

Biography of Late Shri Shankarraoji Kolhe Saheb, Former Minister

Late Shankarrao Genuji Kolhe

B.Sc.(Agari)-Pune University in 1951

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Tal. : Kopargaon, Dist. : Ahmednagar

Date of Birth : 14th March 1929



VARIOUS POSTS HELD

- 6 Times Member of Legislative Assembly, Maharashtra State
- Cabinet Minister for Revenue, Transport, Horticulture, State Excise, Co Operative
- Acting Speaker-Maharashtra State Assembly
- Chairman-Indian Sugar Exim Corporation New Delhi
- Vice President- National Federation of New Delhi
- Managing Trustee- Vasandada Sugar Institute, Pune.
- President- Maharashtra State Co-operative Sugar Association, Mumbai
- Vice President- Shri Sai Baba Sansthan Trust, Shirdi
- Vice President and Managing Council Member-Rayat Shikshan Sanstha, Satara,
- President - National Heavy Engineering, Pune.

ESTABLISHED CO- OPERATIVE ORGANISATIONS

- Vasandada Sugar Institute, Pune (VSI)
- National Heavy Engineering Ltd, Pune
- Sanjivani Co-operative Sugar Factory and various Chemical projects, Sahajanandnagar, Tal.-Kopargaon
- Maharashtra Co-operative Press, Pune
- Godavari Khore Co-operative Milk Dairy
- Kopargaon Industrial Estate
- Kopargaon Shetkari Sahakari Sangh
- Yeshwant Poultry Co-operative Society
- Sai Sanjivani Co-operative Bank
- Sanjivani Sahakari Patsanstha
- Amrut and Suvarna Sanjivani Sugarcane Sanstha
- Sanjivani Matsya Vikas Sahakari Sanstha
- Sanjivani Rural Education Society
- Sanjivani Eklavya Adivasi(Tribal) Ashram School
- Sanjivani Pre-Cadet Training Center

HONoured WITH AWARDS

- Sahakar Ratna (IFFCO, New Dehli-2006)
- Jeevan Gaurav (Sugar Technologists Association, New Delhi-2013)
- Aryabhushan (Maharashtra Co-operative Press, Pune)
- Jeevan Gaurav (Savitribai Phule Pune University-2007)
- Aadarsh Rayat Sevak(Rayat Shikshan Sanstha,Satara-2012)

REMARKABLE WORK

- In the finicial year 1974 -75, he represented India In Geneva as the President of the Sugar Expert Corporation Of India, through which the country gained an economic benefit of Rs. 450 crores.
- He led the ' **Rumhane Morcha** ' to Reserve Bank of India, Mumbai with a demand to reduce the interest on loans to farmers debts. The result was a half - percent rebate on interest on loans to farmers in the country
- Agitation to support contract farmers to get back their lands. In this case, he was also sentenced to three months imprisonment at Vaisapur Ahmednagar jail. As a result, thousands of farmers got their land back.
- Constructed the dams to generate the water in Upper Godavari Valley by continuous follow up at the government level for the dams Mukane, Aalandi, Kadawa, Waghad, Valdevi, Kashyapi, Gautami-Godavari, Bham, Bahavali, Waki, etc.
- In view to provide the guranteed water for agricultural land, first of all constructed the the Kolhapur Type (KT)weirs at Hingani on Godavari river in the Kopargaon tahsil and later on constructed the KT weirs at Manjur and sade in Kopargaon tahsil. This enabled to provide water for thousands of hectors of agriculture land.
- Necessary human need materials were sent and distributed among the earthquake victims at Killari (Marathwada) and Bhuj in Gujarat.
- Valuable contribution to rудuce malnutrition in malnourished children of kopargaon tahsil by making nutritious food for 30 days and distributing it.
- Due to floods in Godavari river in 2006, 22821 flood victims from 27 villages of Godavari bank including Kopargaon city were shifted to safer places and daily tea-coffee-milk,snacks, two meals a day and food items were distributed to them. Medical aid to all required people was also been provided Helicopters were used and rescued 149 civilians trapped in the foods.
- During the Corona disater, 16,000 families in Koaprgaon city and 45,000 families in 60 Gram Panchayats in rural areas and shareholders of Sanjivani Karkhana were given free sanitizers and masks. Also sprayed free pesticides in all the villages of Kopargaon taluka. A400-bed sanjivani Covid Center as well as 100 Oxygen bed Dedicated Health Center were establis-hed and provided them with two-time tea, snacks,meals and other useful facilities.
- For the last 15 years he had conducted free eye Check-up Camps in 89 villages of Kopargaon tahsil and performed free Cataract surgery on thousands of patients. He also examined the eyes of poor destitute patients and distributed free spectacles to them.