

Profile of Dr. Ashok Gajanan Modak

A. Brief Introduction about Dr. Modak

- Dr. Ashok Gajanan Modak is an Indian national born in 1940.
- He did Master of Arts in Economics; University of Pune in 1963 and Master of Arts in Political Science; University of Pune in 1967.
- He worked Lecturer in Economics at the Arts, Science and Commerce College at Chalisgaon, Jalgaon District, Maharashtra from 1963 to 1967.
- He was actively involved in research activities; Indian School of International Studies, New Delhi from 1967 to 1969.
- He contributed in Research activities on Soviet Relations with India; Oriental Institute, Moscow from 1969 to 1971.
- He contributed Thesis on Role of Nikita Khrushchev in Soviet Yugoslav Relations; Institute of Social Studies, The Hague, the Netherlands from 1974 to 1975.
- He did Post Graduate Diploma in International Development; Institute of Social Studies, The Hague, the Netherlands in 1975.
- He worked Lecturer in Ramnarain Ruia College, Mumbai from 1971 to 1983.
- He obtained Doctorate (Ph.D.); Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi in 1980.
- He was Reader in the Centre for Soviet Studies, University of Mumbai from 1983 to 1994.
- He served as a Member of the Legislative Council (MLC); Maharashtra from 1994 to 2006.
- He has been Honorary Adjunct Professor - Centre for Central Eurasian Studies; University of Mumbai since 2006.
- He has been political, social and economic commentator for leading news and print media since 2006.
- He pursued his research activities in several countries like the former USSR, the Netherlands, United Kingdom, former Yugoslavia etc. In 1986 the US

Government invited him for a monthlong participation in seminars pertaining to Superpower Relations held at 08 centres in USA.

- He won the elections in 1994 and 2000 to become a Member of the Legislative Council (MLC) of the state of Maharashtra. He continued in this position for 12 years till 2006.
- He received Best Parliamentary Award, Dharmaveer Chhatrapati Sambhaji Maharaj Award and P.B. Bhave Oratory Awards.
- In 2006, the University of Mumbai offered him the Honorary position of Adjunct Professor in the Centre for Central Eurasian Studies and he has been busy in this role till date.
- In recognition of his contribution in the field of education, the Government of India nominated him for the position of National Research Professor on 6 January 2015 for a period of five years. The National Research Professors are only 6 in India.
- In 2015, Prof Modak published 10 research papers on Integral Humanism on Pandit Dindayal Upadhyaya, Geeta Rahasya, Ram Manohar Lohia Perspective, Swami Vivekananda, etc.
- On 21st Jan 2016, he was appointed as a member of the General Assembly of Indian Council for Cultural Relations (ICCR) for a term of three years.
- Dr. Rammanohar Lohia Awadh University Faizabad has conferred the Degree of DLit in November 2017 upon Dr. Modak.
- In February 2018, Dr Modak was invited in Russia as an International Observer for Presidential Election, where he discussed with Election Commission, candidates and other officials of Russia.
- In June-July 2018 the Indian Institute of Advance Studies Shimla has invited him as Visiting Professor where he delivered 03 Lectures on Life & Mission of Swamy Vivekananda, Swamy Vivekananda as a great social reformer, etc.

B. Academic Contribution

Dr. Modak written 30 books, over 104 research papers and several newspaper and magazine articles in periodicals like International Studies, Journal of Indian Council of World Affairs New Delhi and Eternal India; New Delhi.

Selected Book and Research Articles Authored

- Analysis of Gorbachev Era
- Economic History of the Soviet Union
- Economic Thinking of Gopal Krishna Gokhale
- A Genuine Socialist Thinker – Dr. Ram Manohar Lohia
- Was Swami Vivekananda a Socialist
- Left Front Rule in West Bengal – Genesis, Growth and Decay
- १८५७ चा स्वातंत्र्य लढा - द्विष्टीकोन व मत मतांतरे
- हिंदुत्व - न्यायालयीन निवाडा आणि सेकुलर आग पाखड
- नामदार गोपाळ कृष्ण गोखले
- श्री गुरुजी - जीवन आणि कार्य
- धर्मपाल साहित्य - शोध आणि बोध
- शिक्षणाचे भगवीकरण - आक्षेप आणि तथ्य
- राष्ट्र विचाराचे सामाजिक आशय
- विवेकानंद - विचार आणि सध्यस्तिथि
- स्वामी विवेकानंद - चिरंतन चैतन्याचा स्रोत