

Malad Kandivli Education Society's NAGINDAS KHANDWALA COLLEGE Autonomous

<u>Report on Degree Certificate Distribution Ceremony – 30th April 2023</u>

The Degree Certificate Distribution Ceremony was held on 30th April 2023. The Chief Guest for the function was Prof. Suhas Pednekar (Former Vice Chancellor, University of Mumbai). Prof. Suhas Pednekar has been appointed Vice Chancellor of the University of Mumbai in April 2018. He has over 30 years of academic experience as a Undergraduate, Postgraduate Teacher and a Researcher. His dedication to academia and research is well known and highly regarded.

The ceremony began with a warm welcome from Dr. Ancy Jose (Director, M.K.E.S Group of Institutes), followed by an introduction about the College by Principal Prof. Dr. Moushumi Datta. Shri Hashmukh Bhai Rambhia gave the presidential address in which he outlined the society's vision.

Prof. Suhas Pednekar delivered an inspiring and thought-provoking address to the Undergraduate and Postgraduate students in attendance. Some excerpts from his address are as follows:

- He urged students to take the time to discover new things about themselves each day, posing questions such as: "What should you be known for?", "Where do you stand today?" and "Where do you want to go?". He encouraged students to think about the knowledge and resources required to reach their goals, as well as the obstacles they may encounter along the way.
- Prof. Pednekar emphasized that there are two types of people in the world: success seekers and failure avoiders. He stated that the growth of success seekers is far greater than that of failure avoiders and that good decisions in life are often the result of experience gained from making mistakes. He stressed on the importance of adaptability in today's fast-paced world and the need to work collaboratively with others. Prof. Pednekar also discussed the concept of 'horizon leadership', which places value on strong character and values in leaders.
- In today's changing work environment, Prof. Pednekar highlighted the importance of preparing students for the jobs of the future, including hybrid modes of work and the use of mobile devices as teaching aids. He concluded with a poignant example of 'Mirror into Window,' emphasizing the importance of giving back to society.

In total, 593 students were awarded their degrees during the ceremony, and the organizing committee's efforts were applauded by all in attendance.

Dr. Mona Mehta Vice Principal Convener – Degree Certificate Distribution Ceremony



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