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Curriculum Vitae



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Cited papers: 111

Education

Passing year	Course	Institution / University
1999	Ph. D (Neotectonics/ Geology)	M. S. University of Baroda, Vadodara
1991	Masters of Science (Geology)	M. S. University of Baroda, Vadodara
1989	Bachelors of Science (Geology)	Gujarat University, Ahmedabad

Professional Fellowships

1. Fellow of Association of Petroleum Geologists
2. Fellow of Geological Society of India, F.N. 2227
3. Fellow of Mining Engineers Association of India, F.N. 2328
4. Fellow of the Indian Planetary Society – M. No. 1914 Life Member
5. Fellow of the Indian Society of Remote Sensing –M. No. L-3024
6. Life member of Indian Society of Earthquake Science (ISES)

Work Experience

Job Title	Organization	Period
Director	Birbal Sahni Institute of Palaeosciences	September 2023 onwards
Professor (Geology) HOD	Department of Earth and Environmental Science, Kachchh University	July 2008-September 2023
Dean (Faculty of Science)	KSKV Kachchh University, Bhuj-Kachchh	Sept 2006 to Apr 2011, 2014-2017; April 2023 – Sept.2023
In-charge Registrar	KSKV Kachchh University, Bhuj-Kachchh	Since Oct 2013 to 31-3-16 & 4-1-19 to 24-11-19
Principal (GES-I)	Shri R. R. Lalan college, Bhuj, Kachchh	June 2006 to July 2008
Lecturer (GES-CI-II)	Shri R. R. Lalan college, Bhuj, Kachchh	Dec. 1991 to July 2008
Research Assistant	M.S. University of Baroda, Vadodara	For three months in 1991

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

TITLE OF Ph.D. THESIS: “Morphotectonic Evolution of Khari River Basin of Central Kachchh Highland” Mentor: Prof. L. S. Chamyal

DISERTATION TITLE: “Granitoids of Higher Kumaun Himalaya”

Ph. D. Students Guided and registered:

1. Dr. Bhanu Goyal, (2010) **Awarded:** “*Paleoseismic studies in Eastern Kachchh, Western India*”
2. Dr. Anil Gor, (2012) **Awarded:** “*Geotectonic Characterization of Kachchh (E) basin, Western India: Based on Earthquake Geophysics*”
3. Ms. Mamata Ngangom (2013) **Awarded:** “*Late Quaternary Landform evolution: Role of climate and tectonics in the Great Rann of Kachchh, Western India*”
4. Mr. Gaurav Chauhan (2012) (INSPIRE fellowship) **Awarded:** “*Structural and Neotectonic significance of Median High of Kachchh Rift basin, western India*”
5. Mr. Arjav Shukla (2012) (CSIR fellowship) **Awarded:** “*Site Response study and Seismic Hazard Mitigation in Some urban areas of Kachchh intra-plate basin*”

