

Dr. Varsha S. Shirgaonkar

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Women's University, Mumbai 400020

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Qualifications – Professional:

- Ph. D. in History (University of Bombay
Topic: "Conservatism in Maharashtra: Vishvanath Narayan Mandlik (1833-1889)"
- M. A. in History (University of Bombay)

Qualifications – Others:

- Certification in Bengali language conducted by Banga Bhasha Prasar Samiti, Vishwabharati University, Shantiniketan, West
- Learnt Modi script
- Certification in the Course of the Intel to the Future Program

Languages Known:

Marathi, English, Sanskrit, Hindi, Gujarati and Bengali

Specialisation:

- Nineteenth Century Maharashtra and Bengal
- Cultural History of Maharashtra in the 18th and 19th Centuries
- Heritage Studies

Experience: Teaching:

- TOTAL 31 Years
- **A) UG Teaching** (1979-Dec. 2007)
- **B) PG Teaching** University of Mumbai (1989-Dec. 2007) Recognised PG Teacher Since 29th March 1989
- **C) PG Teaching** at S.N.D.T. Women's University, Mumbai as Professor and Head, Department of History
- 28 years in colleges affiliated to Mumbai University
- 3 years and onwards at S.N.D.T. Women's University, Mumbai

Experience:

Professor & Head, University Department of History, S. N. D. T. Women's University,
Mumbai, Maharashtra 11th December 2007 to date

Head, Department of History, Ramnarain Ruia College, Matunga, Mumbai (Affiliated to Uni. Of Mumbai)

July 1981 to December 2007 (As Head of the Department From 1997 to 10th December 2007)

K. V. Pendharkar College, Dombivli (Affiliated to Uni. of Mumbai)

June 1980 to June 1981

Ramniranjan Jhunjhunwala College, Ghatkopar, Mumbai (Affiliated to Uni. of Mumbai)

January 1980 to April 1980

Guru Nanak Khalsa College, Matunga, Mumbai (Affiliated to Uni. of Mumbai)

August 1979 to October 1979

Publications:

- Varsha S. Shirgaonkar, Eighteenth Century Deccan: Cultural History of the Peshwas, Aryan Books International, New Delhi, 2010 (**ISBN**:978-81-7305-391-7) (Two chapters pertaining to Women's History)
- Varsha S. Shirgaonkar, Peshwyanche Vilasi Jeevan (Luxurious Life of Peshwas), Continental Prakashan, Pune, 1st edition, 2001 (in Marathi) (**ISBN** 81-7421-063-6) (Two chapters pertaining to Women's History)
- Varsha S. Shirgaonkar, Social Reforms In Maharashtra And V. N. Mandlik, Navrang, New Delhi, 1989 (**ISBN** 81-7013-055-7)

Forthcoming Book (1- International):

- Varsha S. Shirgaonkar, *Exploring the Water Heritage of Mumbai*, Aryan Books International, New Delhi - Sent for Printing, due to be published by April 2011 (**ISBN**:978-81-7305-415-0)

Contribution in Publications of Government of Maharashtra (2)- Chapters in Books:

- Co- author *Maharashtra: Land and Its People*, Maharashtra State Gazetteer, Mumbai, August 2009
- Co-author *Maharashtra Bhoomi Va Lok*, Maharashtra State Gazetteer, Mumbai, 1996 (in Marathi)
- Supervised the History-writings in the Vol. No. 17 (released in February, 2007) and 18 (Released in December 2008) being on the Editorial Board of Marathi Vishwakosh Nirmitti Mandal (World Encyclopedia in Marathi language), Maharashtra State as expert in History and Humanities since January 2006

Other Publications- 1:

- Varsha Shirgaonkar, Ramnarain Ruia Ek Aitihāsik Vatchal (History of Ramnarain Ruia College), Mumbai, 1997 (in Marathi) (Publication on the occasion of the Diamond Jubilee of Ramnarain Ruia College, Matunga, Mumbai 400019)

Papers published in Journals- 5 (International- 3 & National- 2):

- Varsha Shirgaonkar, "Mythical Symbolism in Water Charities", Journal of the Asiatic Society of Mumbai, Volume 81 for 2007 (New Series), Mumbai, 2008, pp. 81- 88 (**ISSN** 0972-0766) (I)
- Varsha Shirgaonkar, "Tokens of Maharashtra in Socio- Religious Perspectives", Journal of the K. R. Cama Oriental Institute, Mumbai, No. 66, Mumbai 2004, pp. 27-46 (**ISSN** 0970-0609) (N)
- Varsha Shirgaonkar, "Gifts For Warding Off Evils: Some Illustrations From Peshwa Period", Journal of Asiatic Society of Mumbai, Bicentenary Issue, Volumes 77-78 for 2002-2003 (New Series), Mumbai, 2004, pp. 149-155 (**ISSN** 0972-0766) (I)
- Varsha Shirgaonkar, "A Case of Caste Re-Entry: Early Twentieth Century", Journal of the Asiatic Society of Mumbai, Vol. 73 for 1998 (New Series), Mumbai, 1998, pp. 180-189 (**ISSN** 0972-0766) (I)
- Varsha Shirgaonkar, "Movement Of Widow-marriage: Bengal and Maharashtra", New Quest, Issue 98, Pune, March-April 1993, pp. 91-96 (**ISSN** 0258-0381) (Pertaining to Women's History) (N)

Published in Proceedings- 5(International- 1 & National- 4):

