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Career History:

- 1) Lecturer- Anthony's Arts Academy, Mumbai (Private Coaching Institute)
(May 2005- May 2010), Taught Political Science to Grade 12 students
- 2) Lecturer (Contractual) - Ramnaraian Ruia College, Mumbai
(June 2010 to September 2010)
Taught Political Science to graduate programme students
- 3) Assistant Professor- Ramnaraian Ruia College, Mumbai
(October 2010 to August 2012)
Taught Political Science to graduate programme students
- 4) Assistant Professor- (September 2012- Till date)
Dept. of Civics & Politics,
University of Mumbai
Teaching Political Science to post-graduate programme students

Research Interests: Governance (Rural & Urban), Public Policy, Development, Ancient Indian Political Thought, Political Theory/ Philosophy

Courses taught at University of Mumbai (Post Graduate Programme)

Political Theory, Public Policy in India, Development and Public Policy with special reference to India, Urban Governance in Maharashtra, Rural Governance in India, Environment conservation and development in India, E- Governance, New Public Management

Courses taught at Ruia College: (Graduate Programme)

Public Administration, Western Political Thought, Introduction to Political theory, Political Process in Maharashtra, Political Sociology, Issues in Contemporary World, Indian Political System

Academic Performance:

Examination	Board/ University	Month& year of passing	Marks obtained	Percentage & Class	Merit Rank
S.S.C.	Maharashtra Board	March 1998	668/750	89.06% Distinction	1 st in School
H.S.C.	Maharashtra Board	February 2000	467/600	77.83% Distinction	21 st in Board
B.A. Political Science	University of Mumbai	March 2003	436+10/600	74.33% First Class	Gold Medal
M.A. Pol. Science	University of Mumbai	March 2005	493+10/800	62.88% First Class	3rd in University

National Eligibility Test for Lectureship (Public Administration)	UGC	June 2005	NA	Pass	Pass
PhD	University of Mumbai	July 2013	-	Degree Awarded	Narrottam Sekhsaria Research Fellowship

Awards and Scholarships:

- 1) **President of India Dr. Shanker Dayal Sharma Gold Medal** Mumbai University (2004-05), given to the best student of the University
- 2) Sir Dorabji Tata Merit Award Scholarship 2000
- 3) Shield of Honour 2001 for Extra-Curricular excellence, Ruia College
- 4) Yamunabai Hirlekar Prize 2002-03 (Best All Round Student of Ram Naraiyan Ruia College)
- 5) **Best student of University of Mumbai** (2003-04)
- 6) **Narrottam Sekhsaria Foundation Research Fellowship** (For PhD 2007-2010)

Publications:

- 1) Rural Local Self-Governing Bodies in India: Locus of Participatory Democracy (Conclusions from Thane District), International Law Journal on Trade, Business and Economics, Vol 1 Issue 1, December 2014 (ISBN: 978-0-9930368-2-8 Online)
- 2) Privatisation of water, right to water and urban governance, The Radical Humanist Vol. 79, No.11, February, 2016, RNI no. 43049/85
- 3) Understanding Local Governance in the context of Globalization, Local Government Quarterly, Vol: LXXXVI, No.1, January-March, 2016 (ISSN 0024-5623)
- 4) Smart Cities: Urban Governance or Urban Management?, Local Government Quarterly, Vol: LXXXVI, No.4, October-December, 2016 (ISSN 0024-5623)
- 5) Revisiting Philosophy of Governance in Kautilya's Arthashastra, International Journal of Creative Research Thoughts, Volume 6, Issue 1 March 2018, ISSN: 2320-2882 (5.97 Impact Factor)
- 6) Emerging Model villages in India: A study of Punsari Village from the state of Gujarat, Croatian and Comparative Administration, Vol 19 No 2 (2019) ISSN (Online) 1849-2150, ISSN (Print) 1848-0357 (Find article here <https://www.ccpa-journal.eu/index.php/ccpa/article/view/29/19>) (<https://doi.org/10.31297/hkju.19.2.3>)

Book:

- 1) **Rethinking Panchayati Raj, Rawat Publications , 2017 (ISBN: 978-81-316-0851-7)**

Research Projects:

- 1) Research Project on, "Rural Development through the idea of Model or Smart village: A study of Punsari village from the state of Gujarat", Travel Grant of Rs.23000 sanctioned under UGC CAS Programme.

