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Education: MA (Mass Communication and Journalism), Karnatak University, Dharwad
First rank with three gold medals

MA (English), Bangalore University, First Class

MA (Ancient Indian History), Karnataka University, Dharwad
First rank with gold medal

BA, First Class, Bangalore University

Professional experience:

Manipal University: Director, Manipal Institute of Communication (now School of Communication), Manipal University– December 2009- December 2014

Manipal University: Senior Asst Professor, Manipal Institute of Communication, Manipal – from 2006-2009

Manipal University: Senior Lecturer, Manipal Institute of Communication, Manipal – from 2002-2006

Deccan Herald, Mangalore: District Correspondent: 1996-2002

Deccan Herald, Bangalore: Staff Reporter: 1993-1996

The Times of India, Bangalore: Sub-Editor – 1992

Miscellaneous:

Taught Journalism in Hochschule Bremen University, Germany, May-June, 2009

Taught International Communication in Hochschule Bremen University, Germany, May-June, 2014

UGC fellowship examination cleared both in Journalism and History (however, fellowship not availed)

Attended a workshop on “Media and Education” organized by UNESCO at New Delhi in 2005

Member, Board of Advisors, Global Media Journal

Served as Chairperson, Board of Studies, SOC, Manipal University

Served as member, BoS, Kuvempu University and St Aloysius College

For the first time, the School of Communication figured in the all-India survey in 2012 as one among top few communication institutes in the country and consistently improved its position in 2013 and 2014

Contributions:

Research: About 100 post-graduate dissertations were guided on topics such as journalism, cinema, communication, literature, philosophy and culture,

Teaching: Taught subjects such as Research Methodology, Communication Theory and Practice, Reporting, Editing, Film theory, Media Laws and Ethics, Development Communication, Environment, Media Criticism, Cultural Studies, Creative Communication (literature, theatre and fine arts), Political Communication, Contemporary Global Society, Global Communication.

Publications: About 200 articles in Deccan Herald on variety of issues such as education, development, environment, literature, culture, politics etc

A few important articles:

Sacred rocks sacrilegied: on quarrying in Udupi

Evacuees in limbo: on displacement

Growth or technocide: on ecological debate

Trouble in the pipeline: on HPCL pipeline

Fishing in troubled waters: on fisheries

When the sea swallows its shore: on sea erosion

Mother of all families: on the biggest joint family

The Kannada novel's big event: on first Kannada novel

Critic and his concern: interview with critic Dr C N Ramachandran

Voice of harmony: interview with writer Sara Aboobakkar

Recreating history: on heritage village in Manipal

The cultural interior: on Purandara dance-music festival

The never-ending lexicon: on Kannada dictionary project

Spreading the book-culture: on Akshara Prakashana

Writer's record: on Dr Shivaram Karanth teleserial

Strings of hope: on jasmine cultivation

Scholar extraordinary: on scholar Sediyaapu Krishnabhat

Lethal spray: on endosulphan

One poetry collection in Kannada published by Akshara Prakashana, Heggodu

A few talks, interviews and discussions on Radio and Television

Papers presented in national seminars and international seminars including countries such as Malaysia, China (Hong Kong), Greece (Athens), workshops attended and conducted in different places, delivered more than 50 public talks on topics connected with media, society, culture, literature etc .

Traditional Media v/s New Media: key-note address delivered at Jain University, Bangalore at the national conference on New Age Communication and Media, 2015 (Feb 2)

Mahatma Gandhi's ideas on education: a talk delivered at Dr T M A Pai college of education, Udupi, 2015 (January 30)

Movements behind visual arts: key-note address delivered at the national conference on visual arts organized by the SDM college, Ujire, 2015 (January 30)

Indo-US environmental connections and concerns: paper presented at Geopolitics conference in Manipal University, Manipal, 2015 (January 16-17)

Communicating from East to West: The mean between Buddha and Aristotle, paper presented in Athens (Greece), 2014

India, Pakistan and Media: paper presented at Geopolitics conference in Manipal University, Manipal, 2013.

India, China and Media: paper presented at Geopolitics conference in Manipal University, Manipal, 2013.

Communication Theory: A Gandhian perspective, paper presented at AMIC conference in Shah Alam, Malaysia, 2012

Media and Indian Democracy: Present Preoccupations, paper presented at Vadodara (Gujarat), 2012

Women and media: chaired a session at a conference in Manav Rachna University, New Delhi, 2011

Bahujana Hitaaya: Medium and the Movement, paper presented at Kuvempu University, Shimoga, 2009

Research issues in social sciences: An agenda for sustainable development of coastal Karnataka, Fisheries College, Mangalore, 2006

Mega industries and Human Right issues in Dakshina Kannada, paper presented at PUCL conference in Mangalore, 2000

IT education, general education, other concerns etc, paper presented at AMUCT conference in Udupi, 2001

Environment: Changing scenario in the context of globalization and role of media with specific reference to Dakshina Kannada, paper presented in Sandesha conference in Mangalore, 2002

Saamajika Samarasya mattu Patrikegalu (Social harmony and newspapers), paper presented at Mangalore, 2006

Media Criticism: Hindutva needs introspection, paper presented at Bangalore, 2008

Anarthashastra ! (Mishap economics) on mining, paper presented at Udupi (Published), 2001

E Naadina Alivu Ulivu (This land: destruction or survival), paper presented at Ujire (Published)

Conducted workshop on 'creative writing' in Dept of European Studies, Manipal University, Manipal, 2014 (Aug 20)

Attended a workshop on "Media and Public Health" conducted by UNICEF in Chennai – August 30, 2014