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Educational Qualification –

Ph.D. completed on topic, “*Jalsandharan Karyakramatil Mahilancha Sahabhag Samajshastriy Abhyas (Vishesh sandharbh Nanded Zilha)*” (in Marathi) in March 2018, at Swami Ramanand Teerth Marathwada University, Nanded.

U.G.C. NET Exam qualified for Lectureship in year 2008

SET Exam qualified for Lectureship in year 2007

M.A. Sociology, First Class with Distinction (University Topper) from Swami Ramanand Teerth Marathwada University, Nanded, in year 2005

Special Courses -

Completed “Diploma course in Women Empowerment and Development” from IGNOU and Swami Ramanand Teerth Marathwada University, Nanded in year 2010-11

Completed Certificate course in “Gender and Development” from Women’s Studies Center, Swami Ramanand Teerth Marathwada University, Nanded in year 2010-11

Teaching Experience –

Working as Assistant Professor at Department of Sociology, University of Mumbai, Mumbai since 25th February, 2013 onwards.

Worked as Assistant Professor on post FIP Leave Vacancy at N. S. B. College, Nanded from 09.03.2010 to 22.11.2011.

Areas of Interest –

Gender Studies, Rural Sociology, Kinship Studies, Tribes in India, Education and Society, Human Rights and Marginalized Groups and Communities, Gender and Water.

Book:

Published a book titled, “*Striya, Pani ani Jalsandharan Karyakram*” in Marathi (Women, Water and Water Conservation Programme), Sunidhi Publishers, Pune, First Edition July, 2024. ISBN-978-93-85262-75-3

Published a book titled, “*Mulbhut Samajik Sanstha*” in Marathi (Basic Social Institutions), Aruna Prakashan, Latur, First Edition 2011, Second Edition 2012, ISBN – 978-93-81190-04-3.

Publications:

An article titled ‘*Exploration of the Digital World through Virtual Sociology*’ in ‘Explorations, E-journal of the Indian Sociological Society (ISS E-journal) published by Indian Sociological Society Vol.10 (1), April, 2026, pp.233-240

An article titled ‘*Socio-Cultural Mobility of ‘Dhangar’ Nomadic Community in Nanded District of Maharashtra*’ in ‘The Eastern Anthropologist’, International Journal, Ethnographic & Folk Culture Society Lucknow, Vol. 18, Number 3-4, July-December 2025 Published by Serials Publications PVT. LTD. New Delhi. ISSN: 0012-8686. Pg. No. 357-370
https://serialsjournals.com/abstract/55325_8-dr._sonali_wakharde.pdf

A poem ‘*Nadivar Bandhara Bandhuya*’ published in a Marathi Journal ‘Jalsanwad’ Internet Issue No.4, Varsh 6, April, 2025. Pg. No. 34

An article titled “*Stree Ghadavili Jate*” published in a Marathi newspaper ‘Sakal’ on Saturday, 15 February, 2025.

An article titled ‘*Dr. Babasaheb Ambedkar’s Water Management Policy and its Relevance in Contemporary Times*’ published in an edited book on ‘Sustainability, Inclusive Development and Dr. B. R. Ambedkar’ edited by Ruth Kattumuri, Baliram Gaikwad, Manisha Karne and Ajit Kumar published by Rudra Publishers and Distributors, New Delhi – 110094 (India), ISBN: 978-81-969676-9-7, 2024, Pg. No. 162-171.

An article titled ‘*Maharashtratil sinchan vyavastha ani shashwat vikas*’ published in Samaj Prabodhan Patrika, Marathi Journal, ISSN. No. 0973-2845, Varsh 62/ Ank 245, January-February- March 2024. Pg. No. 59-64

An article titled ‘*Shashwat sheti ani trundhanye*’ published in Yojana, Marathi Journal, Varsh 50 Ank 6, January, 2023. Page No. 45-51

A poem ‘*Bai Chalat Rahi*’ published in a book on ‘Women Empowerment through Poetry’ University of Mumbai on 8 March, 2022

