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• *Personal Details:*

Date of Birth : 24th August 1951
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Language Proficiency : Gujarati, Hindi, English
Teaching Experience : 33 years of teaching experience
Current Position : **Chancellor**, Dr. Harisingh Gour University, Sagar (M.P.),
(From Oct. 2017)
Director, Gardi Research Institute for Diaspora Studies,
Rajkot

• *Experience (Teaching and Educational Administration):*

Position Held	From	To	Place/ Institution / Organization
Chairman	2004	2007	Western Regional Committee (WED) National Council of Teacher Education (NCTE) Manas Bhavan, Shyamala Hills, Bhopal Ph No. : (0755) 2660912
Vice- Chancellor	1st May 2000	30th April 2003	Hemchandracharya North Gujarat University, Patan (Gujarat)
Honorary Director	1st Jul 1996	30th April 2000	Jain Academy of Education & Research Centre, Saurashtra University, Rajkot
Honorary Director	1st May 2003	till present day	
Professor & Head	14th Sep. 1992	30th April 2000	Institute of Indian Literature & Culture, Saurashtra University, Rajkot
Professor & Head	15th June 1994	30 April 2000	Department of Gujarati Language & Literature, Saurashtra University, Rajkot
Professor	1st May 2003	31st Oct 2013	
Professor	15th Feb. 1994	14th Jun. 1994	Department of Gujarati Language & Literature, Saurashtra University, Rajkot
Professor & Head	14th June 1992	14th Feb. 1994	Department of Gujarati Language & Literature, Saurashtra University, Rajkot
Professor	29th Nov. 1990	13th Jun. 1992	Department of Gujarati Language &

			Literature, Saurashtra University, Rajkot
Reader	24th Nov. 1982	28th Nov. 1990	Department of Gujarati Language & Literature, Saurashtra University, Rajkot
Lecturer	14th Nov. 1979	23rd Nov. 1982	Department of Gujarati Language & Literature, Saurashtra University, Rajkot

• **Research Experience:**

University Grant Commission, New Delhi

1. Received the Career Award of Rs. 1 Lac for three years in 1984. The project undertaken was 'Encyclopedic Anthology of Medieval Gujarati Poetry'. Research was completed and submitted in the year 1988

From Government of India

1. Awarded Fellowship for Higher Level Research (one of 10 at the national level) in 1987. Researcher and Editor. The Old Text of 'Bharateshwar Bahubali Raas'.
2. Project on Editorship of 'Medieval Gujarati Lyrical Poetry' of Central Sahitya Academy, New Delhi (1990)
3. Awarded Visiting Professorship for Research by The Indian Institute of Advance Studies, Simla in works on 'Kaaleeynaagadaman poems' in the Western Indian Languages (1992)
4. Submitted a research article to Indian Folklore Congress, Mysore on 'History of Oral Gujarati Literature' (1993)

Under the Aegis of Govt. of Gujarat

1. The work on the survey of all writers' of the district of Rajkot from Gujarat State is on the completion. It is under the aegis of Govt. of Gujarat State Gazetteer. (1990)
2. Actively involved as the Editor of Gujarat Sahitya Academy, Gujarat State Sponsored Publication of Unpublished Essays of Shri Jaymalla Parmar (an authority on Folk Literature and Folk Culture) : His Life and Contribution. The Book is published (1994)
3. Sahitya Academy, Gujarat State had assigned the work of compiling and editing the Oral Traditional Ramayana. It was completed within the time-limit. The work included compiling of 1200 couplets with 'Chandravala'. The Learned Epilogue was also written. The book has been published by the Academy. (1996)
4. Completed the Indexing of 'Pada & 'Bhajans' (Devotional Saint's Songs) of Gujarati under the aegis of Gujarat Sahitya Academy. Around 15,000 Bhajans & Padas have been indexed and is published by the Gujarat Sahitya Academy. (1996)
5. Gujarati Sahitya Academy has assigned the work of Re-editing the 8-volume 'Bruhatt Kavya Dohan'. The Books are published (1997)

Under the Aegis of Saurashtra University

1. Worked as the Research Associate during 1977-79 for compiling and indexing the old manuscripts of the Department of Languages & Literature of the University. Also assisted Dr. Ishwarlala R. Dave in his project on the Padas of

Narsinh Mehta.

