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Areas of Interest : Vedanta, Comparative Philosophy, Religious studies, Aesthetics

Academic Qualifications

- 2017** : **Ph.D (Sanskrit)**
Department of Sanskrit, University of Mumbai
Thesis entitled '**Eschatology in Vedic literature compared with the Western Philosophy**' submitted on **22nd December 2015** under the guidance of Dr. Gauri Mahulikar, former Head and Professor, Department of Sanskrit, University of Mumbai
- April 2012** : **M. Phil (Sanskrit)**
Department of Sanskrit, University of Mumbai
Dissertation entitled '**Eschatology in Principal Upanishads**' submitted on **28th October 2010** under the guidance of Dr. Gauri Mahulikar, former Head and Professor, Department of Sanskrit, University of Mumbai
- August 2010** : State Level Eligibility Test Examination (SLET)
- December 2010** : National Eligibility Test (NET) with **Junior Research Fellowship**
- March 2008** : **M.A. (Sanskrit) First Rank with Gold medal**
Department of Sanskrit, University of Mumbai
Vedanta Specialization + Zala Vedanta
Dr. (Miss) Asha L. Datar Smarak Swarna Padak
Prof. Prema Tattu gold medal
- March 2006** : **B.A.(Sanskrit) First Rank with Gold medal**
Ramanarain Ruia College, Matunga, Mumbai
Gold medallist (First rank)
The Laxmibai Dwarkanath Naik Gold Medal
Prof. R. R. Deshpande Gold medal

- 2008** : **B. A. (Vedanga Jyotisha) First Rank with Gold medal**
Kavikulaguru Kalidas University, Ramtek
- February 2006** : **Jyotisha Shastrri (Third Rank in Maharashtra state)**
Maharashtra Jyotisha Parishad
- April 2011** : **Certificate Course in Manuscriptology (First Rank)**
Department of Sanskrit, University of Mumbai
- December 2011** : **Diploma Course in Manuscriptology (First Rank)**
Department of Sanskrit, University of Mumbai
- 2003-04** : **Advanced Diploma in Application Programming**
M. L. Dahanukar College
- 2002-03** : **Advanced Diploma in Information Systems**
M. L. Dahanukar College

Positions

- Present** : **Assistant Professor**
Department of Sanskrit, University of Mumbai
Joined on 19/07/2013
- 2011-13** : **Visiting Faculty**
Department of Sanskrit, University of Mumbai
June 2010-March 2011, October 2012-June 2013
- 2012** : **Assistant Professor (XIth plan U.G.C.)**
Department of Sanskrit, University of Mumbai
2nd Sep 2011 to 30th September 2012
- Since 2015** : **Faculty**
Certificate course for Bhakti Literature
- 2009-11** : **Project Fellow**
Department of Sanskrit, University of Mumbai
Project 'Exploring Theological Discourse on peaceful co-existence through Text analysis' under the Centre for multidisciplinary Research in Language and Literature of UPE scheme granted by UGC, 7th December 2009- August 2011

Training

- 2017** : Completed Orientation Course conducted by Academic Staff College, UGC, 5th January - 2nd February, 2017 with 'A' grade.
- 2015** : Completed Refresher Course 'Impact of socio-Political Movements on World Literature' conducted by Academic Staff College, UGC, 12th January - 2nd February, 2015 with 'A' grade.
- 2013** : Completed 'Induction Training Programme' conducted by Academic Staff College, UGC in December 2013

Leadership role

- 2016** : Co-ordinator of **भारतीयैतर धर्म आणल तत्त्वज्ञान** Dnyanamandal of Maharashtra Rajya **Marathi Vishvakosha** Nirmiti Mandal since April 2016
- : Co-ordinator for Certificate course in Bhakti literature conducted by Department of Sanskrit, University of Mumbai since 2015
- 2015** : **Secretary**
Rtaayana, Sanskrit Students' Association
- 2015** : **Assistant Coordinator (Mumbai)**
Symposium on '**Ancient Indian Sciences through Sanskrit**' organized by Kavikulaguru Kalidas Sanskrit University and Department of Sanskrit, University of Mumbai on 4th January 2015
- Since 2013** : Conceptualized and developed the website www.sanskritbhavan.com and maintaining it for creating awareness about the activities regarding Department of Sanskrit, University of Mumbai (Initially Blog was maintained to post departmental activities since 2011)

