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Academic and Professional Qualifications:

- M.Ed. (Special Education) in Learning Disabilities from S.N.D.T. Women's University. (2003-04)
- Post Graduate Diploma in Counselling Psychology from Xavier's Institute of Counselling Psychology, Mumbai. (2001-02)
- B.Ed. (Special Education) from S.N.D.T. Women's University. Specialising in teaching children with Learning Disabilities, Mental Retardation and Locomotor Disabilities. (2000-01)
- M.A. (Psychology) from University of Bombay. (1992-94)
- B.A. (Psychology) from University of Bombay. (1989-92)

Subjects of teaching:

Special Education, Learning Disability, Intellectual Disability, Educational Psychology, Curriculum Design, Research Methods and Statistics, Teacher Education

Areas of Research Interest:

Learning Disability

Career Development:

- **Assistant Professor** in Special Education at **Department of Special Education, S.N.D.T. Women's University, Mumbai since 2004.**
- Conducting lectures for B.Ed. (Special Ed.), M.Ed. (Special Ed.) and P.G. Diploma in Management of Learning Disabilities students. Subjects taught include Educational Psychology, Human development, Special Education, Learning Disabilities and Mental Retardation.
- Conducting research work.
- Involved in guiding researches at Master's level.
- Undertaking administrative duties.
- Student job placement cell member.
- Student support cell member.

- Conducting psycho-educational assessments, consultation and guidance.
- Planning and implementation of remedial programmes for students with learning difficulties.
- Related work experience includes conducting workshops for parents, conducting training programmes for teachers, teacher-trainees, and continuing education programmes.
- **Remediating** students with learning disorders (private cases) and **conducting counselling** sessions (private cases) : **(2002-03)**
- **Remediating** students with learning disorders (private cases): **(2001-02)**
- **Prin. K.M.Kundnani college of Pharmacy (1999-2000)**
 - Visiting lecturer
 - Subject taught Industrial psychology and Organisational Behaviour
- **Sophia College (1995-96)**
 - Lecturer in psychology at degree college
 - Subjects taught included general psychology, social psychology, psychological testing and statistics
 - Guidance and supervision of psychology practicals
- **D.G.Ruparel College (1994-95)**
 - Lecturer in psychology at degree college
 - Subjects taught included general psychology, social psychology, health psychology, psychological testing and statistics, industrial psychology and organisational behaviour
 - Guidance and supervision of psychology practicals

Publications:

- **“Adhyayan Akshamata Nidan Chachani”** Publication of tests in vernacular languages (Marathi, Hindi and Gujarathi) for diagnosis of learning disabilities. (2007), Department of Special Education, SNDT Women’s University, Mumbai.

Research Work Done:

Title of Project	Sponsor	Duration	Position in the project and the nature of Contribution
Development of Learning Disability Detection Test (Vernacular Languages)	National Association of Adoptive Families	2005-07	Co-investigator and co-author
Teacher Training In Total	University Grants	2008-10	Co-Investigator

Communication Approach and its Effect on Development of Language Readiness in Pre-School Children with Communication Deficits in Maharashtra	Commission (MRP)		
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Other Academic Activities:

2010-2011

- June 2010 – Attended meeting for State Resource Group Members on Inclusive Education Initiative organised by Maharashtra Prathamik Shikshan Parishad .
- July 7-9, 2010 – Co-ordinated a RCI approved CRE programme on “Assessment and intervention for LD” organised by Centre of Special Education, SNDT Women’s University.
- July 7, 2010 – Resource person for RCI approved CRE programme “Assessment and intervention for LD” on “Assessment of LD” organised by Centre of Special Education, SNDT Women’s University.
- July 9, 2010 – Resource person for RCI approved CRE programme “Assessment and intervention for LD” on “Response to Intervention: Intervention for LD” organised by Centre of Special Education, SNDT Women’s University.
- July 12, 2010 – Resource person for RCI approved CRE programme on “Learning Disability and its Management” organised by Hashu Advani College of Special Education.
- July –Oct., 2010 – Lectures for “Skill Enhancement Training Programme in Management of LD” for teachers of Atomic Energy Education Society.
- July 31, 2010 – Conducted a workshop on “Learning Disability” for N.M.M.C. teachers organised by N.M.M.C. e.t.c. centre.
- Aug. – Nov, 2010 – Lectures for students of M.Sc. in Human Development, PGSR, SNDT Women’s University.
- Aug. 8 -9, 2010 – Attended a meeting organised by RCI for developing norms for evaluation of courses.
- Aug. 17, 2010 – Conducted inspection for RCI at Amity University, New Delhi.
- Oct. 13-14, 2010 – Resource person for UGC sponsored National seminar on “Counselling techniques and Learning disability”; topic “Specific Learning Disabilities” organised by M. P. Shah Mahila College.
- Dec. 15-16, 2010 – Attended workshop on “Providing Collaborative School-based services for children with multiple disabilities” organised by Centre of Special Education, SNDT Women’s University.
- Jan – March, 2011 – Lectures for P.G. Dip. in ECCE, Dept. of Distance Education, SNDT Women’s University on “Children with Special Needs”.
- Feb. 10-11, 2011 – Attended an International Conference, READ 2011, on “Reading Development and practices” organised by MDA, Mumbai.
- Feb. 12, 2011 – Attended an International workshop, READ 2011, on “Reading Development and practices” organised by MDA, Mumbai.

