



**Nagindas Khandwala College**  
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Internal Quality Assurance Cell (IQAC)

organizes

**Public Lecture on Evolving Future of Humanity: From Genome to Om and commemoration of establishment of Nagindas Khandwala College**

Date: 21<sup>st</sup> July 2025

Venue: College Auditorium

Resource Person: Dr Bhushan Patwardhan, National Research Professor (Ministry of Ayush), former Vice Chairman of the UGC, and Chairman of NAAC

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*Public Lecture*  
ON  
*"Evolving Future of Humanity:  
From Genome to Om"*

**AND TO COMMEMORATE THE ESTABLISHMENT OF  
NAGINDAS KHANDWALA COLLEGE**

**Outline of the Lecture**

The lecture will throw light on re-imagining the evolving future of humanity, rooted in science, enriched by timeless wisdom, and guided by purpose. Inspired by Genome to Om, This talk explores human evolution through the lens of both science and ancient wisdom. It highlights how the integration of modern technology and traditional knowledge can address challenges in health, sustainability, and meaning. The audience are encouraged to reflect on life, mind, purpose, and their role in shaping a conscious, compassionate future – moving from the Anthropocene to the Omcene.

**SPEAKER**  
*Dr. Bhushan Patwardhan*

National Research Professor, Ministry of Ayush,  
Former Vice Chairman UGC, Chairman NAAC,  
Executive Committee and Chairman I/c ICSSR.

**Monday, 21<sup>st</sup> July**  
2025

**11:00** ONWARDS  
AM

**Jagmohandas Gokaldas Memorial Hall**  
(College Auditorium)



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In a historic moment for the institution, Nagindas Khandwala College inaugurated its first-ever public lecture, opening new intellectual frontiers for academic and civic engagement. Held at the Jagmohandas Gokaldas Memorial Hall, the lecture marked the beginning of a tradition that blends scientific inquiry with philosophical depth.

Renowned scholar Dr Bhushan Patwardhan, National Research Professor (Ministry of Ayush), former Vice Chairman of the UGC, and Chairman of NAAC, delivered a thought-provoking address titled *“Evolving Future of Humanity: From Genome to Om.”* Drawing from both cutting-edge science and timeless Indian wisdom, Dr Patwardhan explored the trajectory of human evolution, the promise and perils of technology, and the need to cultivate a conscious, compassionate future—from the Anthropocene to the ‘Omcene’.

In his wide-ranging address, Dr Patwardhan also reflected on how his upbringing in a joint family in Pune fostered a lifelong interest in integrative thinking—one that embraced both rigorous science and spiritual insight. While acknowledging the strengths of empiricism and disciplinary categorisation, he cautioned against their limitations, reminding the audience that scientists like Einstein and mathematicians such as Gauss and Ramanujan often spoke of the intuitive nature of their discoveries.

Dr. Patwardhan noted that numerous scientific breakthroughs in the Western world had already been alluded to in India’s ancient literature. Yet, he argued, the value lies not in claiming prior knowledge with statements like ‘we already knew this,’ but in drawing from our heritage to advance future inquiry. At the same time, he highlighted the inspirational power of science fiction—how imagined worlds and metaphysical narratives laid the foundation for real-world space travel, encouraging generations to look beyond Earth’s boundaries in pursuit of knowledge and transcendence. Expanding on this point he stressed that our endeavour should not be to validate incidents from ancient scriptures, but to treat them as symbolic sources for scientific and philosophical development.

In closing, Dr Patwardhan observed that most of the world seemed to be in the stages of PreConsumerism, Consumerism and Hyperconsumerism. While urban India seemed to be on the verge of transitioning from a consumerist to hyperconsumerist stage, the goal would be to join the Scandinavian countries and reach the Post-Consumerist stage, where the quality of life mattered more than material excesses. Thus the Speaker called for a purposeful shift from the Anthropocene—defined by human impact and ecological strain—towards an emerging “Omcene,” a future envisioned through conscious living, planetary stewardship, and the recognition of universal consciousness as a guiding principle for humanity’s evolution.

The event also commemorated the formal establishment of Nagindas Khandwala College, which is now an ISO 21001:2018 certified empowered autonomous institution, affiliated to the University of Mumbai and re-accredited by NAAC with an “A” grade (4th cycle). Dr. Ancy Jose, Director of the parent body– the Malad Kandivli Education Society (MKES), reminisced about the early beginnings of the College. Principal Prof. Dr. Moushumi Datta welcomed guests and reflected on the symbolic significance of launching a public lecture series with such a distinguished speaker. Shri Hasmukh Rambhia, Hon. President of the Malad Kandivli



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Education Society, paid tribute to the institution's founders and reaffirmed the Society's unwavering resolve to nurture thoughtful, compassionate citizens. Prof. Dr. Mona Mehta, Vice-Principal and IQAC Coordinator of the College, offered a thoughtful reflection on Dr. Patwardhan's address and ended the programme with a heartfelt vote of thanks.

The lecture drew participation from faculty, students, and members of the wider community. As part of its commitment to quality education and stakeholder engagement, the College plans to continue hosting lectures that inspire interdisciplinary dialogue and social relevance.



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