Memberships

- : Life member of Royal Asiatic Society
- : Dr. Gauri Mahulikar Felicitation Committee 2015
- : Life member of All India Oriental Conference
- : Member of the MM. P. V. Kane Institute for Post Graduate Studies and Research Committee 2016-17, Asiatic Society of Mumbai
- : Member of IQAC and Advisory committee, Department of Sanskrit, University of Mumbai

Research Project

2015-16 : Interpretations of Xth skandha of *Bhagavata Purana* for the doctoral fellowship of Heras Institute of Indian Culture and (On-going) Dorabaji Tata trust for the year 2015-16

Publications

Books

2015 1. Co-editor of a book named '*Gauri Gauravam- Festchrift to Dr. Gauri Mahulikar*', Department of Sanskrit, University of Mumbai, 29th August 2015, ISBN 9788193187708

Articles

In Journals :

2016 1. *Monism of Śāṅkara and Spinoza, a Comparative Study*, International Journal of Social Science and Humanities Research ISSN 2348-3164 (online) Vol. 4, Issue 3, pp: (483-489), Month: July - September 2016

2014 2. '*Concept of 'Rebirth' in Pythagorean and Upanishadic Philosophy*', '*Dhīmahī*', vol. V 2014, Chinmaya International Foundation Shodha Sansthan, Adi Sankara Nilayam, Veliyanad, Ernakulam, Kerala, ISSN-0976 3066, pp. 149-167

2010 3. '*Causes of Rebirth as seen in Principal Upanishads*', Vishveshvaranand Indological Journal, June-December 2010, Vol. XLVIII, Pts i-ii, Vishveshvaranand Vishva Bandhu Indological Studies, Panjab University, Hoshiarpur, ISSN 0507-1410, pp. 30-40

In Edited Books :

2015 1. '*Psychological Views reflected in the philosophy of Descartes and Upanishads*' in '*Gauri Gauravam- Festchrift to Dr. Gauri Mahulikar*', edited by Madhavi Narsalay and others, published in the honour of Dr. Gauri Mahulikar by Department of Sanskrit, University of Mumbai, August 2015, ISBN 9788193187708, pp. 218-226

- 2015 2. ‘Journey of Pigeon: from Vedic period to Modern Age’ in ‘Animals and birds in Sanskrit Literature,’ edited by Dr. Gauri Mahulikar, New Bharatiya Book Corporation, New Delhi, August 2015, ISBN 8183152775, 9788183152778 , pp. 93-115
- 2015 3. The *Utkramṇa* Concept in Kevaladvaitavedānta, in ‘Advaitāmṛtam’, Swami Chinmayananda Birth Centenary Celebration Commemorative Volume, Chinmaya International Foundation, Adi Sankara Nilayam, Veliyanad, Ernakulam, Kerala, November 2015, ISBN 978-93-80864-26-6, pp. 93-101
- 2013 4. ‘Travelogues in Modern Sanskrit Literature with special reference to ‘Rasapriyā Peris Rājadhānī’, ‘Bhūlokavilokanam’ and ‘Thāideśavilāsam’, in ‘Emerging Trends in Sanskrit Literature’ edited by Uma Vaidya, Gauri Mahulikar and Madhavi Narsalay, Nag publishers, ISBN 8170816874, pp. 163-196

In Encyclopaedias :

