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### **Educational Qualification:**

M.A. (Geography), Delhi School of Economics  
P.G. Diploma (Urban & Regional Planning), CEPT University  
Ph.D. (Economics), Gujarat University

### **Area of Research Interest:**

Regional Economics, Labour Economics and Agricultural Economics.

### **Selected Publications:**

#### **Books:**

1. Developments in Agriculture: A Comparative Analysis of the Growth Components across Two States (2011). Allied Publishers Pvt. Ltd., Delhi. ISBN: 978-81-8424-694-0.
2. Economic Wellbeing of Hired Workers in a Growing Regional Economy (2010). VDM Verlag Dr. Müller Aktiengesellschaft & Co. KG, Germany. ISBN: 978-3-639-26846-1.

#### **Research Articles:**

1. "Employability of Rural Labour on Neo-liberal Era: A Study of Gujarat". Accepted for publication in *Indian Journal of Labour Economics*.
2. "Resource-based Planning: Prerequisites for Decentralized Development". *IASSI Quarterly*. 31(2), April-June, 2012.
3. "Food Security Aspects and Diversification of Demand in the Context of Gujarat", *Anvesak*, 42 (1&2), Jan-Dec, 2012.
4. "Performance of Crop Sector in Gujarat during the High Growth Period: Some Explorations". *Agricultural Economics Research Review*. 25(2), July-December, 2012.
5. "Productivity and Resource Structure: Underlying Dimensions of Agricultural Development". *SPIESR Working Paper No.:11*, September, 2012.

6. "Performance of Gujarat Economy: An Analysis of the Instability Aspect", *SPIESR Working Paper No.7*, November-2011. Co-author. Accepted at <http://mpra.ub.uni-muenchen.de/35712/>.
7. "Liberalized Era and Technical Efficiency in Agriculture: Variations in Gujarat and West Bengal", *Indian Journal of Agricultural Economics*, 66 (2), April-June, 2011.
8. "Trade Liberalization and Farm Sector In India: Emerging Scenario", *Anvesak*, 40 (1 & 2), January- December, 2010.
9. "Female Employment in India: Trends and Underlying Processes in the Era of Reforms", *SPIESR Working Paper No.3*, September 2010.
10. "Some Aspects of Employment and Wellbeing of Farm Labour Households: Evidences from Gujarat" *Anvesak*, 39(2), July-December 2009.
11. "Rural Poverty in India: Government Efforts and Other Determinants" *Indian Journal of Public Audit & Accountability*, II (3), July-September, 2008 & II (4), October-December, 2008.Co-author.
12. "Non-Farm Sector in India: Temporal and Spatial Aspects", *Indian Journal of Labour Economics*, Conference Issue, 50(4), October-December, 2007. Co-author.
13. "Growth of a Regional Economy: Perspectives for Human Resource Development" *Indian Journal of Public Audit & Accountability*, 1(2), April-June 2007. Co-author.
14. "Institutionalizing an Innovative Approach towards Agricultural Development" *Anvesak*, 37(1), January-June, 2007. Co-author.
15. "Employment Availability for Hired Workers: A Comparative Study of Two Villages" *Indian Journal of Labour Economics*, 49(3), July-September, 2006.
16. "Imbalances in Development between Regions and Social Groups: Evidences from Gujarat" *Anvesak*, 36(1), January-June, 2006.
17. "An Approach towards Identifying Sunrise Industries: A Regional Perspective". *Manpower Journal*, Special Issue on Rural Non- Farm Sector, 38(2 & 3), July-December, 2002. Co-author.

18. "Agricultural Development in Gujarat: Problems and Prospects". *Economic & Political Weekly*, 35 (35 & 36), 2000.Co-author.
19. "Ongoing Changes in Policy Environment & Farm Sector in India: Role of Agro-Climatic Regional Planning Approach". *Economic & Political Weekly*, 34(26), 1999.Co-author.
20. "Irrigation Development and Allocation to Crops across Major States of India". *Anvesak*, 28(2), July-Dec, 1998.
21. "Employment Trends in Agro-climatic Resource Regions". *Indian Journal of Labour Economics*, 38(2), April-June, 1995.
22. "Spatial Analysis of Agro-processing Industries in India". *Anvesak*, 24(2), July-Dec, 1994.Co-author.

