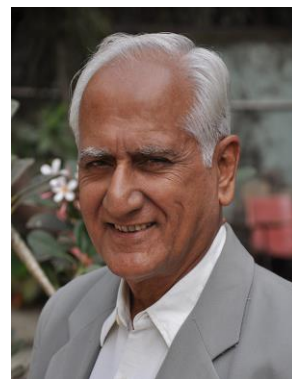


Profile



Name : Mr. Anant Pandurang Deshpande
Birth Date : 15th December, 1942, Pune.
Education : Electrical and Mechanical Engineer
Service : 35 years in different Industries, out of which 30
Years in a Petrochemical Company NOCIL, Thane

Social Service

- Honorary Secretary of Marathi Vidnyan Parishad for 47 Years
- Former Chairman, National Center for Science Communicators for 22 Years
- Chairman, Mumbai Marathi Grantha Sangrahalaya-Ghatkopar Branch for past 25 Years

Others

- Written 1949 articles on science subjects in several news papers and magazines
- Delivered 1364 public lectures preferably on science subjects
- Performed 70 programs on TV
- Given 270 talks on All India Radio
- Written/ edited / translated 78 books/ Reports mainly on Science subjects
- Taken interview of Dr. Vasant Gowariker (Formerly Director, ISRO) for 4 hours in English and for 4 hours in Marathi for Radio archive
- Made a 60-minute documentary on Life and Work of Dr. J.V. Narlikar (Astrophysicist) for Pune Doordarshan
- Organized International conference at Brazil in the year 2005 and an international seminar at Israel in 1996, at Hyderabad in 1999 and at Chicago, USA in 2011.

- Delivered a lecture at Canada in 2005, at Singapore in 2018 and at Dallas, USA in July, 2019.
- Organized 2 international conferences at Pune and Mumbai.
- Organized 65 national conferences
- Organized 11 workshops for Science Fiction Writing jointly with different universities of Maharashtra and Goa
- Organized 138 monthly lectures on Science at Mumba.
- Working as a coordinator for Marathi Cyclopedia for past 7 Years
- Organized ten webinars

Awards

1. FIE Foundation award in 1996
2. National Science Award of NCSTC, DST, Delhi in 1999.
3. Narayan Hari Apte award for Science writing in 2006.
4. Maharashtra Sahitya Parishad, Pune`s Centenary Granthakar award in 2006
5. Nirman Award in 2010
6. Honorary Fellow of Maharashtra Academy of Sciences.
7. President, Suburban Marathi Sahitya Sammelan in 2016 at Vashi, Navi Mumbai
8. Tejas Award by Tilak Shikshan Sanstha, Dombivali for science propagation.
9. Indira Gandhi National award by Indian National Science Academy, New Delhi for Science Propagation in 2019.
10. Key Note speaker in International Conference of Science Fiction Writers at Aurangabad in 2020.
