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Educational Qualifications:

2001	Ph.D.	Linguistics	University of Reading, U.K.
1997	M.A.	Linguistics	Deccan College (Deemed University), Pune
1995	B.A.	English (major)	Fergusson College, University of Pune, Pune
1997	NET	Linguistics	University Grants Commission of India
1992-95	Certificate courses in German up to Mittelstufe -3	German	Max Mueller Bhavan, Pune
1998	Certificate Course in Japanese (Beginner's Level)	Japanese	World-wide Language Programme, University of Reading, U.K.

Teaching experience : 13 years

M.A. dissertations completed :
Ph.D. : 08 (on-going)
Ph.D. Co-guidance : 02

Research Experience: 19 years

Research Specialization:

My areas of interest include the following:

1. Language contact and convergence especially in Marathi-Dravidian contact areas; sociolinguistic typology of language contact
2. Language variation, standardisation and dialect levelling in urban centres
3. Descriptive aspects of Indo-Aryan Languages
4. Pragmatic and discourse approaches to the study of language in context (including cross-cultural communication breakdown)

Research projects directed

- Coordinator, UGC-Special Assistance Programme in the Dept. of Linguistics Deccan College (2011-16). Thrust area of the departmental project: 'Language Contact in India'.
- Principal Investigator: Internally Displaced Populations (IDPs) and Multilingual Spaces: A Sociolinguistic Perspective. (This multiversity project investigates the impact of internal displacement due to development-related activities on the language use and linguistic practices of the migrant (linguistic) communities in the Narmada valley). UGC-Major Research Project (2012-14). Joint PIs: Prof. S. Intiaz Hasnain (Aligarh Muslim University) and Prof. Panchanan Mohanty (Hyderabad Central University).
- Investigator. Kupwad Revisited. A re-assessment of J. Gumperz and R. Wilson's (1971) proposal for convergence at the Maharashtra-Karnataka border. Project funded by the Deccan College, Pune (2006-2011).
- Sociolinguistic study of Identity and Language Use in the Maharashtra-Karnataka disputed areas. Project funded by the Deccan College, Pune, the project explores mother-tongue issues in the areas of Solapur district in Maharashtra and Belgao district in Karnataka to understand the linguistic fallout of the 1960 reorganisation of the deccan region into separate states (ongoing).
- Sociolinguistic variation among Marathi-speaking adolescents in Pune. PhD Project taken up at the University of Reading, United Kingdom; project sponsored by the Felix Foundation (1997-2001).

Current research collaboration:

	Project Title	Collaborators	Institute(s)	Year
1	Language Change and Identity among Indian South Africans, with special reference to Gujarati and Konkani	Prof. Rajend Mesthrie (Cape Town University, South Africa)	NIHSS, South Africa & ICSSR, India.	2015-2017
2	Internally Displaced Populations (IDPs) and Multilingual Spaces: A Sociolinguistic Perspective – UGC Major Research Project	Prof. S. Imtiaz Hasnain Prof. Panchanan Mohanty	Aligarh Muslim University Hyderabad Central University	2012-2014
3	Entailment Cancellation in Marathi (with comparative data from Japanese, English, Chinese..)	Prof. Prashant Pardeshi Prof. Peter Hook	Ninjal, Tokyo Universities of Virginia and Michigan	2014

Studies abroad:

Years	Institute	Work Done
1997-2001	Department of Linguistics, University of Reading, UK.	Ph.D. Research funded by the Felix Foundation

Honours/Awards/Scholarships awarded:

	Year	Scholarship/Award
1	1995	National Merit Scholarship
2	1995	Prizes and awards from the Pune University and Fergusson College (Pune) for standing first in order of merit at the B.A. (English) examination
3	1997	Junior Research Fellowship (JRF) – offered
4	1997	Scholarship for studying M.Phil. at Cambridge University, U.K. - offered
5	1997	Scholarship awarded by the Felix Foundation for Postgraduate Research in the U.K.

Special Lectures delivered:

India:	12
Abroad	05

Membership of Learned Societies

1. Life Member, Linguistic Society of India
2. Life Member, Marathi Abbhyas Parishad

Seminars/Conferences attended and papers presented

	Conferences Attended	Papers Presented
International	20	20
National	14	8

Important positions held

1. Head, Department of Linguistics, Deccan College (Deemed University), Pune. 2009-2015.
2. Treasurer, Linguistic Society of India, 2006-2014.
3. Member, Research Advisory Board, Maharashtra Association for Anthropological Studies – MAAS (2013-)
4. Member of Senate, Indian Institute of Science Education and Research-IISER, Pune (2014-)
5. Member, Advisory Board, ELTIS & SIFIL, Symbiosis Institute, Pune (2014 -)
6. Member, Rajya Marathi Vikas Sanstha, Mumbai (2015 -)
7. Special Member, Sub-Group for Marathi Language, Braille Council of India, Mumbai (March-June 2014)
8. Coopted Member, Board of Studies (English), Pune University (2006-2009)
9. Expert Member, Promotion of Languages for National Education Policy 2015-16.
10. Member of Academic Council; Member of Library Committee; Member of Building and Works Committee; Presiding Officer of Internal Complaints Committee, (2014-present), Deccan College.

Publications:

Books

Edited Volumes 02

Research Papers

National journals 06

International Journals 17 (In Press 02)

Popular articles 06

Editorial work: Bulletin of the Deccan College P.G.R.I., Pune.