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-: Condolence Message: -

Bidding farewell to an inspiring *yatri* in the *Dhyeyayatra* of ABVP, Shri Madandas Devi ji

It is with profound grief that we inform about the departure to the heavenly abode of Ma Shri Madandas Devi ji, former National Organising Secretary of Akhil Bharatiya Vidyarthi Parishad and former *Sah Sarkaryavah* of Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangh, on July 24, 2023, at 05:05 AM in Bangalore, Karnataka. The demise of Shri Madandas ji is an immensely sorrowful moment for the ABVP family and all well-wishers. His passing has left a void akin to that of loss of a parent for dedicated workers of the organisation. Shri Madandas ji was pivotal in shaping the organisation's vision and direction right from its nascent days and giving it an All India character.

Born on July 9, 1942, coinciding with the Foundation Day of ABVP, Shri Madandas ji hailed from Karamala village in Solapur district of Maharashtra. After completing his primary education, he embarked on his higher education journey, joining the renowned BMCC College in Pune in 1959. After obtaining an M.Com. degree, he pursued legal education at the prestigious ILS Law College, Pune, where he earned his LLB degree. His exceptional dedication and brilliance were recognized with a gold medal during his LLB studies. He studied further to become a Chartered Accountant. During his studies in Pune, inspired by the guidance of his elder brother, Shri Khushaldas Devi ji, he came in contact with the RSS.

In 1964, Shri Madandas ji started his active involvement with ABVP in Mumbai. In 1966, he became the Secretary of ABVP Mumbai. Shri Madandas ji was the first *Pracharak* to be appointed to ABVP by RSS' *yojanā*. At the historic Karnavati National Conference of ABVP in 1968, he was appointed Zonal Organizing Secretary for the Western Zone. Later, at the Thiruvananthapuram National Conference in 1970, he assumed the responsibility of the National Organising Secretary of ABVP, a position he held from 1970 to 1992. Under his visionary leadership, ABVP transformed into a prominent student movement and made significant positive contributions to the nation by involving students and youth in critical national issues. Shri Madandas ji played a crucial role in nurturing a disciplined and cultured generation of youth through the organisational might of ABVP. In 1992, he took on the responsibility of Joint Akhil Bharatiya *Sah-Pracharak Pramukh* of RSS, and in 1993, he became the *Sah Sarkaryavah* of RSS.

The passing of Shri Madandas Devi ji has left all the members and well-wishers of ABVP in deep mourning. National President Dr. Rajsharan Shahi, National General Secretary Shri Yagyvalkya Shukla, National Organising Secretary Shri Ashish Chauhan, National Joint Organising Secretary Shri Prafulla Akant, and former National President Prof. Milind Marathe, on behalf of all ABVP members, express their heartfelt condolences and pray for the *sadgati* of Shri Madandas Devi ji's *ātma*. His life values and memories will always serve as an inspiration and guide in the perennially flowing organisational journey of ABVP.

(This Condolence Message has been issued by Central Office Secretary Digambar Pawar.)