


## BRIEF BIO-DATA

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<b>10</b>	<b>Contributions in Education</b>	:	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. In the capacity of Dean, Faculty of Agriculture &amp; Director of Instruction, I am, shouldering the responsibility of monitoring, evaluation and execution of educational activities in 10 Constituent and 63 Affiliated UG and PG Colleges and 86 Agril. Technology Schools.</li> <li>2. Worked as State Level Co-ordinator for revision of B. Sc. (Hons) Agriculture syllabus as per the recommendation of V Deans Committee. Further, as Dean, Faculty of Agriculture and played an important role in implementation of revised syllabus of different degree programme viz., Agriculture, Horticulture, Agril. Engineering, Food Science and Technology, Agril. Biotechnology and Agril. Business Management in the jurisdiction of MPKV, Rahuri.</li> <li>3. I have long teaching experience of 32 years as Assistant Professor, Associate Professor and Professor.</li> <li>4. As a Technical and Administrative Head of the prestigious World Bank aided project on Centre of Advanced Agriculture Science and Technology “Climate Smart Agriculture and Water Management” amounting to Rs. 20 Corers supported by ICAR-NAHEP, New Delhi. I am instrumental in: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Development of Teachers Assessment Mobile App.</li> <li>➤ Starting of module based PG Diploma on Climate Smart Agriculture and Water Management.</li> <li>➤ Initiated Post-Doctoral Research on Climate Smart Agriculture and Water Management for the first time of SAU’s in Maharashtra.</li> <li>➤ Implementation of Climate Smart Village concept in Buchkewadi, Dist. Pune and BamburdiGhumat, Manhere, Ambevangan, Shenit etc. in Ahmendnagar District.</li> <li>➤ Further, first time in history of SAU’s of Maharashtra State deployed 20 PG students for foreign training at Asian Institute of Technology, Bangkok.</li> </ul> </li> </ol>																												

		<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>5. Implementation of Student READY and Experiential Learning Programme in various degree programme for motivation and creation of interest among final year students towards Entrepreneurship and Skill Development.</li> <li>6. Prepared the norms for establishment of new Agriculture and Allied Colleges and evaluation and grading of agriculture and allied colleges for maintaining high educational standards in the affiliated colleges of Maharashtra.</li> <li>7. Submitted proposal for starting new Constituent Colleges at Muktainagar, Halgaon, Peth and Malegaon and successfully started new colleges at above locations except Peth.</li> <li>8. Submitted proposals for establishment of North Maharashtra Agricultural University at Kashti, Malegaon</li> <li>9. Established virtual classroom facility at Central Campus, MPKV, Rahuri from the funds provided under NAHEP component II A.</li> <li>10. As Chairman, DICC implemented state level comprehensive educational policy decisions form year 2017.</li> <li>11. Under COVID-19 pandemic situation, implemented and conducted final year UG and PG exams online and displayed the result of the same in time.</li> <li>12. Played insistentrole in seeking professional degree status to Agril. Business Management by making deliberation at ICAR and State Government level.</li> <li>13. Played significant role for seeking accreditation to the University for the period of five years (2018 to 2023) by coordinating and making presentation in front of Peer-Review Team of accreditation board.</li> <li>14. Contributed for increasing the All India Ranking of University from 35<sup>th</sup> to 24<sup>th</sup> place (2018 to 2019)</li> <li>15. Sought accreditation for College of Agriculture, Kolhapur for the period of 2008 to 2013 in the capacity of Associate Dean, College of Agriculture, Kolhapur.</li> <li>16. Upgraded and created advance laboratory facilities with state of arts equipments at Pune, Kolhapur and PGI, MPKV, Rahuri.</li> <li>17. Developed three years English medium Agriculture Polytechnic syllabus under my Chairmanship.</li> </ol>
11	<b>Contributions in Research</b> :	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Actively worked as a Chief Scientist and Associate Director of Research and Soil Specialist at Zonal Agril. Research, Station, Solapur and successfully implemented and executed 12 National Agril. Technical Projects of Government of India.</li> <li>2. As a result of positive co-ordination, leadership and proper execution, the All India Coordinated Research Project for Dryland Agriculture, Solapur (MPKV, Rahuri) was awarded as a Centre of Excellence by ICAR and received Rs. 25.00 lakhs towards Centre for Support during 2005.</li> <li>3. Initiated research on Clay mineralogy in the Dept. of Agril. Chemistry and Soil Science. Established the predominance of iron rich Beidelite species of Smectite in Vertisols of Maharashtra.</li> <li>4. Established and identified the pedogenic formation of palygorskite at expense of smectitein irrigation indeed saline-sodic shrink swell soils of Maharashtra within a four decades after introduction of irrigation. These post-doc research findings were also presented in International Clay Mineralogical conferences organized by Clay Mineral Society of America, Chicago and European Clay Mineral Society Germany during the year 2000. Delivered series of seminars to staff and students of Macaulay Institute and Dept. of Plant and Soil Science, Univ. of Aberdeen, Scotland, U.K.</li> <li>5. Established very low content of K bearing minerals in Vertisols of Maharashtra and amount of fine clays and course clays control the mechanism of K release, fixation and supply parameters in Vertisol.</li> <li>6. The results of potassium research suggested that exploitation of non-exchangeable soil K source in Vertisol if continued for long period with intensive cultivation without inclusion of K fertilizer it will lead to large scale deficiency of K in future (Findings were awarded by West Zone award for Ph. D. by Indian Society of Soil Science, New Delhi in 1994).</li> <li>7. The different forms of K, K release, K fixation and K availability were assessed for Vertisol and Alfisol soil series of Western Maharashtra.</li> </ol>

