



### **Mr. Anant Pandurang Deshpande**

Mr. Anant Pandurang Deshpande is the Hon Secretary of Marathi Vidnyan Parishad, a position he has held for the last 44 years.

Marathi Vidnyan Parishad (MaViPa) a not for profit Society, is a fifty plus year old organisation and is involved in

propagating science in society. In Maharashtra, MaViPa works mainly in Marathi. However, programmes are also conducted in English, whenever required.

It's objectives include dissemination of scientific knowledge mainly through Marathi language, to enrich the Marathi language for the expression of scientific thought, to enhance the importance of science in life and to contribute to research and advancement of science. It has 64 branches across Maharashtra.

Apart from his position at the Marathi Vidnyan Parishad, Mr. Deshpande has also been the 'Chairman, National Center for Science Communicators for over two decades and Chairman, Mumbai Marathi Grantha Sangrahalaya-Ghatkopar branch for past 15years.

In the field of Disaster Management, he had 'Worked as a committee member of Disaster Management group in NOCIL' also 'Worked as head of Fire Services department' and also did a 'Fire Marshal's course at Shell, Malaysia'.

A prolific and award-winning writer--he had written several articles and delivered lectures on Disaster management, authored a book in Marathi on Disaster Management and a regular contributor to newspapers and magazines.

He is also associated as a coordinator for the Marathi Encyclopedia for past 5 years.