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## Chat with Jadhav, draw inspiration

**Meet the Stalwarts is a platform for students to look up to noted personalities**

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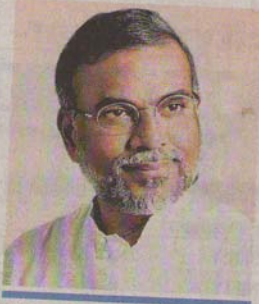
Former vice-chancellor of the University of Pune (UoP) and member of Planning Commission Narendra Jadhav will interact with college students at a programme *Meet the Stalwarts*.

Janseva Foundation and International Longevity Centre (ILC) have organised the programme jointly on Monday at Balgandharva Rangmandir.

Janseva director Vinod Shah and ILC director Sharatchandra Gokhale said the younger generation should be aware about the manner in which the stalwarts have worked hard to reach the positions that they are in today. The students can draw inspiration from them, they added.

This is an annual event. Eminent personalities like scientist Vijay Bhatkar, senior stage artiste Prabhakar Panshikar, noted poet Mangesh Padgaonkar, scientist Raghunath Mashelkar had participated in the event in the past.

Youngsters can directly interact with the noted personalities, Gokhale said.



**This is an annual event of Janseva and International Longevity Centre**

Arun Nulkar will conduct the interactive session and Vanrai director Mohan Dharia will preside over the function. Businessman Hirabhai Chokwala and retired senior bureaucrat BG Deshmukh will be the chief guests.

Shah said Jadhav will also inaugurate the Rural Hub at Ambi the same day at 11 am. The rural hub is an old age home for rural senior citizens constructed by the foundation.



Planning Commission member Narendra Jadhav (2nd L) and actor Nana Patekar (3rd L) along with others pay tribute to Sunita Deshpande at the inaugural ceremony of Pulotsav '09 at Tilak Road on Sunday. She passed away on Saturday. (Report on Page 2)

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## Family members consent, 11-day Pulotsav begins

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**Pune:** In keeping with the spirit of 'the show must go on', Pulotsav, the 11-day cultural festival dedicated to humorist Pu La Deshpande, started here on Sunday in the backdrop of the death of writer and Pu La's wife Sunitabai, a day before.

Stating that the family members of Pu La had given the nod to go ahead with the festival as per schedule, organiser of the festival, Virendra Chitraw said that both Pu La and Sunitabai would also have wished it to continue in case of any eventuality.

Actor Nana Patekar, who inaugurated the 7th Pulotsav, in his inaugural speech termed the death of Sunitabai as a 'big gift' offered by her to Pu La on the eve of his birthday. "We can have imaginary joy that both of them are now together in heavenly abode," he exclaimed.

Patekar, who reminisced the beginning of his acting career with a role in Pu La's drama



**LIGHT MOMENTS:** (From left) Planning Commission member Narendra Jadhav, actor Nana Patekar and convener Dr Meena Prabhu at the inauguration of Pulotsav at New English School on Sunday

'Amhi Latike Na Bolu' during the '70s, hailed the virtue of charity practised by the couple. Planning commission member Dr Narendra Jadhav threw light on Pu La's personality.

The 11-day cultural extravaganza kickstarted with a performance by 10 finalists of SaRe-GaMaPa, a popular Marathi musical show on TV. Festival convener Dr Meena Prabhu,

Satish Jakatdar, Chief Operating Officer of Sakaal Media Group Uday Jadhav, Shashank and Shrikant Paranjape of Paranjape Schemes were present.

Sakaal Media Group is the media partner of the 11-day Pulotsav, which is being organized by Aashay Sanskrutik and Paranjape Schemes at various venues around the city from November 18.

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# Dad told me to be the best: Jadhav

## Planning Commission Member Recalls His Days Of Struggle And Learning

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**Pune:** Reminiscing major turning points in his life, Planning Commission member Narendra Jadhav said that one of the earliest and most significant lessons came from his wise, albeit not very educated father. "He told me: Whatever you choose to do, make sure you go to the top," said Jadhav.

Jadhav, an economist and an educationist, was interacting with the people at a function titled 'Meet the Stalwarts'. Conducted by Arun Nulkar, the event was jointly organised by the International Longevity Centre and the Jansava Foundation.

Jadhav said that what made his father's advice even more remarkable was that this noteworthy management lesson—often called "The search for excellence"—came from a man who had not had the benefit of education.

The young Narendra went



Recalling the difficulties he faced, as recounted in his book 'Amcha Baap Ani Amhi,' Jadhav said his personal journey was also about overcoming various complexes and fears — both real and imagined. "But with the support of my father, my family and my teachers, I was able to overcome them," the former V-C of the UoP said

from strength to strength—he did scoring well at the SSC exam, securing a distinction in BSC or a first class in his MA. All this while simultaneously holding on to his job as a State Bank officer, Jadhav said he held onto a basic approach: "Unless you go too far, you'll never know how far you can go."

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ney was also about overcoming various complexes and fears—both real and imagined. "But with the support of my father, my family and my teachers, I was able to overcome them."

Explaining his decision to return from the US almost immediately after he secured a doctorate in economics, Jadhav said his decision was ridiculed by many. "But I have always believed that in life,

there is no substitute for one's parents and one's motherland," he said.