6. Ms. Archana Das (2014) **Awarded:** “*Fluvial Response to Climate, Tectonics and Sea level Changes during Late Quaternary period on the Southern Kachchh Mainland, Western India*”
7. Ms. Zakhana Shukla (2015) **Awarded:** “*Study of extreme climatic events and their hazard potentials in Kashmir valley using RS and GIS*”
8. Mr. Nisarg Makwana (2015) **Awarded:** “*High Resolution Palaeoclimatic Variability Archived by the Great Rann of Kachchh during the Middle to Late Holocene Period*”
9. Mr. Adil Husain Padder (2014) **Awarded:** “*Quaternary climate and tectonic characterization of Great Himalayan Ranges of Kashmir valley*”
10. Mr. Kaustubh Sane (2014) **Awarded:** “*Bedrock gorges of mainland Kachchh, Western India: Hydrodynamics and Palaeoclimatic significance through geological time*”
11. Mr. Ankit Trivedi (2015) Registered: “*Environmental Health Study of Gulf of Kachchh for Sustainable Industrial Development by Integrated Monitoring of Landscape Dynamics*”
12. Mr. Yash Shah (2019) **Awarded:** “*Aquifer zonation along the Mundra-Gandhidham belt, Kachchh, Western India Using Hydro-Geological data and Remote Sensing*”
13. Ms. Hemashri Thacker (2019) **Awarded:** “*An appraisal of groundwater quality and quantity across Katrol Hill Fault (KHF), Kachchh, Western India*”
14. Mr. Suraj Bhosle (2019) **Awarded:** “*Taxonomy and Biostratigraphy of Upper Jurassic Ammonoids of Zanskar and Spiti regions of the Indian Himalaya*”
15. Mr. Abhishek Lakhote (2019) **Awarded:** “*Active Fault Mapping and Paleoseismic Investigation along South Wagad Fault Zone of Kachchh Basin: An approach to Seismic Hazard Assessment in Western Continental Margin of India*”
16. Mr. Babulal Vaghela (2019): Registered: “*Delineation of deformational history of Central Mainland of Kachchh using micro-structure and joint pattern studies in various lithounits*”
17. **Co-Guide:** Mr. Ketan Chaskar: (2019) Registered: “*Sedimentology and Paleoenvironment of the Upper Jurassic strata of Spiti and Zanskar Valley of the Indian Himalayas*”
18. **Co-Guide:** Ms. Nazim Deori (2019) Registered: “*High resolution Biostratigraphy and depositional environment of Cenozoic succession of Kachchh Basin, Western India, Gujarat*”
19. **Co-Guide:** Ms. Suruchi Patel (2019) **Awarded:** “*Ichnology and sedimentology of Mesozoic deltaic system, Kachchh basin western India*”
20. **Co-Guide:** Mr. Darshit Padia (2019) **Awarded:** “*Ichnology and Sedimentological Model of Late Holocene Sediments of Great Rann of Kachchh, Gujarat, Western India*”
21. Mr. Gavin Mendoza (2020) : Registered: “*Subsurface structural modeling of the Banni and Rann half-grabens of Kachchh, western India using ambient noise study*”
22. **Co-Guide:** Ms. Kamna Sharma (2019) Registered: Banasthali University;
23. **Co-Guide:** Ms. Pooja Chauhan (2020) Registered: Banasthali University;

Summer and Winter Research Fellowship – mentoring

1. Ms. A. M. Gopika, Thiruvananthapuram: **IASc – INSA-NASI** summer research fellowship, 2019
2. Mr. S. S. Dharani Balan, Pondicherry Uni. Pondicherry, **IASc – INSA-NASI** summer research fellowship, 2021
3. Ms. Palak Shah, Department of Geology, Xavier’s College, Mumbai, Winter Internship, 2021
4. Mr. Aditya Dharaiya, Department of Geology, Savitribai Phule Pune University, Pune, Summer internship 2023

Expert and Consultant:

1. Expert on behalf of GSDMA – Gujarat Govt. at Smrutivan Earthquake Museum a Dream Project of Honorable Prime Minister.
2. Expert and Consultant – Meroform (Noida) and Design Factory – at Smrutivan Earthquake Museum, Bhuj-Kachchh

Editor: in Special Publication: 6 of *Journal of Geological Society of India 2016: Springer: Title: Recent Studies on the Geology of Kachchh*

Guest Editor: *Springer’s Geoheritage: Special Issue on: Indian Geoheritage from Precambrian to the Present*

Academic Editor: *Intech Open Book Series:*

Awards Granted

RESEARCH PROJECTS (On Hand):

1. **PI:** Assimilation of Remote Sensing and Hydrogeological data for aquifer zonation vis a’ vis determining structural and lithological control over groundwater quality and quantity in Central –southern Kachchh mainland, Western India, submitted to ISRO-RESPOND (20.64 lakh)
2. **Principal Investigator:** Component-V, **Integrated project on Active Fault Mapping in Kachchh Basin, Western India** (cost: INR 35.5 lakh)
3. **Co-PI:** Component-VII, **Integrated project on Active Fault Mapping in Kachchh Basin, Western India** (cost: INR 20 lakh)

4. **Co-PI** in SERB-DST, New Delhi under Extra Mural Scheme- **Land-sea interactions along coastal wetlands of Gujarat, western India: mangroves response to climate and sea-level changes during the Holocene** – PI-Dr. Shilpa Pandey-BSIP-Lucknow (approx. total cost- 50 lakhs)

RESEARCH PROJECTS (Applied):