An article titled ‘*Strishramshakti, Arogya ani panivyavsthapan*’ published in Samaj Prabodhan Patrika, Marathi Journal, ISSN. No. 0973-2845, Varsh 59/ Ank 234, July, August, September 2021. Pg. No. 40-44

An article titled “*Subaltern Shravan*” published in a Marathi newspaper ‘Sakal’ on Saturday, 28 August, 2021 <https://www.esakal.com/saptarang/dr-sonlai-vakharade-writes-about-shravan-pjp78>

An article titled ‘*Panyache sanskrutik rajkarn*’ published in Parivartanacha Watsaru, Marathi Journal, ISSN: 2250-3145, Varsh 21/ Ank 3, from 1 June to 15 June 2021. Pg.No. 80-90

An article titled ‘*Covid 19 Pandemic and Tribal Women in Nanded District of Maharashtra*’ in Economic and Political Weekly, Engage (Online) Journal, Vol. 56, Issue No. 11 on 13 March 2021, ISSN No. 2349-8846 <https://www.epw.in/engage/article/covid-19-pandemic-and-tribal-women-nanded-district>

An article titled ‘*Women’s participation in water conservation: A case study of Nagdarwadi*’ in ‘Reframing the Environment: Resources, Risk and Resistance in Neoliberal India’ Conference proceedings. 2016. Edited by Manisha Rao. University of Mumbai Press. Mumbai. Page No. 108 – 114, ISBN No. 978-93-5258-232-7

Paper presented in Seminar / Conference –

Presented a paper titled “*Community Empowerment Through Women’s Self Help Groups*” in (RC-10) Indian Sociological Society, 50th All India Sociological Conference on ‘Mobilities and Inequalities: Shifting Contexts; Changing Paradigms’ hosted by the Department of Sociology and Anthropology, Easwari School of Liberal Arts, SRM University-AP, Amaravati, Andhra Pradesh, India on December 28, 29 and 30, 2025.

Presented a paper titled “*Climate Change and its impact on Agrarian Practices in Maharashtra*” in (RC-15) Indian Sociological Society, 50th All India Sociological Conference on ‘Mobilities and Inequalities: Shifting Contexts; Changing Paradigms’ hosted by the Department of Sociology and Anthropology, Easwari School of Liberal Arts, SRM University-AP, Amaravati, Andhra Pradesh, India on December 28, 29 and 30, 2025.

Presented a paper titled “*The caste-health gradient in India: Sociological analysis and NFHS-V, Evidence on stunting in Maharashtra*” at the Dr. Ambedkar Chairs’ Two-Day National Seminar on ‘Dr. Ambedkar and the Indian Constitution: Pathways to Social Justice, Equality, and Inclusive Development in Contemporary India’ organized by Dr. Ambedkar Foundation Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment, Govt. of India, Dr. Ambedkar Chair, Andhra University in collaboration with IIM, Vizag held on 14 and 15 November, 2025.

Presented a paper titled “*Feminist Research on Women’s Everyday Practices and Environmental Concerns for Sustainable Livelihoods*” in Mid Term National Conference of Research Committee on Gender Studies (RC-10) Indian Sociological Society on ‘Interrogating Sociology: Feminist (Re)Imagination’ organized by the Department of Sociology, Kishinchand Chellaram College, Mumbai on 20 and 21 September, 2024.

Presented a paper titled “*Evaluating Human Welfare through Dr. Ambedkar’s Lense*” in a one day National Conference on ‘Dr. Babasaheb Ambedkar’s Contribution to India’s Constitution and Indian Economy’ organized by The National Stock Exchange, Dr. Babasaheb Ambedkar Research and Training Institute (BARTI) Pune, Dr. Babasaheb Ambedkar Chair in Political Economy, Mumbai School of Economics and Public Policy, University of Mumbai, Indian Chamber of Commerce For Affirmative Action (ICCAA) at National Stock Exchange, BKC, Mumbai on 1st May, 2024.

Presented a paper titled “*Changing Belief Systems and Religious Rituals of ‘Dhangar’ Nomadic Community in Maharashtra*” (RC-6) in Indian Sociological Society, 48th All India Sociological Conference on ‘The Crisis of the 21st century and the way forward’ hosted by the Department of Social Sciences, School of Social Sciences and Languages, Vellore Institute of Technology, Vellore, Tamil Nadu, India on December 28, 29 and 30, 2023.

