## **PROFILE**

## DR. SHIRISH PATIL

Director at VPM's Advanced Study Centre (ASC). He joined on the 16<sup>th</sup> of November 2022. Prior to that, he was Co-ordinator of Self Financed Department of K.G. Joshi College of Arts and N.G. Bedekar College of Commerce, Thane. Before that he was the Asstt. Director at Garware Institute of Career Education and Development, a Department of University of Mumbai. He has also been Chief Advisor to Center of Excellence, Sanjay Ghodawat Institute, Pune/Kolhapur.

Dr. Patil holds a Ph.D in Science in Botany (University of Mumbai), M.Sc. and B.Sc. in Agriculture (Konkan Agricultural University, Dapoli, Ratnagiri). He has completed a Course in Effective Personal Productivity from Leadership Management International, Waco University, Texas, USA. His area of specialization in his Post Graduate studies was Genetics and Plant Breeding. His area of work in his Doctoral studies was Environmental Science and Organic Farming. He has published his research in journals such as Journal of Biological & Physical Sciences, International Journal of Life Sciences, and International Research Journal of Science and Engineering etc. He has done significant work in Agricultural extension and taking latest and new research to farmers. He has played a role in developing new products and technology in agriculture for the benefit of farmers.

Areas close to his heart are Organic Farming, Environmental Science, Biodiversity, Nature and its preservation, Science & Technology, Commerce and Finance,. Dr. Patil has taught a variety of subjects at post graduate level including, Agriculture, Rural Management, Agribusiness Management, Rural Marketing, Agro Processing, Contract Farming etc. Associated with number of colleges like Welingkar's Institute, Ruia College, Garware Institute, MGM Institute of Management, Bharti Vidyapeeth, St. Francis Institute of Management and Research, BES Institute of Management, and Sanjay Ghodawat Institute, Anjuman - I - Islam's, Akbar Peerbhoy College, NSS College of Commerce and Economics, etc.

He is keen on promoting value based education that is job oriented and of practical utility. He believes that education is a tool which can bring transformation not only in the lives of individuals but also the entire societies and civilizations. He also believes that education if properly imparted and sincerely imbibed can empower the student to be productive, efficient and successful in every walk of life and work. At ASC he wants to equip the necessary knowledge, skill sets, training and confidence in every student with which they can achieve the highest level of success in their career.