5. **PI:** 3D Digitization of Geoheritage Sites of Kachchh Paleo-rift Basin, Western India, submitted UNDER the Science and Heritage Research Initiative (SHRI) Scheme of SERB.
6. **Co-PI:** “*Understanding The Aridity And Desertification In Kachchh Through Climate And Geology*” submitted to the Department of Climate change, Government of Gujarat (PI-Dr. G. D. Chauhan)
7. **Co-PI:** “*Establishment of Geoinformatics based online repository and web portal for fossil identification through image analysis*” with the other **co-PIs:** Dr. Ajay Kumar Singh (Dept. of Bioinformatics, Central University of South Bihar, Gaya), Dr. Krishna Kumar Ojha (Dept. of Bioinformatics, CUSB, Gaya), Prof. Dharendra Kumar Pandey (Dept. of Geology, CUSB, Gaya), & Dr. Jitendra Kumar Sharma (Dept. of Geology, University of Rajasthan) **PI:** Dr. Asheesh Shanker (Dept. of Bioinformatics, CUSB, Gaya)
8. **PI:** Geochemical and Socio-economic significance of Basalt and allied rocks of Babra Region, Saurashtra: Gujarat, submitted to Govt. Of Gujarat (cost 73.3 lakh)

RESEARCH PROJECTS (Completed):

1. **Project-Director** *Restoration of the main wood fossil park & other miscellaneous work near Dholavira, Khadir, Kutch:* A fossil restoration project: funded by Gujarat Tourism (Rs. 21,00,000)
2. **Project Investigator:** Fossil collection project for Dholavira Fossil park museum funded by the Collectorate and Gujarat Tourism. **(Rs.1,10,000)**
3. **Principal Investigator** in a CSIR Research Project (EMR Scheme) on “*Estimation of site response and seismic hazard in the Kachchh seismic zone, Gujarat, India*” No. 23(0019)/11/EMR-II. **(Sanctioned on 8-04-2011)** (Amount: **73,10,000.00 INR**)
4. **Principal Investigator** in a DST Research Project on “*Shallow sub-surface signatures of Neotectonic activity along the transverse fault system of Kachchh, Kachchh Window, western India*” No. DST/ SR/S4/ES-21/Kachchh Window/P3 (Amount: **7,12,000.00 INR**)
5. **Co-Principal Investigator:** “*Revisiting the source zone of the 1819 Rann of Kachchh earthquake to constrain the deformation characteristics,*” communicated to the MoES (PI: Prof. Kusala Rajendran) (other Co-PIs: Dr. C. P. Rajendran, Prof. L. S. Chamyal, Prof. A. K. Singhvi and Dr. Navin Juyal). **(Sanctioned in 2011)**
6. **Principal Investigator** in a DST Research Project on “*Delineation of Quaternary Tectonic History of Kachchh from the Sediments of Great Rann, Western India*” No. SR/S4/ES-TG/02/2008. (Amount: **14,60,000 INR**)
7. **Principal Investigator** in Students’ SCI-TECH project on “*Correlation of 2001 Bhuj Earthquake deformation features with the existing Geological structures in Epicentral region: A hazard mitigation perspective*”(Amount: **25,000 INR**)
8. **Principal Investigator** in Students’ SCI-TECH project on “*Holocene and Late Pleistocene paleoclimatic study around Dholavira Harappan Settlement*” **(Amount: 25,000 INR)** Date of sanction 14-03-2011
9. **Principal Investigator** in a DST Research Project on “*A comparative study between the 1819 Kachchh and 2001 Bhuj Earthquakes based on Deformation Patterns and Ground Liquefaction*” No. DST/23(257) SU/2001
10. **Principal Investigator** in a DST Research Project on “*Preliminary documentation of ground deformation and tsunami effects at Andaman and Nicobar Islands and Eastern Coast of India (in connection to the 26th December, 2004 Sumatra Earthquake)*” No. DST/23(505) SU/2005
11. **Project In-charge:** Dr. James Zollweg's project of *Telemetric Seismic Networking in Kachchh*, a project of Boise State University, Idaho, U.S.A., funded by the NSF (National Science Foundation) and The National Geographic Society, U.S.A.
12. **Co-investigator** in a DST project regarding “*Reconnaissance survey of the ground failure during 2001 Gujarat (Republic Day) Earthquake*” with Dr. C. P. Rajendran and Dr. Kusala Rajendran, scientists, CESS, Trivendrum.
13. **Co-Principal Investigator:** “*Tectonics of Andaman Nicobar Arcs: Constraints from Coral Proxies*”, Communicated to the DST-New Delhi. Jointly proposed from the IISc – Bangalore (Scientists: Prosenjit Ghosh **(Sanctioned in 2010)**)

