

# Curriculum Vitae

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**Present Position:** Assistant Professor in History (2002 ff.)  
Post-graduate Department of History,  
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**Previously Held Positions:** Part-time Secretary (2001–2002)  
École Française d'Extrême Orient, Pune Branch.

## **Academic Qualification:**

Ph.D. (Ancient Indian History Culture & Archaeology), Deccan College Post-graduate & Research Institute, Pune. 2009. (Diss.: 'Scientific Method in Archaeology: An Indian Epistemological Perspective')

M.A. (Ancient Indian History Culture & Archaeology), Deccan College Post-graduate & Research Institute, Pune. 2000. (Diss.: 'Contribution of H. D. Sankalia to Indian Archaeology')

## **Research Interests-Activities:**

I have been studying what might broadly be called South Asian Studies. My areas of interest and research activities are Sanskrit aesthetics (especially, the nature of *ānanda* in Indian philosophy), Nyāya epistemology, historical consciousness in ancient India, theoretical archaeology, Gujarati language (historical linguistics) and literature (19<sup>th</sup> century onwards), and anthropology of religion (I am working, intermittently, on the evolution of the cults of Mel-ḍī and Śīkotarī, also known as Vahāṇ-vaṭī). Some of my publications belong to these fields. Lately, I finished a Major Research Project funded by the UGC, New Delhi, on 'Nineteenth Century Gujarat (1844–1915): A Genealogy of Gandhian Ideology'.

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