- 2017 1. Entry on ‘*Pariṇāmavāda*’ in ‘Essentials of Yoga- A Glossary of Yogic Terms’, edited by Kala Acharya, Lalita Namjoshi and others, Somaiya Publications, Mumbai, 2016, ISBN 978-81-7039-296-5, pp. 62,63
- 2015 2. Entry on ‘*Avidyā* in ‘Hindu-Christian Dictionary-Essential terms for Inter-religious Dialogue’ edited by Benedict Kanakappally, Kala Acharya and others, Somaiya Publications, Mumbai, 2017, ISBN 978-81-7039-300-9, pp. 20, 21

Magazine :

- 2015 1. Bhakti –Vaidik te adhunik in Kirtan Sugandha, Akhil Bharatiya Kirtan Sanstha, 2015

Seminar/ Conferences/ Symposium

No.	Title of the paper	Organizing body	Level	Date
1.	Dialogue and Debates in <i>Upaniṣads</i>	Department of Sanskrit, University of Mumbai	National	9 th and 10 th March 2017
2.	<i>Kaliyāmdardana</i> episode in <i>Bhāgavata Purāṇa</i> -various interpretations	Heras Insititute	International	November 2017

3.	Elements of Yoga in <i>Kathopanishad</i>	Kaivalydharm Institute of Yoga, Lonavala	National	15 th and 16 th October 2016
4.	Story of Śūrpaṅkhā- Versions and Variations	Transmission of stories-versions and variations	National	2 nd and 3 rd March 2016
5.	Shrii Shrii Ānandamūrtiji's Philosophy in perspective of Indian Philosophy	Shrii Shrii A'nandamurtijii's contribution to Philosophy, Language, Literature, Music, Science and Economics' Organized by Department of Sanskrit and Renaissance Universal (RU)	National	18 th December 2015
6.	Pūtanā episode from <i>Bhāgavata Purāṇa</i> - Various Interpretations	World Sanskrit Conference 2015 organized by Silpakorn Unviersity Bangkok	International	28 th June 2014-2 nd July 2015
7.	<i>Bhagavadgītā</i> 's vision of 'equality' for Peaceful co-existence	Centre for Multidisciplinary Language and Literature UPE-UGC	National	December 4 th to 6 th 2014
8.	Journey of Pigeon: from Vedic period to Modern Age	Department of Sanskrit, University of Mumbai	National	September 18-19 th , 2014
9.	Narrative Features of <i>Panchatantra</i>	Department of Sanskrit, University of Mumbai	National	4 th -5 th March 2014
10.	Psychological Views reflected in the philosophy of Descartes and <i>Upanishads</i>	Brihanmaharashtra Prachya Vidya Parishad ,Pune	State	20 th December 2013-22 nd December 2013
11.	Absolute Monism according to Shankara and Spinoza-A Comparative Study'	Six day International Conference on All inclusive Universal Spirituality organized Chinmaya International Foundation in collaboration With Spiritual Heritage Network, Canada	International	14 th November to 22 nd November 2013

12.	Concept of Rebirth According to Principal <i>Upanishads</i> and Platonic Philosophy- A Comparative Study	Second World Vedic Conference, Maharshi Sandipani Rashtriya Vedvidya Pratishthan, Ujjain	International	4 th - 7 th November 2012
13.	Concrete Monism According to Ramanuja and Hegel (State level Conference)	Prachyavidya Parishad, Jalagaon	State	18 th -20 th Nov 2011
14.	'Ghata' symbol in <i>Puranas</i> (Third Prize)	S.P.College Pune	State	January 2008
15.	'The concept of Appearance' according to Shankaracharya, Plato and Kant.	S.P.College Pune.	State	January 2006
16.	<i>Upanishadantil Guru-shishya Sambandha</i>	S.P.College Pune.	State	September 2005

Extension Activities:

Lectures:

- 2017 1. Lecture on '**Rasa theory**' for Playpen theatre group on 17th April 2017.
- 2016 2. Lecture on '**Unbreakable**'- **Perspective of Indian and Western Philosophy** on 25th December 2016 for Kalanuranjani- Film society of the Department of Sanskrit, University of Mumbai under the series –'Film and Philosophy'
- 2016 3. Lecture on '**Inception and Gaudapada's Dream theory**' on 6th November 2016 for Kalanuranjani- Film society of the Department of Sanskrit, University of Mumbai under the series –'Film and Philosophy'
- 2016 4. Lecture on '**The Matrix through the perspective of Advaita Vedanta**' on 2nd October 2016 for Kalanuranjani- Film society of the Department of Sanskrit, University of Mumbai under the series –'Film and Philosophy'
- 2016 5. Lecture on '**Taittiriya Upanishad-Anandavalli**' at the time of Sri Sankara Jayanti Utsava' at 'Shankara Mattham' on 12th May 2016
- 2015 6. Lecture on '**Yogopanishads with special reference to Darshanopanishad**' at Yoga Vidya Niketan, Vashi on 14th February 2015

- 2015 7. Lecture on *Mrcchakatikam- Sanskrit Sahitya Rasasvada Varga-bhag 1 Nataka* organized by Rtaayana and Department of Sanskrit, University of Mumbai on 21th October 2015
- 2014 8. Gave a talk on '*Utkramana Concept in Kevaladvaitavedanta*' in the immediate presence of H. H. Jagadguru Shankaracharya **Shri Jayendra Sarasvati Swamiji** of Shri Kanchi Kamakoti Peetham at Shankaramatham, Matunga on 22nd December 2014.
- 2014 9. Gave a lecture on '*Yoga in Kathopanishad*' at Yogavidya Niketan, Vashi on 15th February 2014
- 2014 10. Gave two lectures on '*Chandogya Upanishad*' on 20th and 27th March 2014 at Somaiya Bhavan, Fort.
- 2014 11. Gave a lecture on '*Mahāvākya Tattvamasi as expounded by Shankara*' in Shankara Matham, Matunga on 9th May 2014 on the occasion of Adi Shankara Jayanti.
- 2014 12. Introductory Lecture on '*Principal Upanishads*' at Somaiya Centre for Lifelong Learning' on 19th November 2014
- 2014 13. Lecture on '*Psychology in Upanishads*' at Somaiya Centre for Lifelong Learning' on 24th December 2014
- 2014 14. Lecture on '*Eschatology in Upanishads*' at Somaiya Centre for Lifelong Learning' on 7th January 14
- 2013 15. Gave lecture on '*Prashnopanishad*' in Upanishad Lecture series organized by Department of Sanskrit in collaboration with Rtaayana (Sanskrit Student's Association) on 15th September 2013 held at Ramkrishna Bajaj Sanskrit Bhavan, Vidyanagari, Sanstacruz.
- 2013 16. Gave lecture on '*Aitareyopanishad*' in Upanishad Lecture series organized by Department of Sanskrit in collaboration with Rtaayana (Sanskrit Student's Association) on 15th September 2013 held at Ramkrishna Bajaj Sanskrit Bhavan, Vidyanagari, Sanstacruz

Mentoring :

- 2017 1. Lectures on '*Śukranīti*' for M. A. in Leadership science course conducted by University of Mumbai on 4th March 2017 and 15th April 2017
- 2017 2. Guidance lectures on **Indian Narratology and Bhagavata Purana** for M.A. II Paper VII- SEM IV- in Gogate Jogalekar College, Ratnagiri in 30th March to 1st April 2017
- 2017 3. Lectures on **Rasa theory and Dhvani theory** for the 'Aesthetic' Course in Department of Philosophy, University of Mumbai

