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Biography

I am armed with Bachelors in Science and Education, a Master's in Science and Education, PGDME and NET qualified, presently working as an Associate Professor at K J Somaiya College of Education, Somaiya Vidyavihar University. A first ranker throughout my course of Education, I am a vibrant Practitioner of Educational Psychology, Environmental Education at the B Ed level. I handle Curriculum Design, Development and Evaluation, Educational Management courses at the M Ed level and Understanding of Organizational Behavior at the PGDEM level. An ardent Environmentalist at heart, I have initiated as well as successfully concluded an assortment of Experiential Learning based activities as part of the Environmental club. I am fortunate and feel humbled to be bestowed with the Outstanding Achievement Award on the occasion of Foundation Day. In 2011, I had presented a joint paper with Dr Kalpana Kharade in the London International Conference on Education which was very well appreciated by the participants. I have completed ICSSR sponsored (7 lacs) two years major research project for training vernacular medium teachers in using ICT for Language Teaching in the year 2015. I have worked as an e content developer for M.Ed course organized by Educational Technology department of SNDT University sponsored project of MHRD. My thrust areas in research include Experiential Learning in Environmental Education and Reflective practices in teacher education. I am associated with Amrita Vishwa Vidyapeetham Coimbatore as a Doctoral Advisory board member. I have been involved in training Junior College teachers and teachers of rural schools of Somaiya on the theme of Active learning strategies. I have coauthored two books: Foundations of OB and HRM and Educational Psychology for Learning and Teaching.

CAREER AND EDUCATION

Educational Qualification

BSc from Punjab University, Chandigarh

B Ed from Punjab University, Chandigarh

M Ed from Punjab University, Chandigarh

M Sc from Sikkim Manipal University, Gangtok

P.G.D.M.E from Mumbai University, Mumbai

U.G.C.-NET Qualified in June 2006.

PhD in Education from Mumbai University, Mumbai

INTERNATIONAL PUBLICATIONS

- Published a joint paper with Dr Kalpana Kharade entitled" *Promoting ICT enhanced Constructivist Teaching Practices among Pre-service Teachers: a aCse Study* "International Journal of Scientific Research and Publication IJSRP ISSN 2250-3153 in the January 2012 edition.
- Presented and published a joint paper entitled," *Fostering Students' Engagement in Language Learning in ICT mediated Environment*"with Dr. Kalpana Kharade at London International Conference of Education, London on 7thNov-11th Nov, 2011."
- Published a joint paper with Dr. Kalpana Kharade entitled " *Exploring the Pedagogical Potential of ICT Mediation for Promoting Students' Engagement: A Social Constructivist Perspective.* "International Journal for Digital Society (IJDS), Volume 3, Issue 2, ISSN: 2040 2570 (Online), P. 624 - 631.
- Published a paper entitled "*Scaffolding Vernacular medium English language teachers in creating ICT mediated learning environment*" International Journal of Education Transacademia Vol 3,No:1,January-June,2014,ISSN 2319-3492:PgNo.74- 81.
- Published a paper entitled "*Empowering Teachers with ICT Competencies*" International Multidisciplinary e –Journal, Vol-IV. Issue- VI, June – 2015, ISSN: 2277- 4262, SJIF: 4.081.
- Published a paper entitled "*Opening up the minds of Vernacular Medium English Language Teachers with ICT tools language*" in the Conference Proceedings of Indo- Canadian International Conference of Business and Behavioural Sciences,Vol:6-7 PgNo. 17-19, ISSN: 2278-5671.
- Published a joint paper with Dr. Kalpana Kharade entitled "*Pre-Service Teachers' Perceptions about Using Experiential Learning for Teaching Environmental Education: How Close is the Partnership?*" in Global Online Electronic International Interdisciplinary Research Journal (GOEIJR) {Bi-Monthly} Volume – V Issue – V February 2017 Peer-Reviewed Journal,ISSN : 2278 – 5639,Impact Factor : 3.541.
- Published a joint paper with Dr. Kalpana Kharade entitled" *Extending Experiential Learning Approach for Changing the Perceptions of Prospective teachers about Environmental Education.* " Electronic International Interdisciplinary Research Journal (EIIRJ), EduIndex Impact Factor 5.20 UGC Approved Journal No 48833.
- Published a joint paper with Dr. Kalpana Kharade entitled "*Using Experiential learning Approach for teaching of Environmental education: Exploring Promising Connections.* " International Journal of Research in Social Sciences,Double Peer Reviewed,Vol. 8 Issue 9(1), September 2018, ISSN: 2249-2496 Impact Factor: 7.081.
- Published a paper entitled, "*Assessing level of reflective thinking of pre service teachers: A document analysis on reflective journals.* Aarhat Multidisciplinary International Education Research Journal(AMIERJ),Volume–VIII, Issues–VI , Nov – Dec 2019,pg:71-78, ISSN 2278- 5655, Impact Factor: 6.236,Pages: 71- 78.
- Published a joint paper with Ms Pinal Panchal entitled, *Effectiveness of Active Learning Strategies on Achievement and Interest for Learning a Mathematical*

