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Educational Qualification

Ph. D. (Sanskrit) "Cosmic bodies in the Mahapuranas: A ritualistic, mythological and astronomical study"	March 2016	University of Mumbai
NET for Lectureship	June 2012	UGC
Bachelor of Education (B.Ed)	April 2005	University of Mumbai
Masters of Arts (M.A) (Sanskrit)	April 2004	University of Mumbai
Bachelor of Arts (B.A) (Sanskrit)	April 2002	University of Mumbai
P.G. Advanced Diploma in Comparative Mythology	April, 2010	Dept. of Sanskrit, University of Mumbai
P. G. Diploma in Comparative Mythology	April, 2006	Dept. of Sanskrit, University of Mumbai

Other Academic Certificates:

RUSA sponsored refresher course in Indian Knowledge Systems	22nd July to 3rd August 2024	UGC – MMTTC, University of Mumbai

Four-week Faculty Induction Programme	21st Aug. to 19th Sept. 2022	TLC Ramanujan College University of Delhi with Bareilly College, Bareilly, U.P., Hindu College, Moradabad, U.P. under the aegis of Ministry of Education, Pandit Madan Mohan Malaviya National Mission on Teachers and Teaching
RUSA sponsored online refresher course in Indian Languages	1st Feb. to 13th Feb. 2021	UGC, HRD Centre, University of Mumbai

Academic Experience:

- At present: Associate Professor,
  Head and BOS Chairperson - Sanskrit
  K. J. Somaiya Institute of Dharma Studies,
  Somaiya Vidyavihar University,
  Ph. D. Guide for Sanskrit and Buddhist Studies
- August 2019 – 28.2.2022 Assistant Professor,
  K. J. Somaiya Institute of Dharma Studies,
  Somaiya Vidyavihar University
- May 2014 to August 2019: Assistant Professor,
  K.J. Somaiya Centre for Buddhist Studies
  (Affiliated to University of Mumbai)
- Nov. 2012 – April 2014: Lecturer, K.J. Somaiya Centre for Buddhist Studies
- 2012 – 2017: Visiting faculty, Dept. of Sanskrit,
  University of Mumbai
- Jan. 2013 – April 2013 Visiting Faculty, Centre for Excellence in Basic Sciences,
  University of Mumbai & Dept. of Atomic Energy

- Jan. 2012 – April 2012 Visiting Faculty, Centre for Excellence in Basic Sciences, University of Mumbai & Dept. of Atomic Energy
- 2010 – 2012: Ph. D Research Fellow, Dept. of Sanskrit, University of Mumbai
- 2009 – 2010: Visiting faculty, Dept. of Sanskrit, University of Mumbai
- Dec. 2005 – May 2007: Bharata College of Fine Arts & Culture, Sarfojiraje Bhosale Research Centre, Curry Road, Mumbai (Affiliated to Kavi Kulguru Kalidas Univeristy)
- 2005 – 2007: Teaching Faculty, Wilson College, Chowpati, Mumbai, (contract basis)
- Sept. 2005 – Jan. 2006: R. Jhunjhunwala Junior College, Ghatkopar, Mumbai (on Leave Vacancy)

Areas of Interest:

Indian Mythology, Buddhist Sanskrit language and literature, Vedic, Epic and Purāṇa literature, Narrative literature

Funded Projects:

- P.I. – Ashtaadashi grant, Central Sanskrit University, New Delhi, 9.2.4. Summer Course Project – Workshop on Sanskrit, Prakrit, Buddhist Sanskrit – 2022-23 (ongoing)
- Co. P. I. Ashtaadashi grant, Central Sanskrit University, New Delhi, बालगीतशतकम्, Children's literature project – 2022-23 (ongoing)
- Co. P.I. (Thematic Area Code (TAC) 106: IKS based approaches to artistic traditions), IKS Research Centre, Funded by Ministry of Education, Govt. of India (ongoing)

Academic Assistance:

- Part of the team at KJSIDS: the Nodal Centre for Orientation in Capacity Building in the area of Indian Knowledge Systems (IKS) for the state of Maharashtra. Assisted in developing the model syllabus for Indian Knowledge Systems - UG programme