2. The University had sanctioned a project on 'Medieval (Round-the-year) Barmaaasi Songs/ Poems in the year 1989-90. It has been completed
3. The University had sanctioned the UGC sponsored project on 'Works on Shiva Bhiladi in the Medieval Gujarati Literature'. It has been completed and submitted to the University. (1992)
4. The Center of Folk Literature & Charani-Literature, Saurashtra University had assigned the research work on 'Krishnabhakti Poems of Karshandas Balia' in the year 1992-93. The work has been published.
5. The Center of Folk Literature & Charani-Literature, Saurashtra University had assigned the research work on the famous 'Duha-Writer' of Saurashtra Sri Paalrvbhaa. His works are to be compiled and edited. The work has been published. (1995)

Under International Organizations/Institutions

1. Project work for the 'Journal of South Asian Literature, Ottawa' (Canada) evaluating the political historical, cultural, literary and architectural activities of Maha Amatya Vastupal, a prominent statesman who preserved the unity and integrity of ancient India. The work is in progress.
2. The project of studying the literature produced by the Bhora, Khoja, Mumna and Molesalam communities of Gujarat (All have been ex-converts from Hindu Community) in collaborations with the French scholar Dr. Mallison (1995-98)
3. Preparing a British - Gujarati Diaspora Literature History. Get £. 10,000 Fellowship. (published 17 Volumes) (2000-2008)
4. Preparing American Gujarati Diaspora Literary History (published 16 Volumes)

• Research papers Reading in Seminars/ Workshops/ Conference/ Summer Schools:

A number of research papers have been presented at the University level, State Level, National Level as well as International level seminars and conferences. Such contribution began from the year 1980 and is increased every year.

State Level

70 papers presented

National Level

84 papers presented

International Level

35 papers presented

• Publication:

Jain Literature Research Publication

1. 'Vastupal: Charitra ane Raaskrutio' (Parsva) 1992
2. 'Bharateshvar Baahubali Raas' (Parsva) 1st Ed. 1992/ 2nd Ed. 2000/ 3rd Ed. 2008 (2011)
3. 'Vastupaal Raasmaala' (Parshva) in process.

Arvachin - Modern Gujarati Literature and Criticism

1. Indulaal Gandhi ni Kvita (Langue Library, Rajkot) 1st Ed. 1983/ 2nd Ed. 1986
2. Adhit - 10 (Gurjar) 1986
3. Adhit - 11 (Gurjar) 1987
4. Suresh Joshi: Mulyankan (Rannade) 1987
5. Gadhya nu Kalasvaroop (Rannade) 1987
6. Adhit - 12 (Gurjar) 1988
7. Sahitya na Sampratyayo ane sidhdhanto (Chandramauli Pub.) 1st Ed. 1987/ 1998/ 2004/ 2007
8. Vivechana Aadhunik Abhigamo (Rannade) 1988
9. Megha ni Vandana (Saurashtra University) 1997
10. Patram, Pushpam, Ful, Toy (Pravin Pub, Rajkot) 1997
11. Madiya na pratinidhi Nibandho (Navbharat, Ahmedabad) 1999
12. Madiya ni Pratinidhi Navlikao (Navbharat, Ahmedabad) 1999
13. Shrut ane Shabd (Navbharat, Ahmedabad) 2006
14. Mohanlal Mehata 'Sopan'ni Vartashrushti (Guj. Sahitya Academy) 2009

British - Gujarati Diaspora Literature Publication:

1. Balavant Nayak: British-Gujarati Diaspora Saaraswat (Parshva) 2010
2. Dr. Jagdish Dave: British-Gujarati Diaspora Saaraswat (Parshva) 2008
3. Dahyabhai Patel ni 'Diaspora Vartao' (Parshva) 2008
4. Vallabh Naandha ni 'Diaspora Vartao' (Parshva) 2009
5. Rajanikant Mehta na 'Diaspora Nibandho' (Parshva) 2009
6. Vipul Kalyani na 'Diaspora Nibandho' (Parshva) 2010
7. Dipak Bardoliar ni 'Diaspora Kavita' (Parshva) 2010
8. Adam Tankarvi ni 'Diaspora Kavita' (Parshva) 2010
9. Pankaj Vora ni 'Diaspora Kavita' (Parshva) 2010
10. Diaspora Saaraswat Bhanushankar Odhavji Vyas (Parshva) 2010
11. Ramesh Patel ni 'Diaspora Kavita', 2011
12. Bharti Pankajni 'Diaspora Kavita', 2011
13. Ahamad Gul ni 'Diaspora Kavita', 2012
14. British-Gujarati 'Diaspora Kavyadhara', 2013
15. British-Gujarati 'Diaspora Vartadhara', 2013
16. British-Gujarati 'Diaspora Nibandhdhara', 2013
17. Gujarat Samachar na Chuntela Tantrilekho, 2012

