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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 program students
- 3) **Assistant Professor- Ramnaraian Ruia College, Mumbai**  
(October 2010 to August 2012)  
Taught Political Science to graduate program students
- 4) **Assistant Professor- Department of Civics and Politics, University of Mumbai** (September 2012- Till date)  
Teaching Political Science to post-graduate program students

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

**Courses taught at University of Mumbai (Post Graduate Program)**

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 Program)**

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	% & Class	Merit Rank
S.S.C.	Maharashtra Board	March 1998	668/750	89.06% Distinction	1 <sup>st</sup> in School
H.S.C.	Maharashtra Board	February 2000	467/600	77.83% Distinction	21 <sup>st</sup> in Board

B.A. Political Science	University of Mumbai	March 2003	436+10/600	74.33% First Class	<b>Gold Medal</b>
M.A. Pol. Science	University of Mumbai	March 2005	493+10/800	62.88% First Class	<b>3<sup>rd</sup> in University</b>
National Eligibility Test for Lectureship (Public Administration)	UGC	June 2005	NA	Pass	Pass
PhD	University of Mumbai	July 2013	-	Degree Awarded	<b>Narottam Sekhsaria Research Fellowship</b>

#### **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 Narayan Ruia College)
- 5) **Best student of University of Mumbai** (2003-04)
- 6) **Narottam Sekhsaria Foundation Research Fellowship** (For PhD 2007-2010)
- 7) **Shri Pankaj Kapadia Inspiration Award 2021**

#### **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) Privatization of water, right to water and urban governance, The Radical Humanist Vol. 79, No.11, February, 2016, RNIno.43049/85
- 3) Understanding Local Governance in the context of Globalization, Local Government Quarterly, Vol: LXXXVI, No.1, January-March, 2016 (ISSN0024-5623)
- 4) Smart Cities: Urban Governance or Urban Management?, Local Government Quarterly, Vol: LXXXVI, No.4, October-December, 2016 (ISSN0024-5623)
- 5) Revisiting Philosophy of Governance in Kautilya's Arthashastra, International Journal of Creative Research Thoughts, Volume 6, Issue 1 March 2018, ISSN: 2320-2882 <http://www.ijcrt.org/papers/IJCRT1872222.pdf>
- 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 (<https://doi.org/10.31297/hkju.19.2.3>)
- 7) Centre State Relations in India Amid Corona Pandemic: An Analysis,

Sambhashan, Mumbai University, June 2020, Vol 1, Issue No.2 (find article here <https://mu.ac.in/wp-content/uploads/2020/08/46-53-Centre-State-Relations-in-India-amid-Corona-Pandemic.pdf>)

- 8) Capitalism and Idea of democracy, Unit 6, Course Material, IGNOU  
<http://egyankosh.ac.in/bitstream/123456789/71803/1/Unit-6.pdf>  
<http://egyankosh.ac.in/simple-search?query=sanhita+joshi>
- 9) Authored chapter on IT and Public Administration for Mumbai University Distance Education Course Material
- 10) Authored two chapters for 11th and 12th standard Balbharati books for Maharashtra State Board
- 11) Course Material on Alexandra Kollontai & Pandita Ramabai, IGNOU (Forthcoming)
- 12) Book Review John Rawls- Debating Major Questions, Sambhashan, July August September Vol 2 No.3 <https://mu.ac.in/wp-content/uploads/2021/12/151-154SanhitaJoshi.pdf>

#### **Books:**

- 1) **Rethinking Panchayati Raj, Rawat Publications , 2017 (ISBN:978-81-316-0851-7)**
- 2) **Political Theory (Edited), Institute of Distance and Open Learning, University of Mumbai, April 2021, (978-81-953421-3-6)**