Concept of Middle School Students. International Journal of All Research Education and Scientific Methods (IJARESM), ISSN: 2455-6211, Volume-9, Issue-5, Pages:4246-4252.

- Published a joint paper with Ms Neha Nair entitled, *Solid Waste Management - Use Fully to Live Fully*. in International Journal of All Research Education and Scientific Methods, Impact Factor: 7.429, RESM) Volume 10, Issue 6, Pages 3923-3930.
- Published a joint paper entitled, *Empowering pre service teachers for Holistic Assessment: A way forward* in An International Peer Reviewed, Refereed & Quarterly, Scholarly Research Journal for Interdisciplinary Studies, 2023, Online ISSN 2278-8808 Print ISSN 2319-4766, Globally Indexed, Volume 11, Issue-62, Pages:36-41 Impact Factor SJIF 2021.
- Published a joint paper entitled, *Developing Pre-service Teachers' conceptualization of Art Integrated Learning and Art Integrated Mathematical Pedagogical Practices*. Academe Journal of Education and Psychology, A biannual Peer reviewed Refereed Journal, Volume -13,, ISSN No:2249-040X, Pages:76-81.

JOURNAL ARTICLES

- *Developing English Language Learning among Pre-service Vernacular Medium Teachers through a Social Constructivist Approach* published in journal ACJELL with ISSN number 2278-876X , MARCH, 2013.
- *Moving beyond: Learning together Anytime Anywhere* with Ms Usha Sharma, Research Paper, Proceedings of 19th in Senior scholar Seminar Series (March 10-11, 2012), of UGC sponsored Two day National Seminar Building Asynchronous Learning Environments : Opportunities and Challenges, 2013, Volume 1 ,Pg 79-84, ISBN:978-81-7039-287-3.
- *Promoting Servant Leadership through Service Learning-A Case Study* joint research paper with Ms Usha Sharma , Leadership in Educational Institutions : Opportunities & Challenges -Guiding the way to 21st century, April 29-30, 2016, Pg 125-131 , ISBN- 978-81-7039-287-3.

PAPER PRESENTATIONS:

- Presented a joint paper with Dr Hema Bhadawkar on the theme, *Rethinking learning in Teacher Education: Creating Compassionate Teachers in an international conference on "Enriching Education: Integrating SEE Learning"*, Bombay Teachers' Training College, A constituent College of HSNL University, Mumbai in collaboration with SEE Learning, India.
- Presented joint paper titled, *Innovative Pedagogy to Create Engaging and Enjoyable Classroom Ecology* "with Ms Usha Sharma in international conference on the theme: *Recent Trends of Commerce, Arts, Science, Education, Management and Humanities in Present Scenario*. Organized By Research Foundation of India & RFI-CARE.
- Poster Presentation of Minor Research Grant for the Project: *'Engaging Pre-service Vernacular medium Teachers in learning English language: A Social Constructivist*

Approach' at Mumbai University.

- Presented a joint paper with Ms Usha Sharma at UGC sponsored Two Day National Seminar on 'Building Asynchronous Learning Environments: Opportunities and Challenges' held at K.J. Somaiya Comprehensive College of Education, Training and Research.
- Presented paper in National conference entitled: "Scaffolding Vernacular medium English Language Teachers in creating ICT mediated learning environment" at B.S.Abdur Rahman University, Chennai.
- Presented a paper in the International Conference entitled "Opening up the minds of Vernacular Medium English Language Teachers with ICT tools language" at Indo- Canadian International Conference of Business and Behavioural Sciences, Panji.
- Presented a joint paper titled "Looking behind & beyond Selfie" at National Seminar on the theme 'Education for Peace' at K J Somaiya College of Education, Training & Research on March 9-10, 2016.

