

The Survey of Dialects of the Marathi Language (SDML)

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This project was taken up jointly by Deccan College Deemed University, Pune and Rajya Marathi Vikas Sanstha, Mumbai in September 2017. The main objectives of the project were –

- (i) To create a digital database of social and regional variation in contemporary Marathi spoken in the state of Maharashtra using the methods of dialectology
- (ii) To present the variation observed in selected linguistic features in the form of computer-generated dialect maps

The outcomes of the project (e.g. about seventy dialect maps and nearly seven hundred audio-linked and linguistically annotated texts) are available in Marathi and in English on a dedicated website www.sdml.ac.in under the Creative Commons Attribution-ShareAlike 4.0 International License.

The project report in three volumes (Vol. 1 – Project Report; Vol. 2 – Linguistically annotated texts; Vol. 3 – Metadata) was released by the Chief Minister of the state of Maharashtra on 27th February 2024 on the occasion of Marathi Bhasha Gaurav Diwas.

