

DETAILED CURRICULUM VITAE

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Educational Qualification

- * **Master of Arts in Economics** (Mathematical Economics and Econometrics), Gold Medallist with Distinction from Maharaja Sayajirao University of Baroda in 2001
- * Cleared UGC National Eligibility Test for lectureship in India (**NET- Economics**) in first trial in December 2000
- * **Ph.D. in Economics of Higher Education** entitled 'Shifting the Burden: Public and Private Financing of Higher Education in the Philippines and Implications for India' from Bhavnagar University in 2007
- * **Diploma in Export Management** from Indian Institute of Export Management, Bangalore in 1999
- * **Completed short-term courses:** (1) Research Methodology Course on Large Scale Surveys: Data Analysis and Tools, organized by NIEPA, New Delhi on 26th August – 6th September, 2019. (2) 'Behavioural Economics in Action' from University of Toronto online awarded by edX on September 27, 2020 with 82 percent (3) 'Qualitative Research' by HSNL university, BTTC and Dept of Education, UoM, online, Mumbai from 1 June to 6 June, 2020 (4) FDP at GIDR, Ahmedabad, during 26 April to 2 May, 2010,

Current Designation

- * **Head and Co-ordinator, UGC CAS Phase II**
Post-Graduate Department of Economics,
Sardar Patel University, Vallabh Vidyanagar, Gujarat, India
- * **Hon. Deputy Director and Member, Governing Body,**
Agro-Economic Research Centre, Sardar Patel University,
Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers' Welfare, Government of India, New Delhi

Other Administrative responsibilities

- * Chief Editor, Artha Vikas, Journal of Economic Development since 1965, an ABDC journal as on June 2022
- * Fellow Member, Senate, Sardar Patel University, Vallabh Vidyanagar
- * Class I Member, Academic Council, Sardar Patel University
- * I/c. Chairperson, Board of Studies, Faculties of Arts and Commerce and Business Studies (Joint Board), Co-operation and Economics, Sardar Patel University
- * Member, Post-Graduate Studies and Research Board – Arts and Education Group, Sardar Patel University
Chairperson, Departmental Research Advisory Committee, Economics, Sardar Patel University
- * Member: (1) University Internal Quality Assurance Cell, (2) University Academic Performance Index Committee (3) University National Assessment and Accreditation Council Committee, and several others at Sardar Patel University, Vallabh Vidyanagar (4) Board of Studies, Economics, M.K. Bhavnagar University and Pandit Deendayal Energy University, Ahmedabad
- * Co-ordinated 2 refresher courses in Economics under the auspices of UGC- HRDC

Experience

- * **At Undergraduate level** June 2001 to December 2007 (except 2004-05)
- * **At Postgraduate level** December 2007 till date
- * **Training** Clients like Louis Dreyfus, Ashapura Group of Companies, IFFCO, Shri Krishna Hospital, Anand Police, several NGOs, academic institutes

RESEARCH CREDENTIALS

Research Projects and Consultancies

(3 Major Project, 1 Minor Project and 2 consultancies)

1. Major Research Project entitled 'Impact Assessment and Evaluation of fodder seed production and Sale activities under National Dairy Plan – I' (covering eight states of India - Karnataka, Andhra Pradesh, Uttar Pradesh, Rajasthan, Bihar, Maharashtra, Gujarat, Punjab), Co-authored with Prof. S.S. Kalamkar as chief investigator and two other authors with generous funding worth INR 73.546 lakhs + GST from National Dairy Development Board, Anand, Gujarat vide letter PMU/Cons-F/028, during December, 2017 to August, 2019.
2. Major Research Project entitled 'Breakeven Analysis in Dairy Farm Enterprises and Strategies for its Sustainable Growth under National Dairy Plan-I' (covering four states of India - Karnataka, Bihar, Gujarat, Punjab), Co-authored with Prof. S.S. Kalamkar as chief investigator and three other authors with generous funding worth INR 39.6 lakhs + GST from National Dairy Development Board, Anand, Gujarat vide letter PMU/Cons-F/045, from May 2019 to September, 2019.
3. Major Research Project entitled 'Electronics National Agriculture Market (e-NAM) in Gujarat: Review of Performance and Prospects', co-authored with Prof. S.S. Kalamkar as chief investigator with generous funding worth more than INR 10 lakhs * from Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers' Welfare, Directorate of Economics and Statistics Department of Agriculture, Cooperation and Farmers Welfare, Government of India, New Delhi vide letter F.No.1-1/2017-AER-ES, from September 2017 to March, 2020.
4. Minor Research Project entitled 'Impact Assessment of Goods and Services Tax (GST) on the use of selected Agriculture inputs in Gujarat', Co-authored with Prof. S.S. Kalamkar as chief investigator with generous funding worth INR 50,000 from Gujarat Economic Association Silver Jubilee Trust, Gujarat, vide e-mail received dated November 14, 2017, from January 9, 2018 to March 20, 2020.
5. Consultancy entitled 'Faculty Resource Management', Co-authored with Dr. Sampada Kapse as chief investigator with generous funding worth INR 25,000 from Anjar Education Society, Gujarat, from September to November, 2015.
6. Consultancy entitled 'Educational Quality Enhancement', Co-authored with Dr. Sampada Kapse as chief investigator with generous funding worth INR 25,000 from Anjar Education Society, Gujarat, from September to November, 2015.

* Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare, Govt, provides grants-in-aid to university to implement AERC, which undertakes research projects as entrusted by the Ministry, thus cost of project is estimated by total expenditure in a year divided by number of projects completed, and thus the project is considered to be a major project

M.Phil. completed under guidance	:	Two
		Ph.D. completed under guidance
		One
Research scholars pursuing Ph.D.	:	Two
		Served as an expert / resource person / keynote speaker in International / Indian forums:
		40+
Conducted Invited Trainings and workshops for faculties and students	:	35 +

Authored or Co-authored Chapters in Books (13) (+2 in Print as on June 2022)

1. Co-authored a chapter entitled 'Women in Higher Education in India: Historical Influences, Contemporary Narratives and the Way Ahead', In Fontanini, C.; Joshi, K.M. and Paivandi, S. (Eds.), *International Perspectives on Gender and Higher Education: Student access and Success*, Emerald Publishing Ltd., UK. ISBN 978-1-83909-887-1. pp 171-192.
2. Authored a chapter entitled 'Crypto-currency: A Necessary Evil in the Global Financial Market', in Shaikh, A.A. and Patel, B. (Eds.) *Bettering Indian Economy: A Global Perspective*. (2020). ISBN 978-93-89724-22-6. pp 53-74.
3. Co-authored a chapter entitled 'Mergers in Indian Higher Education: Status and Prospects', in Cremonini, Leon, Paivandi, S. and Joshi, K.M. (Eds.), *Mergers in Higher Education: Practices and Policies*, Studera Press, New Delhi. (2019). ISBN 978-93-85883-94-1. pp 101-126.
4. Co-authored a chapter entitled 'The Awaited Rise of the Sleeping Elephant: Trajectories of Creating World-Class Universities in India', in Marcelo Rabossi, Joshi, K.M., and Paivandi, S. (Eds.) *In Pursuit of World Class Universities: A Global Experience*, Studera Press, New Delhi. (2018). ISBN 978-93-85883-64-4. pp 59-90.
5. Authored a chapter entitled 'International Experiences of Seawater Solar Desalination for Agricultural Irrigation: Exploring the Prospects for Kutch Districts', in Swain, M. and Kalamkar, S. (Eds.) *Water Governance in India: Issues and Challenges*, Allied Publishers Private Limited, New Delhi. (2018). ISBN 978-93-87997-31-8. pp 308-323.
6. Authored a chapter entitled 'Engendering development through higher education in India: Are we on the right track?', in Chhaya, M. and Budhbbhatti, K. (Eds.) *Gender and Development: Issues in Economics and other Social Sciences*. (2018). ISBN 978-81-931638-0-1. pp 15-38.
7. Co-authored a chapter entitled 'Quality Assurance in Indian Higher Education: An Unfinished Agenda', in Stamelos Georgios, Joshi, K.M., and Paivandi, S. (Eds.) *Quality Assurance in Higher Education: A Global Perspective*, Studera Press, New Delhi. (2017). ISBN 978-93-85883-27-9. pp 127-144.
8. Co-authored a chapter entitled 'Equity in Indian Higher Education: Issues and Challenges in Access and Participation', in Paivandi, S. and Joshi, K.M. (Eds.) *Equity in Higher Education: A Global Perspective*, Studera Press, New Delhi. (2016). ISBN 978-93-85883-06-4. pp 55-81.
9. Co-authored a chapter entitled 'The State of Higher Education Governance in India', in Joshi, K.M., and Paivandi, S. (Eds.) *Global Higher Education: Issues in Governance*, B.R. Publishing Corporation, Delhi. (2015). ISBN 978-93-50502-23-5. pp 262-314.
10. Co-authored a chapter entitled 'Higher Education in India: Retrospections on Advent and Growth of the Private Sector', in Joshi, K.M., and Paivandi, S. (Eds.) *Private Higher Education: A Global Perspective*, B.R. Publishing Corporation, Delhi. (2015). ISBN 978-93-50502-07-5. pp. 271-311.
11. Co-authored a chapter entitled 'Higher Education in India: Reflections on Changing Landscapes', in Joshi, K.M., and Paivandi, S. (Eds.) *Higher Education Across Nations*, Volume II, B.R. Publishing Corporation, Delhi. Studera Press, New Delhi. (2014). ISBN 9789350501368. pp 411-457.
12. Authored a chapter entitled 'An Interstate comparison of Selected Human Development Parameters: A Case study of India', in Joshi Baxi, Himani (Eds.) *Regional Disparity in India: Issues and Perspectives*, The ICFAI Uni. Press, Hyderabad. (2009). ISBN 978-81-314-2449-0. pp 150-168.
13. Authored a chapter entitled 'Educational, Social and Political development of women in India', in Bhamare, D.B. (Eds.) compendium on National Conference on *Women Participation in development of Business and Economy*, Success Publications, Pune. (19, 20 January, 2018). ISBN: 978-93-87317-13-0. pp 40-51.

