

Mayuri Malhar Naik

Candidate for BMM Vice President

St. Louis Marathi Mandal | St. Louis, Missouri



VISION

Since 2011, I have served the Marathi community through progressive volunteer and leadership roles, including committee management, Marathi teaching, growing Marathi Shala, and serving as Vice President and President of St. Louis Marathi Mandal. I also served as a BMM Representative for over four years and have volunteered with BMM committees for over five years. I am running for BMM Vice President to bring this hands-on execution experience to a broader platform, support the President and Executive Committee, strengthen coordination across Mandals, and help expand BMM's impact in Marathi language, culture, arts, youth engagement, and volunteer-led initiatives.

KEY PRIORITIES / GOALS

- Strengthen coordination between BMM, Mandals, committees, and volunteers so key initiatives have clear ownership, communication, and follow-through.
- Support the President and Executive Committee in executing BMM priorities with transparency, accountability, and timely progress tracking.
- Expand BMM's impact in Marathi language, culture, and arts through scalable programs, shared resources, and stronger Mandal participation.
- Grow Marathi Shala and youth engagement initiatives, including Yuwa, internships, competitions, exams, and leadership opportunities for the next generation.
- Strengthen BMM's presence beyond the Marathi community by representing Marathi language, culture, and arts in collaboration with broader Indian, American, cultural, educational, and community organizations.

POSITIONS HELD

- Marathi Shala Coordinator and Volunteer Teacher, St. Louis Marathi Mandal - 2012 to present
- Committee Member, St. Louis Marathi Mandal - 2018 to present
- BMM Representative, St. Louis Marathi Mandal - 2018 to 2023
- Vice President, St. Louis Marathi Mandal - 2019 to 2021
- President, St. Louis Marathi Mandal - 2021 to 2022
- Volunteer, BMM Marathi Shala / Yuwa initiatives - 2022 to present
- Volunteer, BMM Balbharati initiative - 2022 to present

YEARS OF EXPERIENCE

- Marathi Shala Coordinator and Volunteer Teacher, St. Louis Marathi Mandal - 14 years
- Committee Member, St. Louis Marathi Mandal - 8 years
- BMM Representative, St. Louis Marathi Mandal - 5 years
- Vice President, St. Louis Marathi Mandal - 2 years
- President, St. Louis Marathi Mandal - 1 year
- Volunteer, BMM Marathi Shala / Yuwa initiatives - 5 years
- Volunteer, BMM Balbharati initiative - 5 years

KEY SOCIAL ACHIEVEMENTS

Since 2011, I have served the Marathi community through consistent, hands-on involvement with St. Louis Marathi Mandal and BMM-related initiatives. My journey has grown from volunteering at local Mandal activities to taking on progressive leadership responsibilities in committee coordination, Marathi Shala teaching and expansion, Mandal administration, BMM representation, and BMM committee work. This experience has strengthened my ability to bring people together, organize volunteers, manage responsibilities, support program delivery, and help community initiatives move from planning to successful execution.

ST. LOUIS MARATHI MANDAL

- Progressed through multiple leadership responsibilities, including committee work, Marathi Shala teaching and coordination, Vice President, and President.
- Helped strengthen Mandal operations through committee coordination, volunteer support, and community event execution.
- As Vice President and President, supported continuity, teamwork, and smooth execution of Mandal activities.

MARATHI SHALA / EDUCATION

- Helped grow and sustain St. Louis Marathi Shala through teaching, coordination, admissions support, parent/teacher communication, and exam coordination.
- Supported annual BMM and Balbharati exam coordination by connecting students, parents, teachers, and coordinators.
- Reviewed Marathi Shala books and contributed to the development of new learning materials.

BMM / BROADER COMMUNITY

- Served as BMM Representative for St. Louis Marathi Mandal for over four years.
- Volunteered with BMM committees for over five years, supporting Marathi Shala, Yuwa, Balbharati, essay competitions, summer Yuwa internship, Shivcharitra Parayan, paper setting, and exam-related work.
- Played an active role in opening new Marathi Shalas in Europe, Dubai, and Hong Kong, supporting coordination, onboarding, learning resources, and exam-related guidance.
- Contributed to initiatives that promote Marathi language, culture, education, youth participation, and community connection across geographies.
- I take pride in being a trusted local anchor for students and families relocating to the USA, and in serving as a guardian parent to many students as they navigate a new country, community, and culture.

PROFESSIONAL BACKGROUND

I work as an Ophthalmic Assistant with Mercy Hospital since 2023. Prior to this role, I worked with various St. Louis County schools, which gave me valuable experience working with students, families, and diverse community needs. My professional background has strengthened my skills in communication, empathy, organization, responsibility, and service-oriented leadership, which I bring to my community work and volunteer leadership.

PERSONAL BACKGROUND

I live in St. Louis with my family. My daughter, Ketki Naik, has been working with BMM Yuwa since 2022, and my son is in junior high school. My husband works in Product Management at Mastercard. I enjoy staying active and staying connected with the community through Marathi language, culture, arts, education, and volunteer service. I value community building, youth engagement, and preserving Marathi heritage for the next generation.