#### **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 Rs/- 60000 was sanctioned by ICSSR, WRC, Mumbai

#### **Papers presented at National & International Conferences:**

1. Presented a Paper titled "Right to water & Urban Governance" at a National Conference organized by Ramnarayan Ruia college and sponsored by ICSSR On 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> 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 Rajiv Gandhi Centre for Contemporary Studies, University of Mumbai, 20th and 21<sup>st</sup> 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 21<sup>st</sup> Century: Governance and foreign Policy imperatives, organized 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 organized 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 organized by SIES College, Mumbai, 9- 10<sup>th</sup> February 2018 Presented a paper titled, “Rural Governance in China and India: A Comparative Perspective, at an international conference on “Role of China in South Asia” organized by Dept. Of Civics & Politics, University of Mumbai, 26<sup>th</sup> February 2018 to 28<sup>th</sup> February 2018
7. 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, organized by International Political Science Association, 21<sup>st</sup> July to 25<sup>th</sup> July, 2018 at Brisbane, Australia**
8. 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, 21<sup>st</sup> to 22<sup>nd</sup> February, 2019 at Asiatic Society, Mumbai.
9. Invited to present a paper on “NCC and Youth of India: A Perspective of an Insider and of a Political Scientist” at a National Seminar on ‘Youth Alone Can’ organized by Professor Bal Apte Centre for Studies in Student and Youth Movements, University of Mumbai in collaboration with Indian Council of Social Science Research (ICSSR) 27-28 September 2019.

#### **Presentations/ Talks by Invitation:**

- 1) Smart cities - issues in urban governance, symposium on smart cities or Smart Urbanization, jointly organized by TISS and CRH, 27<sup>th</sup> February, 2016
- 2) Invited as a Moderator and a Panelist to talk on ‘Conception of Development’ at Vox Populi’ organized by Ramnaranain Ruia College, 18<sup>th</sup> December 2017
- 3) Invited to deliver a lecture on Rural Governance in Maharashtra by Vaze Kelkar College Mulund 30<sup>th</sup> August 2019
- 4) Invited to deliver a lecture on Qualitative Research Methods in a Workshop on Research Methods organized by SIES College, Sion on 27<sup>th</sup> January 2020
- 5) Delivered an online lecture on Antonio Gramsci- Hegemony (in Marathi) for a webinar Organised by T K Tope College Parel, 14<sup>th</sup> July 2020
- 6) Presented a paper titled, “Raja Kalasya Karanam: Understanding Leadership the Indic Way” at International Webinar on Leadership and Economy organized by Kautilya International Foundation and Foundation, Delhi, Maharaja Agrasen University, H.P. and Invertis University, Bareilly, U.P., 25, 26, 27 November and 1-4 December 2020.
- 7) Invited to talk on Future of Ideology by Gujarat Thinker’s Federation, MS University Vadodara, 26<sup>th</sup> September 2021
- 8) Invited to present a paper on “Contemporary issues and Amartya Sen’s Views on

Justice and capability approach” by Maharashtra Tatvagyan Parishad at Sonopant Dandekar Mahavidyalaya, Palghar, 1<sup>st</sup> October 2021

- 9) Invited to give a lecture on, “Trajectory of Democracy in post independent India”, on 29<sup>th</sup> November 2021 organised by Sonopant Dandekar College, Palghar
- 10) Invited to give a lecture on Feminist Theories for a for Refresher Course Organised by UGC-Human Resource Development Centre, Savitribai Phule Pune University on 13<sup>th</sup> January 2022

#### **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
- 4) Attended Faculty Development Programme and workshop on Moodle Learning Management System organized by University of Mumbai, May 2020
- 5) Attended 47th Refresher Course in Political Sciences, Law and Public Administration organised by UGC-HRDC JNU in ONLINE mode from 11th January 2021 – 23rd January 2021.
- 6) Completed Karvaan India’s Elementary Urdu Learning Program (Urdu Hai Jiska Naam), December 2020

#### **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 Maharashtra state.
- 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 (Honors), Department of Civics & Politics, University of Mumbai.
2. Presiding Officer of Polling booth in National Assembly Elections 2014, 2019
3. Member of the UGC CAS Advisory Committee of the Department of Civics & Politics, University of Mumbai
4. Recognized as a PhD Guide, University of Mumbai
5. Member of the Board of Studies of Ramnaraian Ruia College (2019-2021)

