

Alumni Coordination Committee

Teacher In-charge: Dr. Vrushali V. Bhosale Kaneri

Event: Principal G. P. Palekar Memorial Annual Lecture (Fourth Edition)

Day and date: Sunday, October 27, 2024.

Time and Venue: 5:00 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. (virtual, Zoom)

No. of attendees: 150+ participants

Description:

In the academic year 2024-25 the Alumni Coordination Committee organized the fourth edition of the Late Principal G.P. Palekar Memorial Annual Lecture and the Celebration of Eight Decades of Podar in Education. The fourth edition of the Principal G. P. Palekar Memorial Annual Lecture was held on Sunday, October 27, 2024, at 5:00 p.m. The lecture was delivered by Shri. M. V. Ramnarayan. It was conducted on the Zoom platform and later uploaded to YouTube. The college management, faculty members, alumni, students, and the family of Mr. G. P. Palekar were invited to the event. The event began with the invocation song, sung by Mr. Ameya Karulkar, followed by Podar Geet, during which the latest developments in the infrastructure of the college were presented to the alumni who were present online from all over the world. A short film depicting the life journey of Principal G.P. Palekar and the impact he made on people's lives was played. Our principal, Dr. Mrs. Shobana Vasudevan, inaugurated the event with her inspiring words. The chairman of S.P. Mandali, Adv. S. K. Jain graced the occasion. Our guest speaker for the day, Shri. M. V. Ramnarayan delivered the lecture on the topic "It is Easy to be Ethical and Practice Ethical Behaviour – Learning from the Life of Prin. Palekar." Shri. M.V. Ramnarayan shared his experiences with Prin. Palekar sir and his corporate journey. Through his lecture, he insisted on ethical behavior and how one can practice and be firm on their principles. The event was hosted by Mrs. Vrushali V. Bhosale Kaneri.

R. A. Podar College
of Commerce & Economics (Autonomous)

**PRINCIPAL
G.P. PALEKAR**
MEMORIAL VIRTUAL LECTURE
(4TH EDITION)

**IT IS EASY TO BE ETHICAL AND
PRACTICE ETHICAL BEHAVIOUR
- LEARNING FROM THE LIFE OF
PRN. PALEKAR**

Guest Speaker:
M.V. RAMNARAYAN
• A great Philanthropist
• An Entrepreneur and also a Chartered Accountant

17:00 onwards
27th October, 2024
Online - Zoom

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PODAR RATNA

Introduction:

In the storied halls of Podar College, traditions don't merely exist – they flourish, inspiring generations. One such tradition is Podar Ratna, an event that stands as a beacon of pride, honor, and gratitude. Conducted under the umbrella of the Alumni Coordination Committee, this special occasion celebrates the remarkable achievements of Podar's alumni while bridging the gap between past and present generations. The event resonates with the essence of the college's motto: nurturing individuals who illuminate society.

Organizing Team:

Behind every successful event lies a team of dedicated individuals, and Podar Ratna was no exception. The Alumni Coordination Committee, led by the ever-enthusiastic Mrs. Vrushali V. Bhosale Kaneri, meticulously planned and executed the event. Supported by a team of passionate student volunteers, the organizing committee ensured every aspect of the event – from the warm welcome to the heartfelt vote of thanks – reflected Podar's ethos of excellence and camaraderie.

Objectives

The objectives of the Podar Ratna event are multidimensional, aiming to create a lasting impact on the alumni community, current students, and the institution as a whole. Below are some of the objectives & its significance:

1) Maintaining and Updating the Alumni Database:

A well-maintained alumni database ensures efficient communication, tracks alumni achievements, and facilitates networking opportunities, fostering stronger ties between the institution and its alumni.

2) Coordinating Alumni Mentoring for Students:

Alumni mentoring provides students with real-world insights, career guidance, and inspiration by connecting them with accomplished role models who share their experiences and expertise.

3) Recommending and Supporting College-Sponsored Alumni Activities:

Engaging alumni in events like workshops and reunions strengthens their bond with the college, enriches the academic ecosystem, and celebrates their contributions to society.

4) Assisting Students Through Financial Aid:

Financial aid from alumni supports scholarships and emergency funds, enabling deserving students to focus on their education without financial constraints.