America-Gujarati Diaspora Literature Publication:

18. Madhu Rai nu 'Diaspora Sahitya Vishva' (Parshva) 2012
19. Panna Nayak nu 'Diaspora Sahitya Vishva' (Parshva) 2012
20. Priti Sengupta nu 'Diaspora Sahitya Visva' (Parshva) 2012
21. Aadil Mansuri nu 'Diaspora Kavya Vishva' (Parshva) 2012
22. Shakur Sarvaiya nu 'Diaspora Sahitya Kavya Vishva', 2013

23. Aanandrav Lingachat nu 'Diaspora Varta Vishva', 2013
24. Harnish Jaani nu 'Diaspora Hasyarachana Vishva', 2013
25. Gujari Digest: Chuntela Sampadakiya, 2012
26. Jayant Maheta nu 'Diaspora Varta Vishva', 2014
27. Nilesh Rana nu 'Diaspora Varta Vishva', 2014
28. Suchi Vyas nu 'Diaspora Sahitya Vishva' (in process)
29. Vijay Shah nu 'Diaspora Varta Vishva' (in process)
30. Natavar Gandhi nu 'Diaspora Sahitya Vishva' (in process)
31. Babu Sutharu nu 'Diaspora Sahitya Vishva', (in process)
32. Chandrakant Desai nu 'Diaspora Sahitya Vishva', (in process)

Gujarati Loksahitya Publication:

1. Sui Hardaskrut Ramavalaa (Parshva) 1st Ed 1992/ 2nd Ed. 2013
2. Loksahitya: Tatvadarshan ane Mulyankan (Guj. Sa. Academy) 1991
3. Lokgurjari-14 to 44(Research Journal)(Guj Sa Academy) from 1999 to 2017
4. Lokgeet: Tattva ane Tantra (Guj Sa Academy) 2003
5. Gujarati Loksahityavimarsh (Parshva) 2010
6. Koyal bethi Ambaliyani Daal (Parshva) 2013
7. Duha Amara Deshna (Parshva) 2017
8. Uttar Gujarat ni Lokkathao: Sarvekshan ane Svadhaya (Parshva) 2008
9. Uttar Gujarat ni Agiyaar Lokvartao, (in process)
10. Dakshin Gujaratni Agiyaar Lokavartao, (in process)
11. Madhya Gujaratni Agiyaar Lokavartao, (in process)
12. Saurashtrani Agiyaar Lokvartao, (in process)
13. Kutchchani Agiyaar Lokvartao, (in process)
14. Adivasi Gujarati ni Agiyaar Lokvartao, (in process)
15. Gujarati Loksahitya Chayan Part - 1 (Prose)
16. Gujarati Loksahitya Chayan Part - 2 (Poems)

Sant Sahitya Publication

1. Pad-Bhajan Suchi (Guj. Sa. Academy) 1994
2. Santvaani: Tatva ane Tantra (Guj. Sa Academy) 1996
3. Mool re vinaanu kaayanu Zaadvun (Image) 2006
4. Gujarati Santsahitya Vimarsh (Parshva) 2010
5. Naari Santo ni Bhajanvaani, 2017
6. Gujarati Bhajan Bhandar Vol 1 to 6 (in process)
7. Ravi Sahebkrut 'Bhaan Parchari' (in process)

Charni, Baaroti ane Vanvaasi Sahitya Publication

1. Charni Sudama Charitra (Parshva) 1989
2. Karsandas Baliyakrut Krushnabhakti Kavita (Sau. Uni. Rajkot) 1992
3. Svarg bhulavu Shamlaa (Pravin Pub) 1998
4. Charni Sahitya Pradip Bhag - 2 (Sau Uni. Rajkot) 2000
5. Charni Barmaasi Kavita (Sau. Uni. Rajkot) 2010
6. Ful Varsadakrut 'Vkahat Baland' (Sau. Uni Rajkot) 2011
7. Itihasmulak Charni Kavita (in process)

8. Gujarati Charnisahitya Vimarsh (Parshva) 2010
9. Vahivancha Barot: Parichay ane Pradan (Guj. Sa. Academy) 1997
10. Vahi: Sanskrutik Svadhyay (in process)
11. Vanasvar (Guj. Sa. Academy) 2002

Educational Publication:

1. Navi Sikhsanniti Vimarsh (Parshva) 2007
2. Kanya Kelavani Vimarsh (Parshva) 2007
3. Vishay Sikshan Vimarsh (Parshva) 2007
4. Sikshan ane Parikshan (Parshva) 2007
5. Sikshan ane Sikshak (Parshva) 2007
6. Sikshan ane Samajik Sandarbh (Parshva) 2007
7. Sikshan ane Sanskruti (Parshva) 2007
8. Adhyapan Padhdhati: Tatva ane Tantra (Pravin Pub) 2007
9. Uchcha Sikshan: Arthshastra ane Adhyapan (Pravin Pub.) 2007
10. Uchcha Sikshan: Pravaho ane Prashno (Pravin Pub) 2007
11. Uchcha Sikshan: Apekshao ane Uplabdhi (Pravin Pub) 2007
12. Uchcha Sikshan: Sanskruti ane Tantra (Pravin Pub) 2007
13. Sikshan: Gaurav ane Gunvatta (Pravin Pub) 2007
14. Sikshan ane Sanskrutik Rashtravaad (Pravin Pub) 2007
15. Sikshan: Samprat Sandarbh (Parshav) 2017

Translation ane Anya Literary Publication:

1. Shailivigyaan: Dr. Nagendra (Pravin Pub) 1979
2. 'Nirantaraa' (Lang Library Savaashatabdi Grath) 1985
3. 'Mulyo no Manvi' (Arvindbhai Maniyar Mulyankan Granth) 1987
4. 'A Doll's House': Ibsen (Parshva) 1st Ed. 1983/ 2nd Ed. 1994/ 3rd Ed 2000/ 4th Ed. 2006
5. Nanhalaal na Anuvad Grantho (Guj Sa Academy) 2007
6. 'Pappaji' - Dr. P.V.Doshi Mulyankan Granth 2007
7. Chafekar Bandhu Triputi (Guj. Sa. Academy) 2010

English and Hindi Publication:

1. Oral Traditional Gujarati Literature (Parshva) 1996
2. Harivallabh Bhayani (Bharatiya Sahitya Academy) 2004
3. Vastupal and his Contribution (Parshva)
4. Vahi: A Cultural Study (Parshva)
5. Sahitya aur Sanskritik Rashtravad (Parshva)
6. Apravasi Gujarati Sahitya: Kruti evam Sanskruti (Parshva)
7. Shalibhadrasurikrut 'Bharteshvar Bahubaliram' (in process)
8. Malav Varsadakrut 'Sudama Charitra' (in process)
9. Gujarati Loksahitya Chayan Part - 1 (Prose)
10. Gujarati Loksahitya Chayan Part - 2 (Poem)

Creative Writing:

1. Kailas Mansarovar Yaatrakrut (Parshva) 2010
2. Navnidhi (Parshava) 2013
3. Desh-Videsh Pravaasvrutt (in process)
4. Videsh Vaasri (in process)

• Research Papers:

More than 126 Research Papers have been published the list is too large to be accommodated here.

• Critical Studies & Articles:

More than 100 critical essays have been published and presented at different levels: local to international level

• Guided Ph.D. Students:

Total 35 students have completed their doctoral degree under my Guidance and all of them have been awarded Ph.D. by the Saurashtra University.

• Contribution to Dictionaries and Encyclopedia:

1. A total of 80 entries regarding Gujarati Language and Literature have been included in the ~~Encyclopedia~~ of Indian Literature: Part I, II, III and IV. prepared by Sahitya Academy, New Delhi.
2. In all 60 entries have found place in the Volume on ~~Gujarati~~ Gujarati Sahitya Kosh Vol.- 2 and 3. The volumes are published by Gujarati Sahitya Parishad, Ahmedabad.
3. Prepared the sections concerning the Indian Aesthetic Terminology for the ~~Encyclopedia of Indian Literature~~ Trivendram.
4. Assistance to the National Archives of India, New Delhi for preparing of Old Gujarati Manuscripts.
5. Contribution in the part of Literature for the Gujarat Government Gazetteer.
6. Translation of Gujarati Raas Poems for the Volume on ~~Medieval Indian Narrative Literature~~ published by Sahitya Academy, New Delhi.
7. Index-making of Gujarati Bhajans (Devotional Saints Songs)
8. Prepared Gujarati Diaspora Writers' Dictionary