- Varsha Shirgaonkar, "Approaches to Maratha History and New Possibilities" (Presidential Address of the National Seminar on New Approaches to Maratha History (January 2009)in Some Readings in Maratha History, Department of History, Abasaheb Garware College, Pune, 2009, pp. 8-29 (N)
- Varsha Shirgaonkar, "Numismatic Gleanings from Lavanis", Medieval Indian Coinages: A Historical and Economic Perspective, Indian Institute of Research in Numismatic Studies, Anjaneri, Nasik, February, 2001 (Proceedings of the International Conference held in IIRNS, Anjaneri, Nasik, Feb. 2001), pp. 235-240 (**ISBN**: 81-86786-09-0) (I)
- Varsha Shirgaonkar, "Drink Phenomenon and Temperance Movement in the Nineteenth and Early Twentieth Centuries: Bengal and Maharashtra", Proceedings of the Indian History Congress, 57th Session (1996) Madras, Published from Delhi in 1997, pp. 648-658 (N)
- Varsha Shirgaonkar, "Salt Administration In Early Nineteenth Century: Bombay and Thane", Proceedings of the Indian History Congress the 55th session (1994) Aligarh, Published from Delhi in 1995, pp. 484-491 (N)
- Varsha Shirgaonkar, "Prostitutes In The Nineteenth Century Bombay", Proceedings of Indian History Congress, 54th Session (1993), Mysore, Published from Delhi in 1994, pp. 538-544 (Pertaining to Women's History) (N)

Published in Books 3(International- 1 National- 1 & State- 1):

- Varsha Shirgaonkar, "Reactions of the Reformers of Calcutta and Bombay to Native Marriage Bill", Adhunikata Ani Parampara Ekonisavya Shatakatil Maharashtra, (Y. D. Phadke Felicitation Volume), Pratima Prakashan, Pune, November, 2000, pp. 260-270 (in Marathi) (**ISBN** 81-7774-009-1) (Pertaining to Women's History) (S)
- Varsha Shirgaonkar, "Reconstruction of History of Medieval Maharashtra Through Lavanis", Banyan Tree, (Proceedings of the International Conference at the University of Venice, Italy on 'Early Literature in New Indo-Aryan Languages' in August 1997), Mariola Offredi (ed.), Manohar Publisher, New Delhi, 2000, pp. 299-316 (**ISBN** 81-7304-343-4(Vol. II) (Pertaining to Women's History) (I)

- Varsha Shirgaonkar, "Prostitutes in the Nineteenth Century Bombay", Nari II, C. M. Agrawal (ed.), Indian Publishers and Distributors, Delhi, 2000, pp. 237-247 (**ISBN** 81-7341-112-3 (Vol. II)) (Pertaining to Women's History) (N)

Other Papers/Articles Published 16(National- 6; State- 8 & Local- 2):

- Varsha Shirgaonkar, "Mumbaicha Itihas ani Sanskriti", Presidential Address of the section on Mumbaicha Itihas, Proceedings of Brihanmaharashtra Prachyavidya Parishad, 7th Session, between 4th and 6th May 2007, Pune, 2007, pp. 97- 110 (in Marathi) (S)
- Varsha Shirgaonkar, "New Trends in Historiography", Presidential Address of the section on Modern India, Shivaji Vidyapeeth Itihas Pradhyapak Parishad, Islampur, Niwadak Shodhanibandha Sangraha, Shivaji Vidyapeeth Itihas Parishad Prakashan, Kolhapur, February 2007, pp. 65- 81(S)
- Varsha Shirgaonkar, "Hinduism and Social Justice" in the Shri Jagannath Jyoti Journal of Indology of Shri Jagannath Sanskrit Vishvavidyalaya, Vol. 11, Puri, Orissa, 2006, pp. 61- 76 (N)
- Varsha Shirgaonkar, A review article entitled "Vasahatkalin Bhashik Abhisaranache Samajik Phalit", a Review article, published on the book of Veena Naregal in Samaj Prabodhan Patrika, Year 44, Issue 173, Belgaon, January- March, 2006, pp. 117-19 (in Marathi) (**ISSN** 0973-2845) (S)
- Varsha Shirgaonkar, "Glimpses of Jewellery in Lavanis", Bharati Shelat (ed.), Rasika-Bharati (Prof. R. C. Parikh Commemorative Volume), Sanskrit Sahitya akedemi, Gandhinagar, 2005, pp. 532-44
- Varsha Shirgaonkar, "Wada Paintings", Souvenir Published on the occasion of the session of Institute of Historical Research at Patkar- Varde College, Goregaon, Mumbai, December 2005, pp. 36- 37 (L)
- Varsha Shirgaonkar, "Placing Indian Heritage in Decompartmentalisation and Interdisciplinary Approaches" Proceedings of UGC sponsored National seminar on Role of Teachers in The Changing Scenario of Higher Education organized by Ramnarain Ruia College, Mumbai on 9th and 10th March 2005, pp. 66- 68 (L)
- Varsha Shirgaonkar, "The Words in Lavanis: Indicators of Changing Culture", Marathi Samshodhan Patrika, a quarterly journal of Marathi Samshodhan Mandal, Year 50, Issue 4, Mumbai, July- August- September 2004, pp. 8- 16 (in Marathi) (S)
- Varsha Shirgaonkar, "Patthe Bapurao ani Mumbaichi Lavani", Kalamudra, Souvenir Published on the occasion of Maharashtra State level Conference on History of Maharashtra, Ambarnath, March 2002, pp. 45-50 (in Marathi) (Pertaining to Women's History) (S)
- Varsha Shirgaonkar, "Mahanavami Festival Of Vijaynagar Kingdom", in Vishveshvarananda Indological Journal, Vol. XXX, Parts. 1-11, June-December 1992 Punjab University, Hoshiarpur, Published in 1997, pp. 143-146 (N)
- Varsha Shirgaonkar, "Festivals during Peshwa Period", Indian Heritage, Issue no. 7, Hooghly, West Bengal, March 1996, pp. 24-27 (N)
- Varsha Shirgaonkar, "Lavanis: A Source of Cultural History of Medieval Maharashtra", Vidarbha Samshodhan Mandal Varshik, Nagpur, No. 38, 1995, pp. 188-197 (in Marathi) (Pertaining to Women's History)(S)