- Feb. 2011 – Lectures on “LD: Assessment and Diagnosis” for M.A. (Counselling Psychology) students of SNDT Women’s University.
- April 9, 2011 – Lectures on “Approaches to Assessment and Remediation of LD” for P.G.Dip. in Management of LD, SNDT Women’s University, Surat.
- April 13, 2011- Attended a meeting on Inclusive Education Initiative organised by Maharashtra Prathamik Shikshan Parishad for translation of resource material on various disabilities in regional languages.
- April 18-19, 2011 – Conducted inspections of three teacher training institutions (Sweekar Rehabilitation , Swayamkrishi and THPI) for RCI.
- April 25, 2011 – Conducted a workshop on “Intellectual Disability, Learning Disability and Cerebral Palsy” for teachers. Organised b Muskaan Foundation for Persons With Multiple Disabilities.
- May 24, 2011 – Attended a meeting on Inclusive Education Initiative organised by Maharashtra Prathamik Shikshan Parishad for “ Selection of material for Inclusive Education Initiative”

2009-2010

- Sept 2009 – Attended the “National Childhood Disability Conference 2009”.
- Jan. 28, 2010 – Lecture on “Inclusive Education” organised by Department of Human Development, Post Graduate Studies and Research, SNDT Women’s University.
- March 2010 – Conducted inspection at a teacher training college, Nagpur, for University affiliation.
- April 2010 - Conducted inspection at a Orkids Multispeciality Clinic, New Delhi, for University affiliation.

2008-2009:

- July 29-30, 2008- Resource person for a UGC sponsored seminar on special children. Topic “Education and Rehabilitation of Mentally Retarded Children”.
- Aug. 18, 2008 – Conducted workshop for teachers of N.M.M.C. on “LD: Classroom Management” organised by Indian Women Scientific Association, Navi Mumbai.
- Sept . 2008 – Directorate of Primary Education, Pune recognised LDDT-VL as a valid and reliable tool for detection of LD.
- Dec. 2008 – “Learning Disability Detection Test – Vernacular Languages (LDDT-VL)” presentation at a conference organised by Tata Learning Disability Forum.
- Dec. 2008 – conducted a two-day workshop for teachers on “Remediation of LD” at Prerna Special School, DPS Ahmedabad.
- Feb. 2009 – Resource person for a 5-day workshop on “LD; Investigations and Interventions” organised by Navrachna School and Vadodara Psychiatric Society, Baroda.
- March 13, 2009 – Resource person for “Disability Awareness” workshop on “Learning Disability” organised by NASEOH.

2007 -2008:

- Nov – Dec., 2007 – Attended “orientation Course” organised by Academic Staff College, University of Mumbai.

- April 26, 2008 – Lecture on “Learning Disability” for teachers of Marathi medium schools, organised by Keshav Gore Smarak Trust, Goregaon.

2006-2007:

- Aug. 12, 2006 – Lecture on “Screening, early identification, differential diagnosis and intervention for MR” for D.S.E.(MR) course at Dilkhush Teachers Training Centre.
- Oct. 9, 2006 – Lecture on “Motivation Theories for Children with Learning Disability” for a teacher training course , ‘Introduction to LD’ , conducted by Dilkhush Teachers Training Centre.
- Nov. – Dec, 2006 – Lectures on “Guidance and Counselling” for an induction programme for new recruits of Atomic Energy Education Society.
- Jan. 13, 2007 – Lecture on “Mental Retardation and Learning Disability” for Principals and Educators of Special Schools, organised by Association for Welfare of Persons with Mental Handicap (AWMH) in Maharashtra.
- April 3, 2007 – Lecture on “Impact of Information Processing Deficits on Children with LD and Autism” at CRE programme conducted by NIMH, Mumbai.

Achievements:

- Development of tests in vernacular languages (Marathi, Hindi and Gujarathi) for diagnosis of learning disabilities , “ Adhyayan Akshamata Nidan Chachani” (**The test is published and is authenticated by Directorate of Primary Education, Pune, Maharashtra for the purpose of diagnosis of LD**)
- Awarded Prize and Certificate by **S.N.D.T. Women’s University** for attaining **highest aggregate marks** in M.Ed. (Special Education) examination.(2004)
- **Government Open Merit Scholarship** for pursuing studies at graduation level.(1989-92)
- Merit Certificate Awarded under the **National Scholarship Scheme** for academic achievement in H.S.C. examination.(1989)

Memberships in Academic, Government and Non-Government Organisations:

Member of State Resource Group on Inclusive Education Initiative, Maharashtra Prathamik Shikshan Parishad.