

PROF. MADHU DANDAVATE Son of Shri Ramachandra born at Ahmednagar, Maharashtra, on January 21, 1924. He was educated at Royal Institute of Science, Bombay. Madhu Dandavate secured his Master's degree in Physics from the Royal Institute of Science, Bombay. As a student he participated in Quit India movement of 1942. He led Satyagraha in Goa against Portuguese Imperialism, in 1955. He participated in Land Liberation Satyagraha and was detained during Emergency, 1975-77. He was Non-Councilor Member, Education Committee of Bombay Municipal Corporation, 1962-70. He was also Trustee, Yusuf Mehrally Education Society, President, Bank of Baroda Employees Federation, 1973-75. Secretary, Maharashtra State Citizens' Defence Committee (during Chinese and Pakistani aggression in 1962 and 1965 respectively). He was Professor of Physics and Vice-principal, Siddharth College, Bombay.

Madhu Dandavate, taught physics in Bombay University for twenty five years from 1946 to 1971. He was married to Shrimati Pramila, on October 22, 1953. Pramila Dandavate, was also prominently involved in the Socialist movement in India and was a Member of seventh Lok Sabha with him, 1980-84. They had one son Uday. Political and Social Worker, Teacher and Educationist, Prof. Dandavate was a known Socialist Leader and a great Parliamentarian. From 1971 to 1990 he was an M.P., elected to the Lok Sabha for 5 times consecutively from Rajapur constituency in Konkan, Maharashtra. He was the minister for Railways in the Morarji Desai Ministry, (March 1977-July 1979). He initiated improvements in second-class railway travel for passengers by replacing the wooden berths with berths consisting of two inches foam. He was one of the prominent opposition leaders when Indira Gandhi and Rajiv Gandhi were the Prime Ministers, 1980-89.

Madhu Dandavate was Finance minister in the cabinet of V. P. Singh, (December 5, 1989-November 10, 1990). He actively campaigned for the Konkan Railway project. He was also the Deputy Chairperson of the Planning Commission of India from 1996 to 1998. He was associated with the, Congress Party, Congress Socialist Party, Socialist Party, Praja Socialist Party, Socialist Party, Janata Party, Janata Dal, Janata Dal (Secular). He was National Secretary, Praja Socialist Party, 1954-56 and General Secretary, Socialist Party, 1971-73. He was elected to Maharashtra Legislative Council, Maharashtra, and was an MLC during 1970-71. He was known for his probity in public life. Prof. Madhu Dandavate passed away on 12 November 2005 at Mumbai. He was not cremated and as per his wish, his body was donated to JJ Hospital, Mumbai.

Publications/Books:

1. Quest of Conscience:

(This book embodies Professor Madhu Dandavate's Quest of Conscience. It contains his reflections on recent national and international developments. Written with the sensitivity of a political activist, who has succeeded in fusing ideology with struggle and commitment with values, this book strings together the author's perspectives and analysis of events, issues and personalities).

2. Dialogue with Life

(This book is based on a series of interviews with the author by the Oral History Division of the Nehru Memorial Museum and Library. The book traces the evolution of his life, from its early influences, to the growing impact of various movements, ideologies and writings of great thinkers).

4. Evolution of Socialist Policies And Perspectives 1934-84.

3. Yusuf Meherally: A Quest For New Horizons.

4. Gandhi's Human Touch.

5. As The Mind Unfolds: (issues And Personalities)

6. Three Decades of Indian Communism-Marx and Gandhi.

7. Evolution of Socialist Policies.

8. Kashmir: A test case for Secularism.

9. Gandhiji's impact on Socialist Thinking.

10. Architects of Modern India (a Commentary).

11. Social Roots of Gender Injustice

12. Jayaprakash Narayan: Struggle with Values: A Centenary Tribute by Madhu Dandavate.

13. Jayaprakash Narayan: The man and his ideas (JP memorial lecture by Madhu Dandavate).

14. Marx and Gandhi by Madhu Dandavate.

15. Future of Parliamentary Democracy in India

17. Three decades of Indian Communism (A Praja Socialist publication) by Madhu Dandavate.

18. Constitution of India and challenges of our time (Yusuf Meherally memorial lecture) by Madhu Dandavate.

19. Anibanitila patre (Marathi) by Madhu Dandavate.

20. Echoes in Parliament: Madhu Dandavate's speeches in Parliament, 1971-1990.

21. The Lok Sabha Secretariat has brought out a publication titled "Madhu Dandavate in Parliament: A Commemorative Volume". The Volume contains select speeches of late Prof. Dandavate (Member of Lok Sabha from 1971 to 1991), his biographical profile, his own writings besides, articles/tributes by eminent personalities on him.