Presented a paper titled “*Role of Rural Women in promoting Sustainability in Agricultural Development*” in (RC-10) Indian Sociological Society, 48th All India Sociological Conference on ‘The Crisis of the 21st century and the way forward’ hosted by the Department of Social Sciences, School of Social Sciences and Languages, Vellore Institute of Technology, Vellore, Tamil Nadu, India on December 28, 29 and 30, 2023.

Presented a paper titled “Education and Social Mobility and Change” in a national seminar on ‘Education and Social Change’ organized by Dr. Babasaheb Ambedkar International Research Center, University of Mumbai on 11 January, 2023

Presented a paper titled “*Dr. Babasaheb Ambedkarache Samanyayi Jaldhoran*” in a one day international seminar (online) on “Yugpurush Dr. Babasaheb Ambedkar” organized by Mahatma Phule Mahavidyalaya, Ahmadpur on 9 April, 2022.

Presented a paper titled “*Socio-economic status of women of Nomadic communities in Maharashtra*” in Indian Sociological Society, 46th All India Sociological Conference (Online) on ‘Constitution, Citizenship and Minorities: Mapping Seventy Years of Indian Republic’ organized by University of Mumbai, Mumbai on December 8, 9 and 10, 2021.

Presented a paper titled “*Contribution of Indian Sociologists in Rural Studies in India*” in a two day national seminar on ‘A Century of the Discipline: Sociology in India’ organized by Department of Sociology, University of Mumbai, Mumbai, on 12 - 13 March 2020.

Presented a paper titled “*Analyzing Agrarian Transformation through the Lens of Sustainability*” in a two day national seminar on ‘Rural Livelihoods and Sustainability of Farmers’ organized by School of Social Sciences, Swami Ramanand Teerth Marathwada University, Nanded on 6-7 March 2020.

Presented a paper titled “*Women in the changing agrarian scenario*” in Indian Sociological Society, 45th All India sociological conference on ‘Environment, Culture and Development: Discourses and Intersections’ organized by University of Kerala, on December 27, 28 and 29, 2019.

Presented a paper titled “*Irrigation, Water Management and Issue of disparities*” in a two day national seminar on ‘Whither Indian Agriculture? : Issues and Challenges in Marathwada’ organized by School of Social Sciences, Swami Ramanand Teerth Marathwada University, Nanded on 27-28 February 2019.

Presented a paper titled “*A Gendered perspective on water*” in Indian Sociological Society, 44th All India sociological conference on ‘Reconstructing Sociological Discourse in India: Perspectives from the Margins’ organized by St. Philomena's College (Autonomous) Mysuru, on December 27,28 and 29, 2018.

Presented a paper titled “*Mobility and marginalization of pastoral nomadic people in Maharashtra*” in national seminar on ‘Marginalization and migration in the era of globalization’ organized by dept. of Sociology, University of Mumbai, 13 march 2015.

Organized Seminar / Conference/ Workshop –

Jointly (with Dr. M. T. Joseph) coordinated Refresher Course in Social Science (Interdisciplinary) on theme ‘Changing Facets of Education- Perspectives, Policies and Practices’ under UGC, Human Resource Development Centre, University of Mumbai. 07 November – 19 November 2022

Organized a national seminar on ‘Understanding agrarian crisis in India: perspectives from gender and other marginalized locations’ at Department of Sociology, University of Mumbai on 21st and 22nd February, 2019.

Organized Gender Development Initiative Workshop on 'Women, Water and Livelihoods' at Department of Sociology, University of Mumbai on 1st November, 2018.

Invited for Talks/Guest Lectures as a Subject Expert/Resources person

Invited as a resource person to conduct a session on ‘Research Proposal: Planning and Preparation of a Research Journey’ for a two days workshop on ‘Framing Research Proposals: Possibilities and Challenges’ at Department of Sociology, Savitribai Phule Pune University on 12th & 13th September, 2025.