- ***Visited Foreign Countries:***

1. Visited Paris (France) and presented a paper at The Fifth Bhakti Conference
2. Visited Amsterdam University, Netherlands
3. Visited Sarbonne University, Paris and delivered research oriented lectures for a month as a visiting Professor.
4. Visited Barcelona, Spain
5. Visited The School of Oriental and African Studies, University of London,U.K.
6. Visited Liecester University, U.K.
7. Visited Venice (Italy) and presented a paper at the Eighth Bhakti Conference
8. Visited Lideal University, Netherlands
9. Participated and presented a paper on %University as a Non-Profitable Enterprise+ at the seminar %The University on the Threshold of the Third Millennium+, (14-15 September 2000) at TOMSK, (Russia) under the auspices of The International Association of University Presidents.
10. Attended the Eighth Bhakti Conference on Early Literature in New-Indo Aryan Languages, organized by the Department of Asian Studies, Klatholieke University (23-26 August, 2000) at LEUVEN, Belgium, and deliberated on special issues related to the conference.
11. Visited Burmingham University, U.K.

- ***Contribution to Social Upliftment and Communal Harmony:***

1. Worked extensively on indigenou folk, oral and ethnic literatures and drew International attention to marginal literatures as the Bardic, the Ismaili Khoja, the Vohra and the Jaina Literary Tradition.
2. Added to the religious significance of Patan (earlier confined to Jainism and Hindu goddesses like Umiya, Amba and Bahuchar) by projecting the religious traditions of KHALAKSHAH PIR.
3. Organized programmes on Khalsa Trishatabdi, Indian Ethos and Culture in Sikh Literature and Guru Govindsingh.
4. Encouraged celebrations of all religious festivals such as Mahaveera Jayanti, Paryushan(Jain), Id-UI-Fitra, Guru Poornima and Diwali.

- ***Position held in State Government's Committees:***

1. Board Member, Raja Ram Mohan Rai Library Foundation, Kolkata
2. Vice . Chairman, Search Committee H.R.D. Ministry
3. Board Member, National Book Trust, India

4. Board Member Fee Regulatory Committee (Medical), Govt. of Guj
5. Chairman in NAAC, Peer Team
6. Chairman, N.R.I Admission Committee
7. Chairman, State Level Organizing Committee of 50 years of the Indian Republic Celebration.
8. Chairman, Evaluation Committee for Gram Vidyapiths work
9. Chairman, Search Committee for Bhavnagar University
10. Chairman, Gujarati Film Award Committee
11. Member of the Committee of Common Act for Universities of Gujarat
12. Member of the Committee of Private University Act
13. Member of the Ahimsa University Act
14. Member of the Lok Kala Academy Act
15. Member of the Mahaveer Janma Kalyan Celebration Committee
16. Member of the Mahaveer Jivdaya Award Committee
17. Member of the Education Reformation Committee
18. Member of the %Srfaroshi Pustak Shreni+Publication
19. Member of the Indian Institute of Adanced Study, Shimla
20. Member of the Taskforce Committee in %Indian Institute of Teacher Education (IITE) Gujarat, Government of Gujarat from 12th April onwards

● ***Other Details:***

1. President, Akhil Bharatiya Sahitya Parishad (2001-2012)
2. Member of Executive Committee, Akhil Bharatiya Sahitya Parishad (1985-2000)
3. Sanrakshak - Chairman, Akhil Bharatiya Sahitya Parishad (2012 - till today)
4. Managing Trustee, Saraswati Shishu Mandir Trust, Rajkot (1996 - till today)
5. Chairman - P.P.J.J. Memorial Charitable Trust, Rajkot
6. Secretary, Lang Library (for about 16 years)
7. President, Land Sahitya Sabha
8. Vice-President Saurashtra Sahitya Sabha
9. Executive Member, Gujarat Sahitya Academy
10. Member, Gujarat Lok Sahitya Samiti
11. Secretary, Gujarat Adhyapak Sangh (4 years)
12. First Prize, Editing of %Sudama Charitraqa Research by Gujarat Sahitya Academy
13. Co-ordinator Rajya Vidwan Parishad
14. Secretary, Akhil Bhartiya Sahitya Parishad, Gujarat State
15. Member, International Congress of Asia & North African Studies (ICANAS)
16. Member, International Association for the History of Religions (IAHR)
17. Member, International Bhakti Congress (IBC)
18. Member, Indian Association for Commonwealth Literature & Language Studies (IACLAS)
19. Member, Comparative Literature Association of India (CLAI)
20. Executive Member, Indian Folklore Congress (IFC)
21. Vice President: %anche Gujaratq. Rajkot Mahanagar (25th April Onwards)