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**Educational Qualifications-** M.A., M.Phil., Ph.D. (Pune)

Course	Institution	Year	Class/ Grade
SSC	SSC board Maharashtra	1985	First class with Distinction
HSC	As above	1987	First class with Distinction*
B.A.	University of Pune	1990	First class with Distinction
M.A.	University of Pune	1992	First class First
M.Phil.	University of Pune	1994	'O' grade
Ph. D.	University of Pune	1996	

\* Second rank in the State level merit list of Arts Faculty

### **Career Profile-**

Institution	Designation	Years
H.V.Desai College, Pune	Lecturer	August 1994- March 1997
University of Pune	Lecturer	April 1997-July 1998
University of Pune	Lecturer (Senior scale)	August 1998- July 2003
University of Pune	Reader (temporary post)	Oct2001-September2002
University of Pune	Reader	August 2003-May 2009
University of Pune	Professor	June2009-

### **Teaching Experience (Subjects/Courses Taught)**

Constitutional Process in India, Political process in India, Social and Political Movements in India, Modern Indian Political Thought, Class, Marxist Political Sociology, Women and Politics

### **Research Interests-**

Indian Politics- politics of the poor, urban processes, caste in contemporary India, political economy of religion

Political Thinking in India- 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> century political thought in Maharashtra, Gandhian traditions of thought

### **Honours and Awards-**

Maharashtra Foundation, USA- Fellowship for research on Maharashtra 1998-1999.

Shri Yashwantrao Chavan Gold Medal of University of Pune for securing highest marks in M. A. Politics, May 1992.

Savitribai Phule Scholarship of Government of Maharashtra 1987-1990 (upon securing second rank in the state level merit list of the HSC examination in March 1987).

### **Publications- Books and Journal Articles**

#### **Articles in Books**

##### **a) published**

- 2010- The Missing Women: Gender Representation in Indian Politics, in Ajay Mehra (ed.), Emerging Trends in Indian Politics the 15<sup>th</sup> General Elections, Routledge, New Delhi pp 217-238.
- 2010- Jagatikarn, Lokshahi ani Garibanche Rajkaran (Marathi), in Uttam Kamble (ed) Jagtikaranchi Arishte, Lokvangmaya griha, Mumbai, pp 195-206.
- 2008- Bhakti Marg Becomes Shakti Marg: Tale of A Devsthan in Maharashtra, with Suhas Palshikar, in M. Naito and others (ed.), Marg: Ways of Liberation, Empowerment and Social Change in Maharashtra, Manohar, New Delhi, pp 357-380.
- 2007- Congress, in Suhas Palshikar and Suhas Kulkarni (ed.), Maharashtraatil Sattasngarsha: Rajkiya Pakshanchi Vatchal, Samkallen Prakashan, Pune pp22-48.
- 2006- Vanchitanchya Chalwaliche Yashapayash, (Marathi) in Kishor Bedkihal and Bhaskar Bholy (ed.) Shatkantarachya Valnavar, Dr Ambedkar Academy, Satara, pp 96-112
- 2004- Inevitability and Inadequacy of Caste: Some Dilemmas for Mobilisation of Backward Classes, in B.V.Bhosale( ed), Mobilisation of Backward Communities in India, Deep and Deep Publications, New Delhi, pp 200-216
- 2004- Social Movements in Crisis? in Rajendra Vora and Suhas Palshikar (ed), Indian Democracy Meanings and Practices, Sage Publications, New Delhi, 2004, pp379-409.
- 2000-Satyagraha : Linking Moral with Political, in S.N.Datye(ed), Rethinking Mahatma Gandhi, Kalinga Publications, Delhi, pp 91-108.
- 2000 -Acharya Balshastri Jambhekar: Sankramankalatil Madhyamvargachi Pathrakhan (in Marathi) -in Aadhunika ani Parampara(Dr. Y. D. Phadke felicitation volume)edited by Rajendra Vora Pratima Prakashan, Pune, pp111-142.

1996- Vinobanche Swarajya Shastra- Vinoba Vichar Darshan, (Marathi) (ed.) Chandrashekher Dharmadhikari and Raghunath Kulkarni, Gram Seva Mandal, Wardha, pp436-445.

## **b) forthcoming**

Satyagraha as Krantishastra: Reading Gandhi with Javdekar, in Peter D'Souza and Rajaram Tolpady (ed), From Thought to theory: Engaging with Modern Indian Political Thought, Orient Longman.

Garv Se Kahon Hum Lingayat Hain!: Caste Associations and Identity Politics in Maharashtra, in Ashutosh Kumar (ed.) Regions within Regions: Understanding State politics in India, Orient Longman.