- Varsha Shirgaonkar, "Dancing Girls of Peshwa Period", The Quarterly Journal of the Mythic Society. Bangalore, Vol. LXXXVI. NO. 4, October-December 1995, pp. 61-67 (Pertaining to Women's History) (N)
- Varsha Shirgaonkar, "Reactions of Bombay to the Native Marriage Bill", Bharatiya Itihas Ani Sanskriti, Itihas Samshodhak Mandal, Bombay, Book 119, Year October-December 1993, pp. 43-49 (Pertaining to Women's History) (S)
- Varsha Shirgaonkar, "Punarvivahottejak Mandali or Widow-marriage Association of Bombay", Quarterly Journal of Mythic Society, Vol. LXXVIII, Issue Nos., 3-4, Bangalore, July-December 1987, pp. 42-51 (Pertaining to Women's History) (N)
- Varsha Shirgaonkar, "The Role of Students' Literary and Scientific Society in Female Education", Quarterly Journal of Bharat Itihas Samshodhak Mandal, Pune, Vol. 65, No. s, 1-4, July 1986-April 1987, pp. 24-33 (In Marathi) (Pertaining to Women's History) (S)

Administrative Experience:

- A) **Joined as Professor and Head, Department of History, S.N.D.T. Women's University, Mumbai** on 11th December 2007. Being Head, Department of History
- 1) Ex-officio member of the Bodies such as Board of Studies and Research and Recognition Committee.** Meetings (**BOS**- 19th July 2010, 23rd September 2009, 3rd August 2009, 8th August 2008, 28th May 2008; **RRC**- 6th May 2009, 28th April 2008); **BUTR**- 29th March 2011
 - 2) Being Head, Convener, Department Research Committee** (Meeting on 17th April 2008)
 - 3) Internal Committees like Space Restructuring Committee** (Meeting on 16th September 2009, 12th January 2009), **Admission Committee** (25th March 2010, 16th June 2009, 18th June 2009, 22nd April 2009), **Calendar Committee** (Meeting on 15th December 2009)
- B) **Head, Department of History, Ramnarain Ruia College, Matunga, Mumbai (1997- December 2007)**
- C) **Appointed on Selection Committees at University of Mumbai, Dr. Babasaheb Ambedkar Marathwada University, Aurangabad and S.N.D.T. Women's University, Mumbai**
- 1) To interview a candidate for the placement in Selection Grade at L.J.N.J. College, Vile Parle affiliated to S.N.D.T. Women's University, Mumbai (27th March 2008)**
 - 2) Member of the Selection Committee to interview a candidate for the post of Museum Keeper at Dr. Babasaheb Ambedkar Marathwada University, Aurangabad (21st July 2008)**
 - 3) As Vice Chancellor's Nominee on the Selection Committee for the placement of candidate in Selection Grade in Subject of History at Vidyavardhini's Annasaheb Vartak College of Arts, Kedarnath Malhotra College of Commerce & E. S. Andredes College of Science, Vasai Road, Dist. Thane, affiliated to University of Mumbai (1st December 2007)**
 - 4) To interview a candidate for the post of lecturer in the subject of History, Siddharth College of Arts, Science and Commerce, Mumbai affiliated to University of Mumbai (26th August 2003)**

5) On the Selection Committee for the placement of candidate in Selection Grade in Subject of History as Subject Expert, Guru Nanak Khalsa College of Arts, Science & Commerce, Matunga, Mumbai affiliated to University of Mumbai (29th January 2003)

D) Appointed on the Selection Committee to interview candidates for Teacher Fellowship Scheme in the subject of History under Faculty Improvement Programme at University of Mumbai and S.N.D.T. Women's University

1) Smt. P. N. Doshi Women's College of Arts Kum. U. R. Shah Women's College of Commerce & Dr. (Smt.) Nanavati Bhanuben Mahendra Women's College of Home Science (Ghatkopar) affiliated to S.N.D.T. Women's University, Mumbai (25th March 2008)

2) As a Subject Expert for interviewing the candidate at St. Xavier's College, Mumbai affiliated to University of Mumbai (27th April 2004)

E) Appointed on the Local Inquiry Committees at University of Mumbai and S.N.D.T. Women's University

1) For inspecting Post-Graduate Teaching Centre at L.J.N.J. College, Vile Parle affiliated to S.N.D.T. Women's University, Mumbai (27th March 2008);

2) On a Committee for continuation of affiliation for D. M. S. P. Mandal's N. K. Varadkar Arts & S. V. Belose Commerce College, Dapoli affiliated to University of Mumbai (12th December 2007);

3) For Permanent Recognition in the subject of Ancient Indian Culture for M. A. (Research) and Ph. D. at the K. J. Somaiya Centre for Buddhist Studies, Vidyavihar, Mumbai affiliated to University of Mumbai (5th December 2005)

Research Projects- 4 (International- 1 & National- 3):

Funding Body and Amount

Status:

Statues in Mumbai: A Social History

The Asiatic Society of Mumbai, Mumbai

Rs. 1,50,000/-

Completed

Duration – February 2010- March 2011

Project Supervisor of Heritage Project: Listing Present Fabric Status and Conservation Plan for the Fountains and Pyaavs in the City of Mumbai.

Mumbai Metropolitan Region- Heritage Conservation Society

Rs. 2,55,000/-

Completed

Duration- January 2005- March 2007

Indian Tokens

Nicholas Lowick Memorial Fund and the Chand A & Z Fund of the Royal Numismatic Society, Department of Coins and Medals, the British Museum, London, U. K.

