

## Facilitator

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Dr. Mahulikar was awarded the Maneckji Limji Gold Medal for her dissertation on 'Ancient Greek Dramas and Bharata's Natyasastra' from Mumbai University. Some of the many awards that Dr. Mahulikar has been awarded are the 'Ramakrishna Award' by the Canadian Education Foundation, Ontario for the propagation of Sanskrit (2003); Guru Gaurav Puraskar by Kalasadan, Mumbai (2011); Kavikulaguru Kalidas Sanskrit Sadhana Puraskar by Maharashtra State Government (2013); Adi Sankaracarya Puraskar awarded by H.H. Sri Jayendra Saraswati Mahaswamigal, the Shankaracharya of Kanchi Kamakoti Peetham (2014); Savitribal Phule Puraskar by Mumbai University (2015); and the Indira Behere Puraskar by Tilak Maharashtra Vidyapeeth, Pune (2015).