Who Does Not Want Pune to Become Singapore? Politics of development in an Emerging Metropolis, in Ian Shirley and others (ed.), Metropolitan development in Asia Pacific Region, CELAP, China.

## **Articles in Journals**

### **A) published**

- 2010- Jat Asmita: Pokal Dave Akramak Rajkaran (Marathi), Anubhav, special issue to commemorate golden jubilee of State of Maharashtra, May, pp 52-58.
- 2009- Maharashtra Polls: Continuity amidst Social Volatility, (with Suhas Palshikar and Nitin Birmal), Economic and Political Weekly, Nov 28- Dec 4, pp 42-47
- 2009- Breaking Free of the Post- Mandal Deadlock, Seminar, no. 601, special issue on Republic of Ideas, September, pp 76-80.
- 2009- How did Women Vote in Elections 2009?, Economic and Political Weekly, special issue on National Election Studies, Vol XLIV, no 39, September 26, pp 83-87.
- 2009-Maharashtra: Congress-NCP Manages Victory, (first author) Economic and Political Weekly, special issue on National Election Studies, Vol XLIV, no 39, September 26, pp 136-140.
- 2008- Patterns of Occupational Mobility : How Much Does Caste Matter? (first author), Economic and Political Weekly, vol 43, no 34, 23-29 August, pp 61-70.
- 2007-How much Does the City Help Dalits? Life of Dalits in Pune: Overview of a Century, in Indian Journal of Social Work, Vol 68, Issue1, Jan-March , pp130-151.
- 2006- Maharashtra: Politics of Anxieties, Frustrations and Outrage, Economic and Political Weekly, vol.41, No. 14, April 8-14, pp 1304-07.
- 2006- Riot of Researchers, Economic and Political Weekly, Vol.41, No. 33, August 19-25 2006, pp 3561-3562
- 2004-How Gendered was Women's Participation in Elections 2004? , Economic and Political Weekly, Vol. 39, No.51, 18-24 Dec, pp 5431-5436.
- 2004-Reservations to Kunbi Marathas: Backward Journey of a Caste, Economic and Political Weekly, Vol 39, No. 14and 15, April3-10, pp 1448-1449.
- 2004-Nivaduka 2004, Asvasthanancha Aawishkar, (Marathi)Samaj Prabodhan Patrika, April-June pp 70-78.
- 2003- Gujarat: Prasthapitanche Rajkaran, (Marathi) Samaj Prabodhan Patrika, Jan Mar, pp 8-31.
- 2003-Maharashtra: Challenges before the Congress System, with Suhas Palshikar, Journal of Indian School of Political Economy, vol 15 Jan-Jun 2003, No.1 and 2,

- pp97-122
- 1999-Organising the Unorganised : The Case of Hamal Panchayat, Economic and Political Weekly, vol 34, no. 39, Sept25-Oct1, pp-L19-L26
- 1999-Electoral Competiton and Structures of Domination in Maharashtra, with Suhas Palshikar, Economic and Political Weekly, Vol.34, No. Aug 21-27/28-Sept3, pp2409-2422.
- 1999- Samakalin Vargavastav ani Sarvahara Vargache Sthan, (Marathi) Manthan, Annual number, pp15-22.
- 1999-Shahari Garibanche Rajkaran, (Marathi), Samaj Prabodhan Patrika,July –Sept pp145-154.
- 1999-Hamal Panchayat : Sangharshyachya Navya Disha, (Marathi),Aandolan,August pp63-69.
- 1999- Jaatiprashna ani Bhandvali Vikas, (Marathi), Anubhav, July-Sept,pp81-88.
- 1999- Asanghatit Stree Kamgaranchya Sanghatanache Aavhan, (Marathi), Aamhi Striya, Diwali issue, pp78-85.
- 1998-Jansanghatanche Rajkaran : Vatchal ani Mulyamapan, (Marathi),Samaj Prabodhan Patrika, April-June , Vol. 36, no. 143 pp-125-136.
- 1997-Satvik Netrutvachya Maryada, (Marathi), Anubhav, February ,pp21-28.
- 1997-Satyagrahi Rajkaranachi Prastutata, (Marathi), Anubhav, October, pp11-16
- 1996-Abhijananchya Astitvachi Karanmimansa, (Marathi), Anubhav, special annual number Diwali, pp3- 15.
- 1995-Acharya Javdekar Yancha Gandhi Vicharacha Anwayartha, (Marathi),Navbharat, Wai, vol.48, no. 4-6, Jan-March pp55-62.

