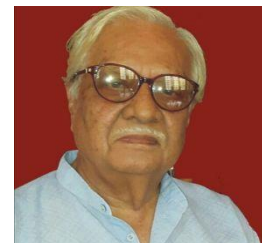


# Curriculum Vitae



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## **Academic Qualifications::**

1. M.A. (Economics), M.A.(Mathematical Economics and Econometrics), Ph.D. Economics.
2. Selected as the National Scholar by the Govts. of India and Austria for studies in the Vienna University, (1966).

## **Vision and Mission:**

My vision and mission are influenced by the thoughts and actions of Gandhiji and Vinoba Bhave. I could meet Shri Vinoba Bhave, who provided a totally different way of looking at life and society. My exposure to the western thought and culture, during my stay at Vienna has helped me in attempting a global, non-partisan and objective approach to reality. This generates a special interest in areas of discourse related with issues like development, human-rights and social justice.

I cherish a vision of a world which is harmonious in all its forms and expressions. That is why I find the “Directive Principles” and the “Preamble” of our constitution very inspiring. In most of my academic and working life I have tried to search for answers to the problems of poverty, inequality (both social and economic), violence and subjugation. I am pursuing this with renewed zeal and maturity in the mode of a “Public Intellectual”.

I perceive my mission as one of sharing while caring. I share my understanding and whatever little knowledge or experience that I have gathered, with younger academics in the teaching fraternity and students in particular and society in general. This C.V. can provide a brief idea thereof. During my entire lifetime my interests in teaching, communicating and research are aimed at this.

### **Work Experience::**

1. Worked as Prof. Of Economics, Sardar Patel Institute of Economic and Social Research, Thaltej Road, Ahmedabad, Gujarat, for 27 years.
2. Worked as college teacher for 13 years and taught at graduate and undergraduate levels.

**Total teaching and research experience:: nearly 54 years.**

Last position held: Professor of Economics: Professor of Economics, Sardar Patel Institute of Economic and Social Research, Ahmedabad. (Retd. 2001)

### **Teaching, Research, Social work and other related Activities:**

1. Presided over the Gujarat Economic Conference, held at Anand, (2006).
2. Worked as Faculty in charge of the western region cell for Disaster Management at the Sardar Patel Institute of Public Administration (SPIPA) (1996-99). SPIPA is an autonomous body, though mainly run by the State Government. This cell was supported by the WHO and the Govt. of India and the participating states were; Rajasthan, Madhya Pradesh, Goa, Maharastra and Gujarat. The courses were organized for class I and class II officers of these states.

3. Worked as the Hon. Director, Academic Staff College, Gujarat University, during the years of its initial establishment (1989-91). The Staff College worked for quality improvement and excellence in the college and university teachers and was supported by the University Grants Commission. All P.G. Departments of the Gujarat University collaborated in this work. Especially the Zoology department prepared some video programmes with the help of the Education Media Research Centre of the University. I organized this work and managed all support from the University System. The participating academics came from all over the country.
4. Gave regular courses at the Mudra Institute of Communication (MICA) for the graduate students.
5. Gave regular courses at the Gujarat University for the degree of M.A. (Economics). I also taught at the Gujarat University's degree of Master of Developmental Communication since its inception.
6. Taught regularly at the Research Methodology courses organized jointly by the SPIESR and ICSSR. These courses were organized for six weeks during summer vacations for the college and university teachers coming from all over the country.
7. I delivered occasional invited lectures/ seminars at N.I.D., GEER Foundation, Saurashtra University, N.G. University, S.G. University, S.P. University, Bhavnagar University, Gujarat University, Gujarat Vidyapith (A Gandhian University), Bhavnagar University, M.S. University of Baroda, Nirma University, SPIPA, Jodhpur University, Nagpur University, Tata Institute of Social Sciences, St, Mary's University (Halifax, Canada), etc.
8. I also gave a large number of lectures before various clubs, colleges and state govt. training programmes.
9. Actively participated, scripted and made more than a dozen video programmes on teaching of Economics for the 'Country-wide Class Room' programmes of the university Grants Commission in association with the Gujarat University while this programme was just being initiated. These programmes were for teaching economics for distant learning purpose. For one such programme, I interviewed prof. J.K.Galbraith and Mr. John Seed on special video programmes.\
10. I was invited by the Indian Space Research Organization and the Waste Land Development Board of the Government of India to produce video programmes on successful case studies of rural development through afforestation. These include stories like Ralegoan Siddhi (Anna Saheb Hazare), Khidki (K.K.Chauhan), and Pimpri-Chinchvad Industrial and road-side plantations. I have researched and then scripted these programmes and worked in a team mode with the production teams.

