage the youth group through Paalavi program, in leadership opportunities to develop life skills, self- image and volunteerism.
- Engage the senior members of the community by supporting the initiatives of the Samadhan (a group for senior members).
- Support new Immigrants for an easy transition and engage them in the community activities.
- Promote participation in various charity initiatives while liaising with various community and charitable organisations.
- Conduct educational and skill development programs open to all members to strengthen the community as a whole.

### Our Core Values

- **Respect:** We believe that every person deserves to be treated with respect, dignity, equality and compassion.
- **Open- Mindedness:** We are committed to engage families, community partners and service providers in the various initiatives, programs, events to strength the community network and social support system an inclusive environment.
- **Passion:** We are passionate about what we do - we value innovation, growth, educational opportunities with the underlying philosophy of togetherness, union of families and communities.
- **Enhance natural capacities and networks:** We are committed to provide a safe, secure, fun filled community network and social support system that promotes physical, social and me.

## Makar Sankrant Haldi Kunku – “उत्सव सख्यांचा”

Date: January 25<sup>th</sup>, 2025

Venue: Vladimir's Ukrainian Orthodox Sobor

Title Sponsor: Shiny Choudhary

Attendance: 160~

- A special pelvic health awareness session by expert physiotherapists.
- Vibrant décor, a lively photo booth crafted by our own volunteers.
- Banquet-style seating.
- Fun games, and the joyful tradition of Ukhane.
- And a special Van- beautiful Paithani shela added a graceful cultural touch.
- Authentic Marathi dinner delighted everyone and enhanced the spirit of togetherness.

Your efforts truly embodied the spirit of Sakhyam and celebration!



## Samadhan Seniors Club: Gappa-Goshti (Get-together for Seniors)

Date: March 1st, 2025

Venue: Indoor

Attendance: 30~



- Delightful games, lively chit-chat, karaoke sessions.
- Spontaneous dance.
- Delicious homemade food made it a perfect recipe for fun and friendship.
- Free event for our seniors!

**Highlight!!**



**CMA Celebrates  
40<sup>th</sup> Year!**



**CMA Sports – Carrom Tournament**  
**Date: March 8<sup>th</sup>, 2025**  
**Venue: Bonaventure Dr. community hall**  
**Title Sponsor: Oasis Wealth Management**  
**Attendance: 45**



- The carrom tournament brought together players and spectators in a spirit of friendly competition, laughter, and community bonding.
- The exceptional skill, focus, and sportsmanship made the event truly exciting.
- 🏆 Winners: Nikhil Kulkarni & Manish Kaduskar
- 🥈 Runners-up: Mrs. Dhamankar & Akshay Jejurkar
- The participants enjoyed tasty missal pav and tea. It was a day filled with energy, precision, and fun, truly reflecting the CMA spirit! 🎉🌟



**CMA Women's Day 2025, No Limits, Just Infinite Possibilities ...उंच माझा झोका**

**Date: March 16<sup>th</sup>, 2025**  
**Venue: Dalhousie Community Association**  
**Title Sponsor: Monali Kulkarni**  
**Attendance: 60**



First-ever Women's Day Special Celebration, honored the strength and achievements of women in various sector. The event brought together women from various communities for an afternoon filled with inspiration, learning, and fun.

- Informative sessions by community experts on winter safety, breast cancer awareness, holistic nutrition, real estate, first aid and health, and Sylvan Learning on education.
- Shopping with local vendors, lively conversations, and
- A ramp walk where participants showcased their confidence and creativity.

## Paalavi Youth Winter Event – Action starts here

Date: March 21<sup>st</sup>, 2025

Venue: Activate Calgary North

Attendance: 29



- Paalavi youth enjoyed the exciting activities, interactive challenges and high energy fun at Activate facility.
- All participants enjoyed yummy paneer wrap and hot chocolate!



**Highlight!!**

**Record!**

**316**

**Memberships**

**70+ Memberships due to CMA Marathi Shala students**

## Gudhi Padwa – Ekankika Mahotsav

Date: April 6<sup>th</sup>, 2025

Venue: Chinese Cultural Centre

Title Sponsor: Abhay Vaidya (Integritty)

Attendance: 300~



While celebrating 40th year of CMA, brought past committee members who contributed towards CMA's growth.

Adults and kids got together on occasion of Gudhi Padawa for Ekankika Mahotsav:

- Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj and the play "Katha Ramrajyachi" by local talent,
- Captivating performance of "Krishna Kinara" by the Vancouver Kalakars.