£ 1000 +

Travel Grant from Indian Council of Social Science Research, New Delhi

Rs. 89, 125/-

Completed

Duration of Stay at London 2nd to 13th June 2003

Language and Culture: Reconstruction of History of Maharashtra Through Lavanis

University Grants Commission, Western Region, Pune

Rs. 40,000/-

Completed

Duration- March 2000-March 2002

Invitations, Invited Lectures and Presentations at International Level- 8:

Seminars Organised 4 (National- 1)

Experience in Academic Leadership

Sectional President in Conferences (3)

Media Interaction (in Marathi) For Generating the Need towards Heritage Conservation and Preservation

Interviews on Television and Radio

Reports, Reviews in Newspapers (Some of the latest mentioned here)

Reports on the Research Projects

Note and recognition of the research work done by me (only some are mentioned here)

Experience: Statutory Bodies of the University:

- **Invitation to present paper** on "Coping with Changing Environment: Solutions to Water Scarcity in Nineteenth Century Bombay" at the conference on Maharashtra: Culture and Society, **Bratislava, Slovakia** (16th-19th June 2010)
- **Invitation from the South Asia Centre of the Henry M. Jackson School of International Studies, Washington, Seattle, U.S.A.** to be part of their institution during the academic year 2010-11
- **Invited and gave a talk** on 'Glimpses of the Culture of Medieval Maharashtra: Paintings and Jewelry' **at the Committee for Arts of India, San Diego Museum of Art, San Diego, California, USA** (17th July 2003)
- **Presented a paper** on "Tokens of Maharashtra" in a seminar of the **Department of Coins and Medals, The British Museum, London** (11th June 2003)
- **Invited and delivered 'Ken Wiggins Memorial Lecture' at the Oriental Numismatic Society, London** (7th June 2003)
- **Presented a paper** on "Numismatic Gleanings from Lavanis" in an International Conference on 'Medieval Indian Coinages: A Historical and Economic Perspective' at **Indian Institute of Research in Numismatic Studies, Anjaneri, Nasik** (17th-19th February 2001)

- **Presented a paper** on "Erotic Lavanis: An Agenda for Sex Power Politics" at the International Conference on 'Maharashtra Culture and Society', **University of Sydney, Australia** (6th January 1999)
 - **Presented a paper** on "Lavanis: A Source for the Cultural History of Medieval Maharashtra", at the International Conference on 'Early Literature on Neo Indo- Aryan Languages', **University of Venice, Italy** (8th August 1997)
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- **"Twentieth Century Maharashtra: Historiography, Art and Culture"**, State-level Seminar, Department of History, S. N. D. T. Women's University, Mumbai, Sponsored by S. N. D. T. Women's University, Mumbai and University Grants Commission (UGC) (16th and 17th February 2010)
 - **"Looking at History through the Windows of Art"**, State-level Seminar, Department of History, S. N. D. T. Women's University, Mumbai, Sponsored by S. N. D. T. Women's University, Mumbai (4th and 5th March 2009)
 - **"Heritage of Mumbai: Continuity and Challenges"**, State-level Seminar, Department of History, S. N. D. T. Women's University, Mumbai, Sponsored by S. N. D. T. Women's University, UGC & Mumbai Metropolitan Region Heritage Conservation Society (21st and 22nd February 2008)
 - **"Management of Cultural Heritage"**, National Seminar, Department of History, Ramnarain Ruia College, Matunga, Mumbai, Sponsored by Sir Dorabji Tata Trust, Mumbai (20th & 21st January 2001)
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- Sectional President for History of Mumbai and Its Culture at the 7th session State Level Conference in Brihanmaharashtra Prachyavidya Parishad (All- Maharashtra Oriental Conference) at Keshav Srushti, Uttan, Thane, Maharashtra (4th - 6th May 2007)
 - Sectional President for Modern India at the 12th session State Level Conference in All Maharashtra History Congress, Satara, Maharashtra (17th & 18th January 2004)
 - Sectional President for Modern India in State Level Conference of Shivaji Vidyapeeth Itihas Pradhyapak Parishad (Conference of History Lecturers of Shivaji University) Islampur, Maharashtra (29th & 30th January 2001)
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- IBN Lokmat: A) Interview on my book Eighteenth Century Deccan: Cultural History of the Peshwas (April 2010) B) Fountains of Mumbai on the Heritage Day (April 2008)
 - Sahyadri Channel: 'Preservation of Heritage Structures' in Marathi News of 9.30 p. m. (September 2004 and December 2004)
 - Star Majha: Careers in History (February 2008)
 - Aakashwani FM Gold Channel: History Careers and Dimensions (4 Saturdays in December 2000)
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- Report on the on-going Project "Statues in Mumbai: A Social History" - **Mumbai Mirror**, a Supplement of the **Times of India** (8th October 2010), **Prahar**, a Marathi Daily (19th September 2010)
- Report on the Heritage Project "Listing Present Fabric Status and Conservation Plan for the fountains and Pyaavs in the city of Mumbai"- **Hindusthan Times** (19th November 2007), **Samna**, a Marathi Daily (24th May 2007), **Lokasatta**, a Marathi

Daily (3rd May 2007), **DNA** (15th April 2007), **Mid Day** (26th June 2005), **Indian Express** (May 2005)

- Review of my book **Eighteenth Century Deccan: Cultural History of the Peshwas** in **Lokasatta** (12th September 2010)
 - A Series of Five articles on my research experience and motivation to research students in **Prahar** (4th May-8th May 2009)
 - Interviewed on my books in **Navashakti**, a Marathi Daily (19th April 2009)
 - Guest Editor, **Pudhari**, a Marathi daily- article on History of Mumbai in the opening issue (3rd October 2008)
 - Interviewed on my research work in **Mulund Nagarik**, a Marathi Weekly in a suburb of Mumbai (2nd February 2006)
 - Interviewed on Different Careers in History, **Lokasatta** (6th October 2004)
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- As Professor and Head, Department of History, S.N.D.T. Women's University, ex-officio member of the Board of Studies, Research and Recognition Committee in History and Board of University Teaching and Research
- Expert on Board of Studies in History of Shivaji University, Kolhapur (since 2000-2001 for 5 years)
- Member in the committee to give recognition to P.G. Teachers and Guides in History, University of Mumbai (1999-2001) (Before the formation of Research and Recognition Committee)

Experience of handling Quality Issues, assessment and accreditation procedure:

