



## Pune Knowledge Cluster

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### From Academics to the Corporate World

<b>Organized By</b>	Pune Knowledge Cluster (PKC)
<b>In collaboration with</b>	BASF Chemicals India Pvt Ltd.
<b>Date</b>	<b>Friday, 19 May 2023</b>
<b>Time</b>	<b>4:00 PM to 5:30 PM (IST)</b>
<b>Location</b>	<b>Online – On Zoom Platform</b>
<b>Description of the talk series</b>	An initiative by The Pune Knowledge Cluster, which aims to bring forward the journey of women in various fields of Science, Technology, Engineering & Mathematics (STEM). This series is conducted in an informal conversational format to help the audience relate to the lives of successful women professionals in S&T, knowing first-hand about their success stories, their failures, and how they moved ahead to make a mark in their field. We hope this initiative will inspire young women to break gender stereotypes, societal barriers and encourage them to pursue careers in STEM.
<b>For whom</b>	It's public talk. Open to all
<b>Potential Gains</b>	Women Role Model Talk series aims to create a supportive ecosystem for women in science to build professional networks, meet women role models and develop leadership skills. The speaker will share details about their journey, research work, and motivation to engage in Chemistry.
<b>Speaker</b>	<b>Name: Dr. Asha Kembhavi</b> Designation: Head, Technology Centre, Chr-Hansen, Pune, India
<b>Registration Link</b>	<b>Shorten Registration Link:</b> <a href="https://forms.gle/cKDCawWmhaStkppMA">https://forms.gle/cKDCawWmhaStkppMA</a> <b>QR Code for registration link:</b> 



## Profile of the Speaker



**Dr. Asha Kembhavi**

Dr. Asha Kembhavi is a biotechnologist She started her career in Academics and then moved into the corporate world to apply her scientific knowledge to biotech industries. She holds an M. Phil. & a Ph. D. in Applied Biology from Strangeways Research Laboratories, Cambridge, England. Her interests are in the fields of enzymes & microbes. She has vast experience in areas like in vitro fertilization (IVF), egg processing industry, animal feed, food & several other industries. She had been involved in developing new applications in the area of agribiotech, pharma, textiles, food industry, and biofuels to make processes eco-friendly by reducing the use of chemicals, energy and water.

In this talk, she will illustrate the various opportunities which came her way, the support she received from her family and how her father as a role model inspired her to become successful. She has several publications & patents and is also a Fellow of the Maharashtra Academy of Sciences. She was a founder member of an IVF centre, where she was responsible for the second test tube baby in India in 1986. She is presently heading the Technology Centre of Chr. Hansen, Pune. Her current interests are in probiotics spanning animal, plant and human health.

## About the Organizer



**The Pune Knowledge Cluster (PKC)** has been established by the Office of the Principal Scientific Adviser to the Government of India. It aims is to bring together academia, R&D institutions, and the industry of Pune and its surrounding areas, to address the challenging problems of the region through innovative means, using scientific knowledge and engaging highly skilled human resources.

PKC is administered by the Inter-University Centre for Astronomy and Astrophysics (IUCAA). In the initial phase, PKC would focus on Health, Sustainability and Environment, Sustainable Mobility, BIG Data and AI and Capacity Building.

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