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Area of Interest(s)/ Specialisation(s):

Ancient Indian History, Archaeology, Medieval Archaeology

Education

- PhD (2019)
Institution: Deccan College Post Graduate and Research Institute
Thesis Title: 'Medieval Archaeology of Champaner – Pavagadh and Surrounding Region; Gujarat'.
- M.A (2012)
Institution: Deccan College Post Graduate and Research Institute
Specialization: Ancient Indian History, Culture and Archaeology
Dissertation Title: 'Study of Medieval fort and Defence Strategy at Champaner'
- B.A (2010)
Institution: Jadavpur University
Specialization: History (Hons.)

Publications (Research Articles)

- 2023
 - First/Corresponding author of the article “**A Preliminary Report on the Identifications of Masons Marks from the Lesser Known Monuments (13th C.E – 14th Century C.E) of Panchmahal Districts; Gujarat, India.**” Published in Iranian Journal of Archaeological Studies [Vol 13(1), Pages 11-20, Online ISSN No – 2676-2919] (<https://doi.org/10.22111/IJAS.2023.45265.1264>)
- 2019 –
 - Co-author of the article “**An Ancient Harappan Genome Lacks Ancestry from Steppe Pastoralists or Iranian Farmers**” published in CELL [Vol 179(3), Pages 729-735, ISSN Number 1097-4172]
[<https://doi.org/10.1016/j.cell.2019.08.048>]
([https://www.cell.com/cell/fulltext/S0092-8674\(19\)30967-5?returnURL=https%3A%2F%2Flinkinghub.elsevier.com%2Fretrieve%2Fpii%2FS0092867419309675%3Fshowall%3Dtrue](https://www.cell.com/cell/fulltext/S0092-8674(19)30967-5?returnURL=https%3A%2F%2Flinkinghub.elsevier.com%2Fretrieve%2Fpii%2FS0092867419309675%3Fshowall%3Dtrue))
 - Co-author of the article “**Craniofacial reconstruction of the Indus Valley Civilization individuals found at 4500-year-old Rakhigarhi cemetery**” published

in Anatomical Science International [Vol 95, Pages 286-292, ISSN Number 1447-6959]

(<https://doi.org/10.1007/s12565-019-00504-3>)

- 2018 –
- Main author of the article “**Review of Archaeological Research on Medieval Gujarat**” published in **Heritage: Journal of Multidisciplinary Studies in Archaeology**[Vol 5, Pages 631-643, ISSN Number 2347-5463]
(<http://www.heritageuniversityofkerala.com/JournalPDF/Volume5/45.pdf>)
- Co-author of the article “**Archaeological and anthropological studies on the Harappan cemetery of Rakhigarhi, India**”, published in **PLOS ONE**[Vol 13(2), Pages 01-30, E-ISSN Number 1932-6203]
(<https://doi.org/10.1371/journal.pone.0192299>)
- Co-author of the article “**Assessing the physical and pathological traits of human skeletal remains from cemetery localities at the Rakhigarhi site of the Harappan Civilization**”, published in **ANTHROPOLOGICAL SCIENCE**[Vol 126(2), Page Number 111-120, ISSN Number 1827-4765]
(<https://doi.org/10.1537/ase.180612>)

Publications (Book Chapters)

- **2023**
- Main Author - ‘**Sense of Place and Movements: An Assessment of Probable Defensive Measures of Champaner Pavagadh Archaeological Park**’(Pp: 149-156) in “**Peopling and Cultural Spread Studies in South Asian Archaeology in honor of Prof. Vasant S Shinde for his commitment and services to Indian Archaeology**” Edited by Dr. Ajmal Shah, Dr.Mumtaz Yattoo and Dr.Astha Dibyopama. Dev Publishers, ISBN : 9789394852440

Field Experience

- Participated as a trench supervisor and also took part in analysis of ceramics and antiquities along with field exploration within the surrounding areas for one month in the Phuggaon Excavation Project (An Iron Age Habitation Site) for the field season of 2018 -19 conducted by Archaeological Survey of India; Excavation Branch – 1.
- 2013 – 2014 to 2015 – 2016 – Member of ‘Rakhigarhi Excavation project’ (One of the famous archaeological site of the Indus Valley Civilisation). The excavation was conducted by the Deccan College Post Graduate and Research Institute under joint collaboration with Seoul National University, South Korea under the supervision of Prof V.S.Shinde in ‘Rakhigarhi’; state Haryana (India). Along with supervising trenches in different localities of the site, also actively participated in teaching

students about excavations along with preparing interim reports and taking active part in Public Archaeology & Heritage Awareness program.