- Involved in the creation of syllabi for the Diplomas and post graduate programmes of the Institute. Contributed to the development of syllabi of M. A. Buddhist Studies, M. A. Ancient Indian History, Culture and Archaeology, M. A. Hindu Studies
- Developed the syllabus for Minors degree programme (under SVU) in Narrative literature. This programme explores the processes of transmission and adaptations of stories, in different cultures.
- Developed the syllabus for Diploma in Buddhist Sanskrit: Language and Literature which equips the students with materials and skills to read Buddhist Sanskrit texts as early as possible along with discussion on special features of language known as 'hybrid'
- Member of BOS of Sanskrit, PTVA's Sathaye College (Autonomous), Mumbai
- Member of BOS of AIHC and Buddhist Studies, University of Mumbai

Administrative Assistance:

University Level:

- Convenor, Paramarsh, UGC Quality Mandate Task Group from April 2024
- Member of SVU Committee of Students Welfare, September 2024
- Member of the NEP 2020 Task force of SVU
- Member of the Examination Standing Committee of the SVU
- Member of the University Cultural Committee

Institute Level:

- Head, Centre for Buddhist Studies: November 2023
- Coordinator, IQAC Cell of KJSIDS: April 2024
- In-charge exam cell for the Centre for Buddhist Studies: 2020 to 2024
- Member of the Result Moderation and Approval Committee of KJSIDS
- Member of the College Examination Committee

Academic Content Writer: "Places associated with Buddhism", Course Material Module 4 - English and Marathi version, M. A. History Sem. III- Paper 1, IDOL, University of Mumbai, July 2022

Publications:

1. Narwade A. D., Bavare B. P., 'Ideological Convergence and Rupture: Anagarika Dharmapala and Swami Vivekananda from Chicago (1893) to India (1897)', *Bodhi International Journal of Research in Humanities, Arts and Science,* (April 2026 Current Issue), Vol. 10, No.3 April 2026, pp. 286 – 297. (E-ISSN: 2456-5571)

2. Mr. Rishit Desai, Dr. Bhagyashree Bavare, 'Patanjalikrite Mahabhashye Nigrahasthanam', *Aaranyakam*, (Bi-annual Refereed Sanskrit Research Journal), 33rd year - 1st issue, March 2025, pp. 51-57. (ISSN 0975-0061)

3. Mr. Rishit Desai, Dr. Bhagyashree Bavare, Pramanya: Authority in Paninian Tradition, *Arnava* - Referred Journal, Vol. XIV, No. 1, Year 2025 Half Yearly, pp. 31-43. (ISSN 2320-0103)

4. 'Story of Aṅgāraka (A review through the Purāṇas)', Journal of the Anantacharya Indological Research Institute, (Peer reviewed journal), Vol. III, **2020-21**, pp. 137 - 142. (ISSN No. 2582-614X)

5. 'The Great Dissolution and the Role of Manu', *Brahmavidyā - The Adyar Library Bulletin*, Vol 84, **2020**, pp. 223-239 (UGC-CARE list Sr. no. 43)

6. 'The Narrative of Sāma: A comparative Study', *Brahmavidyā - The Adyar Library Bulletin,* Vols. 78-79, **2014-2015**, pp. 443-458

7. 'Story of Mittavinda and fruition of *karma* - A Comparative Analysis', The 4th volume of the '*Journal of the International Association of Buddhist Universities*', Thailand, **2013**, Special edition electronic version

8. ‘An Understanding of Buddhist Ethics in view of Economic Ethics’, *Brahmavidya – The Adyar Library Bulletin*, vol. no. 76-77 (**2012-13**) pp. 189-207

9. Divakaran P. P., Bavare Bhagyashree, ‘Genesis and Early Evolution of Decimal Enumeration: Evidence from Number Names in *Ṛgveda*’, *Indian Journal of History of Science*, December **2013** issue

10. ‘Compositions of Pandit Ogeti Parikshita Sharma – with special reference to his two Mahākāvyas’, ‘*Emerging Trends in Contemporary Sanskrit Literature’*, Nag Publishers, Delhi, **2013**, ISBN 81-70-81-687-4

11. ‘The origin of decimal counting: Analysis of number names in the *Ṛ*gveda’, *Gaṇita Bhāratī, Bulletin of the Indian Society for History of Mathematics*, Vol. 32 (**2010**), No. 1-2, June – December

12. Bavare Bhagyashree, Shetti Mahesh, Divakaran P. P., **‘**Laghubhāskarīyavivaraṇa of Śaṅkaranārāyaṇa: Its significance in the history of Kerala astronomy’, *Indian Journal of History of Science*, March **2010** issue

Research Experience:

- 2016-2017: Content writer for e-version of the Marathi Vishvakosh, Maharashtra Rajya Marathi Vishvakosh Nirmiti Mandal
- May 2012 – October 2012: Research fellow under the Departmental Fellowship for Ph.D. students, Department of Sanskrit, University of Mumbai
- Jan. 2010 – Jan. 2012: Research Fellow, Vice-Chancellor’s scheme of Research Fellowship, Department of Sanskrit, University of Mumbai
- 2011: Assisted in the research work for ‘Sanskrit Thesaurus on mobile’ at the initial stage of the project at the Dept. of Sanskrit, University of Mumbai in association with khandbahale.com.

