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WORLD PEACE CENTRE (Alandi) & MIT-WPU, Pune, Bharat

(UNESCO Chair for Human Rights, Democracy, & Peace)



Conceptualized and Established by

Rev. Prof. Dr. Vishwanath D. Karad

Founder President, MIT-WPU

on the occasion of

700th Sanjivan Samadhi of Philosopher Saint Shri Dnyaneshwara in 1996

31st Endowment Lecture Series & Orientation Workshop - 2026

UNESCO Chair Programme for "Culture of Peace"

(24th- 30th November 2026)

Venue: Saint Dnyaneshwara Hall, MIT World Peace University Campus, Kothrud, Pune

INVITATION



Dear Friends,

With the blessings of Rev. Prof. (Dr.) Vishwanath D. Karad Sir, we, the Organizing Committee of Saint Shree Dnyaneshwara and Saint Shree Tukaram Endowment Lecture Series Trust & World Peace Centre (Alandi) MAEER's MIT World Peace University, Pune, India, firmly believe in the saying of the Great Noble Son of India, Swami Vivekananda, "Union of Science and Spirituality / Religion alone will bring Peace and Harmony to the Mankind".

A UNESCO Chair in Human Rights, Democracy, Peace and Tolerance, has been established at the World Peace Centre of MAEER's MIT World Peace University, Pune, India. An Agreement establishing the UNESCO Chair was signed in Paris on Tuesday, 12th May 1998 between UNESCO, Paris, and World Peace Centre MAEER's MIT, Pune, for the noble cause of World Peace.

Being inspired and motivated by the philosophy of the great philosophers Saint Shree Dnyaneshwara and Saint Shree Tukaram, we are organising the 31st Endowment Lecture Series from Tuesday, 24th to Monday 30th November 2026, at MIT World Peace University Campus, Pune, India.

Philosopher Saint Shree Dnyaneshwara, Philosopher Saint Shree Tukaram and Swami Vivekananda, the founding fathers of the cultural renaissance of India, remind us that the path of our future social reconstruction and welfare is through the blending of scientific and spiritual values, which should form a common goal for the whole of mankind.

To realise the dream of this TRINITY and make the people of the world aware of the social, scientific and philosophical teaching of these great masters, Saint Shree Dnyaneshwara and Saint Shree Tukaram Endowment Lecture Series Trust has been established by MAEER's MIT, Pune, as a result of donation by the Rev. Prof. (Dr.) Vishwanath D. Karad and his brothers SHRI TULSHIRAM AND SHRI KASHIRAM DADARAO KARAD in the name of their most respected and revered mother LATE SMT SARASWATI KARAD and their beloved father, Rashtradharmapoojak LATE SHRI DADARAO S. KARAD.

We solicit your kind presence and participation in this 30th year of Endowment Lecture Series organised "IN QUEST OF WORLD PEACE". Needless to say that we all should wholeheartedly try to contribute our little share for the welfare of all the living beings on this beautiful planet - MOTHER EARTH.

Dr. Rahul Vishwanath Karad

Managing Trustee & Executive President,
MAEER's MIT Group of Institutions, Pune, India
Executive President, MIT World Peace University, Pune, Bharat

Inaugural Ceremony

24th November 2026, 4.00 pm

The Inauguration Ceremony of Saint Shree Dnyaneshwara & Saint Shree Tukaram

31st Endowment Lecture Series & Orientation Workshop - 2026

will take place at the auspicious hands of

Chief Guest

Hon'ble Dr. Bhushan Patwardhan

National Research Professor, Ayush, Government of India
Chancellor of Deccan College Postgraduate and Research Institute, Pune

Guests of Honour

Ven. Prof. Geshe Ngawang Samten

Padma Shri Awardee
Tibetan Scholar, Educator &
Former Vice-Chancellor, Central Institute of Higher Tibetan Studies

Dr. Anjali Hemant Nimbalkar

Secretary, AICC (Co-incharge Goa, Daman & Diu, Dadra Nagar Haveli & Puducherry)
Former INC MLA Khanapur

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UNESCO CHAIR, Founder President & Director General,
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Yours Cordially

Dr. Mangesh T. Karad

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Note: Mentioned names are the probable eminent dignitaries. They will either attend the inaugural / valedictory sessions or express their views in the sessions. Most of them have consented to participate in the Lecture Series while other's confirmations are in process.

Valedictory Ceremony

30th November 2026, 11.00 am

The Valedictory Ceremony of Saint Shree Dnyaneshwara & Saint Shree Tukaram

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Chief Guest

Hon'ble Shri. Vijay Kuvalekar
Eminent Journalist and Former Editor-in-Chief
Sakal Media Group, Pune

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