### **Seminar Papers:**

1. "Agricultural Growth in Gujarat: Strides towards Innovations & Inclusiveness". Paper submitted for the *First International Conference on Development and Innovation in the Emerging Economies* of the Centre for Development Economics and Innovations Studies (CDEIS), Punjabi University and Indialics, November 16-18, 2012.
2. "Food Security Aspects and Diversification of Demand in the Context of Gujarat". Presented paper at *National Seminar on Imperatives of Sustainable Farm Sector Development in the Backdrop of Globalisation, Poverty and Employment* held at SPIESR, Ahmedabad, 15-16 June, 2012.
3. "Quality and Employability Aspects of Rural Labour Force in Gujarat". Paper presented at *Seminar on Changing Scenario of Employment in Gujarat: 1960-2010*, held on 16th -17th July 2010, Centre for Culture and Development, Vadodara.
4. "Female Labour Force Participation in Services Sector: Indian Experience in the Reforms Era". Paper presented at *International Conference on Increasing Female Labour Force Participation*, Dutch Ministry of Employment & Social Affairs, Amsterdam, The Netherlands, November, 4-6, 2009.

5. "Implications of Agricultural Trade Liberalization: An Analysis of the Growth Components and Contributory Factors for Agriculture across Indian States", Paper Presented at *Ninth Annual Conference of South Asia Network of Economic Research Institutes (SANEI)* organized by Pakistan Institute of Development Economics, Islamabad, Pakistan, August 18-20, 2008.
6. "Child Labour in India: Extent and Some Dimensions". Paper presented at *National Workshop on Socio-Economic Issues of Child Labour* at Mahatma Gandhi Labour Institute, Ahmedabad on March 16-17, 2007. Available at <http://ssrn.com/abstract=996574>
7. "Gujarat 2020: Viewpoints & A Vision". Keynote Paper presented at the *Annual Conference of Gujarat Economic Association* held in January 2007 at Bhavnagar University, Gujarat, December 2006. Available at [http://www.gdnet.org/fulltext/1172572424\\_GEA-keynote.pdf](http://www.gdnet.org/fulltext/1172572424_GEA-keynote.pdf).
8. *Annual Conference of the Indian Society of Labour Economics*, CESS, Hyderabad in December 2007. Presented paper on "Non-Farm Sector in India: Temporal and Spatial Aspects". Co-author.
9. "Performance of Agriculture in Gujarat: Some Recent Evidence". Paper presented at the *National Seminar on Agricultural Growth in the Post Reform Period: Regional Perspectives*, March 2006, Giri Institute of Development Studies, Lucknow. Available at [http://www.gdnet.org/fulltext/1165051149\\_Gujarat\\_agri.pdf](http://www.gdnet.org/fulltext/1165051149_Gujarat_agri.pdf)
10. Workshop to examine *Future Development Strategies for Rural Transformation in India*. Organized by Institute of Human Development, Planning Commission, DFID & World Bank, New Delhi in September 2001. Paper presented on "Rural Non-farm Sector in Gujarat: Growth and Emerging Nature" Co-author.
11. Seminar on *Dynamics of Development in Gujarat*, Organized by Centre for Development Alternatives with Oxfam (India) Trust, Ahmedabad, 1999. Presented Paper "Agricultural Development in Gujarat: Problems and Prospects" Co-author.
12. "Ongoing Changes in Policy Environment & Farm Sector in India: Role of Agro-Climatic Regional Planning Approach". Paper presented at the *Indo-*

*Russian Joint Seminar on 'State Regulation vs. Market Forces in Transitional Economies'*, organized by Centre for Studies in Social Sciences, Calcutta in collaboration with ICSSR, December 10-12, 1998.

13. *National Conference on Growth, Employment and Poverty: Change & Continuity in Rural India*, Organized by Indian Society of Labour Economics. New Delhi held at Patna, November, 1997. Paper presented on "Output, Employment and Poverty issues in context of ACRP" Co-author.
14. *National Workshop on Land Use Planning*, organized by National Centre for Agricultural Economics & Policy Research and Planning Commission, New Delhi, November 28-29, 1997. Presented paper on "Land Use Planning in context of Agro-climatic sub-regional planning".
15. *Annual Conference of the Indian Society of Labour Economics*, held at Gandhi Labour Institute, Ahmedabad, January 1994. Presented Paper on "Employment Trends in Agro-climatic Resource Regions".