- Framing of Syllabus for Ph. D. Entrance Test in History and setting the procedure for Ph. D. Admissions (2010-11)
- Designed the M. A. (History) course as per Credit-based Semester pattern at S.N.D.T. Women's University; the course is operative since the academic year 2009-10

Experience to guide Ph. D. Students

Recognition as Ph. D. Guide on 24th November 1993 (University of Mumbai)

Ph. D's Guided & completed (4)

M. Phil.'s Guided & Completed (4)

- Ms. Vaidehi Pujari, History of Coinage in Deccan with Special Reference to Padmatankas (6th cen.- 13th cen. A. D.), University of Mumbai (Obtained Degree- March 2008); Recipient of A). Guldevadi Devi Annual Fellowship from the Indian Numismatic Studies, Anjaneri, Nasik for the year 2002; B) Junior Research Fellowship of Indian Council of Historical Research, New Delhi for the years 2005-07
 - Ms. Rumi Roychoudhury, Prisons in Colonial India with Special Reference to Bombay Presidency, University of Mumbai (Obtained Degree- June 2007); Recipient of Junior Research Fellowship of Indian Council of Historical Research, New Delhi for the years 2004-06
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- Mr. Kekobad Doongriwalla, History of Salt Works in Bombay and Salsette 1750-1950, University of Mumbai (Obtained Degree- September 2006)
 - Ms. Nishigandha Wad-Dewoolkar, Changing Role of Women in Society: Marathi and British Theatres (1900-1970), University of Mumbai (Obtained Degree- May 2003)
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- Ms. Vaishali Kadu, History of Tramways in the City of Bombay (1874-1964), University of Mumbai, (Obtained Degree- April 2008); Recipient of the Gulestan Billimoria Annual Fellowship of the Asiatic Society, Mumbai for the year 2007-08
 - Ms. Chhaya Mhatre, Some Aspects of Town Planning During Peshwa Period, University of Mumbai (Obtained Degree- August 2007 (in Marathi))
 - Ms. Nanda Wadgaonkar, Position of dalit Women in Maharashtra A Historical Perspective 1900-2001, University of Mumbai (Obtained Degree- January 2002) (in Marathi)
 - Mr. Chitrapu Chandrashekhar, History of Army in Bombay Presidency, University of Mumbai (Obtained Degree- August 2000)

Ph. D's Guided in progress (3)

- Nayana Tadvalkar, Ephemeral Floor art of India: History, Tradition and Continuity, S. N. D. T. Women's University, Mumbai, (Registered in June 2008); Recipient of A) K. T. Telang Fellowship of the Asiatic Society of Mumbai for the year 2008 B) Small Research Grant of Nehru Trust for the Indian Collection at the Victoria and Albert, New Delhi (2010-11)
- Radha Sinha, The Origin and Development of the Namghar Institutions and its Contribution to the Culture of Assam (1500-1900 A. D.), S. N. D. T. Women's University, Mumbai (Transferred in June 2008)
- Suhasini Jawalekar, Transformation of the Role of Women in Marathi Cinema 1932 to 1985, S. N. D. T. Women's University, Mumbai (Transferred in June 2009); Project Assistant on the project Statues in Mumbai: A Social History, The Asiatic Society, Mumbai awarded to Dr. Varsha Shirgaonkar, Professor and Head, Department of History, S. N. D. T. Women's University, Mumbai

Programmes related to Student-centric Activities and Enhancement of Academic Awareness thereby

Assessed as Perfect Teacher and Best Teacher as per the Assessment of Teachers by Students conducted while in Ramnarain Ruia College, Matunga, Mumbai in the academic years 2003-04 and 2002-03 respectively

Contribution to Curriculum Development

Interpersonal Communication and Collaborative Skills

I) Resource Person at Refresher Courses at Various Universities (11)

II) Invited Lectures & Presentations, Speeches As Chairperson/Keynote speaker- 59

(National Level- 20 & State Level -39)

III) Active Member of Professional Bodies- On National Committee

IV) Active Member of Professional Bodies- On State Committees

V) Active Member of Professional Bodies – Others

VI) Life Member

Academic Interaction with General Public (Mention of Some events):

- Appointed two Ph. D. students of Department of History, S.N.D.T. Women's University, Mumbai and two ex-students of Ramnarain Ruia College, Matunga, Mumbai on the **project "Statues in Mumbai: A Social History"** awarded by the Asiatic Society of Mumbai to Dr. Varsha Shirgaonkar and is ongoing- to be completed in March 2011
- Appointed students of Ramnarain Ruia College on the **Heritage project on "Listing Present Fabric Status and Conservation Plan of the Fountains and Pyaavs in the City of Mumbai"** awarded by Mumbai Metropolitan Region Heritage Conservation Society (2005-07) (being Head, Department of History, Ramnarain Ruia College, Matunga, Mumbai and Project Supervisor)
- **Started Rajatarangini (History Association)** for enhancement of the subject of History in Ramnarain Ruia College, Matunga, Mumbai (in the year 1993-94). The activities undertaken under Rajatarangini: visits to historical places with the experts in the field, wall-paper activities (essays and write-ups by the students on historical places/issues/displays of the photographs of historical places within the college and in the United Western Bank on the ground floor of the adjacent building); Organised

Two Exhibitions:

Military History of India (1947- 1972) on the occasion of 50 years of Indian Independence (January 1998)

History of Welfare State in India on the occasion of 50 years of Indian Republic (January 2000)

Organised Students' Interaction with the international scholars like Dr. Eleanor Zelliot, University of Minnesota, U. S. A.(1998); Dr. Anne Feldhaus, University of Arizona, U. S. A.(2002); Dr. Jim Masselos, Department of History, Sydney University, Australia (January 2007); Sara Atzman, an artist and a survivor of Holocaust from Israel (January 2007)

