



## **ALUMNI ASSOCIATION**

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## ALUMNI COMMITTEE

**Alumni Association** has become an important part of educational system all over the world. The strong Alumni Association plays very crucial role in working of educational institution. It is a social organization of past students and /or outgoing students of educational institutions like schools, colleges and universities who are eligible members of it. The purpose behind it is to foster the spirit of loyalty and to promote general welfare of the institution. It strengthens the ties between past students and institution on the one hand and past and present students on the other. There is vast scope in the ever changing educational pattern or system of today's world to establish alumni Association. It is the need of time to have such an organization to resolve the problems of learning community.

Taking into consideration the vast scope of alumni Association in the development of an educational institution, the government of India has made it compulsory to establish alumni Association in every educational institution of what so ever nature. The UGC and NAAC also have incorporated Alumni Association as one point in its format of seven points report.

As a member of Alumni Association, one can do at least following for his educational institution of which he/she is a well- wisher:

- 1) Being an earning member, one can donate fund to the institution; what so ever possible to him as a financial assistance to his needy fellow students to relieve them from their financial hardships.
- 2) The Alumni Association will serve the purpose of creating a network of former students and bring together like minded past students.

- 3) Since successful past students are being assets to that institution; one's success story can be the career building tool to fellow students.

Alumni Association of Sonopant Dandekar Arts, V.S. Apte Commerce and M.H. Mehta Science College, Palghar is a strong association established sometime forty years back and registered in the year 2015. Since then it enthusiastically working for betterment of the institution and student generation after generation. The college, being established in the rural and backward area of Palghar District, it works with the motto of "Education to All", particularly Adivasi, down trodden category and especially Girls students. Started with merely 150 students, today nearly 10,000 students taking education in various courses. Our alumni have remarkably contributed in the progress of our college. We are proud to mention that our alumni are doing extremely well in various fields.

#### **Aim:**

To provide a good and strong bridge amongst the society, students, faculty and institute for mutual benefit and synergy.

#### **Objectives:**

To promote a lifelong relation and to act as a forum for the exchange of information among its members.

- 1) To exchange professional knowledge, organize technical conferences, seminars, workshops and training courses.
- 2) To provide career development and guidance.
- 3) To create interest and motivate the alumni to participate in the progress of the institution and make them contribute towards the enhancement of their Alma mater.
- 4) To create environment awareness leading to sustainable development involving students and alumni.

Sr. No.	Name	Designation
1	Dr. Suhas Janwadkar (C)	Chairman
2	Asst. Prof. V. V. Kudu	Member
3	Dr. Dakshata Patil	Member
4	Asst. Prof. Rudrakshi Raut	Member
5	Asst. Prof. Tushar Patil	Member
6	Ms. Pooja Shinde	Member

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The Alumni Association of the institute plays a significant role in contributing to the development and growth of the institution through various forms of support.

1. **Financial Contributions:** Alumni, often give back by making generous financial donations. These contributions fund scholarships for the students.
2. **Mentorship and Career Guidance:** Alumni members actively engage with current students by offering mentorship, career counseling, and industry insights.

3. **Networking Opportunities:** The Alumni Association organizes networking events, alumni reunions, and industry-specific gatherings, providing platforms for alumni and current students to connect. These interactions facilitate knowledge sharing, internship opportunities, and potential job placements.
  
4. **Academic Support:** Alumni often contribute to academic programs by participating in guest lectures, workshops, and seminars. Sharing their experiences and expertise enriches the learning experience and exposes students to real-world insights.
  
5. **Knowledge Sharing and Research Collaboration:** Many alumni, who have excelled in their respective fields, collaborate with faculty on research projects, sharing their expertise and insights. Such collaboration enhances the institution's reputation and promotes a culture of continuous learning and innovation.
  
6. **Community Outreach:** The Alumni Association organizes social initiatives and community service programs. Through these endeavours, alumni give back to society, aligning with the institution's commitment to social responsibility.