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Gurusvaya Late Shankarrao Kanitkar
Founder - P. E. Society, Pune 5

Golden Jubilee Year Valedictory Ceremony of Progressive Education Society's Modern College of Arts, Science and Commerce

Shivajinagar, Pune 5.



Felicitation of Hon'ble Prof. Nitin Karmalkar, Vice Chancellor, SPPU, Pune at the hands of Hon'ble Prof. Dr. Gajanan R. Ekbote, Chairman, P. E. Society.



Felicitation of Hon'ble Shri Murlidhar Mohol, Mayor, Pune at the hands of Hon'ble Prof. Dr. Gajanan R. Ekbote, Chairman, P. E. Society.



Felicitation of Shri Bhagat Singh Koshyari Hon'ble Governor Maharashtra State at the hands of Hon'ble Prof. Dr. Gajanan R. Ekbote



Shri Bhagat Singh Koshyari Hon'ble Governor Maharashtra State handed over letter of Appreciation to Prof. Dr. Gajanan R. Ekbote for his noteworthy contribution in the field of Education & Medical.

Progressive Education Society is a reputed and distinguished educational institution in the State of Maharashtra. Gurusvaya Late Shankarrao Kanitkar, along with his selfless dedicated team of teachers known for the highest moral values, laid the foundation of the Society on the auspicious day of 'Akshay Tritiya' on 16th May, 1934 in Pune. P. E. Society has been making noteworthy progress for the last 86 years along with the noble path and principles laid down by the eminent predecessors such as Gurusvaya Late S. R. Kanitkar, Late V. T. Tatke and Late M. G. Chaphekar who were illustrious incarnations of ceaseless hard work and sacrifice. Late S. R. Kanitkar was ably assisted by Late V. T. Tatke, Late M. G. Chaphekar and Late Koparkar. Progressive Education Society is proud to possess the glowing tradition of these stalwarts.

The two remarkable words that appear in the names of the Society and its educational institutions are "Progressive" and "Modern". The inclusion of these words was certainly with some noble intentions, which serves as a bright beacon for P. E. Society to follow with determination. These two words highlight the aims and objects of this reputed educational institution. "Progressive" and "Modern" were the terms used in 1934 by Late Shankarrao Kanitkar and his colleagues to delineate the dreams and future road map of Progressive Education Society. "Progressive" means keeping with the spirit of times and innovation while "Modern" means Modern in outlook, up-to-date in all matters whether it is an academic activity, sports activity or cultural activity. It was resolved to use modern equipments and modern methodology to teach the students. The aims and objects of the Progressive Education Society as laid down in its Constitution are "to impart generally to the rising generations of this country, an efficient Pre-primary, Primary, Secondary, Higher Secondary and Collegiate education, embodying a literacy, scientific, technical, commercial and industrial training and the training of teachers by the establishment at Pune and other places in the Maharashtra State, as circumstances permit, of Pre-primary, Primary, Secondary, Higher Secondary Schools and Colleges or by such other means as may be most conducive to the attainment of the aims and objects of the Society.

MISSION STATEMENT

"TO CREATE Multidisciplinary Best Citizens, TO SUITE The Local, National And International Needs, HAVING Scientific Temperament, Moral And Ethical Values AND Multifaceted Proactive Personalities, BY PROVIDING Excellent Education"

Progressive i.e. keeping with the spirit of the times and Modern in outlook, up-to-date in all matters whether it be in the classroom or on the playground. Since its inception P. E. Society has never compromised on these two ideas, which are 'VALUES' for us. Even today, in 2021, Progressive Education Society is managed by the teachers.

The past students which have passed out from the Schools / Colleges managed by Progressive Education Society have done and are doing excellent work in the different fields & are serving our nation.

Noted Congress leader Late Br. V. N. Gagdil, Hon'ble Shri Vijay Kelkar, Ex-Secretary, Finance Dept., Govt. of India, Shri Padmakar R. Dubhashi, Ex-Vice-Chancellor, University of Goa are some of the past students of Progressive Education Society.

