

Dear **Students**,

It gives me great pleasure to welcome you to **Gopal Krishna Gokhale College, Kolhapur**, an institution committed to quality education, academic excellence and the overall development of students.

The college has a rich and inspiring history. In **1950, Principal M. R. Desai and Barrister Balasaheb Khardekar** established **Gopal Krishna Gokhale College** at **Kagal** with the vision of providing higher education to students from rural and economically weaker backgrounds. The college was started on the **model of Oxford and Cambridge tutorial colleges**. In its early years, the management also provided free education, boarding and lodging to needy students. This noble beginning continues to inspire us even today.

Over the years, the college has made steady progress in the fields of education, sports, culture and co-curricular activities. Our students have achieved success at University, Zonal, National and International levels and have brought recognition and pride to the institution. The college has also maintained a strong tradition of academic and extracurricular excellence.

I sincerely appreciate the valuable contribution of our dedicated faculty, non-teaching staff and talented students. Their hard work, commitment and team spirit have played an important role in the growth and progress of the college.

We believe that education is not limited to gaining information or obtaining a degree. True education develops the mind, character, confidence and values of an individual. Therefore, we aim to create a positive and supportive learning environment where every student gets opportunities to develop academically, physically, socially, emotionally and intellectually.

Our college has the potential to provide students with many opportunities for learning, innovation, leadership and personal growth. The management has a clear vision for the future and continuously works to strengthen the college and achieve its vision and mission.

The ideals of our founders, **Principal M. R. Desai and Barrister Balasaheb Khardekar**, their vision, dedication and noble ideals continue to inspire us. With the valuable guidance and support of our **Secretary Hon. Prof. Jaykumar M. Desai, Chairman Dr. Manjiri Ajit More and Patron Council Member Shri. Daulat J. Desai**, we are committed to carrying forward the vision of the institution.

“Our mission is to provide education to those who have limited opportunities for higher education and to help every student develop a strong intellectual, social and overall personality.”

I encourage all students to make the best use of the opportunities available in the college. Be curious, work hard, develop good values and always strive for excellence. Your success will be the true success of our institution.

My best wishes to all the students for a successful, meaningful and bright future.

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