Research Related Awards/ Grants

- **2019 – 2020** – Research grant under Dr. Devangana Desai endowment programme for the academic year 2019 – 2020 by the Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj Vastu Sangrahalaya (CSMVS), Mumbai.
- **2018** - Grant by the Indo – Sri Lanka Foundation
- **2014 – 2015** – Junior Research Fellowship from Indian Council of Historical Research

Research Projects Other than Ph.D

- Principal investigator for the project entitled as ‘**Study of Mason marks found over monuments with special reference to medieval architecture of Panchmahal District of Gujarat**’. Funded by Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj Vastu Sangrahalaya (CSMVS) for the academic year 2019 – 2020. (Project Report Submitted)

Research Paper Presented in Various Seminars....

- **2022**
 - ‘Urbanism, Fuzzy Boundaries and Archaeology of Lesser known sites; A case study of Champaner-Pavagadh; with special reference to 13th – 14th C A.D in Landscape Archaeology Conference (LAC, 2022) in Iași-Suceava, Romania, 10-15 September, 2022
- **2021**
 - “Archaeology of Lesser Known Heritages: A Case Study of Champaner-Pavagadh, Gujarat, India in the International Conference of Medieval Cultural Heritage around the Globe: Monuments, Literature, and the Arts, Then and Now, Binghamton University.
- **2020**
 - ‘Sense of Place and Movement: An Understanding of Probable Defence Line up for Champaner’ in the International Conference of ‘Warfare in South Asia: From Ancient to Modern Times’ conducted by Department of History, Jadavpur University.
- **2019**
 - ‘Coherence and Coexistence; A Case Study of Champaner’ in the International Research Conference “Past Urbanisms” in ‘Norwegian Institute in Rome’, organized by ‘Dialogues with Past. Nordic Graduate School in Archaeology’; University of Oslo.

- **2018**
- (With Vasant S.Shinde) ‘City, Landscape and Defence; A Case Study of Champaner Pavagadh Archaeological Park’ in the International Research Conference “Crossroads: Where Humanities Meet Social Sciences” in Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences University of Sri Jayewardenepura
- (Poster) (With Vasant S.Shinde) ‘Mason Marks as a reflection of traditional building procedures: A case study from the medieval monuments of Champaner-Pavagadh,Gujarat’at 6th International Congress of Society of South Asian Archaeology at Indian Museum Kolkata
- ‘The tale of the cyphers being legends and the lodestar; A case study of the Mason Marks with special reference to Champaner – Pavagadh Archaeological Park: Gujarat’ in Anveshan 2018 (West Zone Student Research Convention) and won Third Prize.
- ‘Working Groups and Edifices, The Role of Mason Marks on the Walls of Champaner Pavagadh; Gujarat’ in International PhD seminar on Building Big? Global Scales of Monumentality – an Ethno-Archaeological Perspective organized by the Dialogues with Past. Nordic Graduate School in Archaeology, Nagaland University & Graduate School Human Development in Landscape, Kiel University

- **2016**
- ‘Marks and Their Makers: A case Study of Champaner – Pavagadh; Gujarat’ in the international seminar on ‘**Symbolism in Indian Art, Archaeology and Literature**’
- (Poster) (With Chang Seok Oh and Vasant S.Shinde) ‘Forts and Mason Marks: A case Study of Champaner – Pavagadh Archaeological Park; Gujarat’ in The Eighth World Archaeological Congress: Kyoto, Japan’ From Aug 28th – 2ndSept 2016 on the theme no 9 – Theory for the Future

- **2014**
- ‘A case study of Champaner – Pavagadh Fortified Complex’ on the theme of “Archaeology of the Deccan” during the International Seminar on ‘Archaeology and Language’ and The Joint Annual Conference of ‘Indian Archaeological Society’, ‘Indian Society for Pre Historic and Quaternary Studies’ and Indian History and Culture Society Held at Deccan College Post Graduate and Research Institute.

- **2012**
- ‘Champaner-Pavagadh a Case Study of its Defence Mechanism’ in Regional Workshop on Archaeology of Western India

Other Professional Courses

- 2023 – Certificate Course in SPSS organised by Saeternus Innovations Pvt Ltd.
- 2015 –
 - Certificate course in Underwater archaeology/Maritime archaeology conducted by the Deccan College, P.G.R.I, Pune.
 - Advanced Diploma course in Geographic Information System conducted by the Mitcon Udyog Prabodhini, Shivajinagar, Pune
- 2013 – Certificate course on Archaeological Ceramics of India: An Introduction from the Centre for Archaeological Studies and Training in eastern India, West Bengal

Academic Membership and Affiliation

- Indian Society of Pre - History and Quaternary Studies – Life Member (2015 onwards)