ACHIEVEMENTS

Awarded Mumbai University Minor Research Grant for the following Project "Engaging pre- service Vernacular medium teachers in learning English language: A Social Constructivist Approach."

Awarded Major Research Project sponsored by ICSSR entitled, "Scaffolding ICT integrated English language teaching (L3) of Secondary School Vernacular medium teachers: A blended learning Approach."

Bestowed with the Outstanding Achievement Award on the occasion of Foundation Day.

CONSULTANCY

- Resource person for Creating research culture among pre-service teachers at Khalsa College of Education, Amritsar on 30th May,2023.
- Resource person at the ICSSR Sponsored 10-day Virtual Workshop on 'Research Methodology', from 13th to 24th March, 2023, organized by MES's Pillai College of Education & Research, Chembur, Mumbai.
- Invited as an Panelist for Virtual International Conference on "Sustainable Practices in Higher Education" organised by Pillai's College of Education and Research, Chembur in association with the Council for Educational Administration and Management(CEAM) held on 24-25 March,2022.
- Resource person for "Relevance and Mechanism of Writing a Research Proposal" in Research methodology workshop organized for teachers and students for Dharma studies,SVU in the academic year 2021-22.

- Resource person for AICTE-ISTE Refresher Program on “Cooperative Learning Strategies” at Sahyadri College of Engineering and Management, Mangaluru (Phase 1,2 3).
- Training of in- service teachers of Manohar Kotwal Trust Madhyamik Vidyalaya, Vikhroli in the “Techniques of Personality Assessments” of students on Feb 16, 2016.
- Conducted a one day workshop for college teachers on the themes-Preparing a Research Proposal, Orientation to NAAC, Orientation to ‘Teaching Skills’ at S K College of Science & Commerce, Nerul, Navi Mumbai on August 7, 2016.
- Resource person for AICTE-ISTE refresher programme on the title "Cooperative and Collaborative Teaching Learning Processes" organized by Sahyadri College of Engineering & Management,Adyar,Mangalore on 10th April,2021.

EXAMINATIONS

- Currently working as Assistant Controller of Examination for conducting University Exams of KJSCED at Somaiya Vidyavihar University
- Worked as an Examiner of the University of Mumbai for Bachelor of Education (Revised) examinations(for the subjects Psychology of learner, Teaching of English, Environmental Education) Senior Supervisor for conducting B. Ed. ,M.Ed University Examination in college.
- Paper setter at SY B A (Education) in University of Mumbai for the subject Guidance and Counseling.

LINKAGE WITH OTHER UNIVERSITIES

- Associated with IGNOU as Counselor for Guidance and Counseling for M Ed,M.A(Education)Program.
- Paper setter at HSNC University,Colaba.
- Doctoral Advisory board member at Amrita Vishwa Vidyapeetham Coimbatore

INNOVATIONS

- Conducted Experiential Learning based activities for teaching Environmental Education
- Prepared Innovative lesson plans for Science Class VII-VIII (CBSE) for Tata Interactive Systems.

RESPONSIBILITIES HANDLED

At SVU,KJSCED:

- Convenor of SATAT committee(UGC Quality Mandate at SVU level)
- Convenor of Feedback committee at SVU
- Member of international Student exchange program at SVU
- BOS member

- B Ed coordinator
- Firki Teach for India Coordinator
- Annual report in charge

School Audit

School audit conducted at SK Somaiya Vinay Mandir Jr College and School.

Honors

- Invited as a Judge for SciPalooza – The Magic of Science at Bunts Sangha’s S M Shetty Educational Institutions,Powai.
- Invited as a Judge for Online debate on theme: Does our present curriculum help us to become environmentally conscious citizens for National level Youth Parliament, at Amrita Vishwa Vidyapeetham University , Coimbatore.
- Invited as a Judge for "L Ward Science Exhibition" at G B M High School, Kurla on 3rd December, 2014.
- Invited as a Judge for the elocution competition on the theme “Women Empowerment” at S. K. Somaiya Junior College of Education on 19th July 2010.