### **Articles in Books:**

1. "Quality and Employability Aspects of Rural Labour Force in Gujarat" in Lancy Lobo & Jayesh Shah (Ed.) (2012). *Globalisation, Growth and Employment: Challenges and Opportunities*. Rawat Publications, Jaipur.
2. "Krishi Rath: An Innovative Approach towards Rural Development" in *Rural Development: Under Decentralised Governance*, MR Biju (Ed.) (2012) Concept Publishing Co. Pvt. Ltd., New Delhi. Co-author.
3. "An Update on Measurement and Determinants of Rural and Urban Poverty" in SRHashim et.al (Ed) (2008) *Indian Industrial Development and Globalisation* (Volume in Honour of Professor SK Goyal), Institute for Studies in Industrial Development, New Delhi, Academic Foundation. Co-author.
4. "Rural Non-Farm Sector in Gujarat: Growth and Emerging Nature" in Rohini Nayyar & Alakh N Sharma (Ed) (2005) *Rural Transformation in India- The Role of Non-farm Sector*, Institute of Human Development, New Delhi, Manohar Publishers & Distributors. Co-author.

5. "Output, Employment and Poverty issues in context of ACRP" in Alakh K Sharma & GK Chadha (Ed) (1997) *Growth, Employment and Poverty*. New Delhi, Indian Society of Labour Economics. Co-author.
6. "Planning for Globalization & Sustainability: ACRP as an Alternative Paradigm" in Uma Kapila & Raj Kapila (Ed) (1996) *Indian Economy Update*, Vol.III. Delhi, Academic Foundation. Co-author.
7. "Agro-processing Potential in Agro-climatic Regions" in DN Basu & SP Kashyap (Ed) (1996) *Agro-climatic Regional Planning in India*, Vol.-II. New Delhi, Concept Publishing Co. Ltd. Co-author.

### **Project Related Work:**

1. "Identifying Features of High Agricultural Growth in Gujarat in the Recent Period" (2012) funded by DEAR, National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development (NABARD) Mumbai.
2. "Developments in Agriculture: A Comparative Analysis of the Growth Components and Contributory Factors across States" (2010), funded by Indian Council of Social Sciences Research. New Delhi.
3. "Implications of Agricultural Trade Liberalization: An Analysis of the Growth Components and Contributory Factors for Agriculture across Indian States" (2010) funded by South Asia Network of Economic research Institutes (SANEI), Pakistan.
4. "Sabarkantha District Human Development Report" (2010), funded by UNDP and Gujarat State Human Development Directorate. Co-author.
5. State level Nodal Consultant for "Annual Employment Report of the Districts" (2006) sponsored by Commissionerate of Rural Development, Government of Gujarat.
6. "The Economic Condition of Hired Workers: Comparison between an Agriculturally Developed vs. Rainfed Village in Gujarat"(2005), Project Report submitted to Mahatma Gandhi Labour Institute, Ahmedabad.

7. “*Economic Upliftment and Opportunities for Escaping Poverty Amongst Tribal Unorganized Workers in Gujarat*” (2005), Project Report submitted to Mahatma Gandhi Labour Institute, Ahmedabad.
8. Research Associate in “*Gender Budgeting - Impact of Policies and Programmes on Women of Agricultural Households in Gujarat*” (2005), Project Sponsored by Human Development Resource Centre, UNDP India.
9. “Agro-climatic Regional Planning: Recent Developments”, (1998) *ARPU Working Paper No. 10*, ARPU, Planning Commission. Co-author.
10. “Crop Output Projections for States by Agro-Climatic Subregions (Based on an Inter-Regional Area Allocation Model)”. (1994), *ARPU Working Paper No. 8*, ARPU, Planning Commission. Co-author.
11. “Agro-Climatic Regional Planning – District Level” (1993), *ARPU Working Paper No. 7*, ARPU, Planning Commission. Co-author.
12. Training Manual on Agro-Climatic Regional Planning, ADDC, ARPU, Planning Commission. Co-author.
13. “Agricultural Development Strategy for the Eastern Region” (1999), *ARPU Technical Paper No. 33*, Submitted to the Planning Commission, New Delhi.
14. “Landuse Planning in context of Agro-climatic sub-regions” (1998), *ARPU Technical Paper No.30*, Ahmedabad.
15. “A Decadal Growth of Gujarat’s Agriculture and Perspective” (1997), *ARPU Technical Paper No. 28*, Ahmedabad.
16. “Agro-processing Potential in Selected Zones” (1993), *ARPU Technical Paper No.: 22*, Ahmedabad.

### **Affiliations:**

- Visiting Faculty, CEPT University, Ahmedabad
- Member, Programme Committee, Indian Association of Social Science Institutions(2013-2015)
- Member, Indian Society of Labour Economics, New Delhi
- Member, Indian Society of Agricultural Economics, Mumbai
- Member, Agricultural Economic Research Association, New Delhi

- Member, Gujarat Economic Association
- Member, Editorial Committee, Anvesak, SPIESR Journal.

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