



**In Fondly Loving Memory of
Hon. AJIT PAWAR SAHEB**

“In fond memory of Ajit Anantrao Pawar, lovingly called 'Dada'... was a leader whose presence defined Maharashtra's political landscape for more than three decades. Born on **22nd July 1959** in Deolali Pravara, he grew up amidst the cooperative movement that shaped rural Maharashtra. From those humble beginnings, he rose steadily, carrying with him the values of resilience, pragmatism, and service to the people.

Representing **Baramati**, Ajit Pawar transformed his constituency into a model of balanced development—where agriculture, industry, and education coexisted in harmony. His leadership was not confined to speeches or promises; it was visible in irrigation projects, rural infrastructure, and the empowerment of local institutions.

As **Deputy Chief Minister of Maharashtra**, a role he held six times, Ajit Pawar became synonymous with decisive governance. His stewardship of key portfolios—Finance, Planning, Irrigation, and State Excise—reflected his sharp administrative acumen and his ability to steer the state through complex challenges. He was a man of action, often described as straightforward, sometimes stern, but always deeply committed to progress.

“His journey was not without trials, yet his resilience ensured he remained a central figure.” He remained a central figure in Maharashtra's politics, adapting to shifting alliances and changing times. His pragmatic approach ensured that he remained relevant, respected, and impactful until his last day.

On **28 January 2026**, his life was tragically cut short in an aircraft accident near Baramati. The news sent shockwaves across the state and nation. His cremation with **full state honours** was a testament to the respect he commanded, as leaders, colleagues, and citizens gathered to bid farewell to a man who had become an inseparable part of Maharashtra's story.

Ajit Pawar's voice will no longer echo in the Assembly, yet his vision for Maharashtra continues to guide its path. For generations, 'Dada' will be remembered not only as a leader, but as a relentless worker for the people.

His departure has left an indelible void in our institution, Pune District Education Association College of Ayurved & Research Centre, Nigdi, Pune and in the lives of all who were guided by his wisdom and vision. Dada's journey as President, Pune District Education Association's beginning in 2006, marked a transformative era for our organization. Through his steadfast commitment, the institution witnessed remarkable progress—academic, infrastructural, and cultural—anchored in values of human sustainability and student-centered growth.

Under his leadership, new branches, courses, and study centers flourished, and our colleges earned the distinguished NAAC accreditation with an **A & A⁺** grades and an impressive 3+ score. His relentless pursuit of excellence ensured that our students consistently excelled in SSC and HSC examinations, securing top ranks across Pune district, Pune division, and the state of Maharashtra. Many of our students achieved first positions, a testament to his unwavering dedication to nurturing talent.

Dada's vision extended beyond academics. He championed initiatives in arts, sports, social service, and cultural enrichment, creating a vibrant environment for holistic development. His encouragement propelled numerous athletes to national and international platforms, bringing honor to the institution and the community. Every milestone achieved under his stewardship reflects his profound influence and enduring legacy.

Respected Dada's contributions are monumental, timeless, and unforgettable. His life was a beacon of service, inspiration, and leadership. As we bow our heads in reverence, PDEASIJRAAS Editorial Board Members, Publisher, All Research Stakeholders; we pledge to carry forward his ideals with gratitude and pride, ensuring that his legacy continues to illuminate generations to come.