Amongst his cherished experiences was writing speeches for various RBI governors. "They would tell me the theme and the points they wanted to be covered, and I would discuss the drafts with them...it was a very educational experience," said Jadhav.

Responding to Nulkar's statement that he was known

as the "James Bond of the RBI," Jadhav narrated the experience of finding out information about the Hawala market, posing as a Hawala dealer. "Though the Hawala market still exists, my report did succeed in breaking its backbone," he said. "I had found that the price differential of gold between Mumbai and Dubai was as high as 65 per cent—a fact that made gold smuggling profitable—I remember that my suggestion to import gold was criticised by socialists, but eventually the difference in prices was brought down from 65 per cent to 15 per cent, thereby making smuggling unprofitable," he said.

Also present on the occasion were social workers and founder-president of the IIS Sharadchandra Gokhale, former cabinet secretary E Deshmukh, president of Jansava Foundation Vinod Mohan, president of Vanraj Mohan Dhariya, amongst others.

# Seventh Pulotsav begins with tribute to Sunita Deshpande

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

**Pune:** A two-minute silence in memory of noted writer and wife of Pu La Deshpande, Sunita Deshpande, who passed away on Saturday, marked the inauguration of the seventh edition of the 'Pulotsav' before a packed audience on Sunday.

An annual event organised by the Aashay Sanskrutik in memory of renowned litterateur and humourist P L Deshpande or Pu La as he was popularly known, the festival was inaugurated by actor Nana Patekar in the presence of Narendra Jadhav, member of the Planning Commission and former vice-chancellor of the University of Pune and popular writer Meena Prabhu on the New English School ground on Tilak road.

The festival, which is on till November 18, promises a bouquet of offerings including music, art, theatre, literature, documentaries and some other cultural programmes.

This year's festivities, however, will miss the presence of Sunita Deshpande. "Her con-



Shyam Sonar

(From left) Narendra Jadhav, Nana Patekar and Meena Prabhu at the inauguration on New English School ground on Sunday

## Cremation at Vaikunth

Noted writer Sunita Deshpande's last rites were carried out at the Vaikunth crematorium on Sunday morning in the presence of a number of people, including politicians like Gopinath Munde and actors Nana Patekar and Dilip Prabhavalkar, among others. TNN

tribution to the festival has been immense. We had even a second thoughts about holding the festival just days after her demise. But both Sunitabai and Bhai (P L Deshpande) believed that the show must go on, and this sentiment was echoed by their family members," said Virendra Chitrav, festival director. "Both Pu La and Sunitabai were part of Aashay Sanskrutik and we never envisaged a day where we would start the festival the day after she passed away," said Satish

Jakatdar, festival director.

In his speech, Jadhav said that he was glad that this is his first public function since he was appointed on the Planning Commission. "My wife and I have been associated with the Pulotsav for a long time. So, we had to be here this year too. It is admirable to see new programmes being introduced every year and that is exactly what Sunitabai wanted, a festival that turns younger by the year," he said.

Patekar, meanwhile, spoke about how it felt a bit strange in the absence of Sunita Deshpande. "I never saw Sunitabai as being separate from Bhai and that was wrong. That said, I'm glad that there is such a programme that plays tribute to the great person that Bhai was," he said. He further spoke of how he started his career in theatre with one of Pu La's plays. "Soon after I did 'Ankush' and the director, N Chandra and me invited him for a screening. He loved the film and wrote a letter appreciating it which worked wonders because every Marathi speaking person believed Pu La's words," said Patekar.

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# UoP invited to set up offshore centre at Bahrain

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**Pune:** The University of Pune (UoP), after having established its presence in the west Asian emirate of Ras Al-Khaimah (RAK), has now been invited by the Bahrainian authorities to set up an offshore academic centre in Bahrain.

In a simultaneous development, the Ugandan government has turned down the university's proposal for setting up an offshore campus in Ugan-

da but has offered the UoP a coordinating role in the setting up of a multi-varsity academic complex in the country.

Speaking to reporters on Thursday, UoP's officiating vice-chancellor Arun Adsool said, "A delegation from the consulate of Bahrain and from a university controlled by Bahrainian kingdom met me and other top UoP officials to discuss the proposal last Monday."

Adsool said, "Their (the del-

egation's) prime interest is in getting the UoP set up an academic centre offering studies in engineering, management and biotechnology courses."

He said, "We have requested the visiting Bahrainian authorities to put up a formal proposal in this regard along with the support services they are willing to extend to the UoP for such an offshore centre. The proposal will be considered by the university management."

Adsool said that the proposed centre at Bahrain would be modelled on the lines of the RAK campus.

Former UoP vice-chancellor Narendra Jadhav, who was instrumental in furthering the varsity's offshore presence with the RAK campus, had set the ball rolling for a similar campus in the African country of Uganda, which has a huge population of Indian expats.

Director of UoP's board of

university and college development (BCUD) Pandit Vidyasagar, who is coordinating the varsity's offshore initiatives, said, "The Ugandan government has expressed its inability to go ahead with the proposal. However, it has sought the UoP's role in a coordinating capacity for the establishment of a multi-varsity complex which will have the offshore centres of not only the UoP but also other universities."

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