Participation in FDP

- Participated in One Week Faculty Development Programme "ICT for Teaching & Learning" organized under the Ministry of Education sponsored Pandit Madan Mohan Malaviya National Mission on Teachers and Teaching (PMMMNTT) scheme organised by TLC Ramanujan College from 30 April-06 May 2023.
- Participated in “Roadmap to Reforms in Higher Education” organized by Maharashtra State Faculty Development Academy, Pune(MSFDA) in collaboration with PAH Solapur University, Solapur from 25 March-29 March,2023.
- Participated in Two-Week Interdisciplinary Refresher Course in “Advanced Research Methodology” organized by Teaching Learning Centre Ramanujan College, University of Delhi under the aegis of Ministry of Education Pandit Madan Mohan Malaviya National Mission on Teachers and Teaching from 23 February - 9 March, 2023.
- Participated in One week Faculty Development Program on “Advanced Pedagogical Techniques” organized by Teaching Learning Centre Ramanujan College, University of Delhi under the aegis of Ministry Of Education Pandit Madan Mohan Malaviya National Mission on Teachers and Teaching (PMMMNTT) from 19-25 September 2022.
- Participated in One week Faculty Development Program on “NEP 2020:New Trends in Higher Education” organized by Teaching Learning Centre Ramanujan College, University of Delhi in Collaboration with Ram Lal Anand College, University of Delhi under Pandit Madan Mohan Malaviya National Mission on Teachers and

Teaching (PMMMNMST) Scheme from 29th August-4th September 2022.

- Participated in one day FDP (30th March 2022) on National Education Policy 2020 Implementation in Maharashtra: Opportunities and Challenge jointly organized by PERA and SVU.
- Participated in 3 days (2nd August, 2021 to 4th August, 2021) National Level Short term training Program by NBN Sinhgad School of Engineering, Pune and Inpods Inc., USA on the theme of an Outcome based Teaching, Assessments and Evaluations
- Participated in a one week Faculty Development Programme on “Academic Writing” from 17 - 23 August, 2021.
- Participated in Teaching and Learning Consortium 2020 from 21st April 2020 to 23rd June 2020.
- Participated in one week FDP at Centre for Education Innovation and Action Research, Tata Institute of Social Sciences and the Department of Education, University of Mumbai.
- Participated in FDP on Qualitative Research 1st June 2020 to 6th June 2020, Bombay Teachers Training College, HSNC University, Mumbai and Department of Education, University of Mumbai.

Syllabus Revision Committee Member

- Member of Syllabus Revision Committee for developing the Syllabus for:
- Syllabus revision of SVU programs of KJSCED.
- B Ed Practicum on 03.03.2015 at K J Somaiya Comprehensive College of Education, Training and Research
- Learning and Teaching on 23.3. 2015 at Bombay Teachers' Training College, Colaba Childhood and Growing Up on 13.2.15, 27.3.2015 at H.J.College of Education, Khar.

Participation in Orientation Programme:

Participated in the Orientation Programme for Teacher Educators organized by UGC Academic Staff College, University of Mumbai. (3rd August to 31st August 2011)

Participation in Refresher Courses:

- Participated in Refresher Course For Teacher Educators organized by UGC Academic Staff College in Collaboration with Department of Education , University of Mumbai on the theme “Technology Integration in Teacher Education”(14th October to 2nd November 2013)
- Participated in Refresher Course for Teacher Educators organized by UGC Academic Staff College in Collaboration with Department of Education Under RUSA , University of Mumbai on the theme “Technology and Academic Engagement” (August 1-22, 2017).

SEMINARS/WORKSHOPS ATTENDED

- Participated in Policy Workshop titled "National Education Policy 2020 and Agenda of Higher Education Expansion" organized by Ashank Desai Centre for Policy Studies, IIT Bombay and Azim Premji University on 03 -04 May 2023.
- Participated in the National webinar on “Impact of Pandemics on Education” organized

by Sathaye College and Department of Education on July 31,2020.

