

# Founder



**Late Hon. Dr. Eknathrao alias Balasaheb Vikhe Patil**

**(Padmabhushan Awardee)  
(10 April 1932 - 30 Dec. 2016)**

Worthy son of Late Vitthalrao Vikhe Patil, a leader of reckoning in Maharashtra State, Member of Parliament for over two decades took upon himself the arduous task of translating the dreams of his father into concrete realities by meticulous, punctilious planning and by offering dynamic and pragmatic leadership to the Society.

**Social Transformation Through Education** : With this realisation, he adopted a strategy to raise awareness amongst the small peasants and the rural poor, through spread of technical and non-technical education.

<b>Services To The Society On Different Position As</b>	
Member of LokSabha (From 1971 to 1991) From Kopargaon Parliamentary Constituency.	Member of LokSabha (From Sept. 1999 to Feb.2004). From Kopargaon Parliamentary Constituency
Minister of Industry (Heavy Industries & Public Enterprises) Govt. of India, New Delhi from 1st July 2002 to 24th May 2003	Minister of State For Finance (Expenditure, Banking & Insurance) Govt of India, New Delhi. From 13.10.1999 to 1.7.2002
Member of LokSabha (From, 1998 to 1999) From Ahmednagar Parliamentary Constituency	Member of 14th LokSabha (From May 2004) From Kopargaon Parliamentary Constituency
<b>President</b>	
Maharashtra Rajya Sahakari Kar khana Sangh Ltd. Bombay From 1981 to 1984	Appointed as a President for Loksabha Election Campaign Committee in Maharashtra by AICC.
Founder Executive President of Maharashtra Pani Parishad, Loni, Dist. Ahmednagar (M.S.) from 1995	Shri Sant Tukaram Maharaj 4th Chatu-Shatabdi (4th Century Program) Maha Samitee 2008
Maharashtra State distilleries Association 1977 to 1982	Maharashtra Samajwadi Congress Oct. 1977 to 1979
Maharashtra Madhyamik Granthpal Sangh Since 1982 to 2001	India Water Partnership, New Delhi from 29th November 2003
Friends of Soviet Union (Maharashtra State) Since 1980	

<b>Vice President</b>	
Friends of Soviet Union (Maharashtra) 1975 to 1980.	Ahmednagar Zilha Parishad from 1962 to 1971
Maharashtra Pradesh Congress Committee 1980 to 1984	Maharashtra Rajya Sahakari Sakhar Karkhana Sangh Ltd., Bombay 1980 to 1981.

<b>Chairman</b>	
Committee on Petitions LokSabha (1987 to 1989)	Committee on Agriculture LokSabha 1989 & 1991.
State Level accounts Committee, Maharashtra State	Standing Committee on Defence from 5 Aug, 2004
Vigilance and monitoring committee for the district of Ahmednagar from Dec.2004 (DRDA)	Education and Public Works Committee Ahmednagar Zilha Parishad 1962 to 1967.
PanchayatSamitee, Shrigonda, 1964 to 1966	Pravara Rural Education Society, Since 1981.
Study team appointed by Govt. of Maharashtra to study sugarcane yield and Recovery in Maharashtra State.	Pravara Sahakari Sakhar Karkhana Ltd., Pravara nagar From 1966 to 1977, 1978 to 1981 & 1982 to 1987.
Group of Ministers on co-operative restructuring (September 2001)	Committee for implementation of effective electricity in the district.
State Level committee appointed by Government of Maharashtra to suggest Minimum wages for Agricultural labours 1987 to 1988.	Committee appointed by the State Government to suggest a chapter for the Co-op. Societies Act on Co-operative sugar factories
Agriculture Committee and Public works Committee, AhmednagarZilhaParishad 1967 to 1971	

**Secretary**

Ahmednagar Dist. Congress Committee 1968 to 1971.

**Treasurer**

Maharashtra Pradesh Congress Committee (I) 1985 to 1989

**Founder**

Parner co-operative Sugar Factory, Parner, Dist. Ahmednagar.	Jagdamba Co-operative Sugar factory, Karjt, Dist.Ahmednagar
Vridheshwar Co-operative Sugar Factory, Pathardi.	PravaraSahakari Bank Ltd., Loni

**Founder Trustee**

Pravara Institute of Research and Education in Natural and Social Sciences, Pravaranagar	Dr.Vitthalrao Vikhe Patil Institute of Technology & Engineering, Pravaranagar
Dr.VikhePatil Foundation, Pune	Pravara Rural Medical Trust, Loni.
Pandit Jawaharlal Neharu Academy for performing Arts, Pravaranagar	Dr.Vitthalrao Vikhe Patil Foundation, Ahmednagar
Pravara Co-Op. Dairy Society for 45 Villages.	Dr. Vikhe Patil Foundation, Nasik Center
Shirdi Sai Rural Institute, Rahata Since 1997.	

