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INTRODUCTION

- ▶ **Founder & Chairman, FUEL (Friends Union for Energising Lives)** – a social enterprise empowering first-generation learners and underserved youth across India.
- ▶ **Ashoka Fellow and Fellow at Cambridge Judge Business School.**
- ▶ Has empowered **1 million+ youth** through education, scholarships, and skill development.
- ▶ Built strong partnerships with **75+ corporates** to create large-scale social impact.
- ▶ Currently leading the establishment of **FUEL SkillTech & Entrepreneurship University** in Pune to provide **future-ready education for first**-generation learners.

EDUCATION

- ▶ **PhD Scholar (CSR)**, Symbiosis International University.
- ▶ **MBA in Marketing**, SCMRD, Symbiosis International University, Pune.
- ▶ **Dr. D.C. Pavate Fellow & Visiting Fellow**, Cambridge Judge Business School, University of Cambridge.
- ▶ **B.Ed. & M.Ed.**, SRMTU, Maharashtra.
- ▶ **Bachelor's in Sociology**, Tilak Maharashtra University, Pune.
- ▶ Schooling: **St. Aloysius, Bhusawal** (10th – Distinction) & **Wadia College, Pune** (12th – First Class).

AWARDS & RECOGNITIONS

- ▶ Recognized by Hon'ble Prime Minister of India for impact in education and youth empowerment.
- ▶ Felicitated by Former President of India, Dr. A.P.J. Abdul Kalam.
- ▶ **Champions of Change Award** by NITI Aayog.
- ▶ **CSR Journal Excellence Award**.
- ▶ Recognition from the Speaker of the Lok Sabha.
- ▶ **Ashoka Fellowship** – Global recognition for social entrepreneurship.
- ▶ **Pavate Fellowship**, University of Cambridge.
- ▶ Featured at **World Economic Forum (Davos)**, **Oxford India Forum**, and other global platforms.