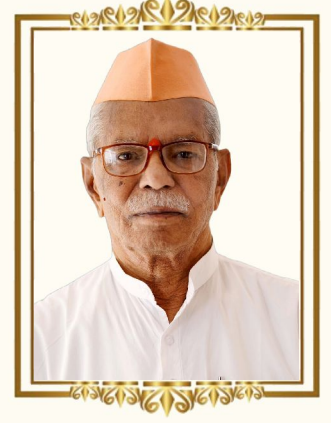




SHRI JANARDAN BAPURAO BOTHE



Shri Janardan Bapurao Bothe is an eminent social worker. As the General Secretary of the All-India Shri Gurudev Seva Mandal at the sacred Gurukunj Ashram, founded by Revered Rashtra Sant Shri Tukdoji Maharaj, he has served for over two decades, dedicating his life to the holistic upliftment of all sections of society across rural Maharashtra and throughout the nation.

2. Born on 25th November, 1939 in Gogari village in Washim District, Maharashtra, Shri Bothe was the follower of Revered Rashtra Sant Shri Tukdoji Maharaj. He first joined as a student and later as a dedicated sevak (service worker) in the Seva Mandal. After completing his Matriculation in 1958 and subsequently, acquiring professional certifications in Photography, Music, Stenography, and Typing. In 1960, Shri Bothe served as the full-time personal secretary to Revered Rashtra Sant Shri Tukdoji Maharaj, carrying out diverse responsibilities with deep devotion. His duties included bhajan seva, correspondence, planning tours and public programs, photography and audio recording of events, managing appointments and attending to Maharaj's diet and health. He accompanied Rashtra Sant Shri Tukdoji Maharaj to several important locations across India. In 1961, he rendered dedicated service during the 30-day Kisan Rail Yatra. In 1962, he also participated in a bhajan program at the NEFA border, aimed at boosting the morale of the Indian Armed Forces and strengthening national spirit.

3. Shri Bothe accompanied Rashtra Sant Shri Tukdoji Maharaj on significant visits across India, including Goa, Rashtrapati Bhavan, major Kumbh Melas, Sadhu Sammelans, the founding meeting of the Vishwa Hindu Parishad in Mumbai, the Ashadhi Wari to Pandharpur and the Narayana Guru Sansthan in Kerala in the mid-1960s. Entrusted by Rashtra Sant Shri Tukdoji Maharaj, he served as Hostel Superintendent of Shri Gurudev Manavseva Chhatralaya at Gurukunj Ashram. In 1972, he founded the Rashtra Sant Shri Tukdoji Maharaj Shikshan Sanstha, under which eleven schools and hostels were established in tribal and underprivileged areas. Through free education and life-skill training, thousands of Dalits, Adivasi and economically weaker students were empowered. Revered as "Dalit Mitra," he is respected for leading initiatives such as Gram Geeta-based campaigns, de-addiction programs, health camps and value-based education.

4. Since 2001, Shri Bothe, as General Secretary of the All-India Shri Gurudev Seva Manda, has led extensive service initiatives through over 10,000 rural branches, women's groups and youth organizations. His work promotes community development, spiritual awareness, Gram Geeta philosophy, environmental conservation and cultural unity, reflecting a deep commitment to holistic nation-building. Guided by the ideals of Rashtra Sant Shri Tukdoji Maharaj, he has strengthened grassroots movements focused on cleanliness, equality, character building and national integration. Under his leadership, Shri Kshetra Gurukunj Ashram has become a center of holistic development and moral renewal.

5. In 1992, Shri Bothe was honored with the Dr. Babasaheb Ambedkar Dalit Mitra Sanstha Award. In 2008, the All-India Maratha Seva Sangh - Akola Division conferred upon him the Maratha Vidarbha Bhushan Award in recognition of his role as an outstanding publisher of the All-India Shri Gurudev Seva Mandal. For his consistent efforts in promoting and propagating the literature and philosophy of Revered Rashtra Sant Shri Tukdoji Maharaj, Amravati University honoured him with a commemorative memento.