Feather in cap was special recognition by Mr. Devendra Fadnavis, Deputy Chief Minister of Maharashtra for "Katha Ramrajyachi". Mrs. Anagha Jirankalgikar, a participant in the play, shared the



recording and intent of the performance with Mr. Fadnavis, who responded with a heartfelt video message appreciating the young performers, the entire team, and the CMA community for keeping Marathi culture alive abroad. The event was a true feast for the senses — colorful traditional attire, Amazing decoration and outstanding photo booth, soulful performances, and delicious Maharashtrian cuisine made the celebration unforgettable!

### Gudhi Padwa – Chaitra Sandya with Devaki Pandit

**Date:** April 6<sup>th</sup>, 2025

**Venue:** Chinese Cultural Centre

**Title Sponsor:** Rupali Jatratre

**Attendance:** 180~



- A true delight for music lovers, featuring the mesmerizing performance of renowned singer Devaki Pandit accompanied by Tabla maestro Harshad Kanetkar, Abhinav Ravande on harmonium.
- Our own local talent Vaishali Gokhale on sitar and nivedan by Sonali Joglekar.



**Highlight!!**

Total net subscriptions growth  
147 ↑ 61.5% compared to last year

### Samadhan – Pravachan by Mrs. Shilpa Navare

**Date:** May 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2025

**Venue:** Virtual

**Registrations:** 19



- Pravachan by Mrs. Shilpa Navare was organized by the Samadhan Club.
- The session was enriching, insightful, and deeply engaging for all attendees.
- Exploration of the भारुड "सत्वर पाव ग मला भवानी" highlighted the beautiful blend of subtle humor and profound spiritual teachings.
- The discourse enhanced understanding and appreciation of this meaningful tradition.

**Sports – Table Tennis**  
**Date: June 7<sup>th</sup>, 2025**  
**Venue: Genesis Centre**  
**Attendance: 30~**



- **"Table Tennis Tournament 2025"** was an absolute **HIT!** Our players delivered an exceptional performance 🏆, igniting an electric atmosphere with incredible rallies that everyone thoroughly enjoyed! ✨
- **Women's Singles**
  - \* **Winner:** Pallavi Bhagwat
  - \* **Runner-up:** Apali Chawda
- **Mixed Doubles**
  - \* **Winner:** Pallavi Bhagwat & Amit Patankar
  - \* **Runner-up:** Apali Chawda & Eeshwar Chawda
- **Men's Doubles**
  - \* **Winners:** Animesh Joshi & Manas Joshi
  - \* **Runner-up:** Mohit Halkare & Amit Patankar



**Marathi Shala Annual Day**  
**Date: June 21<sup>st</sup>, 2025**  
**Venue: Dalhousie Community Association Auditorium**  
**Title Sponsor: Oasis Wealth Management**  
**Attendance: 175+**

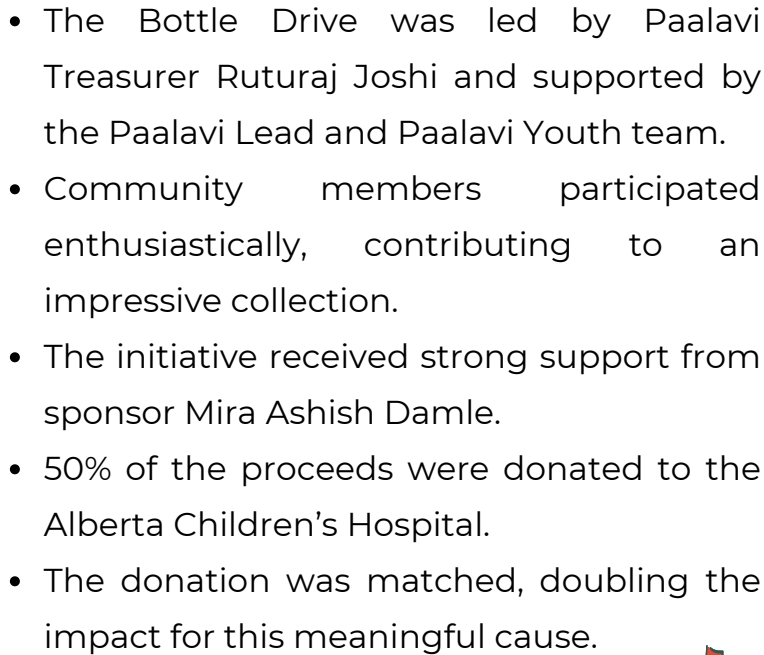


- Marathi Shala celebrated its Annual Day 2025 titled "स्नेहसंमेलन: उत्सव अभिजात भाषेचा".
- The event was a heartfelt tribute to the Marathi language and our cultural heritage.
- Students showcased their incredible talent through captivating performances.
- All performances were presented in Marathi, reflecting pride in our traditions and values.