IAS/ IPS Officers - Late S. P. Palande, Smt. Shanta Rao Shastri, Shri Jayant Umanarankar, Shri Sunil Dadhe, Shri Subhash Deore, Shri Avinash Dharmadhikari, Shri Sadanand Date, Shri Vinod Lokhande, Late Arvind Inamdar,

Former Members of Parliament - Mrs. Rajani Patil, Shri Anil Shirole, Former and present Members of Legislative Assembly - Smt. Madhuritai Misal, Shri Vishwas Gangurde, Shri Vinayak Nimhan, Shri Krushnarao Bhegde, Shri Chandrakant Chajed, Late Shamkant More, Shri Sagar Bondre, Late Subhash Kul,

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Renowned Doctors - Late Dr. S. J. Kinikar, Dr. Gajanan R. Ekbote, Dr. Jagdish Hiremath, Dr. Shirish Prayag, Dr. Shirish Hiremath, Dr. Nandu Kanade, Dr. Satish Karnik, late Dr. Ajit Golwalkar, Dr. Charudatta Apte, Dr. Sanjay Kulkarni, Dr. Nitin Patki, Dr. Ashok Kanitkar, First Lady Pilot - Smt. Saudamini Deshmukh.

Arjun Award and Shree Shivchhatrapati Award Winners - Shri. Shrirang Inamdar, Smt. Alka Dighe, Smt. Nisha Kulkarni, Smt. Sadhana Rahatekar, Smt. Anita Pawar, Smt. Ujjwala Nikam, Smt. Deepali Raksh, Smt. Sunita Deshpande, Shri Atul Wakankar.

Arts and cultural field - Smt. Indrayani Sawakar, Smt. Sulochana Bhagwat, Smt. Mrunalini Dhavale, Smt. Asha Parulekar, Smt. Swaroopa Khopkar, Shri Tyagraj Khadilkar, Shri Gaganvihari Borate, Shri Sachin Jambhekar, Smt. Gauri Damale, Smt. Koyal Sarkar.

From the year 1986, the development of Progressive Education Society accelerated without any hindrances. The number of schools/colleges managed by P. E. Society was 9 in the year 1986 when Prof. G. R. Ekbote joined P. E. Society. Prof. Dr. Gajanan R. Ekbote, a renowned Surgeon in Pune City and a past student of Modern High School, Shivajinagar, Pune 5 took charge as a Chairman of Progressive Education Society w.e.f. 1st January, 1994.

The great visionary Prof. Dr. G. R. Ekbote has been blessed to with qualities like democratic leadership, which has motivated number of officers, academicians, dignitaries inside the organization and outside the organization. He has worked as a Member of Senate, Management and Academic Council, as a Dean of Faculty of Medicine of Savitribai Phule Pune University, Pune. He has also worked as a Pro-Vice-Chancellor and Member of Senate, and Academic Council of Maharashtra University of Health Sciences, Nashik. He was nominated as a representative of Hon'ble Chancellor on the Management Council of Maharashtra University of Health Sciences, Nashik. Persuasion skill inherited in Prof. Dr. G. R. Ekbote has been the instrumental between several academicians and authorities of Universities. He was also nominated on various authorities of different Universities in India. He has also worked on various Committees of Planning Commission of India. At present, he is working as a Professor of

Surgery in B. J. Medical College, Pune for more than 23 years.

The distinctions conferred on him and awards given to him for his outstanding contribution in Higher Education aptly convey the message to public at large that his democratic leadership in academics and related field is accepted wholeheartedly and unanimously. Due to his dynamic personality, valuable guidance and hallucination, Progressive Education Society developed rapidly since 1994. Gurusvaya Vishnu T. Tatke, Gurusvaya M. G. Chaphekar, Dr. Madhav Namjoshi, Ravi Kirad, Balasaheb Hagawane, Adv. Babasaheb Chavan, Suresh Todkar, Adv. Dadasaheb Bendre, Adv. Manikrao Patil, Prof. Shamkant Deshmukh, Prof. Mrs. Jyotsna G. Ekbote, Prof. Dr. A.K. Pande, Prof. P. S. Chirputkar, Prof. Sitaram Raykar, Prof. Dr. Nivedita Ekbote, Shri Chittaranjan Kamble, Mrs. Monika Vaidya, Arun Deokate Dattatraya Patole Prof. Dr. Prakash Dixit, Shri Deepak Marathe have significant contribution in the overall development and progress of Progressive Education Society, Pune.

