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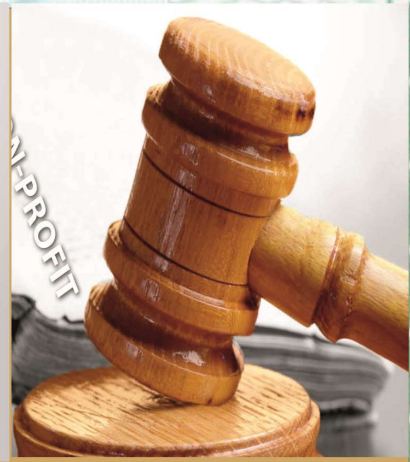
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**Analysis of ShankarlaljiKhandelwal's devotion for the society in Akola Region****Nishikant Dattatraya Deshpande**

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Balaghat (M.P.)**Abstract:**

This paper focuses on the social work of ShankarlaljiKhandelwal in the Akola region of Maharashtra. ShankarlaljiKhandelwal was a contributor and social worker who dedicated his life to improving the lives of people in the Akola region. He was pioneer in setting up various educational, healthcare, and social welfare institutions that continue to benefit the local community. The paper analyzes Shankarlalji's life, work, and impact, and explores the challenges and opportunities he faced in his social work. The research is based on the analysis of secondary sources, including biographies, articles, books and RSS publications.. This paper aims to examine the social work of ShankarlaljiKhandelwal in the Akola region of Maharashtra, India. The paper analyses his contribution in the context of the social and economic conditions prevalent in the Akola region, and evaluates the impact of his work on the local community. ShankarlaljiKhandelwal, also known as Kakaji, was a prominent member of the RashtriyaSwayamsevakSangh (RSS) and played a crucial role in the organization's activities. This paper examines his contribution to the work of RSS, particularly his role in expanding the organization's network and strengthening its ideological foundation.

**Keywords:** ShankarlaljiKhandelwal, Akola, Society, Social Work, Education, Healthcare, Community Development.

**Introduction:**

ShankarlaljiKhandelwal was born in 1920 in a poor family. He is best known for his contributions to social welfare, education, and healthcare in Akola and surrounding areas. He founded several institutions, including the Khandelwal Arts, Science, and Commerce College, the Ayurved Hospital and Research Center, and the ShikshanPrasarakMandal in the old city of Akola. He also played a key role in the establishment of the Akola Urban Cooperative Bank Akola. Akolacity located in the Vidarbha region of Maharashtra. It has a rich history and culture and is known for its cotton production, agriculture, and trade. In recent years, it has seen significant growth and development in various sectors, including education, healthcare, infrastructure, and industry.

ShankarlaljiKhandelwal was a social worker and philanthropist who dedicated his life to improving the lives of people in the Akola region of Maharashtra. ShankarlaljiKhandelwal was a visionary leader who believed that education and healthcare were the keys to social and economic development. The purpose of this paper is to examine Khandelwal's life, work, and impact in the Akola region. He spent most of his life working in the Akola region. Khandelwal was a multifaceted personality who was involved in various social and cultural activities. He worked towards the upliftment of the poor, the education of children, and the promotion of communal harmony. The purpose of this paper is to evaluate its impact on the local community, and highlight the challenges and opportunities that he faced. His initiatives focused on education, healthcare, and economic development. This paper aims to examine his contribution to the region and evaluate the impact of his initiatives. He was a businessman who became involved with the RashtriyaSwayamsevakSangh (RSS) in the 1930s. He played a significant role in the organization's activities, particularly in expanding its network and strengthening its ideological foundation. This paper aims to examine his contribution to the work of RSS and evaluate his impact on the organization.

**Methodology:**





This paper draws on a range of secondary sources, including academic studies and the books written by some authors. The sources were selected based on their relevance reliability and credibility and were analysed using a thematic approach.

**ShankarlaljiKhandelwal's Social Work:**

Shankarlalji's social work was based on the principle of selfless service to humanity. He believed that education and healthcare were essential for the overall development of individuals and society. Shankarlalji established various educational institutions, including schools and colleges, to provide quality education to the local community. He also set up hospitals and healthcare centers to provide medical services to the poor and needy. In addition, Khandelwal was actively involved in various social welfare activities, such as providing financial assistance to the needy and organizing relief work during natural disasters. Shankarlalji's social work in the Akola region was focused on addressing the social and economic problems faced by the local community. Shankarlalji Khandelwal was also actively involved in promoting communal harmony and peace in the region. Shankarlalji Khandelwal was a pioneer in the field of social work in the Akola region. He established the Shree Hanuman Vyayam Prasarak Mandal in 1939, which aimed to promote physical fitness and sports among the youth. He also founded the Janata Shikshan Prasarak Mandal in 1945, which focused on education and vocational training.

Shankarlalji's approach to social work was based on the principles of self-reliance and community participation. He believed that the local community should be actively involved in the development process and that social work should not be charity but a means of empowering people. His initiatives were based on the idea of sustainable development, which focused on creating self-sufficient and economically viable communities.