11. I am regularly invited by various local and national TV channels and the All India Radio for talks and discussions regarding Budgets (both state and Union Governments) and Elections. I also give talks and lead discussions on these media on a large number of issues of current interest.
12. As the Project Director, I led six teams working for the 'Evaluation of Gujarat Social Forestry Programme' (phase II). The evaluation was undertaken on behalf of the Government of India and the FAO of the UN and supported by the CIDA, (Canadian International Development Agency). (1982-84). The team consisted of Social scientists, Silviculturalist, wild-life expert, communication expert, Institution and administration experts. Besides, the team also worked with a few national and international consultants. It also involved active participation by (retd.) IGF, GOI.
13. I am invited regularly by the SPIPA for lectures, discussions and symposia on topics of current interest. In particular I give courses for the IAS probationers and training programmes run by the SIRD and the Disaster Management cell.
14. SPIPA is running courses for training the UPSC candidates since 1992. I am actively involved in this since its inception. So far SPIPA has contributed nearly 90 officers to the nation.
15. I worked as a member of a large number of organizations and bodies like: Environmental Clearance Committee for the Captive Power Plants, Committee to fix fees for the self finance colleges (appointed as an independent member by the Govt. of India), and various action oriented committees of the NGOs ranging from those working for the rehabilitation of the disabled, those working for the settlement of the earthquake affected people and those working for rural development.
16. I contribute occasional articles in front line Gujarati magazines like Nireekshak, Naya Marg, Bhoomiputra etc.
17. I have helped quite a few diligent scholars in successfully completing their Ph.D.s.
18. I was also invited to work as a Member of the Programmes committee of the Door Darshan and the All India Radio.

### **Special Mentions:**

- President, Gujarat Economic Association.
- President, Save Education, Gujarat Unit.
- President, "Drushti Foundation" –Publishing "Abhidrushti", a journal for college and university teachers.
- I have been occasionally invited as Chief Guest for the annual day functions at various colleges and other institutions.
- I was invited by the Government of Gujarat to work as a member of the State Planning Commission. I worked in that capacity for a period of 5 years ending March, 2001.

During this period, I organized a seminar on the 'Gujarat Economy – 2010'. On this theme, I have edited and published important articles in 'Anvesak' published by the SPIESR. These articles are also translated in Gujarati in 'Madhukari'.

### **Publications::**

1. I have published nearly 25 books and monographs in both Gujarati and English. These are published by publishing houses like, Gujarat University Book Production Trust, Gujarat State Book Production Board, D.K. Publishing house and Concept publishing house (both based in Delhi), Gujarat Samajik Seva Mandal, Yagna Prakashan, Gurjar Grant Ratna, etc.
2. I contributed a regular column to 'Financial Express' for nearly a decade and also wrote for the Gujarati press, like 'Sandesh', 'Commodity World', etc.
3. Besides, I have contributed a large number of articles and research papers in professional seminars and conferences and published them in various national and international journals.
4. Besides, I also worked as an editor of MADHUKARI, a journal of translations, published by the SPIESR, for more than two decades.
5. For nearly 25 years now, I am editing a journal, 'DRUSHTI' (Now called Abhidrushti) for college and university teachers being published since last 47 years. It discusses issues of current importance in the field of higher education. It reaches all corners of the state. Besides this publication, through this voluntary action group, I also publish special "Sanshodhan Visheshank". The journal has an ISBN number and there is a process of "Peer Review". The Foundation also organizes training programmes for college and university teachers. We also run a web site for 'Abhidrashti'.

The magazine is perhaps the only one of its type in the country which is run by an NGO for such a long period of time.

### **Social concerns-A Public Intellectual::**

1. Apart from the "Drushti Foundation" I had established another NGO called CERITA (Centre for Research and Training in Rural Development) in 1987. We worked in the areas of forestry, environment, water resources and sustainable rural development. We innovated a scheme of providing "venture capital" to poor farmers for adoption of some high risk innovative technology. The technology involved use of water optimization and productivity improving methods for the archer crop. We networked with many NGOs and received support from a few corporate houses for the venture fund.

2. I also organized a few modest relief and rehabilitation help in the Kutch Earthquake of 2001 and Tsunami of 2004 and Flood Relief in Surat (2005). Besides, I have been networking with other NGOs and providing them with necessary academic and perceptive inputs.

**Areas of Interest::**

My areas of interest for study, research and social action include the following:

- (i) Droughts and Famines and their impact on Rural poverty
- (ii) Environment and Forests
- (iii) Water resources
- (iv) Tribals and Forest life
- (v) Education, teaching and research.
- (vi) Communication
- (vii) Disaster Management and Mitigation
- (viii) Labour movements, organizations and Economics

**Consultancies:**

I have provided consultancy services or undertaken research projects for or on behalf of World Bank, Planning Commission, Industrial Costs and Prices Commission, Govt. of India and the State Govt., ISRO, WAPCOS, etc. Besides I have also provided consultancy support to NGOs as well as private consultancy services.

