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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.

**Research Experience** 20 years  
**Teaching experience** 14 years

**Dissertations completed**

MA 14 completed  
MPhil 03 on-going  
Ph.D. 03 awarded; 02 submitted; 01 on-going  
Ph.D. Co-guidance 01 awarded; 01 submitted; 01 on-going

**Research Specialization:**

My areas of interest include the following:

1. Language contact and convergence (special focus on Marathi in contact with Dravidian languages); 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**

1. Coordinator, **UGC-Special Assistance Programme** in the Dept. of Linguistics Deccan College (2011-16). Thrust area of the departmental project: 'Language Contact in India'.
2. Principal Investigator: **Internally Displaced Populations (IDPs) and Multilingual Spaces: A Sociolinguistic Perspective**. (This multiversity project investigated the impact of internal displacement due to development-related activities on the language use and linguistic practices of the migrant (linguistic) communities in the Naramada valley, Nandurbar district, Maharashtra). The focus was on speakers of Pawri and Noiri (Bhili). UGC-Major Research Project (2012-14). Joint PIs: Prof. S. Imtiaz Hasnain (Aligarh Muslim University) and Prof. Panchanan Mohanty (Hyderabad Central University).
3. 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).
4. Investigator. **Maintenance and Shift of Marathi in North Karnataka**. In collaboration with Gokhale Institute of Politics and Economics, Pune. 2015-17.
5. **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).

#### Research collaboration:

1. **Language Change and Identity among Indian South Africans, with special reference to Gujarati and Konkani** (On-going).  
Research project awarded jointly by NIHSS, South Africa & ICSSR, India under BRICS.  
Research Collaborator in South Africa: Prof. Rajend Mesthrie (Cape Town University, South Africa)
2. **Internally Displaced Populations (IDPs) and Multilingual Spaces: A Sociolinguistic Perspective** (completed) 2012-14.  
UGC Major Research Project  
Research Collaborators: Prof. S. Imtiaz Hasnain (Aligarh Muslim University), Prof. Panchanan Mohanty (Hyderabad Central University).
3. **Entailment Cancellation in Marathi with comparative data from Japanese, English, Chinese** (completed) 2014.  
Ninjal (Japan) and Deccan College (Pune).  
Research Collaborators: Prof. Prashant Pardeshi (Ninjal, Tokyo) and Prof. Peter Hook (Universities of Virginia and Michigan)

#### Studies abroad:

1997-2000. Department of Linguistics, University of Reading, UK. Ph.D. Research funded by the Felix Foundation

#### Awards/Scholarships awarded:

Year	Scholarship/Award
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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.

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### **Honours:**

- 2016. Delivered the Prof. Nagamma Reddy Endowment Lecture at the 44<sup>th</sup> Conference of the Dravidian Linguistic Association, Hyderabad. 14-16 June.
- 2015. Plenary Speaker at the 31<sup>st</sup> South Asian Languages Analysis Roundtable, Lancaster University, Lancaster, UK. 14-16 May.
- 2015. Invited Speaker at the National Seminar on Gender Studies organised by the Shivaji University, Kolhapur. 22-23 January.

### **Seminars/ Conferences/ Workshops International**

Papers presented (National-level)	14
Papers presented (International Level)	25

### **Special Lectures delivered:**

India	12
Abroad	06

### **Publications:**

Books	
Edited Volumes	02
Research Papers	
National journals	06
International Journals	23
Popular articles	06
Editorial work: Bulletin of the Deccan College P.G.R.I., Pune	

### **Membership of Learned Societies**

1. Life Member, Linguistic Society of India
2. Life Member, Marathi Abbhyas Parishad
3. Life Member, Dravidian Linguistics Association

### **Important positions held**

1. Head, Department of Linguistics, Deccan College (Deemed University), Pune. 2009-2015.
2. Treasurer, Linguistic Society of India, 2006-2014.
3. Coordinator, Marathi Vishwakosh (Linguistics). 2016 -
4. Member, Scientific Committee, International Congress of Linguists, 2018.
5. Member, Research Advisory Board, Maharashtra Association for Anthropological Studies – MAAS (2013- )
6. Member of Senate, Indian Institute of Science Education and Research-IISER, Pune (2014- )
7. Member, Advisory Board, ELTIS & SIFIL, Symbiosis Institute, Pune (2014 -)
8. Member, Regulatory Board, Rajya Marathi Vikas Sanstha, Mumbai (2015 - )

9. Special Member, Sub-Group for Marathi Language, Braille Council of India, Mumbai (March-June 2014)
10. Coopted Member, Board of Studies (English), Pune University (2006-2009)
11. Expert Member, Promotion of Languages for National Education Policy 2015-16.
12. Member, Central Committee, Dept. of Linguistics, Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi.
13. Member of Academic Council; Member of Research and Recognition Committee; Member of Library Committee; Member of Building and Works Committee; Member of examination Committee; Presiding Officer of Internal Complaints Committee, (2014-present), Deccan College, Pune.