

## **INSTITUTIONAL DISTINCTIVENESS**

In memory of the Late Prof. Vasant P. Sonwane, *the Late Prof. Vasant P. Sonwane Memorial Lecture Series* was started in 2013 in the form of a day seminar on one important issue about the Society. Shrimati Shital Sonwane, his widow, generously donated 50,000/- to inaugurate this annual program, which is sustained through the interest earned on fixed deposits. It was decided to hold the lectures annually on July 22nd, the unfortunate anniversary of Prof. Sonwane's passing, inviting distinguished speakers.

The series began in 2013 with a lecture titled "Social Peace: Necessity of Time" by Dr. Vedprakash Mishra, Chancellor of Datta Meghe Medical University. Subsequent lectures featured topics such as "Guidance of Competitive Exam" by Prof. Ram Wagh in 2014 and "Suicides of Farmers in Vidarbha: Reasons and Remedies" by Shri Chandrakant Wankhede in 2015.

Despite interruptions due to the COVID-19 pandemic in the 2020-21 and 2021-22 sessions, the series resumed in the 2022-23 session.

In 2022, the institution conducted a seminar on July 22nd, with the lecture titled "Indian Freedom Struggle and Youth" delivered by Dr. Jeshav Bhandarkar. Approximately 120 students, 15 staff members, and 47 attendees from the town participated in the seminar.