		<p>8. Identified wheat variety N-8223 for good milling and baking purpose.</p> <p>9. Released 26 recommendations on Soil Science and Dry-land Technologies for the use of farmers under scarcity zone.</p>
12	<b>Contributions in Extension Education</b>	<p>1) Establishment of Farmers-Scientist forum at Solapur, Kolhapur and MPKV, Rahuri.</p> <p>2) Organized field demonstrations through Farmers-Scientist forum.</p> <p>3) Conducted 261 FLDs on Paddy, Pigeon Pea, Soybean, Oil seeds and Pulses at Dhadgaon, Nandurbar, Tryambkeshwar and Junnar through Tribal Sub Plan project.</p> <p>4) Conducted “KisanAdharSammelan” during 2017-2020 at Central Campus, MPKV, Rahuri and constituent colleges for Transfer of Technology to the farmers.</p> <p>5) Successfully organized the Golden Jubilee Celebration of College of Agriculture, Kolhapur (2012-13)</p>
13	<b>Awards and Recognitions</b>	<p>1. National West Zone Award of Indian Society of Soil Science, New Delhi for the year 1994 for best Ph. D. research in West Zone of India on “Potassium Fertility in relation to Soil Mineralogy of Some Important Vertisol soil Series of Maharashtra”</p> <p>2. ‘Commonwealth Academic Staff Fellowship for Post Doctoral Research’ was awarded by the Commonwealth Scholarship Commission, United Kingdom during 1999-2000. The PDF work was done on “Soil Mineralogy of Irrigation Induced Saline-Sodic Shrink Swell Soils of Maharashtra, India”.</p> <p>3. Recipient of J. N. Tata Endowment Award-1999</p> <p>4. Awarded Teacher Fellowship under faculty improvement programme for Ph. D. course work at IARI, New Delhi.</p> <p>5. Awarded the 1<sup>st</sup> prize for best poster presentation at State Level Seminar of Rahuri chapter of Indian Society of Soil Science on “Soil quality for sustainable crop production” held at MPKV, Rahuri on 12<sup>th</sup> January, 2004.</p> <p>6. Received Team Award as Centre of Excellence for AICRP on Dry-land Agriculture, Solapur by ICAR, New Delhi during 2005.</p> <p>7. Awarded the 1<sup>st</sup> prize for best poster presentation in 7<sup>th</sup> Agril. Science Congress held at College of Agriculture, Pune during 16-18<sup>th</sup> February, 2005.</p> <p>8. Awarded D. G. Kulkarni Best KrishiLekhanPuraskar – 1<sup>st</sup> Prize by Baliraja publication for popular article in 2005.</p> <p>9. Awarded the 1<sup>st</sup> prize for best poster presentation in the Seminar on ‘New Dimensions in Agricultural Education’ held at College of Agriculture, Pune during 2006-07.</p> <p>10. Awarded the 1<sup>st</sup> prize for best poster presentation at 73<sup>rd</sup> Annual convention of the Indian Society of Soil Science held at Bangalore in 2008.</p> <p>11. Awarded “KrishiBhushanPuraskaar’ for Women’s Development by Public Welfare Foundation, Kolhapur -2011.</p> <p>12. Received Best Paper Award on “Silicon Nutrition in Sugarcane” in International conference on Novel Innovations and Strategies for Boosting Productivity in Agriculture at BHU, Varanasi. (November, 2014)</p> <p>13. Received National Team Award for Automatic Drip Irrigation System under Digital Farming Technology in Agriculture Innovation Summit-2020.</p>
14	<b>Honors</b>	<p>1. Honored by University Court, University of Aberdeen, Scotland, UK as a ‘Research Fellow’ in the Department of Plant and Soil Science during 1999-2000.</p> <p>2. Elected as a Councillor of the West Zone of the Clay Minerals Society of India in 1998 and 2000.</p> <p>3. Elected as a Member of Executive Committee of Indian Society of Dryland Agriculture, Hyderabad for the year 2004-06.</p> <p>4. Nominated as a Member of the Management committee of Central Research Institute for Dry-land Agriculture (CRIDA), Hyderabad, by Hon’ble Union Minister of Agriculture and President of ICAR Society for the year 2004 to 2007.</p>

