Grammatical Feature: {Present Progressive}

The present progressive form of the verb in the sentence refers to an action in the present time which is ongoing/incomplete/in progression. For example, in the standard Marathi sentence *rohən amba kʰat ahe* 'Rohan mango eating is (=Rohan is eating a mango)', the verbal complex *kʰat ahe* refers to the event of Rohan eating a mango which is ongoing at the time of the speaker uttering the sentence.

1.0 Dialectal variation in marking the {Present Progressive}

Three variant realisations were observed in the various regional dialects of Marathi for indicating the present progressive aspect: (1) [V-t(-AGR)+(AUX)], (2) [V-CP+RAH-AGR+(AUX)] (3) [V-NON.FIN+LAG-AGR+(AUX)]. Thegeographical distribution and examples of the variant forms are given below.

1.1 Variant 1: [V-t(-AGR)+(AUX)]

The variant [V-t (-AGR) + (AUX)] of the present progressive aspect was noted in all the sampled districts in the state of Maharashtra.

1.1.1 example (District Ratnagiri, Taluka Dapoli, Village Dabhol, F56, Kharvi, 3rd)

त्या मानसाला मार**तोय** तो

tya mansala mar**toy** to

tya mansa-la mar-**toy** to

DEM.DIST.OBL man.OBL-ACC hit-PRS.PROG.**3SGM** he

He is hitting that man.

1.2 Variant 2: [V-CP+RAH-AGR+(AUX)]

The variant [V-CP+RAH-AGR+(AUX)] of the present progressive aspect was recorded in twenty two of the sampled 34 districts in the state of Maharashtra. The geographical spread of this variant and examples are given below:

District	Taluka and Village
Chandrapur	Chandrapur - Chaknimala and Datala, Rajura - Kadholi (Budruk) and Koshtala, Brahmapuri - Panchgaon and Torgaon (Budruk)
Gadchiroli	Gadchiroli - Khursa and Shioni, Korchi - Bori

Gondia	Gondia - Temni and Tedhwa, Sadak Arjuni - Duggipar and Chikhali
Bhandara	Bhandara - Dhargaon and Mujbi, Tumsar - Lobhi and Bori
Nagpur	Nagpur - Yerla and Sonegaon Lodhi, Bhiwapur - Sawargaon and Botezari, Ramtek - Bhojapur and Karwahi, Narkhed - Umari and Pandhari
Wardha	Wardha - Karanji (Bhoge) and Nimgaon (Sabne), Ashti - Khadka and Thar, Hinganghat - Ajanti and Poti, Selu - Wadgaon Jangli and Zadshi
Yavatmal	Ghatanji - Khapri and Kurli, Ner - Kolura and Dagad Dhanora
Amravati	Amravati - Sawradi and Malkapur, Warud - Satnur and Gadegaon, Daryapur - Bhambora, Jitapur and Bhamod, Dharni - Kawdaziri
Akola	Akola - Gopalkhed and Yeota
Washim	Washim - Shirputi, Risod - Chakoli and Ghonsar, Karnja - Girda and Donad (Budruk)
Buldhana	Buldhana- Palaskhed Bhat and Warwand, Jalgaon-Jamod - Wadgaon Patan and Nimkarad, Shegaon - Shirajgaon (Nile) and Padasul
Latur	Udgir - Shirol Janapur and Malkapur
Jalna	Jalna - Dhawedi
Aurangabad	Aurangabad - Pimpalkhunta, Vaijapur - Nandgaon and Sawkhedganga, Paithan - Telwadi and Pachod (Budruk), Soegaon - Ghosla and Palaskheda
Jalgaon	Jalgaon - Dhamangaon and Wadli, Jamner - Wakod and Waghari, Raver - Mangalwadi, Chalisgaon - Dahiwad, Chopda - Tandalwadi
Dhule	Dhule - Laling, Songir, Khede and Shirud-Khordad, Shirpur - Ambe, Shingave and Boradi, Sakri - Dighave and Dhadne
Nandurbar	Nandurbar - Ghotane, Navapur - Khandbara and Chinchpada, Shahada - Prakasha and Shahada
Nashik	Nashik - Madsangvi, Palse and Vilholi, Malegaon - Kalwadi and Kaulane (GA.), Satana - Mulher and Daregaon, Surgana - Kathipada and Surgana, Triambakeshwar - Goldari and Zarwad (Khurd), Yeola - Bokte and Nimgaonmadh
Ahmednagar	Ahmednagar - Kamargaon and Narayan Doho, Newasa - Khalapimpri, Akole - Dongargaon
Palghar	Jawhar - Hateri, Mokhada - Karegaon
Thane	Bhiwandi - Bhiwali and Khoni
Satara	Satara - Chalkewadi

