

Alumni Coordination Committee

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EVENT I: Principal G. P. Palekar Memorial Lecture – “A Life of Usefulness”

The Alumni and Community Forum of R. A. Podar College of Commerce & Economics organised the 5th edition of the Principal G. P. Palekar Memorial Lecture on 27 October 2025 at 5:00 p.m. through an online session on MS Teams. The lecture was held in remembrance of the late G. P. Palekar, former Principal of the college, whose life and values continue to inspire generations of students and educators. The memorial lecture titled “A Life of Usefulness” was delivered by the college’s esteemed alumnus G. Ramakrishnan, Co-Founder and Director of Galaxy Group of Companies, and a distinguished professional holding the qualifications of FCA, FICWA, and CS.

During the lecture, Mr. Ramakrishnan shared a deeply personal experience from his student years that shaped his life philosophy. He recounted an interaction with Prof. Palekar in 1976 when he sought permission to pursue an M.Com. degree without attending classes due to his commitments to professional courses. Prof. Palekar agreed on the condition that he would return to the institution and share his knowledge by teaching students. This brief but powerful exchange left a lasting impression on the speaker, instilling in him the importance of giving back to society and living a life of usefulness.

The speaker also narrated the inspiring life journey of Prof. Palekar, who was born in 1920 in a small village in Ahmednagar district and overcame severe poverty and hardships to pursue education. Despite facing numerous challenges, including financial struggles and personal adversity, he consistently excelled academically and eventually became a respected teacher and principal. Prof. Palekar was widely admired for his unwavering integrity, dedication to truth, and commitment to education. Stories shared by his family and

colleagues highlighted his humility, discipline, and ethical values, which shaped the culture and legacy of the institution.

The lecture emphasised how Prof. Palekar lived by the principle of service, striving to be useful to his students and community throughout his life. His commitment to honesty, simplicity, and education left a profound impact not only on his students but also on the broader academic community. The session concluded with a reflection on how his legacy continues through the generations he inspired, reinforcing the ideals of integrity, dedication, and service.

The memorial lecture served as a meaningful tribute to the life and contributions of Prof. Palekar. It reminded participants of the enduring influence a teacher can have on society and encouraged students and alumni to lead purposeful lives rooted in values and service.

Conclusion:

The session concluded on a reflective and inspiring note, leaving the audience with a deeper appreciation of the values embodied by G. P. Palekar. The lecture highlighted how his life, marked by integrity, humility, and dedication to education, continues to guide generations of students and educators. Through the heartfelt narration by G. Ramakrishnan, participants were reminded that the true legacy of a teacher lies in the values they instil and the lives they influence.

The Principal G. P. Palekar Memorial Lecture thus served not only as a tribute to a remarkable educator but also as a call for students and alumni of R. A. Podar College of Commerce & Economics to lead lives of purpose, integrity, and usefulness to society.

1. College Alumni keep visiting college and offer help in various ways. Mr. Mandar Mhatre and Ms. Jahnavi visited college to discuss the possibilities of in which ways the

college can be benefitted from the alumni.

2. A meeting of Vice Principal Mr. Kapildeo Indurkar, Alumni Association coordinator Dr Vrushali Kaneri, Placement officer of R. A. Podar College Mrs. Johny Gracy, Mr. Mandar Mhatre, Member, RAPAA and Dr. Svetlana Tatuskar, Director Kohinoor Business School was conducted on Tuesday 26th August 2025 at 8.30 am in Vice Pricipal's cabin M8 to discuss about various kinds of collaborations between college and the institute.