- May 2007 – Nov. 2009: Project Assistant at Tata Institute of Fundamental Research (TIFR), Mumbai, (Project: Archaeo-astronomy in Indian Context)
- 2008: Assisted Dr. Sandhya Purecha in translation of the text named Sangita Darpana of Catura Damodara (Nrityadhyaya), published by Shri Sarfojiraje Bhosale Research Centre, Mumbai, 2008.
- Dec. 2005 – March, 2006: Worked as Content Writer for IL&FS for converting lessons from Sanskrit texts of CBSE (Std. 6^{th} -8^{th}) in the series of animated lectures.

Institutional responsibilities:

- Coordinator and one of the resource persons for a documentary "PARAMPARA - Exploring the tradition of Chitrakathi Paintings: A Folk Legacy in Spotlight", created by K J Somaiya Institute of Dharma Studies, Somaiya Vidyavihar University, a project supported under the grants of IKS Division, Ministry of Education, Government of India
- Co-ordinating for the translation activities at the institute.
- Assisted in the Marathi translation of books by Bhikkhu Bodhi undertaken by the institute
- Completed the research project on 'Economic Ethics in Buddhist Perspective' under Ministry of Culture - Development of Buddhist/Tibetan culture and art in 2015

Talks and Presentations:

- Lecture on "Ancient Indian Mathematics and Astronomy Traditions" delivered on 13th September 2025 in an online course, "Historical Development of Astronomy in India," organised by IISER Mohali.
- Talk on "Narrative Literature in Chitrakathi Paintings," in the national seminar on *Indian Paintings: Current Research and Challenges in*
- *Preserving a Dying Art of Chitrakathi Paintings* on 5^{th} August 2025 organised by K J Somaiya Institute of Dharma Studies, Somaiya Vidyavihar University under the grants of IKS Division, Ministry of Education, Government of India

- An invited lecture on ‘Crossing the hurdles in search of peace: experience of early Buddhist Bhikkhunis’ at the 2nd International Conference on “Women and Religion" organised by the Edward Cadbury Centre for the Public Understanding of Religion, University of Birmingham, in collaboration with Padma Kanya Multiple Campus and the Inclusive Futures Foundation, on 14 August 2024.

- Talk on “IKS in Literature and Arts” in the 3 day workshop on *IKS into Modern Education* at The Department of Basic Sciences & Humanities, SVKM's NMIMS MPSTME, Mumbai on 8th July 2024

- Talk on Taittiriya Upanishad at 35th Gyanayagna of Somaiya Vidyavihar on 13th January 2024

- Talk on *Vedang Jyotish and evolution of Panchang* at the Centre for Hindu Studies, University of Mumbai on 29th July 2023

- ‘Depiction of Viṣṇu in the Inscriptions of Jayavarman VII’, research article presented at the World Sanskrit Conference (online mode) on 9th Jan. 2024 (https://kaigi.eventsair.com/world-sanskrit-conference/watch-pre-recorded-presentations)

- Lecture on ‘*Epics – Cultural studies in Ramayana & Mahabharata*’ for the Indology Course at Vivekanand Prabodhini, Jana Seva Kendra Project, Mumbai on 23rd Aug. 2022

- ‘Sage Mārkaṇḍeya’s boon of longevity: review of the narrative from Narasiṃha Purāṇa’, research article presented at the 14th Brīhanmahārāṣṭra Prācyavidyā Pariṣad, organised by the Deccan College and research Centre, Pune on 25th to 27th march 2022 (online mode)

- Talk on ‘*Prachina Bharatiya Sahityika*’ for 'Swatantra Bharat 75 lecture series (YouTube channel) Vivekanand Prabodhini, Jana Seva Kendra Project in association with Suvidya Prasaraka Sangh, Mumbai on 5th February, 2022