**Chancellor**

Pravara Institute of Medical Sciences (Deemed University) Loni, Dist. Ahmednagar (M.S.) since 2004

<b>Director</b>	
Maharashtra State farming corporation Ltd., 1964 to 1977	Maharashtra Rajya Sahakari Sakhar Karkhana Sangh Ltd., Bombay 1966 to 1988
Indian sugar exports Corporation 1979 to 1988	PravaraSahakari Bank Ltd., Loni 1975 to 1996.
Dr.Vitthalrao Vikhe Patil Sahakari Sakhar Karkhana Ltd. Pravaranagar from 1966 to 1997	Associates a large number of Trusts rendering services to community in Different areas
National Federation of co-op. Sugar Factories Ltd., New Delhi from 1976 to 1990 & Member of Executive Committee from 1982 to 1986	
<b>Member</b>	
Governing Council and Executive Committee Indian Council of Agricultural Research, New Delhi	Governing Council and Executive Committee, Deccan Sugar Institute, Pune from 1975 to 1985
State Irrigation Committee	Committee on Estimates LokSabha (1980 to 1982)
State Sugar wage Board, 1966 to 1971	State Government Committee on Labour in 1966
All India Peace Solidarity Organization Maharashtra State Council	Advisory Committee on Power and Irrigation from 1975 to 1978
Maharashtra Economic Development Council.	Pravara Study Circle, Loni since 1994.
Maharashtra State Employment and self-employment, High-level Committee 1996 to 1997	Standing Committee on Communication, LokSabha, New Delhi in 1998.
Members of General Purpose Committee of LokSabha from 21st Sept. 2004.	Member- Delimitation Commission of India for the state of Maharashtra 2007.
Member-Governing Body of Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR ) New Delhi	Indian Council of Agricultural Research, New Delhi (ICAR) 2.4.1985 to 1.4.1988
National Council of Rural Development, Hyderabad from 30.3.1987 for three years & again from 26.10.1990 for	Consultative Committee of Ministry of Agri, Industry Irrigation, Civil Supplies and co-operation, LokSabha, New Delhi

another three years	
Deccan Sugar technologists Association, Pune since 1976 to till date	Managing Committee, All India Distilleries Association, New Delhi, from 1978 to 1989
State Agri Price Committee in 1975	Advisory Committee of Post and Telegraphs
Committee on Sub Ordinate Legislation, LokSabha 1980/82.	Technical Education Committee, appointed by Government of Maharashtra -1982 to 1990.
Committee to suggest the guidelines/criteria for selection of "Progressive Farmers" at Indian Council of Forestry Research & Education, New	Consultative Committee for the Ministry of Human Resource Development, LokSabha, New Delhi in 1998 and from 5th Oct.2004
Department related Parliamentary Standing Committee on Commerce from October 2003 to 6th Feb. 04	Informal consultative Committee for the Central Railway & south Central Railway Zone, LokSabha, New Delhi

<b>Senate Member</b>	
Mahatma Phule Krishi Vidyapeeth, Rahuri, 1966 to 1972 and 1974 to 1979.	Yeshvantrao Chavan Maharashtra Open University, Nashik since 1997
University of Poona, Pune 1975 to 1976 & 1985 to 1986	

<b>Social Activities</b>
Participated important decisions for the progress of the nation in different fields
Active participation in various LokSabha debates. Left on imprint of his work on LokSabha innumerable suggestion to the House which initiated a process of thinking for betterment of the lot of farmers and workers in unorganized sectors

<b>Awards</b>	
Awarded by V.G. alias Annasaheb Chirmule award in 2001	Awarded by "SarswatiPurskar" from Kailash Math, Nashik on Feb.2006
Felicitated by Mahatma Phule Agricultural University, Rahuri On 24.9.2006	Vikas Bhusahan Award by Kakasaheb Mhaske Pratisthan, Ahmednagar on 5th May 2007
Awarded by Dr. Manibhai Desai Pratisthan, Uralikanchan by Manibhai Desai RashtrevaPurskar on 27 April, 2006	Awarded by "Rashtriya Bandhuta Purskar" from Rashtriya Bandhuta Pratisthan, Pune on 22nd Feb.2004 at Nashik
Life Time Achievement Award by University of Pune on 10th February 2007	Awarded as " <b>PADMABHUSHAN</b> " by Government of India on 26th January 2010.
Awarded by "Sahakar Maharshi Ganpatrao Sathe Purskar" from Late Ganpatrao Sathe Pratisthan, Madha, Dist.Solapur on 11 March 2006	Awarded as " <b>Doctor Of Science</b> " by Mahatma Phule Krishi Vidyapeeth, Rahuri, November 29, 2013.