Books authored and / or edited

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Attended conferences/seminars and
workshops

35 +

Presented papers in Seminars and Conferences :

15+

Won 'Best Paper' awards (2)

1. Recipient of 'Best Research Paper' by All India association for Educational Research, on 16 September, 2007 for the paper presented in International Conference.
2. Recipient of Prof. V.S. Vyas felicitation prize 2018-2020 with three other recipients for AERC report number 186 titled 'Impact Assessment and Evaluation of Fodder Seed Production and Sale activities under National Dairy Plan I in selected states of India' (Consolidated Report) covering the states of Andhra Pradesh, Bihar, Gujarat, Karnataka, Maharashtra, Punjab, Rajasthan, and Uttar Pradesh (Report number 178-185) in August 2019, is selected from among reports completed during April 2018 to March 2020, Research report number 171 to 194) for the award of Prof V.S. Vyas felicitation prize 2018-2020.

Selected Research Papers in Journals / Policy Publications

- * Co-authored 'Private financing and access to higher education in India during 2010-2020', *Higher Education Forum*, Volume 19, March 2022, ISSN 2432-9641.
- * Co-authored 'Higher Education in India: Issues related to Access, Equity, Efficiency, Quality and Internationalization', *ACADEMIA*, No.14, (2019). ISSN 2241-1402. pp 70-91.
- * Co-authored 'Trends in Food-grains production in Gujarat since Independence', *Arthavikas*, Vol LIV, No.1, (January-June 2018). ISSN 0004-3567. pp 70-91.
- * Co-authored 'Gas guzzlers v/s. gas optimizers: How do consumers choose motorcycles?', *Quest Journal of Management and Research*, Vol VIII, Issue 1, (Dec. 2017). ISSN 0976-3317. pp 49-52.
- * Co-authored 'Higher Education Growth in India: Is growth appreciable and comparable?', *Higher Education Forum*, Vol. 13, (March 2016). ISBN 978-4-902808-97-1. pp 57-74.
- * Co-authored 'What makes a university 'World Class'? As Assessment of Literature', *Quest Journal of Management and Research*, Vol. 7 (1), (2016). ISSN 0976-3317. pp 1-14.
- * Co-authored 'Reflections on Changing Landscape of Private Higher Education Space in Indian Higher Education', *Intellectual Economics*, Vol. 8, No. 2(20), (2014). ISSN 1822-8011 (print) 1822-8038 (online). pp 8-22.
- * Co-authored 'Indian Higher Education: Some Reflections', *Intellectual Economics*, Vol 7, No1(15), (2013). ISSN 1822-8011 (print) 1822-8038 (online). pp 42-53.
- * Authored 'Perceptions of various stakeholders on financing of Indian higher education: A Case-study of Gandhidham Taluka', *Quest Journal of Management and Research*, Vol 1, Issue 1, (June 2010). ISSN 0976-3317. p 27-42
- * Co-authored 'Analysis of efficiency and quality across public and private sector of higher education institutes in Philippines', *Asian-African Journal of Economics and Econometrics*, Vol 7, No.1-2, (2007). ISSN 0972-3986. p 221-243
- * Co-authored 'Economics of privatization: An introspection of Indian higher education', *Indian Development Review: An International Journal of Development Economics*, Vol 5, No 2, (December 2007). ISSN 0972-9437. p 317-340.
- * Co-authored a policy brief, entitled 'Problems in the Implementation of GST on Selected Agricultural Inputs in Gujarat', *Agro-Economic Alerts*, Alert 3, Issue 5, (May 2018), Compiled and edited by Centre for Management in Agriculture (CMA), Indian Institute of Management Ahmedabad (IIM-A) for The Honourable Prime Minister's Office

Other accolades:

- * Delivered a TEDx Sabarmati talk on the title 'Visualization, Economics and Life' on May 18, 2011.
- * One of the invited expert speakers representing India at BRICS Higher Education International Seminar, at University of Campinas, Sao-Paulo, Brazil on November 8 & 9, 2012.
- * One of the invited expert speakers representing India at University of Evora, Portugal; University of Valencia, Spain and University of Rio Grande Do Norte, Brazil organized International Conference on 'Learning and Teaching in Higher Education: Students and Teachers' on March 24 & 25, 2021 (online mode).
- * 'A' grade National trainer status awarded by National Skills Development Corporation.