Invited Talks/ Expert lectures/ Key note addresses

1. “*Geodiversity of Kachchh rift-basin qualifies it as A Potential National Geopark*” (21-03-2023): An invited talk in the Refreshers’ course, UGC-HRDC, Kumaun University, Nainital.
2. “*Dholavira: Vestige of Sindhu Saraswati Civilization*” (17-03-2023): An invited talk in the Refreshers’ course, UGC-HRDC, Kumaun University, Nainital.
3. “*Geological Evolution of Kachchh paleo-rift basin*” National level conference/field workshop on “*Kachchh Paleo-rift basin: An Ideal Tectonics and Sedimentary Package for Indian Geoheritage*” at the Dept. of Earth and Environmental Science, KSKV Kachchh University on 11-14 February 2023.
4. “*Climate and Tectonic Perspectives to the Origin of Landscapes : A case study of Kachchh, Western India*” (31-01-2023) A special lecture at the Department of Geology, Goa University, Goa

5. **“Tectonics of Kachchh Paleo-rift basin”** (01-02-2023) A special lecture at the Department of Geology, Goa University, Goa
6. **“Role of Geology in drought management: Kachchh context,”** (06-01-23) Tier – II training of Central Ground water Board, Western Region, Department of Earth and Environmental Science, KSKV Kachchh University, Bhuj-Kachchh (6-7 January 2023)
7. High End Workshop (KARYASHALA) on **“Disaster and Climate-Resilient Pathways: Adaptation, Mitigation and Sustainable development”** 7-13 December 2022, BSIP, Lucknow
8. **“Active Fault research in Kachchh: Do we use this valuable data for Disaster Prevention and preparedness?”** (11-12-22) High End Workshop (KARYASHALA) on “Disaster and Climate-Resilient Pathways: Adaptation, Mitigation and Sustainable development” 7-13 December 2022, BSIP, Lucknow
9. **“Risk and Vulnerability Assessment to Tsunami and coastal Hazards in India”** (13-12-22) High End Workshop (KARYASHALA) on “Disaster and Climate-Resilient Pathways: Adaptation, Mitigation and Sustainable development” 7-13 December 2022, BSIP, Lucknow
10. **“Geodiversity of Kachchh basin qualifies it as A Potential National Geopark”** (10-10-2022): An invited talk at the 1st International Geodiversity Day and 6th Int’l Geoethics day Celebration and Group Discussion on Geoheritage Conservation and Geoethics at INSA, 10-11 October, 2022.
11. **“Geodiversity of Kachchh basin: A potential of National Geopark”** (06-10-2022): An invited talk at the Department of Geology, Fergusson College, Pune on the occasion of International Geodiversity Day Celebration.
12. **“Geoheritage of Gujarat: From Precambrian to the Present”** (02-10-2022): An invited talk at the brainstorming session and conference on “Geoheritage of Mehrangarh Ridge” at Mehrangarh Fort. Jodhpur.
13. **“Rann and Deserts: Their origin and Historical Implications”** an invited speech at a workshop/ conference on “Combating Desertification & an appraisal on Desert Economy” (28-09-2022): Govt. of Gujarat Climate Change Department initiative at KSKV Kachchh University.
14. **“Tectonic Geomorphology of Kachchh Basin”** (16-09-2022): Course works-for Research scholars, S. P. Pune University, Pune.