- ‘Aṅgāraka (The Planet Mars): Variety of Depictions as Seen in the Purāṇas’, presented in the 11th IASR National Conference on Religion and Society: Reflections on the Indic Paradigm held on 25th and 26th February, 2021

- ‘Identity of Yashodhara’, presented in two-day seminar on Religion and Gender organised on 2nd and 3rd March, 2019, by the K J Somaiya Centre for Buddhist Studies

- ‘Milinda Pañha: A Pedagogical Model’ presented in one day interdisciplinary national seminar on ‘*Emerging Trends in Education (An Interdisciplinary Approach)*’. K. J. Somaiya College of Arts and Commerce, 7th Feb. 2018

- ‘Survivors of the Great Dissolution’, presented in ‘*Dimensions of Vaiṣṇava Mahāpurāṇas*’, Department of Sanskrit, University of Mumbai and the Bhaktivedanta Vidyapith Research Centre, 19-20th January 2018

- ‘Significance of the Ta Prohm temple’ presented in the workshop on *Angkor in International Buddhist Circuit*, APSARA, Siem Reap, Cambodia, 5th October 2017

- Conducted a one-day workshop on ‘Buddhist Hybrid Sanskrit’ at the Department of Sanskrit, University of Mumbai on 24th August, 2016.

- ‘An Understanding of Buddhist Ethics in view of Economic Ethics’ presented at the 5th *International conference of SLABS on ‘Buddhism and current global challenges’*, Colombo, 6th to 8th Sept. 2013
- ‘Selected Supplementary texts for Aṣṭādhyāyī –I, Texts - Mahābhāṣya, Kāṣikā, Prakriyā Kaumudī’, *Workshop on ‘Facets of Sanskrit Grammar’*, Department of Sanskrit, University of Mumbai, 2nd to 5th July, 2012
- ‘The origin of decimal counting: Analysis of number names in the Rigveda’, *ICM satellite conference on "Mathematics in Ancient Times"*, Kozhikode, Kerala, 29 August 2010 to 1 September 2010 (published as a paper in the journal Ganita Bharati)

- ‘Decimal system in India: Origins in the Rigveda’ in *2-day mini-workshop on the theme of "European and Indian Approaches to Calculus", IUCAA*, Pune, November 17th-18th, 2009
- ‘Shunahshepa Akhyana: Kahi Samajika Sandarbha’, *Prachya Vidya Parishad - Pune,* held in Goa, December 2003 (appreciated by the referees)
- ‘Śukasārikādipralāpana’, *Oriental Research Institute – Thane*, December 2002

Co-curricular:

- Coordinator for the International Conference on Reflections on Ramayana from 2nd to 4th February 2023 organised at KJSIDS in collaboration with Central Sanskrit University, New Delhi, Ayodhya Research Institute -Department of Culture, U. P. Government, Lucknow and K J Somaiya College of Arts and Commerce, Mumbai
- Co-coordinator for the workshop on ‘Narratives in the Upanishads’, on 15th March 2021 organised by the K J Somaiya Institute of Dharma Studies, SVU
- Organised the online lecture series on " Ancient Indian Mathematics and Astronomy" from 29th June to 1st July 2020 at the K J Somaiya Centre for Buddhist Studies, SVU
- Assisted in organizing a three-day workshop on ‘Calculations in ancient Indian Astronomy’ For UM-DAE, Centre for Excellence in Basic Sciences, Mumbai, Special invitees – Dr. Balachandra Rao - Bangalore, Mohan Apte - Mumbai, Dr. Uma - Bangalore, Dr. Padmaja - Bangalore
- Attended the workshops on ‘conservation & preservation of manuscripts’ organized by the Dept. of Sanskrit, University of Mumbai
- Actively participated in the organization of various events and state level intercollegiate competitions being a part of Student Council at College level
- Assisted Dr. Mrs. Saroj Singh in the translation of the Sanskrit text ‘Kuttakarashiromani’ by Devaraja in 2008-2009
- Secured 2nd rank in the compering competition at *Kalasangam* 2004, organized by Akhila Bharatiya Vidyarthi Parishad, University of Mumbai
- Completed Master Diploma in Bharatanatyam conducted by Bharatiya Sangeeta Samiti, Mumbai

Languages Known:

Proficiency in English, Sanskrit, Hindi, Marathi

Elementary proficiency in Tibetan and Pali

Place: Mumbai **Date**: 16/07/2026

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