Till 1969, Progressive Education Society was functional in the field of School Education. In the year 1970, Progressive Education Society took its first step towards Higher Education and established its first Senior College viz. Modern College of Arts, Science and Commerce at Shivajinagar, Pune-5. The College was started in its own building as per the suggestive condition laid down by University of Pune. Qualified and experienced teachers were appointed in the College right from the establishment. In the first decade of successful journey of the College, the First Research Centre of the College in Zoology was started. The first decade also saw the commencement of first Post graduate course viz. M. Com on grant-in-aid basis. During the second decade, Post Graduate Research Center in Botany was also started with the permission of the authorities of Pune University. During next two decades from 1990-2000 and from 2001-2010, the initiative of Prof. Dr. Gajanan R. Ekbote led to the launch of several Post graduate courses and Research Centers in various subjects. Prof. Dr. G. R. Ekbote insisted that 'Research' must be given importance along with undergraduate and post graduate courses. This was the important stage in the journey of the College.

In the year 2002-2003, College was accredited by the National Assessment and Accreditation Council, Bangalore (NAAC). Modern College was one of the few colleges to offer such an assessment in its initial stages. Considering quantitative and qualitative progress in the academic career of the College, University of Pune awarded 'Best College' Award to this College in the academic year 2007-08. For the Management, Principal, Teaching and non-teaching members of the College, this Award was inspirational, motivating, jubilant and satisfying.

During year 2009-10, during the second cycle of Accreditation and Assessment, College was Accredited by 'A' Grade by National Assessment and Accreditation Council, Bangalore (NAAC). During this visit, the members of the Peer Team of NAAC, Bangalore took special note of the 'Best College' Award received by the College from Pune University, Pune. During this important phase, various modern, innovative and sophisticated facilities for teaching-learning process were provided in the College. Various departments of the College were renovated. This augmented Research work in the College.

During the years 2010-2020, under the able and valuable guidance of Prof. Dr. G. R. Ekbote Sir and Prof. Mrs. Jyotsna G. Ekbote, Chairperson, College Development Committee, various Post Graduate Courses viz. M. A. (English, Geography, Economics, Marathi, Psychology, Hindi, History, Politics), M.Sc. (Electronics, Botany, Biotechnology, Microbiology, Analytical Chemistry, Statistics, Computer Science, Mathematics), M.C.A. (Science), Research Centers in Zoology, Marathi, Commerce, Life Sciences, Economics, Electronics, Microbiology were launched in the College. The add-on courses like PGDFT, PGDT, PGDBF, Fashion Designing are also conducted in the College. In the academic year 2016-17, through the collective efforts of Melbourne University, Australia, IISER, Savitribai Phule Pune University, Pune a course viz. B.Sc. (Blended - Bio-Science) was established in the College.

In the year 2019-20, University Grants Commission, New Delhi granted 'Autonomous' status to Modern College of Arts, Science and Commerce, Shivajinagar, Pune 5. There is a tradition of the College to adopt and conduct any new course designed and started by the University immediately.

Various Awards and Honors received by the College -:

- * Best College' Award from University of Pune (2008)
- * College with Potential for Excellence' status (CPE) by University Grants Commission (2011)
- * Star College' status by DBT, Govt. of India (2014) v Best Principal' Award by Savitribai Phule Pune University, Pune (2014)
- * A+ grade by NAAC, Bangalore (2017)
- * Selected by University Grants Commission, New Delhi for 'Fashion Technology and Apparel Designing' under B.Voc. scheme.(2019)
- * National Award 'Best Accessible Website' by Social Justice and Empowerment Dept., Govt. of India (2018) v Best College (Sports) Award by Savitribai Phule Pune University, Pune for consecutive five years (2016-2020)
- * Autonomous Status' to the College from University Grants Commission, New Delhi (w.e.f. academic year 2019-20)

A Golden Jubilee Year Valedictory Ceremony of Modern College of Arts, Science and Commerce (Autonomous), Shivajinagar, Pune 5 was organized in the auspicious presence of Shri Bhagat Singh Koshyari, Hon'ble Governor, Maharashtra State and Prof. Dr. Nitin Karmalkar, Vice-Chancellor, Savitribai Phule Pune University, Pune on Tuesday, 19th January, 2021 at 11.30 a.m. in the Auditorium of Progressive Education Society at Shivajinagar, Pune.