6. External Referee for Evaluating PhD thesis at Sardar Patel University, Veer Narmad South Gujarat University, MS University Vododara, Jawaharlal Nehru University
7. Co-ordinated a Workshop on Ethics in Research for PhD students organised by Department of Civics and Politics, University of Mumbai, 1<sup>st</sup> February to 18<sup>th</sup> February 2022

**Web links of the Lectures/ performances 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>
- 4) Antonio Gramsci Hegemony (inMarathi)<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=psn-F-URDuM&feature=youtu.be>
- 5) My Youtube Channel (Poetry Performances)  
[https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC9vjucARfB3tKsFxGKUleRA?view\\_as=subscriber](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC9vjucARfB3tKsFxGKUleRA?view_as=subscriber)
- 6) Foundation Day Celebration of University of Mumbai, 2020  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=TDiwn0FIIQc&t=1688s>
- 7) Tanhai by Sanhita Joshi  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5WwIRxVRW8s>
- 8) Mushayara at Pasbaan E Adab  
<https://www.facebook.com/pasbaaneadabofficial/videos/699904884229508>
- 9) Andaz e Zindgi by Sanhita Joshi  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=TCtgMSNyVQQ>
- 10) Open Mic Khwaab  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=OYxZZMoP7OU&t=92s>

**Memberships in Professional Organizations:**

- 1) Member of International Political Science Association
- 2) Member of Ruia Alumni Association
- 3) Member of Screen Writers Association, Mumbai

**Extra- Curricular Achievements (During College and University Days):**

- Participated in more than **150 Elocution Competitions** at School, College, State & National level
- Miss University (1<sup>st</sup> Runner-up) at the inter college youth festival organized by University of Mumbai.
- Chancellor P.C. Alexander Inter University (Maharashtra State) Elocution Competition

1<sup>st</sup> Prize

- Inter University National Youth Festival'04-05 (Banaras) 1<sup>st</sup> Prize In Elocution & 2<sup>nd</sup> Prize in Debate
- Inter University West Zone Youth Festival,04-05 (Jalgaon) 1<sup>st</sup> Prize In Elocution&2<sup>nd</sup> Prize in Debate
- Inter University National Youth Festival (Warangal) & West Zone Youth Festival(Parbhani) 2002-03 1<sup>st</sup> Prize in Elocution
- Inter University National Youth Festival (Amritsar) 3<sup>rd</sup> Prize in One-Act Play
- Inter University West Zone Youth Festival (Nagpur) 2<sup>nd</sup> Prize in Debate, 1<sup>st</sup> Prize inOne-Act Play & 2<sup>nd</sup> Prize in Folk Dance
- Inert University State Youth Festival (Nagpur) 1<sup>st</sup> in Elocution & Debate & 2<sup>nd</sup> inOne-Act Play
- All India Debate organised by Aligarh Muslim University 3<sup>rd</sup> Prize
- State Level N.G. Panditrao Elocution Competition 2<sup>nd</sup> Prize
- Yashwant Rao Chavan Elocution Competition 1<sup>st</sup> Prize
- Inter College Youth Festival of Mumbai University 1<sup>st</sup> Prize in Elocution
- Winner of Personality contest and **Miss RuiaTitle** Consecutively for two years atUtsav, 2000 & Utsav, 2001 organised by Ruia College
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**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 GirlsWing2001-02
- 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 Scholarshipin2001
- 5) **Best NCC Cadet** of Ruia NCC GirlsWing1998
- 6) Gold Medal in State Level Map Reading Competition

**Language Skills:** English, Gujarati , Hindi, Marathi, Sanskrit (Basic), Urdu (Basic)

**Hobbies:** Travelling, Writing Poetry (Hindi/Urdu/Gujarati), Kathak (Learning from Soniya Parchure’s Sharyu Nritya Kala Mandir, Mumbai), Running , Yoga, Reading books related to Spirituality, Motivation and Personal Development