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Lokmanya Tilak's Court Cases

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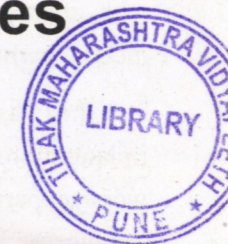
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THE BARVE DEFAMATION CASE

Those were the times when people liked the princely states and their rulers and any injustice or wrongdoing in this regard was newsworthy. The states of Kolhapur and Baroda were administered by Diwans appointed by the British government as the heirs to the thrones were minors. Some letters [which later turned out to be forged] were published which alleged that the administrators namely T. Madhavrao administering Baroda and M. N. Barve administering Kolhapur were not acting in the best interest of the Maharaja. Barve then instituted a defamation suit which Tilak and Agarkar lost as the letters they had relied on turned out to be forged. They tendered unconditional apologies but Barve was not satisfied and the judge held them guilty of the charges of defamation and sentenced them to four months' rigorous imprisonment.

Tilak and Agarkar served their sentence in the Dongri prison as common convicts as there was no separate class as political prisoners. Despite appealing condition in the prison, the two served out their 101 days [shortened for good behavior] quite cheerfully and utilized the time for more discussions on subjects dear to their heart.

It is worth mentioning that as soon as the legal proceedings started, the students of Deccan College [where Tilak and Agarkar had studied] and the New English School rallied around the young newspapermen and collected a fund to aid in their legal defense since the two had very limited resources. What is noteworthy is the fact that even in those early years Tilak and Agarkar inspired the people and were showing signs of their leadership abilities. That they were becoming popular is beyond doubt. Upon their release, people greeted them





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Present Position :

- **Trustee Editor** : Daily Kesari - Founded by Lokmanya Tilak in 1881.
- **President and Vice-Chancellor** : Tilak Maharashtra Vidyapeeth, Pune. Established in May 1921 in memory of great patriot Lokmanya Bal Gangadhar Tilak. TMV was awarded the status of 'Deemed University' in April 1987 under Section 3 of UGC Act.

President & Trustee :

- **Tilak Smarak Trust and Hind Swaraj Sangh** formed by Lokmanya Tilak in 1917.
- **Shri Shivaji Mandir Trust** - 1907
- **Anath Hindu Mahilashram (Hindu Women's Rescue Home Society) - 1935**
- **Mahila Punarvasan Kendra**

President :

- **Vakrutvottejak Sabha (144 years old)**
- **Ved Shastrottejak Sabha** - 1875
- **Vaidik Sanshodhan Mandal** - 1921
- **Hon. Cheif Advisor of The Rose Society of Pune** - 1962

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- P. K. Alias Anna Patil Foundation s Purushottam Award
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Sports Activities :

- Secretary : Poona Judo Association
- Judo Expert, National Gold Medalist, Black Belt, 2nd Dan, Kodokan, Japan.
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Author :

- Books named Taiotoshi, Judo-Karate and several articles in famous newspapers and periodicals on various subjects.
- Book named Lokmanya Bal Gangadhar Tilak - Maker of Modern India (English / Marathi / Hindi / Japnees)
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- Business Ethic (Text Book)
- Event management (Text Book)
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