As per the protocol, the programme was started with National Anthem, Saraswati Vandana was presented by Mrs. Renu Bhalerao and Mrs. Swati Patwardhan.

The unforgettable journey of fifty years of the college was revived in the form of a power point presentation by Dr. Anjali Sardesai, IQAC Coordinator.

Prof. Mrs. Jyotsna G. Ekbote, Joint Secretary, P. E. Society and Chairperson, College Development Committee, Modern College of Arts, Science and Commerce, Shivajinagar, Pune 5 welcomed Shri Bhagat Singh Koshyari, Hon'ble Governor, Maharashtra State and Prof. Dr. Nitin Karmalkar, Vice-Chancellor, Savitribai Phule Pune University, Pune and all the dignitaries present for the ceremony. In her introductory speech, Prof. Mrs. Jyotsna Ekbote briefed the success of the college and dedicated it to the founders of the P. E. Society and Modern College, Shivajinagar, Pune-5 which is further taken incessantly by the great ideologies of Prof. Dr. Gajanan Ekbote, Chairman, P. E. Society. Prof. Mrs. Jyotsna Ekbote said that the college believes in the two words 'Progressive' and 'Modern' and all the units of the college are dedicatedly working in the lines of achieving success.

Modern College, Shivajinagar, Pune-5 which has always been a frontrunner in innovations and research, added two more feathers in its cap by inaugurating the 'Central Sophisticated Analytical Instrumentation Facility' developed with the grants of Rs.1.5 Crores received from Department of Science and Technology, New Delhi under 'FIST Scheme' and 'Principal's Virtual Cabin' at the hands of Honourable Governor of Maharashtra Shri. Bhagat Singh Koshyari. The hi-tech instrumentation facility will be very useful for the post graduate students and research scholars. 'Principal's Virtual Cabin' is the one of its kind to be conceptualized in any educational institution which is highly advantageous in the pandemic situation especially for communicating with the students and parents.

Progressive Education Society's Chairman Prof. Dr. Gajanan Ekbote in his address mentioned that Modern College, Shivajinagar, Pune-5 was conceptualized in late 1960s by Gurusvaya Late Shankarrao Kanitkar and Late V. T. Tatke for providing education to the masses and not only classes. Prof. Dr. G. R. Ekbote mentioned that in those days although the establishment of a new college which is in the neighbourhood of another big college like Fergusson College was a big challenge. After 50 successful years, we have proved that the team is ready to accept any challenge and will come out with flying colours. The progress of the college in terms of student strength from 707 in 1970 to 12300 in 2021 proves it all. The all round of the college in terms of academics, research, innovations, sports, co-curricular and extracurricular activities prove the commitment of the Management Authorities, Principal, Vice Principals, Teachers, Non-teaching staff and students. Prof. Dr. G. R. Ekbote also expressed his future plans regarding transforming Modern College, Shivajinagar, Pune 5 to 'Modern Deemed University' along with getting re-accredited with 'A++' grade by NAAC, Bangalore. Prof. Dr. G. R. Ekbote also expressed his desire to establish Post graduate Research Centers in the few departments which are presently only offering courses till Post graduation, similarly the departments having only undergraduate courses will be progressing towards offering postgraduation and later to Research centers.

Prof. Dr. Nitin Karmalkar, Vice Chancellor, SPPU Pune in his speech mentioned that whenever he comes to Progressive Education Society and Modern College, Shivajinagar, Pune-5 he always comes across some new innovative idea, introduction of new course etc. The Honourable Vice Chancellor appreciated the zeal of all the units of the college and also expressed his views regarding commencement of several new courses being an Autonomous College.