- For 2024 - 2025, we had 70+ Marathi Shala Students.
- For 2025 - 2026, we have total 85+ students
- This helped to increase the membership by 70+.





**Date: July 4<sup>th</sup>, 2025**

## Venue: Calgary

## Title Sponsor: Hestia Construction

**Participation: 100~**



- Filled with pride and joy as we celebrate our vibrant participation in this iconic event.
- The energetic beats of the Dhol-Tasha Pathak added unmatched enthusiasm and grandeur to the celebration.
- Alongside APCA, OSCA, RANA, and UPAC, CMA showcased the true essence of unity in diversity.
- CMA proudly secured 2nd Place for the Best Horse Drawn Conveyance Award.





## BMM - Wari to Pandharpur: परदेशातील वारी पंढरीची

**Date: July 13th, 2025**

**Venue: Edworthy Park**

**Participation: 50~**

- CMA proudly participated for the first time in BMM's "परदेशातील वारी पंढरीची" under SamajRang, inspired by the traditional Wari to Pandharpur.
- The "सांगता सोहळा 2025" on July 13 at Edworthy Park brought the community together for a meaningful walk focused on health, devotion, and collective well-being.
- Members enjoyed a spiritually uplifting atmosphere filled with Vitthal bhajans, naamjap, and joyful togetherness.
- The event saw enthusiastic participation and strong community spirit, making it a memorable success.
- Appreciation to Manish Dharme and Sandeep Pawar for initiating and bringing this beautiful experience to CMA.





## Summer Picnic

Date: July 12<sup>th</sup>, 2025

Venue: Calgary Farmyard

Title Sponsor: Desi Home Care

Attendance: 100~



- CMA Summer Picnic at Calgary Farmyard was a memorable and fun-filled event.
- Members and families enjoyed attractions like the petting zoo, corn maze, mini golf, tractor rides, and various games.
- The potluck lunch was a delicious highlight, featuring everyone's favorite homemade dishes.
- Enthusiastic participation from Paalavi, Samadhan members, and newcomers added to the lively and joyful atmosphere.



## Family Camping

Date: July 18<sup>th</sup> to July 20<sup>th</sup>, 2025

Venue: Aspen Beach Provincial Park, Gull Lake

Attendance: 30 Families



- The Calgary Marathi Association's Annual Camping Trip was truly ek number, bringing the community together with a perfect mix of sunshine, rain, and nature.
- Day 1: Campers pitched tents, shared delicious homemade meals, and enjoyed a cozy campfire with karaoke, laughter, and marshmallow roasting.
- Day 2: Started with a hearty CMA breakfast, followed by beach walks, farm strolls, reels and friendly games despite the drizzle.
- The "Paint With Me" session by Swati Kene was a hit among all age groups, while cricket and soccer kept the excitement going.



- The day wrapped up with a lively Antakshari, filling the night with nostalgic melodies.
- As campers packed up, the smiles said it all — it was a weekend of unforgettable memories, laughter, and meaningful community bonding.

**Highlight!!**

**One time huge sponsorship for Stampede**

### **IndiYeah – Independence Day**

**Date: August 16th, 2025**

**Venue: Lot 6 Calgary**

- The spirit of India came alive at the vibrant IndiYeah 2025 Festival, celebrating Independence Day with dazzling regional performances.
- CMA members added their own flair with an energetic cultural dance that lit up the stage.
- The mesmerizing Dhol-Tasha performance electrified the atmosphere and had the crowd on their feet.



### **Ganesh Murti Making Workshop**

**Date: August 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2025**

**Venue: Citadel Community Hall**

**Title Sponsor: Dipakkumar Rane**

**Attendance: 55+**



- Kids and parents enjoyed the Ganpati murti making under guidance of Mrs. Deepali Shishodia and her volunteers.
- Parents felt that they made connection with devotion and worshiped small idol at home during Ganesh Chaturthi.