- 2) Minor Research Project (2019-20) on, “Examining the idea of smartness in the concept of Smart city: A study of Ahmadabad Smart City Project and Lessons for other Smart Cities”, a grant of 60000 rupees sanctioned by ICSSR, WRC, Mumbai (on going)

Papers presented at National & International Conferences:

1. Presented a Paper titled “Right to water & Urban Governance” at a National Conference organized by Ramnaraian Ruia college and sponsored by ICSSR on 3rd and 4th March 2014
2. Presented a paper titled “Panchayati Raj Institutions: Central Processing Units of Democracy- Observations from Thane District” at a National Conference organized by Rajiv Gandhi Centre for Contemporary Studies, University of Mumbai on 20th & 21st of March 2014
3. Presented a paper titled “Rural Local Self-Governing Bodies in India: Locus of Participatory Democracy (Conclusions from Thane District)” at Annual International Conference on Law, Economics and Politics, 1-3 September 2014, **Green Templeton College, Oxford, United Kingdom**
4. Presented a paper titled “Smart City Programme: Implications on governance In urban India”, at National conference on India in 21st Century: Governance and foreign Policy imperatives, organised by Department of Civics & Politics, University of Mumbai, JAIR, MAKKAIAS, ORF, 19-20 December, 2016
5. Presented a paper titled, “ Juxtaposing Modern conception of Governance with Kautilian Model of Governance”, at a national conference jointly organised by CIILS & Department of Philosophy University of Mumbai and ICPR New Delhi, 1-2 November 2017 (It was given the Best Paper Award)
6. Presented a paper titled “Revisiting Philosophy of governance in Kautilya’s Arthashastra”, at a National Seminar organised by SIES College, Mumbai, 9-10th February 2018
7. Presented a paper titled, “Rural Governance in China and India: A Comparative Perspective, at an international conference on “Role of China in South Asia” organised by Dept. Of Civics & Politics, University of Mumbai, 26th February 2018 to 28th February 2018
8. Presented a paper on “Emerging Model Villages in India: A case study of Punsari Village from the state of Gujarat” selected for World Politics Congress, organised by International Political Science Association, 21st July to 25th July, 2018 at Brisbane, Australia
9. Presented a paper on “State a tool or a teleos: A comparative study of Kautilian state and Modern conception of state”, at Kane Memorial Seminar, 21st to 22nd February, 2019 at Asiatic Society, Mumbai.

Presentations/ Talks by Invitation:

- 1) Smart cities - issues in urban governance, symposium on smart cities or Smart Urbanisation, jointly organised by TISS and CRH, 27th February, 2016

- 2) Invited as a Moderator and a Panelist to talk on ‘Conception of Development’, at ‘Vox Populi’ organised by Ramnanarain Ruia College, 18th December 2017

Orientation, Refresher & other Academic Development Programmes:

- 1) Attended UGC sponsored orientation program organized by HRDC, University Of Mumbai from October 28, 2014 to November 25, 2014
- 2) Attended UGC sponsored Refresher Course on Research Methodology in Social Science jointly organized by HRDC & Department of Economics, University Of Mumbai from November 3, 2016 to November 23, 2016.
- 3) Attended GIAN Workshop (MHRD) organised at IIT-Indore on “New Developments Comparative, Decolonial and Indian Political Theory”, from December 3, 2017 to December 8, 2017

Other Professional Contributions/engagements:

- 1) Prepared a module on “Democracy, Elections & Good Governance” for the State Election Commission of Maharashtra. This is going to be introduced for the First Year Bachelors course from Academic Year 2017-18 in all colleges across the state. I also provided material and ideas to observe a “Democracy fortnight” by educational institutions in the state. (A Government Resolution will be issued for the same soon)
- 2) Visiting Faculty for M. A (HONS) in Public Policy, Dept. of Civics & Politics, University of Mumbai
- 3) Visiting Faculty for M.A. in Leadership Science , Chanakya International Institute of Leadership, University of Mumbai

Academic and Administrative Responsibilities:

- 1) Panel member of the Curriculum Design Committee for Credit based Semester Program i.e. M.A. Political Science (Honours), Department of Civics & Politics, University of Mumbai.
- 2) Presiding Officer of Polling booth in National Assembly Elections 2014
- 3) Member of the UGC CAS Advisory Committee of the Department of Civics & Politics, University of Mumbai
- 4) PhD Guide, University of Mumbai
- 5) Member of the Board of Studies of Ramnaraian Ruia College (2019-2021)
- 6) Written two chapters for 11th and 12th standard Balbharati books for Maharashtra State board

Web links of the Lectures available online:

- 1) Political Leadership and Democracy
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=FC5NjBsxI8Q&t=4261s>
- 2) Good Governance & Kautilya Arthashastra (National Conference Paper Presentation)
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8KkNyBw5kVo&t=592s>
- 3) Political Leadership and Communist states
<https://youtu.be/3Auldk4WnjI>

Memberships in Professional Organizations:

- 1) Member of International Political Science Association
- 2) Member of Ruia Alumni Association

Extra- Curricular Achievements:

- Participated in more than **150 Elocution Competitions** at School, College, State & National level
- Miss University (1st Runner-up) at the inter college youth festival organised by University of Mumbai.
- Chancellor P.C. Alexander Inter University (Mah State) Elocution Competition 1st Prize
- Inter University National Youth Festival '04-05 (Banaras) 1st Prize In Elocution & 2nd Prize in Debate
- Inter University West Zone Youth Festival, 04-05 (Jalgaon) 1st Prize In Elocution & 2nd Prize in Debate
- Inter University National Youth Festival (Warangal) & West Zone Youth Festival (Parbhani) 2002-03 1st Prize in Elocution
- Inter University National Youth Festival (Amritsar) 3rd Prize in One-Act Play
- Inter University West Zone Youth Festival (Nagpur) 2nd Prize in Debate, 1st Prize in One-Act Play & 2nd Prize in Folk Dance
- Inert University State Youth Festival (Nagpur) 1st in Elocution & Debate & 2nd in One-Act Play
- All India Debate organised by Aligarh Muslim University 3rd Prize
- State Level N.G.Panditrao Elocution Competition 2nd Prize
- Yashwant Rao Chavan Elocution Competition 1st Prize
- Inter College Youth Festival of Mumbai University 1st Prize in Elocution
- Winner of Personality contest and **Miss Ruia Title** Consecutively for two years at Utsav, 2000 & Utsav, 2001 organised by Ruia College

Achievements in National Cadet Corps (NCC):

- 1) Completed 3 Years of NCC Training with "A" Grade in "C" Certificate
- 2) Senior Under Officer Of Ruia NCC Girls Wing 2001-02
- 3) Attended various State and National Level Camps such as:
 - a. Group Selection Camp (Palghar)
 - b. Thal Sainik Camp- I , II , III (Uran)
 - c. All India Thal Sainik Camp (Delhi)
 - d. Himachal Trekking Expedition
- 4) NCC Scholarship in 2001
- 5) **Best NCC Cadet** of Ruia NCC Girls Wing 1998
- 6) Gold Medal in State Level Map Reading Competition

Language Skills: English, Gujarati, Hindi, Marathi, Sanskrit

Hobbies: Travelling, Writing Poetry, Music & Dance, Yoga, Reading books related to Spirituality, Motivation and Personal Development