15. **“Earth as a Dynamic Planet”** (30-07-2022) “Orientation Program” Human Resource Development Center, University of Hyderabad, Online lecture.
16. **“Advances in earthquakes and Active Fault Research in Kachchh: Do we use this valuable data?”** An invited talk at the National Symposium on **“Understanding and Combating Earthquake and Landslide Hazards”** with Special Reference to Bhuj Earthquake and Advances in Earthquake Science-2022, organized by ISR and ISES - 21-23 July 2022.
17. **“Dholavira: Vestige of Sindhu Saraswati Civilization”** An online talk organized by “The History Enthusiasts” Hubballi, Karnataka: 7th May 2022: Also available on you tube: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4HwFC7GxxCE>
18. **“Rann-An economic corridor from Harappan to Shri Narendra Modi”** An invited talk at one day brain storming session on: Desert Economics – A step towards making \$ 5 trillion Economy: on 11th April 2022: Department of Economics KSKV Kachchh University: DoE sponsored program.
19. **“Seismic and Active Fault Research in Kachchh: Do we use this valuable data?”** An invited talk at the training cum conference “Disaster Risk Reduction & Resilience: Policies and Management” Organized by: Dept. of Geology, BBAU – Lucknow and NIDM, 7-9 March 2022.
20. **“Climate and Tectonic Perspectives to the Origin of Landscapes of Kachchh, western India?”** An invited talk Govt. Science College, Mandvi, under the program: Sarjanatmak ABhivyakti Dhara, 22nd February 2022.
21. **“Climate and Tectonic Perspectives to the Origin of Landscapes of Kachchh, western India?”** An invited talk at the University of Helsinki – under the program-course of Climate Change and Global Justice – Global Development Studies (MA): 9th February 2022.
22. **“What Do We Learn from 2001 Bhuj Earthquake?”** An invited talk at NIDM, Delhi-KSKVKU joint awareness seminar on World Disaster Risk reduction day – 13th October 2021.
23. **“Dholavira: Sindhu Saraswati Sabhyata nu Ek Boltu Nagar”**A Global talk at Gujrati Sahitya Forum: 3rd October 2021: Also available on you tube: http://youtu.be/Z0pn3M3xu_M
24. **“Applications Of Physics In Geosciences”** (14/09/2020) UGC Sponsored 1st Online Refresher Course in Physics from 07/09/2020 to 20/09/2020 for University and College Professors, Gujarat University.
25. **“Earth as a Dynamic Planet”** (27-04-2020) “Anusandhan” a Webinar on "Research Methodology and Frontiers in Science" Department Of Physics, Saurashtra University, Rajkot, Gujarat Science Academy
26. **“Geotectonics”** (16-04-2021) Faculty exchange program at Government Science College, Mandvi.
27. **“Tectonics of Kachchh paleo-rift basin”** (18-04-2021) E-lecture series on Structural Geology and Tectonics, organized by the Structural Geology and Tectonic Studies Group India , Rock Deformation and Structures and Central University of Kerala.
28. **“Role of Geology in Drought management-Kachchh Context”** (17-06-2021), “Role Of Geosciences In Drought Management: Issues, Challenges And Opportunities”, School Of Environmental And Earth Sciences