### **Monographs**

- 2010- Caste Associations in the Post-Mandal Era Notes from Maharashtra, CAS Occasional Paper Series: No. 2, Department of Politics and Public Admn, University of Pune, Pune.
- 2008- Intergenerational Occupational Mobility across Caste Groups: A Study of Pune City, with Suhas Palshikar, Report of the CSSH project
- 2005-State and Democracy in India: Strategies of Accommodation and Manipulation, Occasional Paper, series III, no.4, Dept of Politics, University of Pune, August
- 2003- Informal Sector Workers in Pune City: Four Narratives, DSA, Department of Politics and Public Administration, University of Pune.
- 2001- Pune: from City to metropolis, Exploratory study no 1, DSA, Department of Politics and Public Administration, University of Pune.

### **Publications- conference presentations**

- 2010- ‘*Bhagwangadavarun Mala Mumbai Disate Aahe*’: How Caste Survives Amidst Democratic Politics, 13<sup>th</sup> International Conference on Maharashtra Culture and Society, University of Saint Cyril and Methodius, Bratislava, Slovakia, 17-19 June.
- 2010- State Discourses on Group Rights: Strategies of Accommodation and Manipulation, National Seminar on ‘Democracy, Identity and Group Rights’ at ‘Women’s College’ Shillong, 22-23 March.
- 2010- Jayprakash Narayan and the Gandhian Legacy, National Seminar on ‘Gandhi and his Contemporaries’ at the Gandhian Studies Centre, Shivaji University, Kolhapur, 18-20 March.
- 2009- ‘Politics of Two Dominant Castes in Maharashtra and Karnataka’ International Seminar on ‘Contextualizing Maharashtra: Towards Comparing Indian States’, Department of Politics and Public Admn, University of Pune, Pune, 21-22 December.
- 2009- Suddenly Women Are Everywhere, International Roundtable on ‘Political Parties and Civil Society

- in federal Countries', Jain University, Bengaluru, September 4.
- 2009- Politics of Dominance/ Narratives of Deprivation: Backward Journey of a Caste?, Professor D.L. Sheth Felicitation Seminar at CSDS, New Delhi, March 2-3.
- 2008- The Missing Women of Indian Politics, National Smeinar on 15<sup>th</sup> Genral Elections and the Emerging Trends in Indian Politics, Centre for Public Affairs and Heinrich Boll Foundation Delhi, Nov 6-7.
- 2008-Who Does Not Want Pune to Become Singapore? Politics of Development in an Emerging Metropolis, Asia Pacific Metropolitan Development Forum, China Executive Leadership Academy, Pudong, Shanghai, 2-4 November .
- 2007-Garv se Kaho Hum Lingayat Hain!: Caste Associations and Identity Politics in Two Indian States, National seminar on Regions within Regions: Patterns of State Politics in India, Panjab University, Chandigarh, 25-27 Feb.
- 2006-Role of Caste Associations in Contemporary Indian Politics: Notes from Maharashtra, National seminar on Caste in Contemporary India, Department of Politics and Public Admn., University of Pune, 20-21 Dec.
- 2006-Formal and Informal Journeys of Power: Caste Fragmentation and Coalitional Politics in an Indian State, XXth World Congress of Political Science, International Political Science Association, Fukuoka, Japan, 9-13 July.
- 2006-State of the Nation: Challenges for Interpretation, National seminar on Emerging Challenges before Indian Nationalism, Dept of Politics, Shivaji University, Kolhapur, 28-29 March, 2006.
- 2006- Limited Access to Democracy: Indian State in the 1990s, International Conference on State and Democracy in India, Centre for Political Studies, JNU, Delhi, 23-24 March.
- 2006-Trends in Political Participation among Women: Has Gender Arrived?, National Conference of Women's Studies Centres, TISS Mumbai, 8-10 march.
- 2006-Whatever Happened to Democratisation? : Manipulative Practices of the Indian State, National seminar on Indian Politics: Theory and Practices, Dept of Political Science, M.S.University Vadodara, 16-17 Feb.
- 2006- Life and politics in Pune's slums, 'Cities and Social Lives: Issues of Infrastructure, Governance and Citizenship', Department of Sociology, University of Pune and YASHADA, 18-19 Feb.
- 2004- Satyagraha as Krantishastra: Reading Gandhi with Javdekar, Reconstructing the Democratic Concerns in India, Centre for the Study of Developing Societies, New Delhi, 8-10 October.
- 2004- Limited Access to Democracy: Slum as a Location of the Politics of the Disprivileged? , Seventh Subaltern Studies Conference, Centre for the Study of Developing Societies, New Delhi, 5-9 January .
- 2003- Living without Assets in a City, Tenth International Maharashtra Conference, University of Pune, 3-5 August.
- 2002-Appropriating Gandhian Legacy in the Post-Independence India: Vinoba and Jayprakash Narayan, national seminar on Gandhian Thought at the Dept of Political Science, Dr Ambedkar Matrathwada University, Aurangabad, 23-24 December .
- 2000-Inevitability and Inadequacy of Caste: Some Dilemmas for Mobilisation of Dalits and OBCs,at the national seminar on 'Mobilisation of Backward Communities: Problems and Prospects', Dept of Sociology ,University of Pune, 28-29 Feb.