- 2016 4. Lectures on '*Kāmandakīya Nītisāra*' for M. A. in Leadership science course conducted by University of Mumbai on 1st October 2016 and 8th October 2016
- 2016 5. Lectures on **Vedic and Upanishadic Aesthetics, Rasa theory, Bhakti and Dhvani theory** for the 'Aesthetic' Course in Department of Philosophy, University of Mumbai on 29th November 2015, 6th December, 27th December 2015 and 20th February 2016
- 2016 6. Lecture on '**Hindu & Buddhist Education in Ancient India**' on 23/1/2016 for the 'Certificate course in Ancient Indian Culture' under the auspices of MM Dr. P. V. Kane Institute for Post Graduate Studies and Research, Royal Asiatic Society, Mumbai
- 2015 7. Lecture on '*Vedantasara*' for B.A. students at Department of Sanskrit, K. J. Somaiya College of Arts and Commerce on 24th March 2015
- 2014 8. Gave lectures on **Buddhism and Indian Philosophy (comparative)** for M. A. Semester II Elective IA on 24th and 26th December 2014 at Institute of Buddhist Studies, Somaiya, Vidyavihar
- 2013 9. Guidance lectures on **Indian Narratology and Bhagavata Purana** for M.A. Paper VII- SEM IV- in Gogate Jogalekar College, Ratnagiri in December 2013

Academic Collaboration

- 2015 1. Designed and conducted a course on '**Principal Upanishads- A Philosophical Study**' for Somaiya Lifelong learning Centre, Fort which was conducted during 19th November 2014 to 7th January 2015
- 2016 2. Designed and conducted a course on '**Understanding Ishavasyopanishad**' for Somaiya Lifelong Learning from 4th April to 13 April 2016

Scholarships and Prizes

Medals

:

1. '**The Laxmibai Dwarkanath Naik Gold Medal**' jointly with the University of Mumbai for having secured the highest number of marks in 'Sanskrit' among the successful candidates at the **B.A** degree examination held in March, 2006.
2. '**Prof. R. R. Deshpande Gold medal**' from Ramanarain Ruia College, Matunga, Mumbai, for securing highest marks in Sanskrit at the B.A. degree examination held in March, 2006.

3. **‘The Professor K. Shrikumar Trophy’** for first rank at the B.A. degree examination in the year March 2006 from Ramanarain Ruia College, Matunga, Mumbai.
4. **‘The Dr.(Miss) Asha L. Datar Smarak Swarna Padak’** jointly with the University of Mumbai for having secured the highest number of marks in ‘Sanskrit’ among the successful candidates at the M.A. degree examination held in April, 2008.
5. **Prof. Prema Tattu gold medal** for securing highest marks in ‘Vedanta’ specialization at M.A. degree examination held in April, 2008.
6. **Gold medal by Kavikulaguru Kalidas University, Ramtek** for securing first rank in B.A. (Vedanga Jyotisha)

Prizes / Awards / Scholarships

B. A. (Sanskrit)

For securing First Rank at University level

1. The Doctor Govind Vishnu Juvekar Prize
2. The Bhau Daji Prize
3. The Smt. Vijayalaxmi Kapoor Scholarship
4. The Lotus Foundation Scholarship in Sanskrit
5. The Professor Shripad Gajanan Acharya Prize
6. The Professor H. D. Velankar Birth Centenary Prize
7. The Tukaram Javil Fellowship
8. The Kishinchand Chellaram Sanskrit Awards

M.A. (Sanskrit)

For securing First Rank at University level

1. The Lotus Foundation Prize
2. The Shri Vishnu Supdu Patil and Smt. Laxmibai Vishnu Patil Prize
3. The Dr. Raghavendra Row Prize.
4. The D. S. Bakhle memorial Prize
5. The Late Shri Pandharinath Moroba Mungre Prize
6. T. A. V. Dikshitar Prize (for securing highest marks in additional paper Zhala Vedanta in the M. A. examination held in April 2008)

Jyotisha Shastri

Third rank in overall examination and First rank in Dissertation in Maharashtra state

1. Shrimati Urmila Laxman Deshapande puraskar
2. Shri G. Joshi Puraskar
3. Mrs. Sarasavati Shridhar Joshi Puraskar
4. Jyotishalankar Shri. Shri. Bhat Puraskar
