



GURUPORNIMA

Date: 10th July 2025

Time: 11:30 am to 12:30 pm

Venue: IPS Auditorium

Introduction:

Guru Purnima occasion celebrated across India to pay honor to our teachers and mentors—our “Gurus”—who guide us on the path of knowledge, wisdom, and personal growth. This day holds immense cultural and spiritual significance, Guru Purnima is a significant occasion dedicated to expressing gratitude and respect towards teachers, mentors, and gurus who enlighten and guide us through life’s journey. ASM’s Institute of Professional Studies celebrated this auspicious day with great enthusiasm, cultural richness, and academic reverence. The event served as a beautiful reminder of the pivotal role educator’s play in shaping students’ lives and futures.

Objective:

- To honor and express gratitude towards teachers and mentors.
- To reflect on the teachings and values imparted by the gurus.
- To foster a sense of respect, discipline, and cultural awareness among students.
- To build a bridge of communication and appreciation between students and faculty.

Speaker:

- Dr. Sudhakar Bokephode,
- Dr. D.D. Balsaraf
- Dr. Lalit Kanore

Report:

The program started with a warm welcome speech by the anchor, a student, and Asst. Prof. Mrunal Ughade. The host set the tone of the event with an insightful introduction about the importance of Guru Purnima and the values it upholds. The traditional lamp-lighting ceremony marked the formal beginning of the celebration.

Guest Felicitation:

Respected dignitaries and esteemed faculty members were felicitated with gratitude and admiration. The dignitaries included:

- Dr. Sudhakar Bokephode
- Dr. D.D. Balsaraf
- Dr. Lalit Kanore
- Dr. Shrikant Kulkarni

After felicitation all dignitaries delivered a thought-provoking and inspiring address that beautifully connected the essence of Guru Purnima with both traditional values and modern educational contexts.

Dr. Vikas Barbate explained that the word '*Guru*' in Sanskrit means "the one who dispels darkness" – where "*Gu*" stands for darkness and "*Ru*" signifies the remover. A guru, therefore, is not just a teacher, but a transformational leader who converts ignorance into awareness, confusion into clarity, and potential into performance.

He emphasized how, especially in the field of management, where leadership, decision-making, and interpersonal skills form the foundation of success, the presence and influence of a guru becomes even more vital.

Dr. Lalit Kanore delivered a deeply reflective and emotionally resonant speech that centered on the moral and ethical responsibilities of teachers in shaping young minds. He began by emphasizing that education is not merely about books, exams, or degrees—it is about building character, nurturing values, and preparing students to become responsible citizens and compassionate human beings.

Dr. D.D. Balsaraf sir delivered a spiritually rich and culturally rooted speech that reflected the true essence of Guru Purnima. He began by Praising everyone and beautifully explained significance of VyasPurnima i.e Guru Purnima, reminding everyone that while Maharshi Ved Vyasa is historically honored on this day, it is also a universal celebration of all gurus, mentors, and teachers.

He humbly bowed to the great tradition of Gurus, expressing that every day should begin with “Guru Vandana” (salutation to the guru). Quoting the saint Tukaram Maharaj, he said, “*Aamhi bi ghadalo, tumhi bi ghadana*”, which means, “We grew, now it's your turn.” He extended his heartfelt namaskar to all the teachers, mentors, parents, and guardians, calling them the real architects of our lives.

Referring to ancient Indian wisdom, he cited the Sanskrit verse: “*Matrudevo Bhava, Pitrudevo Bhava, Acharyadevo Bhava*”— which means, “Revere your mother as God, your father as God, and your teacher as God.” He explained that these three figures – mother, father, and teacher – are the cornerstones of a student's life, and we must never forget their contribution.

Dr. Balsaraf further shared inspiring stories from Indian philosophy, such as how Lord Dattatreya learned from 36 different gurus, showing that knowledge can come from anyone and anywhere – “The one who is not small is a guru; one who elevates others is a guru.”



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Dr. Sudhakar Bokephode delivered a heartfelt and thought-provoking speech that left a lasting impression on everyone present. He began by expressing warm wishes to all gurus, stating that from childhood itself, we come across many gurus, but the very first guru is the mother. She is the one who begins our journey of learning, values, and emotional understanding. He respectfully offered his gratitude to all the teachers, mentors, and guiding forces in life, right from childhood to professional education. He reflected on his own life experiences, sharing a deeply personal account of the mentors who shaped his journey. He said, *“Even today, I am learning. A true teacher is also a lifelong student.”* With great humility, he emphasized that learning never stops, and even as a senior professor, he still continues to learn from others—students, peers, and life situations.

Dr. V. P. Pawar began his speech by expressing heartfelt greetings on the occasion of Guru Pornima, a day that reminds us of the timeless bond between the teacher (Guru) and the learner (Shishya). He spoke with great respect about the foundation of Indian education, which has always centered around the Guru—not only as a source of knowledge but as a leader of values, discipline, and character.

The program concluded with a Vote of Thanks by PRO. Amin Khan who expressed gratitude to all the dignitaries, faculty members, students, and organizers for their valuable contributions. She thanked the speakers for their insightful words and appreciated everyone’s participation in making the Guru Pornima celebration meaningful and memorable.

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Outcomes:

The event encouraged meaningful reflection on the role of teachers not just as academic guides, but as life mentors. Inspirational speeches by faculty members helped bridge traditional wisdom with modern education. The program also strengthened the student-teacher bond and created an environment of appreciation, positivity, and ethical awareness among students.