# Ganpati Utsav - Calgarycha Raja

Date: September 7<sup>th</sup>, 2025

Venue: Genesis Centre

Title Sponsor: Amit Gupta

Attendance: 850 ~



- Subak Ganpati Bappa murti, donated by Spring Valley creations by Swati Kinkar and Revati Kinkar.
- Traditional puja by Rajendra Shandye.
- Beautiful decoration – by our CMA members volunteers based on Mahabharat Shri Vishnu Virat Roop
- Mouthwatering Maharashtrian food with Masale Bhat.
- The performance theme was based on local arts from various regions in India.
- CMA received many dignitaries and received appreciation certificate for contribution towards community bonding and promoting cultural diversity.
- Opportunity to various local vendors
- Multiple lucky draws with Gold earrings by Oasis Wealth managements



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## Kojagiri Utsav

**Date: October 4<sup>th</sup>, 2025**

**Venue: Vladimir's Ukrainian Orthodox Sobor**

**Title Sponsor: Rupali Jatrate**

**Attendance: 200+**



- Traditional celebration
- Navdurga act
- Ghagri Phunkane
- Tulja Bhavani created by our own volunteers
- Beautiful Photo booth by created volunteers
- Opportunity to local vendors to sell their products
- Lucky draw by Title Sponsor



## Deepavali Faral Making Sessions

**Date: Oct. 13-17th, 2025**

**Venue: Chef's home**

- The Deepavali Faral Making Sessions were a delightful success, with enthusiastic participation and a wonderful display of festive spirit.
- Many community members joined the sessions and proudly shared their homemade creations with the committee.
- Five talented chefs — Kala Gokhale, Deepali Shishodia, Shilpa Chothave, Hema Sawant, and Sara Sawant — generously shared their expertise and guided participants through delicious Faral recipes.
- From traditional favorites to nutritious modern twists, their contributions made this year's Deepavali preparations truly special and memorable.

**Highlight!!**

**Title Sponsors for most of the Events and New Sponsors & Vendors**





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## Badminton Tournament

Date: November 15<sup>th</sup>, 2025

Venue: Genesis Centre

Title Sponsor: Dipakkumar Rane

Attendance: 55~



- The tournament featured strong participation from both CMA and non-CMA members, showcasing our association's vibrancy and community spirit.
- Players competed through a challenging round-robin followed by knockout rounds leading to the finals, with everyone well-hydrated and energized thanks to the Annapurna team.
- Special prizes, medals, and generous sponsor gifts ensured winners, runners-up, and lucky draw participants were all celebrated.





# Special Thanks to Generous Sponsors and Vendors







# Highlights & Achievements



- CMA Celebrates 40 Glorious Years (1985–2025): Marked a major milestone with four decades of culture, community, and connection; all past committees were welcomed on stage for their contribution to CMA's growth.
- 316 Memberships – Nearly 900 Members: CMA's family continued to grow stronger and more vibrant than ever.
- Title Sponsors for Major Events: Most of the year's flagship events were proudly supported by Title Sponsors, reflecting strong community partnerships.
- Premier Danielle Smith's Special Messages: Received special greetings from the Honorable Premier for "Calgarycha Raja – Ganesh Utsav 2025" and "Deepavali Sneh Mela 2025."
- New Sponsors & Vendors: Several new partners joined the CMA family in 2025, adding value and diversity to our events.
- Historic Stampede Sponsorship: Secured a one-time sponsorship of \$10,000 — a first in CMA history.
- Free Community Events: Hosted Samadhan Gappa Goshti and Paalavi educational sessions at no cost to members.
- First-Ever Signature Events: Successfully introduced Ekantika Mahotsav for Gudi Padwa, Chaitra Sandhya, International Women's Day, a unique Kojagiri with a Marathi Navratri touch, and the first-ever Faral Making Live Demo.
- Community Donations: Bottle Drive donations supported the Alberta Children's Hospital; Ganpati Utsav Food Drive contributions were provided to Mustard Seed.
- Five-Year Volunteer Recognition: Received an appreciation letter from Mustard Seed for 5 years of volunteer service — special acknowledgment to Rama Khare and Manjiri Shendye for leading this effort also received 2024 Blood donation recognition certificate.
- Website Enhancements: Continued updates to ensure smooth access to events, ticketing, and information.
- Sponsor Visibility: Introduced sponsor video features on social media platforms.
- A huge thanks to all our dedicated volunteers and to our generous sponsors and vendors throughout 2025 — your support made every CMA initiative stronger and more impactful.