Kavayitri Bahinabai Chaudhari North Maharashtra University Jalgaon & Association of Geologists and Hydrogeologists Geoforum, Aurangabad (MH)

Workshops and Group Discussions

- 1 Participated in a national seminar on “Space Quantum Frontiers” organized by the SAC-ISRO-Ahmedabad and DTDI-ISRO-HQ- Bengaluru – 19th May 2022.
- 2 Participated at an international workshop on “*Tsunami Geology*” organized by the Department of Geology, **Anna University, Chennai**, sponsored by US-IOTWS Program and CPEES, Anna Uni. Chennai from 30th November to 7th December 2006. Title for the presentation “*Coastal Devastation and Geographic Changes at Great Nicobar and Nancowrie group of Islands of Nicobar District of India: in connection to 26th December 2004 Sumatra-Andaman Earthquake and Tsunami*”
- 3 Participated at a DST sponsored National Group Discussion Meet on “*Active Tectonics in Western India*” at the Department of Geology, M. S. University of **Baroda, Vadodara** during 20th to 21st March 2003.
- 4 Participated at an *International workshop on "Earth System Processes Related to Gujarat Earthquake Using Space Technology"* held at IIT, **Kanpur** during 27th to 29th January 2003.

Conferences, Seminars:

1. Presented a paper on “*Mapping of Active Fault related morphotectonic features along the western segment of South Wagad Fault, Kachchh, Western India*”, 34th Convention, Indian Association of Sedimentologists, Amravati University 19-21 December 2017.#
2. Presented a paper on “*Geomorphology of Active Intra-plate and passive margin Kachchh basin in western India*” 9th International conference on Geomorphologists, Organized by IIG; 6-11 November, 2017, New Delhi.
3. Presented a paper on “*Neotectonic Behavior of Transverse Faults in Central Mainland Kachchh, Western India: Case Studies of Kodki, Ratiya and University Faults*”, 4th International Conference on Geology and Geoscience, 26-27 July 2017, Dubai.
4. Presented a paper on “*Late Quaternary global climate and Kachchh intra-plate tectonics have engendered a young geological basin: the Ranns of Kachchh, Western India*”; 14th Annual Meeting of the Asia Oceania Geosciences Society, Singapore, 6 to 11 August 2017.
5. Presented a paper on “*Landscape Evolution of Kachchh palaeo-rift basin, Western India: Quaternary Climate and Tectonic Odyssey*”, 35th International Geological Congress, Cape Town, South Africa, 27 Aug to 2 Sept 2016
6. Presented a paper on “*Review of Paleoseismic and active tectonic studies and Earthquake hazard potential in Kachchh paleo-rift basin, Western India*”, 30 May-3 June 2016 7th PATA Days, Crestone, USA
7. Presented a paper on “*Earthquake Hazard Assessment in Kachchh Seismic Zone, Gujarat: Using Ambient Noise Measurement Techniques*” at an international congress on Environmental Research at Aurangabad during 19-21 December, 2013
8. Presented a paper on “*Science of ‘Ragas’: The Control on Living Beings to the Cosmic Elements*” at an international congress on Environmental Research at Aurangabad during 19-21 December 2013.
9. Presented a paper on “*Recent Development in Quaternary stratigraphy of the Great Rann of Kachchh western India*” on an international conference on ‘Recent Developments in Stratigraphy’ (ICRDS-13) during 14-16 December 2013
10. Presented a paper on “*Liquefaction characteristics in active intra-plate seismic zone: A case study of 2001 Bhuj earthquake, Kachchh, Western India*” at an International conference (IUGG-GRC) on “Extreme Natural Hazards and their Impacts” at Chapman University, **CALIFORNIA, USA** (8-11 December 2012)
11. Presented at a national conference NCLA-National Conference on Luminescence Application at CGCRI and IACS-Kolkata 19th to 21st February 2009. Presentation: “*Luminescence Dating of Fault Gouge of Kodki Transverse Fault Within The Khari River Basin of Central Mainland Kachchh, Western India*”
12. Presented at a seminar on “*Tectonic Geomorphology Landform Evolution and Quaternary Tectonics*” at Wadia Institute of Himalayan Geology, Dehradun. Title of presentation: “*Morphological Response to Quaternary tectonic activity along various fault system in Kachchh, Western India*” on 10th and 11th November 2006.
13. Presented at a seminar on ‘*Paleoseismology and Active Faults in Gujarat*’ organized by the *Institute of Seismological Research*: Department of Science and Technology, Govt. of Gujarat, Gandhinagar on 16th September 2006.
14. Presented at an International Conference “**10 Years of Paleoseismology in the ILP: Progress and Prospects.**” for the Poster presentation on my study on 2001 Bhuj Earthquake: Held at **Kaikoura, NEW ZEALAND** during 17-21 December, 2001
15. Attended a district level seminar on **ICMAM** (Integrated Coastal and Marine Area Management) Plan for Gulf of Kachchh held at **BHUJ** on 7th Sept. 2000.
16. Presented at a seminar on “*Fossil Occurrences in Lignite bearing Tertiary Formations in Gujarat*” held by Mining Engineering Association of India - Ahmedabad Chapter at **Panandhhro, Kachchh** on 13th April 2003

WORKSHOP COORDINATED:

1. Organized a one day **“MuseMeet”** for the archaeologists, geoscientists and historians on 21-02-2023 at the Department of Earth and Environmental Science, KSKV Kachchh University. Main Speaker: Dr. Nandan Shastri, an expert in Museums.
2. Organized a National level conference/field workshop on **“Kachchh Paleo-rift basin: An Ideal Tectonics and Sedimentary Package for Indian Geoheritage”** at the Dept. of Earth and Environmental Science, KSKV Kachchh University on 11-14 February 2023.
3. Organized a workshop/ conference on **“Combating Desertification & an appraisal on Desert Economy”** on **28th September 2022** at KSKV Kachchh University under the umbrella of Panchamrit for Climate Change: Govt. of Gujarat Climate Change Department initiative.
4. Organized Training Programme on **“Karyotyping & FISH, CHNS analysis and Stereozoom microscope operation”** at Department of Earth and Environmental Science, KSKVKU, Bhuj-Kachchh, 1-7 August, 2022: Under the STUTI program of DST-FIST, funded by the DST-STUTI-IIT Gandhinagar.
5. Organized 2nd Task Force MoES Meeting of **“Active Fault Mapping – Kachchh Region”** at KSKV Kachchh University during 24– 25 May 2022.
6. Convened **“International Online Meet on 2001 Bhuj Earthquake”**, 26 January 2021: Dept. of Earth and Env. Science, KSKV Kachchh University, Bhuj
7. Convened **“Bicentenary Commemoration of 1819 Intra-Plate Allah Band Earthquake Of Kachchh Basin: Past Chronicle And Future Opportunities”** during 15 and 16 June 2019 in the Dept. of Earth and Env. Sc. KSKV Kachchh University, Bhuj
8. Convened **“Second National Conference and Field Workshop On ‘Recent Studies On The Geology Of Kachchh Basin’** during 30 Dec 2019 to 1 Jan 2019 at the Dept. of Earth and Env. Sc., KSKV Kachchh University, Bhuj-Kachchh
9. Convened 30th Gujarat Science Congress – 2016 theme: **Challenges for Science and Technology Education During coming decades: Preparing for a sustainable Gujarat** (6 and 7 February, 2016)
10. Coordinated MoES sponsored Brain Storming session on **“Quaternary Geology of western India: Present status and future perspectives”** (8th February 2016)
11. Coordinated **DST field workshop on “Sedimentation Tectonics and Quaternary Landforms of Zaskar Valley of Ladakh Himalaya”** (25th August to 8th September 2015)
12. Organized seminar on **“Mining and mineral industry in Kachchh district - prospects, opportunity and threats”** on 14.02.2015
13. Organized field work in **“Kachchh of Planetary Sciences and Exploration Programme (PLANEX) Fifteenth Workshop on & Quot Mars and Moon: Remote Sensing and Analogue Studies”** 4 – 10 January 2015.
14. Coordinated the field workshop of the **“9th International Congress on Jurassic System”** organized by the University of Jaipur. (26 December to 4th January, 2014)
15. Coordinated **INSPIRE (DST Programme)** for school Children in July 2012 (**27 to 31 July, 2014**) in the Department of Earth and Environmental Science, Kachchh University
16. Coordinated **National Level Field Workshop and Brainstorming session “Geology of Kachchh basin, western India: Present status and future perspectives”** during **26 to 29 January 2012** in the Department of Earth and Env. Sc. in Kachchh University.
17. Coordinated **INSPIRE (DST Programme)** for school Children in July 2012 (**1 to 5 July, 2012**) in the Department of Earth and Environmental Science, Kachchh University
18. Coordinated **INSPIRE (DST Programme)** for school Children in August 2012 (**5 to 9 August, 2012**) in the Department of Earth and Environmental Science, Kachchh University
19. **Coordinated INSPIRE (DST Programme)** for school Children in August 2012 (**9 to 11 November, 2011**) in the Department of Earth and Environmental Science, Kachchh University
20. Convened a workshop on **“Environmental Protection and Pollution control: A Law persepective”** on 5th April 2010 at KSKV Kachchh University.
21. Coordinated Fourth SERC workshop (Summer-Winter School) on **“Active Tectonics and Paleoseismology”** during 11th to 23rd November 2007 at Department of Geology, R. R. Lalan College, Bhuj (Directors: Prof. L.S.Chamyal and Dr. C. P. Rajendran)
22. Organized an international workshop on **“Geology of Kachchh Basin”** with the Energy and Geoscience Institute, The University of **Utah, USA** during 8th to 12th December 2009.
23. Convened an Industry-University friendly meet **“Sangat”** at KSKV Kachchh University on 10th February 2008.
24. Convened a workshop on Continuous Evaluation Pattern in the faculty of Science KSKV Kachchh University 7th to 8th May 2006 in Bhuj.

Academic and administrative Experience:

- ❖ **Coordinator:** 12B committee of KSKV Kachchh University during 2017-18
- ❖ **In-charge Registrar of KSKV Kachchh University** during October 2013 to March 2016 and during January 2019 to November 2019.