- 2000- Caste in a Metropolis : Socio-Economic Profile of Dalits in Pune, at the national seminar on Marginalised Communities : Social and Linguistic Problems', Dept of Sociology, University of Mumbai, 3-5 Feb.
- 2000- Social Movements and the Crisis of Political Representation, at the workshop on Understanding Indian Politics, Dept of politics, University of Pune, 28-30 Jan.
- 1999- Welfare and the Indian State in the Post - liberalisation Era, at national seminar on 'Liberalisation and Welfare State in South Indian States', Department of Political Science, Madras University, Chennai, 6-8 August.
- 1999- Satyagraha: Linking Moral with Political, national seminar on Gandhi's Thought and Leadership organised by the Dept of Political Science, Dr. Ambedkar Marathwada University, Aurangabad, 7-9 April.
- 1997- Corruption and Beyond- Potentials of Satyagrahi Politics- at international seminar on 'Global Unity'- organised by 'Acharya Kul', Wardha, Oct 2-4.
- 1994- Acharya Javdekar's Interpretation of Gandhi- Acharya Javdekar's birth centenary Seminar, Department of politics, University of Pune, December.

### **Seminars/ conferences organized**

- 2010- workshop on Electoral Ethnographies in Maharashtra, March 6
- 2009- International Seminar on 'Contextualizing Maharashtra: Towards Comparing Indian States', Department of Politics and Public Admn, University of Pune, Pune, 21-22 December.
- 2009- three day training workshop for students and field investigators under the major research project on Electoral Choices and Political Opinions: Comparative Study of Maharashtra and Gujarat, April 20-21
- 2006- National seminar on Caste in Contemporary India Department of Politics and Public Admn., University of Pune, 20-21 Dec.

### **Professional Societies Membership**

- Member, Lokniti network (a nationwide network of Political Scientists in India), CSDS, New Delhi – coordinates the activities of the Lokniti regional centre at Pune.
- Member, editorial board of the journal Asian Politics and Policy, Wiley Blackwell, Washington DC.

### **Public Service/ University Service/ consulting activity**

- Secretary, Student Teacher Committee of the Department, 1997-2001
- Secretary, M.Phil. Committee of the Department, 2004-
- Member of the NCERT textbook committee for Political Science textbook for std XII- Politics of India since Independence, 2007.
- Member, Interview Schedule designing Committee, National Election Studies, 2009.
- Member of the committee to prepare school level encyclopedia of Civics, appointed by the textbook bureau of the Maharashtra Govt.
- prepared Political Science textbooks for the YCMOU, Nashik.
- Consultancy for civil society organizations and social movements

## **Projects (Major Grants/ collaborations)**

### **A) work completed-**

1. Politics of the Informal sector workers: a Case Study of Hamal Panchayat in Pune, 1998-1999, Maharashtra Foundation, USA, report submitted in May 1999.
2. Life and Politics in Pune's Slums, DSA, 2002- 2003, a research paper based on the findings was prepared.
3. Caste-Occupation Linkages in Pune City, DSA, 2002- 2003, research paper based on the findings published in 2004.
4. Trends in Political Participation among Indian Women, as part of the National Election Studies, CSDS, New Delhi, two research papers published in the EPW in 2004 and 2009.
5. Political Mobilisation of the Urban Informal Sector Workers in Maharashtra, Special Assistance Programme, (2002-07).
6. Patterns of Generational Mobility in Pune City, Lokniti, CSDS and University of Pune, with Suhas Palshikar, 2007-08, a research article published in the EPW, March 2008.
7. Role of Caste Associations in Contemporary Indian Politics, University of Pune, BCUD Research Grant, (2006-2008), report submitted, occasional paper based on the research published by the Department, a research paper accepted for publication.

### **B) Work in Progress**

1. Pune: From City to Metropolis, Special Assistance Programme, co-investigators, Suhas Palshikar and Nitin Birmal, (1999-2007) an exploratory paper, two research articles published in 2004 and 2007, a book manuscript under preparation.
2. Political Economy of Religiosity in Contemporary India; SAP and CAS, Dept of Politics University of Pune.
3. Electoral Choices and Political Opinions: Comparative Study of Maharashtra and Gujarat, NES, CSDS New Delhi. (a Major Research Project sanctioned by the UGC 2009-2011.)
4. OBCization of Marathas, CAS, Department of Politics, University of Pune.
5. Locating the Local Bases of Politics: Collection of District Level Sources of Political Action, BCUD, University of Pune, 2009-11.