

BRIEF PROFILE OF DR. GANESH ANANT THAKUR,
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Ex-Secretary, Rayat Shikshan Sanstha, Satara

Dr. Ganesh Thakur born in 1968 is a prominent academician, benevolent leader and excellent administrator. Currently he is working as a Principal of Mahatma Phule Arts, science & Commerce College, Panvel. He completed his primary education from Primary School, Jaskhar, Tal.-Uran, Dist.-Raigad and completed secondary education from T. H. Wajekar High School, Phunde, Tal.-Uran, Dist.-Raigad. He was graduated in Chemistry from Mahatma Phule A. S. C. College, Panvel with first rank and post-graduated in Organic Chemistry from C.H.M. College; Ulhasnagar affiliated to University of Mumbai. He achieved his doctoral degree in Chemistry from the prestigious Institute of Science, Mumbai under the guidance of Dr. M.M. Shaikh

He is an excellent teacher and teaching undergraduate and post graduate students from last 26 years. He took charge as a Principal of Mahatma Phule A. S. C. College, Panvel in the year 2008. He was fortunate to play three different roles in the development of the Panvel College as a Student, Teacher and Principal. In May 2014 he was selected as a Secretary of Rayat Shikshan Sanstha, Satara which is a largest educational Institute in Asia. He successfully completed his tenure of 03 years with his excellent administrative skills.

He is a research guide for M.Sc., M.Phil. as well as Ph.D. Under his able guidance one student has completed M.Sc. by research, one student has completed M.Phil. and two students are pursuing Ph.D. His area of research is Co-ordination Chemistry and Herbal Chemistry. He has published many research papers in peer reviewed research journals of high repute. He has completed one research project. He has authored 02 books. He actively participated as resource person in various conferences and seminars and also organized more than 35 National & State level conferences and seminars to provide platform for the academicians and researchers.

He was a member of UGC Grant Allocation Committee for Manipur State. He held various positions at Statutory Committees of the University.

He is active social worker and has organized several extension programmes for college, university as well as society. He has played a key role in fundraising activities for College and Rayat Shikshan Sanstha, Satara.

Under his dynamic and visionary leadership, he has brought several laurels to M.P.A.S.C. College, Panvel which includes prizes in academics, sports, cultural and research competitions at district, university and national levels. Some important bench marks include NAAC accreditation with the CGPA score of 2.86, 'Best College Award' by University of Mumbai and a special award for 'Jagar Janivancha Abhiyan' by Government of Maharashtra.

He received the honour of leading historical Chhatrapati Shivaji College, Satara which is the first college of Rayat Shikshan Sanstha. The College received 'A' grade in reaccreditation from NAAC with the CGPA score of 3.10 and College with Potential for Excellence status from UGC. His excellent managerial skills and dedicated efforts have strengthened Earn and Learn Scheme as well as Competitive Examination Centre of the College. The Competitive Examination Centre of Shivaji College, Satara is one of the renowned and successful centres of the Western Maharashtra which has given 553 Administrative Officers to Maharashtra.

Dr. Ganesh Thakur has taken pains taking efforts for the quality improvement and quality sustenance initiatives. He is working hard to implement innovative practices for the betterment of the college and sanstha with special emphasis on Teaching Learning Process, Teachers Training, Use of Technology, Research Collaborations, Placements, MoU with reputed NGOs, Computer Education, Competitive Examination Centre's, Autonomous Colleges, Science Centre Cluster University etc.

He is honored with numerous prestigious awards like,

- **'Panvel Gaurav Puraskar'** by Ramsheth Thakur Samajik Vikas Mandal, Panvel,
- **'Jewel of India'** by Indian Solidarity Council, New Delhi,
- **'Dronagiri Bhushan Puraskar'** by Dronagiri Sports Association,
- **'Best Principal Award'** by G. D. Pol Foundation.