- Participated in the National webinar on “Indian Psychology” organized by Lakulish Yoga University, Ahmedabad on July 26,2020.
- Participated in the webinar on ‘Environment And You: The Journey Ahead’ organized by Sophia College, Mumbai on 4th July 2020.
- Participated in the webinar on “Towards Joyful and Meaningful Learning” organized by K. J. Somaiya College of Education, SVU Mumbai on 17th June 2020.
- Participated in the E-Panel Discussion on “Involvement of Higher Education Institution in Community Service” organized by K J Somaiya College of Education (S.V.U.) Mumbai and collaborative for Academic Research and Development, Mumbai on 12th June 2020.
- Participated in the webinar on ‘Post Pandemic Perspective on Higher Education’ organized by K J Somaiya College of Education on 11th June 2020.
- Participated in the webinar on ‘Mindset To Climb The Digital Hill, Peace In Distraction’ organized by HJ College of College Of Education, Mumbai on 21st and 22nd May 2020.
- Participated in the Webinar on “Importance of Yoga in the age of Covid19” in the ‘BTTC Webinar Series’ organized by Internal Quality Assurance Cell on 8th May 2020.
- Participated in the Webinar on “EYE:Is there ever a Lockdown” in the ‘BTTC Webinar Series’ organized by Internal Quality Assurance Cell on 7th May 2020.
- Participated in the Webinar of “Handling Stress during Lockdown Period” in the BTTC Webinar Series’ organized by Internal Quality Assurance Cell on 6th May 2020.
- Participated in the Webinar on “Mindful eating during Covid19 Pandemic” in the ‘BTTC Webinar Series’ organized by Internal Quality Assurance Cell on 4th May 2020.
- Participated in the Webinar on Learn organically, the commYOUnication Skills in the ‘BTTC Webinar Series’ organized by Internal Quality Assurance Cell on 3rd May 2020.
- Participated in the Webinar on Mendeley-Reference Managment Tool in the ‘BTTC Webinar Series’ organized by Internal Quality Assurance Cell on 2nd May 2020.
- Participated in the webinar on “Learning Management System” in the ‘BTTC Webinar Series’ organized by Internal Quality Assurance Cell on 2nd May 2020.
- Participated in National Conference on “Languages and Literatures of India” at K J Somaiya College of Arts and Commerce organized by Somaiya Vidyavihar on July 6-7,2018.
- Participated in National Seminar at K. J. Somaiya Comprehensive College of Education, Training, and Research in collaboartion with ICSSR on "Creating Culturally Congruent Classrooms" on December 15-16,2017.
- Participated in National Seminar at K. J. Somaiya Comprehensive College of Education, Training, and Research in collaboration with Global Foundation on “New Challenges

and New Pedagogies for 21st Century Education” on February 17-18, 2017.

- Participated in National Seminar at K. J. Somaiya Comprehensive College of Education, Training and Research in collaboration with Global Foundation on “Education for Peace” on March 9-10, 2016.
- Participated in One-Day Workshop on "Expressing Emotions through Dance" organised by K. J. Somaiya Comprehensive College of Education, Training and Research on February 13, 2016.
- Participated in 3 days workshop on "Education for Peace" organised by K. J. Somaiya Comprehensive College of Education, Training and Research in collaboration with Global Foundation on August 25-28, 2015.
- Participated in One day International Colloquium on Emerging Trends in Education on 21st February 2015 at Pillai College of Education and Research.
- Participated in One day Workshop on “ Role of Academic Audit and Documentation for NAAC” on 13th December 2014 at K J Somaiya College of Arts and Commerce.
- Participated in One day International Colloquium on Emerging Trends in Education on 21st February 2015 at Pillai College of Education and Research .
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- Participated in One day Workshop on “ Role of Academic Audit and Documentation for NAAC” on 13th December 2014 at K J Somaiya College of Arts and Commerce.
- Participated in workshop on Research Methodology in Social and Behavioral Science at Department of Education from 28th June to 3rd July 2010.
- Participated in ‘Capacity Building in Teacher Education’ at K. J. Somaiya Comprehensive College of Education, Training and Research on March 20-21, 2009.
- Participated in ADD ON Programme on international schools from 29th December to 3rd January 2009 at K. J. Somaiya Comprehensive College of Education, Training and Research .