- **Organised Various Collaborative Programmes** with
 - 1) Marathi Vishwakosh Nirmiti Mandal, Maharashtra State- Vishwakosh Raj Competition for the students (August 2007)
 - 2) Indian Institute of Research in Numismatic Studies, Anjaneri, Nasik as Head, Department of History, Ramnarain Ruia College, Matunga, Mumbai by way of Numismatic Workshops in the College and at the Institute (2002-05)
- Developed and conducted a **Course as Coordinator entitled 'Indian Tourism and Management'** under Department of History, Ramnarain Ruia College, Matunga, Mumbai 1998-99
- **Authored and published History of Ramnarain Ruia College entitled Ramnarain Ruia: Ek Aitihasik Vatchal (1997) or History of Ramnarain Ruia College** in the Diamond Jubilee Year of the college; **6 students** of the college were taught research methodology who worked as Research Assistants for the publication

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- Committee of Courses in **Museology and Conservation, University of Rajasthan, Jaipur** from 7th June 2010

- **M. Phil. Committee in History** at Department of History, **University of Mumbai** for the academic year 2006-07 & from 1st January to 31st December 1997
- Committee to give annual research grants to lecturers by the University of Mumbai in the subject of History for the years 2005- 2006 and 2004- 2005
- **Syllabus framing committees at Under-Graduate, Post-Graduate and M. Phil. levels in the subject of Museology and History**

A)University of Rajasthan, Jaipur Post-Graduate Diploma Course on Heritage Management and Tourism-(12th August 2010)

B)University of Mumbai: M. Phil.-Paper III Option I- History of Maratha Society and Culture (30th June 2005); **M. A. Part II- Paper VIII Option A- Social, Economic and Administrative History of Ancient India up to 1000 A. D.** (25th April 2005); **M. A. Part I- Paper II Option A- Indian National Movement (1858-1947)** (23rd December 2004); **T. Y. B. A. Paper VI- Elements of Museology, Archaeology, Archives and Library Science** (19th December 1994); **T. Y. B. A.- Paper V History of Asia (1900 A. D. to 1960 A. D.)** (31st Aug. 1993)

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- Resource person for the Refresher Courses in History and other disciplines: **Total 11 lectures-** A) University of Rajasthan, Jaipur (Refresher Course in **Biological Sciences on the theme Environmental Challenges in the New Millennium-** Two Lectures on 13th and 14th August 2010), University of Pune (History on the theme Recent Trends and Advance in History 2 lectures on 4th November 2009), University of Mumbai (**History** on the theme **The Social and Cultural History of India** 1 lecture on 22nd February 1999 and on the theme **Study of History** 2 lectures on 2nd October 2007) and Shivaji University, Kolhapur (**History** on the theme **Indian Freedom Movement** 8th and 9th March 2002- 2 lectures and on the theme **Indian Freedom Movement** 2 lectures on 2nd March 2000)
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1. **Presented a paper** on "Reconstructing Masculinity: Exploring Saraladevi's Autobiography", State level Seminar organized by Department of History, S. N. D. T. Women's University, Mumbai (9th and 10th March 11) (S)
2. **Invited to deliver the annual lecture** on "Neo-Culture in the 18th century Maharashtra: A Theoretical Approach" in the lecture series **Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj Vyakhyanmala, instituted by Shivaji University, Kolhapur at Chhatrapati Shivaji College, Satara (4th Feb. 2011) (in Marathi) (State-Level)**
3. **Guest of Honour** at the National Workshop on Pt. Nehru and Developmental Process in India organized by **Nehru Studies Centre, Department of History, University of Rajasthan, Jaipur**; Delivered a speech on "Nehru and Developmental Process in Dimensions of Indian Culture" (14th & 15th Nov. 2010) (National level)
4. **Invited to give a speech** on "Contribution of the Painters from Rajasthan to the Maratha Court" at **Department of History, Uni. Of Rajasthan, Jaipur** (13th August 2010) (National level)
5. Invited to make a presentation on "Preparing Proposal For A Research Project In Social Sciences" in a workshop on 'How to Write a Research Proposal' conducted by the Internal Quality Assurance Cell, K. V. Pendharkar College, Dombivli (31st August 2010) (Local Level)

6. **Invited to give a talk** on "Glimpses of Cultural Life of the Peshwa Period" in a seminar sponsored by Indian Council of Historical Research, New Delhi and Bharat Itihas Samshodhan Mandal, Pune on 'Marathyanchya Itihasatil Kootasthale' at **Bharat Itihas Samshodhan Mandal, Pune** (28th February 2010) (in Marathi) (State Level)
7. **Speech on** "Eighteenth Century Debate: Patronage and Culture during Peshwa Period" in a National Seminar on 'New Perspectives on Maratha History' organized by **Department of History, Pune University** (24th & 25th February 2010) (National level)
8. **Invited as Resource person to make a presentation** on "Research Design in the Field of History" in UGC-Sponsored Two Days State Level Seminar on 'Research in History: Emerging Issues and Challenges' organized by **Department of History, Changukana Thakur College, New Panvel** (13th-14th February 2010) (State Level)
9. **Chairperson**, Inaugural Session at **National Seminar** on 'New Approaches to Maratha Historiography' at **Abasaheb Garware College, Pune** (29th -31st January 2009) (National level)
10. **Chairperson** of a session in a seminar on "Changing Face of Modern Maharashtra- An Inter-disciplinary Perspective" organized by **S.N.D.T. College of Arts & SCB College of Commerce & Science for Women, New Marine Lines, Mumbai** (16th April 2009) (Local level)
11. **Chairperson** in the Dr. Mani Kamerkar Memorial Seminar on 'Cultural Renaissance in 19th-20th Century India' organized by **Ramniranjan Jhunjhunwala College, Ghatkopar, Mumbai** (11th October 2008) (Local level)
12. **Chief Guest** at the Anniversary Function by **Department of Gazetteers, Government of Maharashtra** (8th October 2008) (in Marathi) (State level)
13. **Chairperson** in a State-level seminar on "Art and Architecture in Maharashtra" organized by **Department of History, SNTD College of Arts & SCB College of Commerce & Science for Women, New Marine Lines, Mumbai** (22nd April 2008) (State level)
14. **Keynote Speaker** Valedictory Session of National Seminar on 'Eighteen Fifty Seven' at **Abasaheb Garware College, Pune** (11th- 13th February 2008) (National Level)
15. Made a **presentation** on "Preserving Fountains of Mumbai" in UGC-sponsored State-level Seminar on 'Heritage of Mumbai: Continuity and Challenges' organized by **Department of History, S.N.D.T. Women's University, Mumbai** (21st and 22nd February 2008) (State level)
16. **Speech** at Gulestan Billimoria Youth Seminar organized by **The Asiatic Society of Mumbai** (9th February 2008) (Local Level)
17. Invited as **Chairperson** at Late Prof. Mani Kamerkar Memorial Seminar organized at **L. J. N. J. Mahila Mahavidyalay, Vile Parle, Mumbai** (12th October 2007) (Local level)
18. Invited to make a **presentation** on "Situating Heritage in the Teaching Programme of Humanities" **National Seminar on Global Competency in Higher Education Institutions, Birla College, Kalyan** (24th & 25th February 2007) (National Level)
19. Invited to make **two presentations** on "Concept of Body in Post-Structuralist Approach" at **Pillais' College of Architecture, New Panvel** (12th January 2007) (Local Level)

