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Educational Qualifications							
Degree	Institution				Year		
B.A. (Hons) Political Science	Hindu College (University of Delhi)				2005		
M.A.	CPS/JNU				2007		
M. PHIL.	Department of Political Science, University of Delhi				2010		
Ph.D.	King's College London				2017		
Career Profile							
Teaching in Dyal Singh College since July 2009							
Administrative Assignments (From 1 <sup>st</sup> July 2017 onwards)							
Member, IQAC Convener, Canteen and Parking Committee							
Areas of Interest / Specialization							
Intellectual History, Constitutionalism in South Asia, India and Western Political Philosophy							
Subjects Taught							
Indian Political Thought, Classical and Modern Political Philosophy							
Research Guidance							
M.Phil.: 1 (completed) Ph.D. : 2 (pursuing)							
Publications Profile (From 1 <sup>st</sup> July 2017 onwards)							
1) 'Understanding JotiraoPhule: Ghulamgiri as a Critique of Caste Hierarchies', <i>Think India Journal</i> , vol. 22, issue 10, November 2019 (ISSN No. 0971-1260). 2) 'Affirmative Action in India: The Cases of Scheduled Castes/Scheduled Tribes and Other Backward Classes', in Abhay Prasad Singh and Krishna Murari (ed.) <i>Political Process in Contemporary India</i> (Pearson, 2019). 3) 'Mohandas Karamchand Gandhi', 'Swami Vivekananda', and 'JyotiraoPhule', chapters published							

in Dev N. Pathak and Sanjeev Kumar H.M. (ed.) *Modern South Asian Thinkers* (Sage, 2018).

- 4) 'Law and Colonial Subjects: The subject-citizen riddle and the making of section 295 (A)', in Gunnel Caderlof and Sanjukta Das Gupta (ed.), *Subjects, Citizens, and Law: Colonial and Independent India* (Routledge, 2017, ISBN No. 978-1-138-22844-3, pp. 78-101).

#### Conference Organization/ Presentations(From 1<sup>st</sup> July 2017 onwards)

- 'Women in Indian Politics: Analyzing the Means to Bridge the Gap between Representation and Participation', paper presented at the International Conference on *Political Science as a Discipline & Relevance of Social Sciences in the New World Order* organized jointly by Karnataka Political Science Association (KAPSA) & Maharani's Arts College for Women on February 25-26, 2020.
- 'Moral action in everyday life': Analyzing the role of *Bhagwad Gita* in developing Gandhi's Deontological Framework', paper presented in *Mapping the Global Legacy of the Mahatma: Reflections on Politics, Religion and Culture*, an International Conference organized by Zakir Husain College (Morning), University of Delhi, New Delhi on January 24-25, 2020.
- 'Quality-Quantity Conundrum and other challenges in Bihar Government's Education Policy for Girl Child Education', paper presented in 2nd International Conference of the India Public Policy Network (IPPN) in collaboration with Department of Political Science, University of Delhi titled *Politics and Public Policy* on February 5-6, 2019.
- 'More Participation, Less Representation: Analyzing the case of Women's Representation Bill in Indian Democracy', paper presented in ICSSR sponsored National Seminar *Electoral Process and Dynamics of Democracy in India* organized by ShahidBhagat Singh College, University of Delhi on April 4-5, 2018.
- 'Transgressing Binaries: The Idea of Universal Religion and Humanism in Swami Vivekananda', paper presented in UGC-CAS/SAP sponsored National Seminar *Beyond Identities: Reflections from South Asian Imaginaries of Nation and Universe* organized by Department of Political Science, University of Delhi on March 13-14, 2018. He was also the Co-convenor of the Seminar.
- 'Interpreting self-restraint as moral currency: The centrality of 'courage' in Gandhi's Satyagraha', paper presented in Gandhi Jayanti National Conference 2017 on *Revisiting Champaran : Challenges of Satyagraha in 21<sup>st</sup> Century* organized by Zakir Husain College (Morning and Evening), Gandhi Smriti&DarshanSamiti and Indialogue Foundation, New Delhi on October 16-17, 2017.

#### Invited lectures:

- 1) 'Looking Beyond the Obvious: The Contours of Ambedkar's Democratic Imagination', invited lecture delivered at short term course on Dialogue with Dr. B. R. Ambedkar: Critical Reflection for Social Science Discourse sponsored by UGC and organized by UGC-HRDC Doctor HarisinghGourVishwavidyalaa, Sagar on January 20, 2021.
- 2) 'Vaccine Nationalism & the Question of Ethics in the time of Crisis: Reflections from Gandhian Perspective', invited lecture delivered National Webinar on *COVID-19 Vaccine Internationalism: Challenges and Opportunities* organized P.E.S College of Science, Arts and Commerce, Mandya along with Karnataka Political Science Association (KAPSA) on November 4, 2020.
- 3) 'Gandhi and Science: The Love-Hate Relationship and its implications for India in the Context of Corona Pandemic', invited lecture delivered in National Webinar on *Relevance of Gandhian Principles in the Post Covid19 World* organized by Kumar Bhaskar Varma Sanskrit and Ancient

<p>Studies University, Assam on July 13-14, 2020.</p> <p>4) 'Doctoral degrees across the Globe', and 'Navigating the Bureaucratic Procedures to Pursue a Research Degree Abroad (Special session for faculty members)', delivered Two invited lectures at S. P. Dnyanasadhana College, Mumbai University in a workshop titled 'Academic Life, Doctoral and Post-Doctoral Degrees Across the Globe' organized jointly by S. P. Dnyanasadhana College, Mumbai University and University of Leicester, UK on January 5, 2019.</p>
<p><b>Research Projects (Major Grants/Research Collaboration) (From 1<sup>st</sup> July 2017 onwards)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Completed a major research project sponsored by ICSSR (Indian Council for Social Sciences Research) titled "Pedaling their way to Empowerment: The changing contours of girl child education in Bihar" in December, 2018.</li> <li>Currently working on a minor project sponsored by ICSSR (Indian Council for Social Sciences Research) titled "Analyzing the implementation of Swachch Bharat Abhiyaan (G): A Study of West Champaran District of Bihar".</li> </ul>
<p><b>Awards and Distinctions (From 1<sup>st</sup> July 2017 onwards)</b></p>
<p><b>Association With Professional Bodies</b></p> <p>Member, ISA  Member, ECSAS  Member, BASAS</p>
<p><b>Other Activities like MOOCs/ Patents etc. (From 1<sup>st</sup> July 2017 onwards)</b></p>

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