Invited as a Subject Expert on topic “*Status of Indian Women in the Sustainable Development Process*” for a national seminar on ‘Sustainable Development and Indian Women’ organized by the Women’s Studies Center, Sant Gadge Baba Amravati University on 03rd January, 2024

Invited as a guest speaker on topic “Feminism in Theory and Practice” at Women’s Studies Centre, School of Social Sciences, Swami Ramanand Teerth Marathwada University, Nanded on the occasion of International Women’s Day on 8 March, 2022.

Invited as a speaker on topic “Gender Issues in Water Management” and as a panel member to pass the resolution in an international workshop on ‘Gender Issues in Water Management in Developing Countries and Sustainable Development’ organized jointly by NAM S&T Centre, New Delhi, JSS Academy of Higher Education and Research, Mysuru, India and SCOPE on 22 and 23 February, 2022

Invited as a resource person for a Webinar on topic “Feminist Perspective in Social Science” at Madhav Vidhi Mahavidyalaya and Research Centre, Gwalior, Madhya Pradesh on 2 February, 2022.

Invited for a public talk on the topic “Gender and Water Policy” at Advanced Centre for Women’s Studies, School of Development Studies, Tata Institute of Social Science, Mumbai on 13 October, 2021.

Invited as a speaker on topic “Women as nature’s conservers” at Vivekanand Education Society’s College of Arts, science and Commerce, Chembur, Mumbai on 28 September, 2021

Invited as a Guest Discussant in a national webinar on ‘Gender Equity and COVID 19: Adivasi Women and Covid 19’ organized by Women’s Development Cell, University of Mumbai, Mumbai on 11 June, 2020

Invited as Expert member for Panel Discussion in national conference on ‘Gender Isonomy: A societal onus -2018 (GISO-2018) organized by Pratibha Women’s Studies Center, Vidya Bharti Mahavidyalaya, Amravati, Maharashtra, on 19 April 2018.

Additional Responsibilities –

Appointed as a Master Trainer for the British Skill Climate Skill Program launched by British Council at University of Mumbai in the academic year 2025-2026.

Appointed as a Member of ‘Internal Complaints Committee’ i.e. ICC at University of Mumbai as per University Grants Commission (Prevention, Prohibition and Redressal of Sexual Harassment of Women Employees and Students in Higher Educational Institutions) Regulations, 2015 from 1st November, 2024.

Charge as a Co-ordinator for Master of Social Work (MSW) programme at University of Mumbai from 1st March, 2024.

Charge as a Warden of Maharshi Dhondo Keshav Karve Girl’s Hostel and Dr. Pandita Ramabai Girl’s Hostel, Kalina Campus, University of Mumbai from 12th September, 2023.

Guest Lectures for MA in Ambedkar Studies and MA in Development Studies at Dr. Babasaheb Ambedkar International Centre, University of Mumbai, Mumbai for the academic year 2020-21, 2021-22 and 2024-25 and Guest Lectures for P. G. Diploma Course on Dr. Ambedkar Thoughts at Dr. Ambedkar Center for Social Justice, University of Mumbai, Mumbai for the academic year 2018-19 and 2019-20

Additional responsibility of teaching and evaluation for MA Sociology programme at Institute of Distance and Open Learning for the period of six months from November 2018 to April 2019.

Experience of working on Editorial Board -

Worked as an Assistant Editor for *Sambhashit* A Peer- Reviewed Research Journal in Marathi Language Published by University of Mumbai, Mumbai from September 2020 to June, 2022.

Board of Studies –

Member of Board of Studies of Sociology at Bhanumati Kishandas Shroff College of Arts, Kandivali (West), Mumbai from the Academic Year 2025 to 2028.

Member of Board of Studies of Social Work at College of Social Work, Nirmala Niketan Institute, Mumbai from the Academic Year 2025 to 2028.

Coordinator and Member of Board of Studies of Social Work at University of Mumbai from the Academic Year 2023 to 2027.

Ad-hoc member of Board of Studies of Dr. Babasaheb Ambedkar International Research Centre at University of Mumbai from the Academic Year 2023 to 2027.

Membership in official bodies –

- 1) Lifetime member of Indian Sociological Society.
- 2) Lifetime member of *Marathi Samajshashtra Parishad*.