20. **Speech** in the Valedictory session in a National workshop on '**Reason and Religion in Akbar's India**' at **Department of History, University of Mumbai** (16th September 2006) (National level)
21. Invited to make a **Presentation** on "Research Proposals for ICSSR/MMRDA" in a National Workshop on 'How to Write Research Proposals' organized by **Guru Nanak Khalsa College, Matunga, Mumbai** (13th August 2006) (National level)
22. Invited to make **two presentations** on "Cultural History in Ancient India and South East Asia: Identifying Similarities" at **Pillais' College of Architecture, New Panvel** (22nd August 2006) (Local Level)
23. Invited to make a **presentation** on "Culture in Historiography" in a workshop on 'Research Methods, Areas and Trends in History, organized by **Department of History, University of Mumbai** (1st and 2nd July 2006) (Local level)
24. Presented a paper on "Hinduism and Social Justice" in a National Seminar on 'Significance of Hinduism in Co-existence and World Peace' organized by Department of Sanskrit, University of Mumbai (28th October 2005) (National Level)
25. Invited to make **two presentations** on "Cultural History of Medieval Maharashtra: Paintings and Jewelry" at **Pillais' College of Architecture, New Panvel** (15th September 2005) (Local Level)
26. Invited to give a **talk** on "Remembering the Past: The History of Mumbai's Water Resources" at **S. S. & L. S. Patkar College of arts & Science and V. P. Varde College of Commerce and economics, Goregaon, Mumbai** (29th august 2005) (Local Level)
27. **Resource person** at a seminar on "Visavya Shatakatil Mumbaichi Vatchal", **Itihas Samshodhan Mandal, Dadar, Mumbai** (20th February 2005) (in Marathi) (Local Level)
28. Invited to make a **presentation** on "Historical and Cultural Background of Wai" at **Rizvi College of Architecture, Bandra, Mumbai** (26th July 2005) (Local Level)
29. Made a **presentation** in a workshop on "New Syllabi of T. Y. B. A. (History)" jointly organized by N. E. S. Ratnam College of Arts, Science & Commerce, Bhandup, Mumbai and Bombay History Teachers' Academy (6th February 2005) (Local Level)
30. Invited to give a **lecture** on "Feminism and Feminist Historiography" under Guest Lecture Series, **Department of History, Shivaji University, Kolhapur** (21st August 2004) (State Level)
31. **Conducted a session** on "History of Mumbai and Its Architecture" in Training Programme in Architectural Conservation for Engineers/Architects of Local/Public Authority, **Rachana Sansad's Academy of Architecture, Prabhadevi, Mumbai** (23rd August 2004) (State Level)
32. **Resource Person** in a Workshop on Paper No. V (Modern India 1857-1984) at Third Year B. A., History, University of Mumbai, organized by **Adarsh College of Arts and Commerce, Kulgaon** (3rd July 2004) (in Marathi) (Local Level)
33. **Invited to present a paper** on "Significance of Taanks (Tokens) in Cultural History of Maharashtra" in a seminar organized jointly by the Department of History, University of Mumbai and Kalanirnaya at Ramnarain Ruia College, Matunga, Mumbai (10th February 2004) (Local Level)

