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Department: Geography

Designation: Associate Professor

Educational Qualification: B.A. (First Class First in Geography at Bombay University, 1980)

M.A.(Geog, Bombay University 1982),

M.Phil. (Geog, Bombay University 1987),

Ph.D. (Population Studies from IIPS –

International Institute of Population Sciences,

Deonar, Mumbai in 2002).

Teaching Experience: Total 36 years (Undergraduate: 26 years; Post Graduate 10 years)

Courses and Papers Taught: FYBA, SYBA, TYBA, FYBCom. FYBMS, FYBCAF, FYTT, SYTT, TYTT, M.A., M.Phil, Ph.,D. Course work (Physical geography, Human Geography, Socio-Cultural Geography, Political geography, Geography of Regional Planning and Development, Statistical geography, Settlement Geography, Urban Geography, Tourism Geography, Geography of South Asia with special reference to India, geography of India, Geography of Maharashtra, Practical Geography, Population Geography.

Project Supervisor/ Third Year Travel and Tourism, Third Year BMS (Mumbai University);
M.A. geography (Mumbai University)
M.Sc. Ecology and Environment (Institute of Ecology and Environment, Sikkim Manipal University L.C.)

Research Guidance: M.Phil. Environmental Science (YCMOU Nasik)
P.hD. Geography (Mumbai University)

Research Undertaken:

M.A. Dissertation: ‘Demographic Attributes of Class I Cities of Maharashtra- 1971-1982’, under the Guidance of Dr.Swapna Banerjee-Guha

M.Phil. Dissertation: ‘Maharashtra: Changes in Occupational Structure 1971- 1981’, under the Guidance of Dr. K. Sita

Ph.D.: ‘Secondary Cities of Maharashtra with focus on Kalyan City

and its interlinkages with surrounding Rural areas-1961-1991', under the Guidance of Dr.Mrs.Kamla Gupta,

Research Topics guided: 'Urban Land Management: A Case Study of Ulhasnagar';
Solid Waste Management: A Case study of Ulhasnagar';
'Medical Tourism: A Case study of Kerala';
'Water Resource Management- A case study of Ambarnath City';
'Eco Friendly Lifestyle'; Plastic Waste Management in India: A Study of Polybags';
'Rain Water Harvesting and Water Management: A Case Study of Selected Bore Wells in Ambarnath City';
'Water Resource Management: A Case Study of Rural Areas in Neral';
'Appraisal of Government Policies on Tribal Development: A Case of Warli Scheduled Tribe of Shirgaon Town Near Mumbai Metropolitan Region'.
'Water Management' case study of Badlapur City';
'Depletion of Mangroves in Thane Creek and Environmental Problems'.

Ph.D.: 'Suburbanization and the related Socio- Economic Issues with reference to Northern Suburbs of Mumbai';
'Effect of Urban Environment on the Health of Young People: A Case Study of Mumbai Metropolis';
'The Role of Tourism in Sustainable Development of Konkan : The Present & Potential Development';
'Geographical Perspective to Agritourism Development in Konkan 'with special reference to Ratnagiri District';
'Potentialities for Wasteland Utilization in Thane District';
'Analysis of National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme in Kolhapur District: A Geographical Perspective'

Research degree awarded: Two M.Phil and one Ph.D. candidate awarded degree

Nominated as External Referee for M.Phil, Ph.D thesis and external examiner for Viva at:

Swami Ramanand Teerth Marathwada University, Nanded , 2010.

Rashtrasant Tukadoji Maharaj Nagpur University, Nagpur.
Solapur University, Solapur.
North Maharashtra University, Jalgaon
Tilak Maharashtra University, Pune
Shivaji University, Kolhapur .
University of Mysore

Resource person: at UGC Sponsored Refresher Courses at Pune, Aurangabad, at Orientation Programme at BOS Geography, University of Mumbai, International, National, State level conferences and seminars.

Administrative Experience: Head, Dept. of Geography; NSS programme Officer; Coordinator for UGC Sponsored Travel and Tourism Dual degree course, Director of Women Studies Centre, Coordinator Environmental Research Centre all sponsored by UGC at Smt. Chandibai College, Ulhasnagar. NSS Programme Officer for P.G.NSS Unit of Mumbai University

Worked as Committee Member: Unassigned Grant of UGC, IQAC, Indian Science Congress. BOS in Geography at NMU Jalgaon, Mumbai University, syllabus framing etc.

Academic Associations: Life member of BGA, DGSI, INCA, IWSA, APG, IIG, Vrukshaveli, The Social Research Foundation, Honorary member at ISPER.

Publications: 48 publications in reputed international, national journals, chapters in edited books, proceedings, and chapters in text books focusing mainly on regional planning, environment, tourism, urbanization, demography, water resources, ethics, physical geography, practical geography.