The Honourable Governor of Maharashtra Shri. Bhagat Singh Koshyari mentioned that Modern College is actually a 'Model College' for all as it provides education to the poor and needy section of the society. The activities, research and innovations of the college are

really remarkable and are taking the college towards achieving excellence. The Governor of Maharashtra also expressed his views regarding requirement of commencement of courses in regional languages. The vision of Prof. Dr. Gajanan Ekbote and Prof. Mrs. Jyotsna Ekbote are forming strong foundations in the further development of the Autonomous College which is 'THE BEST' in all ways. The Governor put forth his suggestions for the youth generation to think about several inventions, innovative ideas in all that they do.

'Letter of Appreciation' was presented to Prof. Dr. G. R. Ekbote by the Governor of Maharashtra for his undying spirit of work which has helped the college achieve several awards and recognitions and is taking the college to reach the highest peak of success.

The Honourable Governor of Maharashtra Shri. Koshyariji also presented 'Letter of Appreciation' to Prof. Mrs. Jyotsna Ekbote, CDC Chairperson and Principal Dr. Rajendra Zunjarrao for celebrating the remarkable 50th year of the establishment of the college which is the most preferable choice of students of Arts, Commerce and Science for Undergraduate, Postgraduate, research, Sports etc. in order to get a holistic development.

The 'Golden Jubilee Souvenir' was also published during the event by the Honourable Governor of Maharashtra Shri. Bhagat Singh Koshyari which refreshes the memories of the staff and students associated with the college since the last fifty years along with the glimpses of the on-going activities and future plans. Under the guidance and ideas of P. E. Society Chairman Prof. Dr. G. R. Ekbote, Joint Secretary and CDC Chairperson Prof. Mrs. Jyotsna Ekbote and suggestions of Secretary Prof. Shamkant Deshmukh and Principal Dr. Rajendra Zunjarrao, the souvenir is prepared by Dr. Vajjayantimala Jadhav and Dr. Shantashree Sengupta.

The event saw the august presence of Shri Vighnahari Maharaj Deo, President of Progressive Education Society, Pune, Mayor of Pune Shri Murlidhar Mohol, Deputy Mayor Mrs. Saraswati Shendge, Dy. Secretary of P. E. Society Prof. Dr. Ms. Nivedita G. Ekbote, Prof. Dr. P. G. Dixit, Shri S. D. Inamdar, Joint Secretary Shri S. V. Todkar, Vice-Chancellor of Dr. D. Y. Patil Deemed University Prof. Dr. P. D. Patil, Shri P. A. Inamdar, Chairman, Maharashtra Cosmopolitan Education Society, Pune, Prof. Dr. Bhushan Patwardhan, Vice-Chairman, University Grants Commission, New Delhi, Prof. Dr. Vasudeo Gade, Ex-Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Shri Sudhakar Jadhav Member Management Council SPPU, Prof. M. S. Jadhav Ex Finance Officer SPPU, Prof. Dr. Mahesh Abale Member Management Council SPPU, Savitribai Phule Pune University, Pune, Shri Prasenjeet Phadanavis, Shri Santosh Dhore, Shri Dadabhai Shinalkar, Members of Senate of SPPU, Pune, Prof. Dr. Mahesh Kakade, Controller of Examinations, SPPU, Pune and Members of Business Council, Board of Life Members, Board of Life Workers and Heads and teaching and non-teaching staff members of the Schools / Colleges managed by P.E. Society, Pune.

Principal Dr. Rajendra Zunjarrao presented Vote of Thanks and expressed gratitude towards the ceaseless efforts of Prof. Dr. Gajanan Ekbote, Chairman, P. E. Society and Prof. Mrs. Jyotsna Ekbote, Joint Secretary and CDC Chairperson. Dr. Rajendra Zunjarrao also expressed his thanks to Secretary Prof. Shamkant Deshmukh who is always very supportive and helpful in implementing the actions.

The unmatched comparing of the Golden Jubilee Valedictory function was done by Prof. Shamkant Deshmukh who took every minute care of the protocols laid down for the event.