34. **Invited** to give a lecture on "Sarladevi Chaudhurani" at the **Department of Civics and Politics, University of Mumbai** (22nd September 2003) (Local Level)
35. **Invited** to give two lectures on "Ancient India" and "Medieval India" at **Pillais' College of Architecture, New Panvel** (8th March 2003) (Local Level)
36. **Conducted a session** on "Madhyayugin Bharatiya Kala Sanskriti va Samaj" at the Students' Conference as Resource Person organized jointly by **Adarsh College of Arts & Commerce, Kulgaon and Kalyan Itihas Mandal** (13th January 2001) (in Marathi) (Local Level)
37. **Invited** to give two talks on "Lavani Vangmayacha Samajik Sandarbha" in the Lecture Series entitled 'Madhyayugin Marathi Sahitya Vyakhyanmala' at **Department of Marathi, University of Mumbai** (23rd and 24th March 2001) (in Marathi) (Local Level)
38. **Presented** a paper on 'Textiles in Medieval Maharashtra: Glimpses from the Lavanis', in the **62nd session of the Indian History Congress, Bhopal** (28th-30th December 2001) (National Level)
39. **Chief Guest** at the exhibition entitled "Mumbaiche Mankari", **Maharashtra State Archives at Elphinstone College, Mumbai** (30th August 2000) (in Marathi) (State Level)
40. **Presented a paper** on "Erotic Lavanis: An Agenda for Sex Power Mechanism" in a Regional seminar on 'Women in History' organized by **Research Centre for Women's Studies, S.N.D.T. Women's University and Indian Association of Women's Studies at Centre of Women's Studies, S.N.D.T. Women's University, Mumbai** (19th-21st August 1999) (National level)
41. **Chairperson** for the First Gulestan and Rustom Billimoria Endowment Seminar on 'Youth and Fight for Justice Then and Now-19th & 20th Centuries' at **the Asiatic Society of Mumbai, Mumbai** (17th January 1997) (State level)
42. **Invited to give a talk** on "Peshwekalin Itihas (1773-1818) ani Sadhan Chikitsa" in a lecture series organized jointly by **Itihas Samshodhan Mandal of Mumbai Marathi Granthasangrahalay, Dadar, University of Mumbai and S.N.D.T. Women's University, Mumbai at Ruparel College, Matunga, Mumbai** (5th December 1996) (in Marathi) (State Level)
43. **Presented a paper** on "Flora in Medieval Maharashtra: Glimpses From Lavanis" in the **XXXIII Annual Conference of Institute of Historical Studies, Calcutta and assisted its session at Dnyanasadhana College, Thane** (3rd-5th November 1996) (N)
44. **Presented a paper** on "Drink Phenomenon and Temperance Movement in the Nineteenth and early Twentieth Centuries: Bengal and Maharashtra", in the **57th session of Indian History Congress, Madras University, Tamilnadu** (27th- 29th December 1996) (N)
45. **Presented a paper** on "Lavani Poems and Cultural History of Medieval Maharashtra", in the **56th session of Indian History Congress, Rabindrabharati University, Calcutta** (28th-30th December 1995) (N)
46. **Presented a paper** on ""Salt Administration In Early Nineteenth Century: Bombay and Thane", in the **55th session of Indian History Congress, Aligarh Muslim University, Aligarh** (28th-30th December 1994) (N)

47. **Presented a paper** on "Changing Value System in British India: Wine and Women in Bengal and Maharashtra" in a conference on 'New Trends in the History of Modern Maharashtra', **Department of History, University of Bombay** (24th-26th February 1994) (N)
48. **Presented a paper** on "Polygamy- Bengal and Maharashtra" in a seminar on 'Socio-Cultural History of Western India', **Post-Graduate Department of History, S.N.D.T. Women's University, Mumbai** (5th & 6th February 1994)(L)
49. **Presented a paper** on "Prostitutes in the Nineteenth Century Bombay", in the **54th session of the Indian History Congress, Mysore University, Karnatak** (16th-18th December 1993) (N)
50. **Presented a paper** on "Native Marriage Bill and special Marriage Act of 1872: Some Aspects", in the **53rd session of the Indian History Congress, Warrangal, Andhra Pradesh** (13th- 15th February 1993) (N)
51. **Presented a paper** on "Reactions of Bombay on Native Marriage Bill" in a seminar organized by Itihas Samshodhak Mandal, Dadar, Mumbai (8th November 1992) (in Marathi) (L)
52. **Presented a paper** on "Widow-marriage Movement in Bengal and Maharashtra" in a seminar organized jointly by **Department of History, University of Mumbai and Bombay History Teachers' Academy, Mumbai** (2nd October 1991) (L)
53. **Presented a paper** on "Khoti System in Konkan" in a seminar on 'Agrarian Relations in the Medieval Deccan with special reference to Western India during the 17th and 18th Centuries', **Pune University**, organized jointly by **Department of History, University of Poona and Indian Council of Historical Research, New Delhi** (12th-16th March 1985) (N)
54. **Presented a paper** on "Mahars, their Military Skills and Social Awakening", in 30th session of **All-India Oriental Conference, Vishwabharati University, Shantiniketan, West Bengal** (1st -3rd Nov. 1980) (N)
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- Governing Council of Indian Numismatic, Historical and Cultural Research Foundation, Indian Institute of Research in Numismatic Studies, Indian Rock Centre), with Head Office at Mumbai and Institutes at Nasik, Maharashtra since 23rd October 2008
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- **Advisory Committee of Raj Bhavan Archives, Governor of Maharashtra** (Order No. GSA/2010/US (A)/1471 dated 28th June 2010) Meetings regarding the cataloguing of Raj Bhavan records and preserving the manuscript repositories of the office of the Governor of Maharashtra and the setting up of Archives for the researchers of History and other branches of learning
 - On **Marathi Vishwakosh Nirmiti Mandal (World Encyclopedia in Marathi language), Maharashtra State as expert in History** since January 2006. Contribution in the Vol. No. 17 (released in February, 2007) and 18 (Released in December 2008). Meetings regarding the different aspects of working of Marathi Vishwakosh in response to the policies of the State Government
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- Local Managing Committee of Somaiya Trust's K. J. Somaiya College of Arts and Commerce, Vidyavihar, Mumbai since February 2010

- Core Research Advisory Committee, Guru Nanak Institute of Research and Development, Guru Nanak Khalsa College of Arts, Science and Commerce, Matunga, Mumbai ((2005-08)
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- Life Member – The Asiatic Society of Mumbai, Mumbai; Worked on various Committees such as MM Dr. P. V. Kane Institute for Post-Graduate Studies and Research Committee (2007-09), Modern Books Selection Committee (2007-08), Mumbai Research Centre (2009 to date)
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- Life Member – Indian History Congress
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- **Main Speaker as a Historian at the Book Release** Function of the book Shivachhatrapatinche Aarmar written by Gajanan Mehendale and Santosh Shintre, published by Paramhansa Prakashan, Thane, at Maharashtra Seva Sangha, Mulund, Mumbai (16th October 2010)
 - **Chief Guest at the Annual Day Function** at Smt. Nalinibai Gajanan Purandare High School, Mulund, Mumbai (31st July 2008)
 - **Chief Guest at the Students' Felicitation Function** at Maharashtra Seva Sangha, Mulund, Mumbai ((21st September 2005)
 - **Speaker at the History Workshop** at D. A. V. Public School, Airoli, Navi Mumbai (21st September 2002)