1.2.1 example (District Nagpur, Taluka Nagpur, Village Yerla, M70, Mang(SC), Illiterate)

त्या दोगीज़नी भांडन **करून रायल्या**

tya dogijəni bʰaṇḍən kərun raylya

tya dogi-jəni bʰaṇḍən kər-**un raylya**

DEM.DIST.OBL.FPL both.3PLF-people.3PLF quarrel.3SGN do-**CP STAY.PRS.PROG.3PLF**

Both of them are fighting.

1.3 Variant 3: [V-NON.FIN+LAG-AGR+(AUX)]

The variant [V-NON.FIN+LAG-AGR+(AUX)] is used to indicate the present progressive aspect in sixteen of the sampled 34 districts in the state of Maharashtra. The geographical spread of this variant and examples are given below:

District	Taluka and Village
Yavatmal	Ghatanji - Kurli
Washim	Risod - Chakoli and Ghonsar
Nashik	Triambakeshwar - Goldari
Palghar	Vasai - Kalamb and Nirmal and Saivan, Talasari - Girgaon
Raigad	Karjat - Salokh, Shriwardhan - Bagmandla
Sindhudurg	Malwan - Katta
Kolhapur	Karvir - Gadmudshingi and Khupire, Shahuwadi - Shahuwadi, Kagal - Gorambe, Kenawde and Ekondi, Chandgad - Chandgad and Tudiye, Radhanagari - Sonyachi Shiroli, Gadhinglaj - Hebbal Jaldyal and Inchnal
Sangli	Miraj - Soni and Mhaisal, Shirala (Khurd) - Shirala (Khurd)
Solapur	Solapur - Ranmasale, Dongaon and Nandni, Akkalkot - Karjal, Kurnur and Chikkehalli, Sangole - Hangirge, Hatid and Sangole, Barshi - Gaudgaon and Saundare
Osmanabad	Osmanabad - Shingoli and Kond, Omerga - Jakekur and Kasgi
Latur	Latur - Pakharsangvi, Tandulja and Babhalgaon,

Nanded	Nilanga - Dadgi, Udgir - Shirol Janapur and Malkapur Nanded - Limbgaon and Pangri, Kinwat - Islapur and Maregaon (Khalche), Mukhed - Shirur (Dabde) and Halni, Deglur - Khanapur and Ramtapur
Hingoli	Hingoli - Karwadi, Kalamnuri - Babhali and Morwad
Jalna	Mantha - Uswad and Talni and Kendhali
Parbhani	Palam - Kapsi and Banwas, Sonpeth - Dighol and Tiwthana, Parbhani - Takalgavhan
Beed	Beed - Bedkuwadi, Ambejogai - Satephal and Daradwadi

1.3.1 Example (District Nanded, Taluka Nanded, Village Limbgaon, F70, Maratha, Illiterate)

मी काय सांगायली तुमाला लबाड बोलू नाय खरं बोलावं

mi kay saṅg**ayli** tumala ləbaḍ bolu nay kʰərə bolawə

mi kay saṅg-**ayli** tuma-la ləbaḍ bol-u nay kʰərə bol-awə

I what tell-**PRS.PROG.1SGF** you.OBL.PL-ACC lie.3SGN speak-NON.FIN PROH truth.3SGN speak-SUBJ

What I am telling you is not to lie, tell the truth.