Alumni Co-ordination Committee



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Podar Alumni co-ordination committee organized an online program (on behalf of our college), Late Principal G. P. Palekar's Birth Centenary Celebration.

<u>Date</u>: 27th October, 2020 <u>Time</u>: 5:30 pm to 8:00 pm <u>Venue</u>: Online- Zoom app <u>Number of participants</u>: 134

PRINCIPAL G. P. PALEKAR was very simple, a very good human being in every way. A role model for many who joined the teaching profession when he was the head of the Institution – R. A. Podar College of Commerce and Economics, his simplicity and down-to-earth attitude to life, set an example to all in the Teaching Profession. He groomed his Colleagues and motivated them to be good Teachers and good Human Beings. His gentle and kind nature spoke volumes about his personality and his loyalty to the Institution can be best understood by the fact that he had a very humble beginning in Podar College.

He began as a student, served in the College Office, and rose to the position of Principal. He proved and established the fact that nothing can be accomplished without hard work. He worked wholeheartedly for the benefit of the Students, Teaching and Non-teaching Staff, and our Management.

An online program, celebrating 100 years of Late Principal Mr. G. P. Palekar Sir was hosted, attended by his colleagues, students, and family members. The organizing team worked on several arrangements and implementation of the program. In the very beginning, everyone was welcomed followed by the Invocation song. A film on our college was presented to the alumni, followed by an address by Adv. S.K. Jain, Chairman, Managing Council, S. P. Mandali, Pune.

It's hard to capture a person's life in a picture, but the organizing team tried to beautifully design the film on the journey of Late Principal G. P. Palekar at Podar College from 1941-1980.

Our college's current Principal Dr. Mrs. Shobana Vasudevan spoke a few words about Late Principal G. P. Palekar. Many of his students, colleagues, and family members - Sita Desai, G Ramswami, Dr. Mrunal Asher, Rajam Rajgopalan, Jaimini Thanawala, Mrs. Swati Saraf, and many more respected people expressed their views on such a golden occasion.

It was an interactive, memorable, nostalgic, and emotional event for all the attendees of the program. Prof. Vrushali Kanheri was the host for the whole event. This program created an amazing memory in everyone's heart!

All colleagues and dear ones of Mr. Palekar were on one platform wishing for him.

To end the program, a humble and formal vote of thanks was presented by our college's Vice Principal Mrs. Kavita Jajoo! With our National Anthem, the program came to an end.