**Economic Development Initiatives:**

Shankarlalji Khandelwal was also involved in various economic development initiatives in the region. He established the Akola Urban Co-op Bank in 1968, which provided credit and financial services to farmers and small businesses. He also established the family members in various business which produced edible oils and provided employment to local residents.

**Strengthening the Ideological Foundation:**

Shankarlalji Khandelwal was also involved in strengthening the ideological foundation of the RSS. He played a key role in organizing several shivirs (camps) and seminars, which focused on the organization's ideology and values. Shankarlalji was the Editor of "Sudarshan" weekly news paper in period of 1948-50. He also helped to establish the Marathi weekly "Tarun Bharat," which propagated the RSS ideology and promoted its activities. He worked closely with RSS leaders, including M. S. Golwalkar and Balasaheb Deoras, in articulating and disseminating the organization's ideological vision.

**Expansion of the RSS Network:**

Shankarlalji Khandelwal played a crucial role in expanding the network of RSS across Maharashtra and other states. He established several shakhas (branches) of the organization in the Akola region and vidarbha. He worked closely with other RSS leaders, including Madhavrao Muley and Balasaheb Deoras, in expanding the organization's reach and influence. Shankarlalji Khandelwal's contribution to the Sangh work was multifaceted. He played a crucial role in organizing several mass mobilization campaigns, including the Ram Janmabhoomi movement and the anti-cow slaughter agitation. He also worked closely with other Sangh organizations, including the Vishwa Hindu Parishad and the Bharatiya Janata Party, in promoting the RSS ideology and values. He was actively involved in social and cultural activities.

**Impact of Shankarlalji's Work:**

Shankarlalji's social work had a profound impact on the Akola region. His educational institutions have produced thousands of graduates who have gone on to achieve success in various fields. His healthcare centers have provided medical services to millions of people who would otherwise have been unable to afford them. Shankarlalji's selfless activities have also helped countless individuals and families in times of need. His work has inspired many others to follow in his footsteps and contribute to the development of the region. Shankarlalji's social work has had a significant impact on the Akola region. His initiatives have helped in providing access to education and healthcare to the local population, and have contributed towards improving the economic conditions of the region. The Ayurved Hospital, in particular, has played a crucial role in providing healthcare services to the underprivileged sections of society. Shankarlalji's efforts towards promoting communal harmony have



also been widely appreciated, and have contributed towards maintaining peace in the region. ShankarlaljiKhandelwal's initiatives had a significant impact on the Akola region. The educational institutions established by him provided access to education for thousands of students and contributed to the region's intellectual and cultural development. The healthcare facilities established by him provided much-needed medical services to the local community. The economic development initiatives established by him provided employment opportunities and contributed to the region's economic growth.

#### **Challenges and Opportunities:**

Shankarlalji faced many challenges in his social work, including financial constraints, bureaucratic hurdles, and social barriers. However, he overcame these challenges through his determination, vision, and leadership. Shankarlaljisaw every challenge as an opportunity to make a positive difference in the lives of people in the region. He was able to mobilize support from the local community, government officials, and philanthropists to achieve his goals.

Shankarlalji's social work in the Akola region was not without its challenges. He faced several obstacles in his efforts to improve the conditions of the local community, including bureaucratic hurdles and a lack of funding. However, he persevered and was able to establish several successful institutions that continue to serve the community. The opportunities for social work in the Akola region are vast, and there is a need for more individuals and organizations to work towards addressing the social and economic problems faced by the local population.

#### **Conclusion:**

ShankarlaljiKhandelwal's social work in the Akola region is a testament to the power of individual leadership and vision in bringing about social change. His educational, healthcare, and philanthropic institutions continue to benefit the local community and inspire others to contribute to the region's development. Shankarlalji's legacy is an inspiration to social workers and philanthropists around the world who seek to make a positive difference in the lives of people in need. ShankarlaljiKhandelwal's social work in the Akola region serves as an inspiration to all those who wish to make a difference in the lives of the underprivileged. His contribution towards providing access to education, healthcare, and vocational training has had a significant impact on the local community. While there are still several challenges that need to be addressed, the opportunities for social work in the region are vast, and there is a need for more individuals and organizations to come forward and work towards the upliftment of the local population. ShankarlaljiKhandelwal, also known as Kakaji, made a significant contribution to the work of the RashtriyaSwayamsevakSangh. His role in expanding the organization's network and strengthening its ideological foundation was crucial in shaping its activities and vision. His commitment to the Sangh work and his contribution to social and cultural activities continue to inspire generations of RSS workers and activists. ShankarlaljiKhandelwal's contribution to the social, educational, and economic development of the Akola region was significant. His approach to social work, which focused on community participation and sustainable development, was innovative and effective. His initiatives continue to have an impact on the region and serve as a model for social work and philanthropy.

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