<b>Participation In International Conferences</b>	
International Sugar Technologists conference held in Brazil in 1977, Cuba in 1982 and Havana in 1985	National Seminar on "Problems & Prospects of Rural Development" held in 1997 at Pravaranagar
International Farmers Conference held in Paris in 1984	World conference on Science, Hungary 1999
Asian Conference on Rural health, held at Beijing, China, 1988	Visit to various Universities of Israel, Egypt, UK, USA in 1997.
I was along with the delegation laid by Govt.of India attend the 61st Session of the First Committee of the United Nations General Assembly from 2nd Oct to 13 Oct.2006 at New York (USA)	I was along with the delegation laid by Hon'ble Speaker Lok Sabha to Moscow and St. Petersburg. There after I visited Sweden and United States of America & Russia between 15th Sept. 2003 to 1st Oct. 2003
VI Asian congress of Agricultural Medicine and Rural Health on "Innovative Approaches to Rural Health" held on 22-24 Jan.1993	

<b>Special Interest</b>	
Taken keen interest in organizing farming community on the Principle of self-help and mutual help for their up-liftment	Development an ideal Pravara Complex of Rural Development by relentlessly working for the last 40 Years. in HRD and Industrial Development.
Parliamentary work on unorganized labour security	Always worked for social security
To solve the water crises, the River Linkage project in Maharashtra has been prepared and submitted to the Govt.of Maharashtra in 2002.	Utilization of appropriate technology for the use of available water in vast Rural Areas and Farmers Security..
Agriculture and Water Management Establishment and Development of various industries based on allied products of Sugar industry like distilleries, paper & Chemicals, etc.Agro and food processing industry and Dairy in Rural areas on co-operative basis	

<b>Publications/Articles</b>	
Report of the study group for studying sugarcane yield in recovery in Maharashtra State	
Published articles and interviews in Magazines & well known news papers n agricultural development, co-operative movement Sugar by products, problems of Rural Industry, Rural Education, Rural Health and Rural Development, Rural Economy etc.	
The Symbol of co-operative Progress	
<b>Marathi</b>	
Education and Rural Employment - Loksatta dates 30/07/95 & 06/08/95	Industrial Policy & its limitation. w. r. to Co-operative sector (Loksatta 10/12/95)
Political interference in the Irrigation water management	Rural Economy if distorted. (Loksatta 04/08/96)
Manifestos & Political parties (Sakal 04/08/96)	Organization in Co-operative Sector./td>
Maratha Community -Needs to modify as per demand of time (Loksatta 17/05/98).	Agriculture Employment-Pillar of Rural Development (Samna special issue - 01/05/98)
A note on "Water resources & its justified use For Maharashtra State" submitted to Water and Irrigation Commission appointed by Govt. of Maharashtra in Nov. 1995	
<b>Books written in Marathi</b>	
1. "Kuthe Rahila Gaon"(published)	
2. "Aarth-Anaarth" (under publication)	



<b>Publications/Articles</b>	
<b>English</b>	
Appraisal of Integrated Rural Development Programmes (IRDP).	Effective implementation of IRDP some suggestion (Yojana, May, 1991).
Late Shri Vaikunthabhai Mehata and Pravara Sahakari Sakhar Karkhana Ltd	From mixed economy to mixed liberalization (Lokmat-Times-3/4/1994)
Co-operative Vs. Corporate and Individual farming system co-operative study (Papers submitted in the "National Seminar on Problems and Prospects on Rural Development" held in Nov.1997 at Pravaranagar	The policy recommendations for fertilizer prices subsidies (A note submitted to Hon'ble Chairman, The Committee on Fertilizer Prices and Subsidies, Govt. of India, New Delhi.)
Role of Agriculture Credit in Rural Development.	

<b>Managing Trustee</b>
Pravara Medical Trust Loni, Medical & Dental College
Shirdi Sai Rural Institute, Pravaranagar, Since 1997

<b>Trustee</b>
Dr. Vitthalrao Vikhe Patil Foundation, Ahmednagar
Dr.Vikhe Patil Foundation, Pune.

<b>Travelled Abroad</b>
Brazil, Cuba, USA, UK, France, Sweden, Switzerland, West Germany, Netherlands, Italy, China, USSR, Mexico, Israel, Egypt, Hungary