5) Organizing Career Guidance Programs for Present Students:

Career guidance programs leverage alumni expertise to help students explore career options, build skills, and gain industry-specific knowledge for informed decision-making.

6) Providing Technical Guidance, Expert Talks, and Internships:

Alumni facilitate technical guidance, share industry knowledge, and create internship opportunities, preparing students for professional success while fostering strong networks.

These objectives embody the college's commitment to building a thriving, supportive community for students and alumni alike.

Relevance for the College and Students

Why does Podar Ratna matter? The event is a living testament to the college's mission of shaping responsible citizens who make a difference. It showcases alumni achievements, inspiring students to aim high and carry forward Podar's legacy. For students, this event is more than a celebration – It's an opportunity to network, learn, and dream big. For the college, it's a proud moment to reflect on its contributions to society through its alumni.

Structure of the Event

The Podar Ratna event was crafted to balance formality with heartfelt celebrations. Here's how it unfolded:

- **4:00 PM:** The evening began with a cordial welcome as esteemed guests and alumni mingled with students, their old friends and faculties during a meet-and-greet session. This informal hour brimmed with warm handshakes, laughter, and nostalgia.
- **5:00 PM:** The official program kicked off with a vibrant Vandana Geet performed by the talented Podarites, setting a melodious tone.
- **5:15 PM:** Principal Dr. Mrs. Shobana Vasudevan delivered a stirring address, shedding light on the vision behind the event and reminiscing about Podar's transformative journey.
- **5:30 PM:** The spotlight turned to the Podar Ratnas, as each alumnus was felicitated by the Director of the Management Committee, Shikshana Prasarak Mandali, and Principal Dr. Vasudevan, accompanied by the student volunteers.
- **6:00 PM:** A cultural interlude featured an Indian group song, showcasing the artistic talents of Podarites while adding a touch of vibrancy to the evening.
- **6:45 PM:** As the event drew to a close, the National Song and National Anthem filled the hall with a sense of unity and pride. The faculty-in-charge, Mrs. Vrushali V. Bhosale Kaneri, delivered a heartfelt vote of thanks, leaving everyone with a sense of gratitude and fulfillment.
- **7:00 PM:** The day ended on a flavorful note with a delightful dinner, fostering camaraderie among alumni, students, and faculty.

Event Highlights

A Night to Remember:

- **The Address of a Visionary:** Principal Dr. Vasudevan's speech was a powerful blend of history, gratitude, and hope. Her words served as both a reflection and a call to action for all attendees.
- **The Felicitation Ceremony:** Seeing distinguished alumni walk the stage accompanied by young, eager student volunteers was a visual representation of Podar's enduring legacy.
- **Musical Elegance:** The Indian group song by students added an emotional and celebratory touch, resonating deeply with the audience.
- **Networking Beyond Generations:** The informal meet-and-greet allowed for genuine conversations, where students sought advice and alumni shared stories of resilience and success.

Learning Outcomes

The event wasn't just a celebration; it was an enriching experience:

- A) Inspiration Through Stories:** Students gained insight into the limitless possibilities that await, inspired by alumni achievements.
- B) Mentorship in Action:** Conversations during the event sparked ideas, guidance, and future collaborations between alumni and students.
- C) Practical Opportunities:** Discussions opened doors to internships, job opportunities, and industry insights for current students.
- D) Fostering a Giving Culture:** Alumni were reminded of their roots and motivated to give back to the institution that played a pivotal role in their lives.

Conclusion

The Podar Ratna event was more than an evening of recognition – it was a celebration of the indomitable Podar spirit. It showcased the college’s legacy of producing leaders and contributors across diverse fields while emphasizing the importance of alumni-student connections.

This event leaves behind an indelible mark, urging every Podarite – past, present, and future – to embody the college’s vision of excellence and social responsibility. With the warmth of nostalgia and the promise of brighter tomorrows, Podar Ratna has truly solidified its place as one of the most cherished traditions of Podar College.

Podar Ratna isn’t just about honoring the big names; it’s about recognizing every alumnus who carries Podar’s values into the world, proving that even the smallest cog in the societal wheel can create impactful change.

Once a Podarite, always a Podarite !