



**HOPE Foundation's
Finolex Academy of Management & Technology, Ratnagiri**

Women's Development Cell

**WDC Organized Session on
"Contribution of Dr. Punjabrao Deshmukh, in Education, Women
Empowerment and Literacy"
(Under " Women's Empowerment in Agriculture and Allied Sectors)**

Date: 18th March 2026, Wednesday Time: 10:30 a.m.

Venue: C 1/6, Seminar Hall, Finolex Academy of Management and Technology, Ratnagiri

Introduction:

On International Women's Day, celebrated on 8th March, the Women Development Cell (WDC) of Finolex Academy organized a session on **"Contribution of Dr. Punjabrao Deshmukh in Education, Women Empowerment and Literacy."**

Dr. Punjabrao Deshmukh, a visionary leader, social reformer, and India's first Minister of Agriculture, made significant contributions in the fields of **agriculture, education, literacy, rural upliftment, and empowerment of women.** The session was conducted for Students, faculty and staff members of FAMT to highlight their remarkable achievements and to inspire individuals towards inclusive development.

The session aimed to:

- Spread awareness of Dr. Deshmukh's life and contributions, especially in agriculture and women's upliftment.
- Highlight his role in creating educational opportunities for underprivileged communities.
- Help participants understand how Dr. Deshmukh's reforms contributed significantly to empowering women, improving literacy, and providing access to modern technologies.
- Motivate attendees to encourage women's participation in agricultural entrepreneurship and knowledge-based development.

Event Highlights:

1. Felicitation Ceremony

Event President **Dr. S. B. Kulkarni**, Professor & Dean Faculty, FAMT, felicitated **Dr. Avinash Aney**, Principal, Science College, Pawani, with a shawl, coconut, portrait of Dr. Deshmukh, and a memorial book.

2. Introductory Speech

Dr. Avinash Aney elaborated on Dr. Deshmukh's contributions to agriculture and education, calling him a "guardian of the Bahujan community." He also thanked **Dr. Kaushal Prasad**, Principal, FAMT, and Dr. Milind Yadav, Vice-Principal, FAMT, Ratnagiri, for permitting the event.

3. Chief Speaker's Address

Chief Speaker **Mr. Akshay Raut** highlighted:

- Dr. Deshmukh's work in agricultural progress and women's upliftment.
- His efforts, similar to Karmaveer Bhaurao Patil, founder of Rayat Shikshan Sanstha, in establishing schools and colleges for poor boys and girls of Vidarbha's Bahujan community.
- His founding of **Shri Shivaji Education Society, Amravati**, which transformed regional education.

Mr. Raut emphasized how Dr. Deshmukh brought women into the mainstream through vision and leadership, inspiring students.

4. Presidential Address

Dr. S. B. Kulkarni described Dr. Deshmukh as a towering figure in agriculture and education and thanked Shri Shivaji Education Society and Science College, Pawani, for enriching students with valuable insights.

5. Coordination & Participation

All teaching and non-teaching staff and students of FAMT attended. Anchoring was done by Student Ms. Samruddhi Padwale, overall coordination by Prof. A. S. Jadhav and Prof G M Kirkire, and the vote of thanks was delivered by Prof. Nimbalkar.

Conclusion:

The session was highly informative and inspiring, enhancing awareness of Dr. Punjabrao Deshmukh's contributions in education, agriculture, social reform, and women's empowerment. It encouraged students and faculty to follow his ideals and emphasized the importance of women's participation in nation-building.

Acknowledgments:

Special thanks to all individuals who contributed to the success of this event:

- **Chief Speaker:** Mr. Akshay Raut, Science College Pauni, District, Bhandara, Maharashtra
- **Program Coordinator:**
Dr. Avinash K. Aney, Principal, Science College Pauni, District, Bhandara, Maharashtra
- **Women Development Cell Members:**
Mrs. A. S. Jadhav (Convenor), Mrs. G. M. Kirkire (Co-Convenor),

Ms. Vrishali Nimbalkar, Mrs. Neha Marathe, Mrs. Sankareswari S.,
Ms. Harshada Salvi, Mr. Tejas S. Narvekar, Mr. Milind Kolhatkar, Mr. Ajay Peje, Mrs.
Pratiksha Nevrekar.

Special Thanks:

Dr. Kaushal Prasad, Principal, FAMT and Dr. Milind Yadav, Vice-Principal, FAMT, Ratnagiri, also to all the faculty, staff, members of the Women Development Cell and Dr. Sanjay Ghugal, Dr. Subhashchandra Patil, and Dr. Arjun Tarale of Science College, Pawani, for their cooperation.

Photographs:



Let to Right(Student Anchor Ms. Samruddhi Padwale, Prof A S Jadhav, Dr S B Kulkarni, Dr. Avinash K. Aney and Mr. Akshay Raut)



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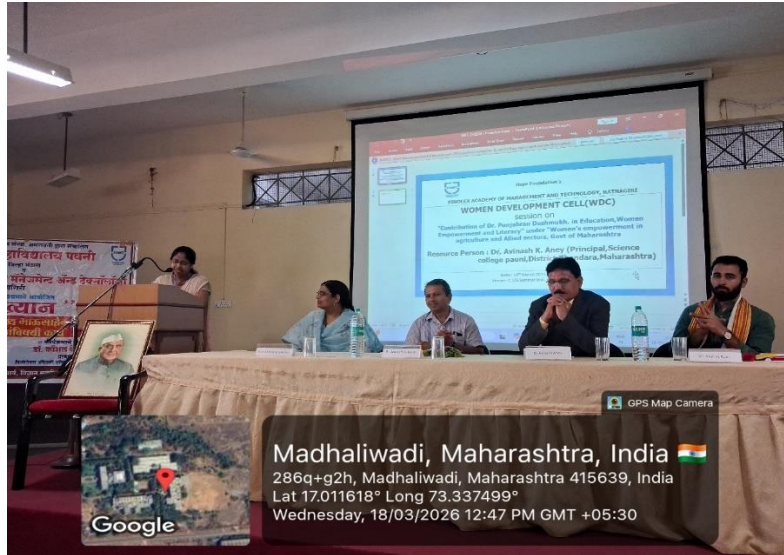
Dr. Avinash Aney addressing the audience.



Speaker Mr. Akshay Raut is addressing the audience.



Faculty and students are listening to the speaker.



Vote of Thanks by Prof V Nimbalkar.