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15	<b>Member of Committees</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Nominated as a Member on District level committee of AATMA in 2005.</li> <li>2. Nominated as a Member of Departmental Promotion Committee (DPC) of ARS Scientists at CRIDA, by DG, ICAR in 2005.</li> <li>3. Expert Member for Research Committee on Soil Science in Vasantdada Sugar Institute, Pune.</li> <li>4. Nominated as a Member on the Management Committee of NRC on Pomegranate Solapur in 2006.</li> <li>5. Nominated as an Expert in the discipline of Soil Science to act as a nominee of DG, ICAR by NRC for Grapes, Pune in 2006-07.</li> <li>6. Nominated as an Expert in the discipline of Soil Science on the Selection Committee by NRC on Pomegranate, Solapur in 2006-07.</li> <li>7. Nominated as an Expert Member of Selection Committee of Academic Staff Members in the discipline of Soil Science by Dr. PDKV, Akola in 2009.</li> <li>8. Member of Quinquennial Review Team of Soil Science (STCR, LTFE and BMF), Micronutrient for the year 2018-19.</li> <li>9. Coordinator, Marathi VishwakoshNirmitiMandal, Mumbai, Maharashtra an autonomous institute of Government of Maharashtra.</li> <li>10. Member, Maharashtra State Secondary and Higher Secondary Education Board, Pune.</li> <li>11. Member, Editorial Board, JART, Pune, Maharashtra.</li> </ol>										
16	<b>Life Member of Statutory Bodies</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Chairman, Board of Studies, Soil Science and Agril. Chemistry, MPKV, Rahuri (2005 to 2007 and 2013 to 2017)</li> <li>2. Chairman, Faculty of Agriculture, MPKV, Rahuri (2017 to till date)</li> <li>3. Member, Academic Council, MPKV, Rahuri (2017 to till date)</li> <li>4. Member, Executive Council, MPKV, Rahuri (2017 to till date)</li> </ol>										
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18	<b>Ad-hoc Projects</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) Principal Investigator, Network Project on Spentwash (Rs. 19 lakhs) funded by Central Pollution Control Board, New Delhi.</li> <li>2) Principal Investigator, Spentwash Project in eight Co-operative Sugar Industries of Maharashtra (Rs. 73.57 lakhs).</li> <li>3) Technical and Administrative Head for World Bank funded project on Centre of Advanced Agriculture Science and Technology "Climate Smart Agriculture and Water Management" amounting to Rs. 20 Corers supported by ICAR-NAHEP, New Delhi.</li> <li>4) GPS and GIS based model soil fertility maps for selected districts for precise fertilizer recommendation to the farmers of India (Rs. 53.56 lakhs)</li> <li>5) Diatomaceous earth as source of silicon in different crops of India (Rs. 23.81 lakhs)</li> </ol>										
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			Dean (F/A) and Director of Instruction	MPKV, Rahuri	Scholarship for Students through CSR Fund	110.00	2017 to 2020
			Dean (F/A) and Director of Instruction	MPKV, Rahuri	Centre of Advanced Agriculture Science and Technology "Climate Smart Agriculture and Water Management", MPKV, Rahuri	2000.00	2017 to 2020
			Associate Dean	College of Agriculture, Kolhapur	Education and Seed Production	282.00	2008 to 2013
			Head of Department	Soil Science and Agril. chemistry, MPKV, Rahuri	Net work projects, Spentwash, Product Testing etc.	174.00	2005 to 2007 and 2013 to 2017
			Chief Scientist & Associate Director of Research & Soil Specialists	Zonal Agril. Research Station, Solapur	National Agricultural Technology Project (12)	151.00	2003 to 2005