- ❖ **District Coordinator** – Quality Enhancement Programme in Higher Education, Government of Gujarat-2007
- ❖ **Dean–Faculty of Science**, KSKV Kachchh University, Bhuj-Kachchh from September 2006 to April 2011 and 2014 to 2016; 2023
- ❖ **Chairman** – Board of studies – Geology since 2006
- ❖ **Member** – Academic Council, Board of University Teaching and Research, Senate and Syndicate - KSKV Kachchh University
- ❖ **Member** – BOS, Geology in Banasthali University, Rajasthan; HNG University, Patan
- ❖ **Member** – BOS, Geology in M S University of Baroda
- ❖ **Member** – BOS, Geology in Gujarat University, Ahmedabad
- ❖ **Member in Advisory committee:** New course in B.Sc. Geophysics, DKV College of Science and Arts, Saurashtra University.
- ❖ **Coordinator:** Workshop on Continuous Evaluation System in the Science Faculty of Kachchh University, Bhuj on 7th and 8th May 2006.
- ❖ **Principal** in Shri R. R. Lalan College, Bhuj from June 2006 to July 2008 (**achieved NAAC** accreditation during the tenure).
- ❖ **Core Faculty** in Career Oriented courses in the Department of Geology, R. R. Lalan College, Bhuj (for courses: Disaster Management, Basics of Earthquake Science and Applied Mineralogy) (2005-2008)
- ❖ **Visiting lecturer** in Mining Geology in Govt. Polytechnic, Bhuj for two years.
- ❖ **Visiting faculty:** Virayatan Engineering College, Govt. Science College, Marine Science course.
- ❖ Participated a UGC sponsored **Refresher course** in "*Applied Quaternary Geology*" held at the Department of Geology, M. S. University of Baroda, **Vadodara** during Jan-Feb. 1996.
- ❖ Participated a UGC sponsored **Refresher course** in "*Landscapes and Processes*" held at the Department of Geology, M. S. University of Baroda, **Vadodara** during Nov.-Dec. 2000.
- ❖ Participated a DST sponsored **short-term course** on "*Paleoseismicity and Active Tectonics in Northeast India*" held at Department of Earth Sciences. Manipur University, **Imphal** during 15th to 20th November 1999.
- ❖ Participated a DST sponsored **contact program cum field workshop** on "*Structure, Tectonics and Mesozoic Stratigraphy of Kachchh*". Organized at Department of Geology, M. S. University of Baroda, Vadodara and held at **Bhuj** during 14th to 20th January 2002.
- ❖ Participated a UGC sponsored **Orientation Programme** at C. R. Gardi Academic Staff College, Rajkot during 28/02/05 to 27/03/05.
- ❖ Examiner in Mining Geology in Govt. Polytechnic Bhuj for four years.

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- 1 **M. G. Thakkar** and Anil Gor (2022) Role of Physics in unfolding the mysteries of Geoscience, *Pragami Tarang-2022*, ISSN-2347 2782, Vol: XIV. Pp. 26-30. (article in Gujarati)
- 2 Translation of the "Geology Terminology in Gujarati and Hindi" Total Seven books translated published by Gujarat Granth Nirman Board.
- 3 A chapter on "Kachchh nu Bhustar" in a Book on Kachchh by Kachchh Development Council, Mumbai.
- 4 Edited and compiled a book: Kutch Guide.
- 5 Given a series of articles on Earthquakes, its mechanism, general awareness, prediction, recent research and on the latest studies regarding 2001 Bhuj and 1819 Allah Bund Earthquake in a local daily, "Kutch Mitra".
- 6 A general article for scientific awareness, "*Kutchman Bhukamp vignyanni Avganana nahi palve* (Apathy to Earthquake science in Kachchh is not a good sign)" published in "KutchMitra" Deepotsavi Volume, Nov. 2001
- 7 A general article for scientific awareness, "*Ateet, Vartmaan ane Bhavishyaman Kutchnu Bhoostar* (Geological Past, Present and Future of Kachchh)" published in "KutchMitra" Earthquake Special Volume, Feb.2002, on completion of one year of the earthquake.

Field Experience

- ❖ Geological mapping, surveying and extensive trekking on highly rugged terrain of Kumaun, Sikkim, Garhwal, Kashmir, NE Himalaya and Pre-Cambrian areas of Gujarat and Rajasthan.
- ❖ Exploring Kachchh for **Neotectonics and paleoseismic study**.
- ❖ Acquired field training in neotectonics by some of the national and international scientists (**Dr. L.S.Chamyal, Prof. K.S. Valdiya, Prof. S.K.Tandon, Dr. Kanchan Pandey, Dr. S.K.Biswas**).
- ❖ During 2001 Gujarat Earthquake I have worked in the field with well known Indian paleoseismologists **Dr.C.P.Rajendran** and **Dr.Kusala Rajendran** of CESS (Center for Earth Science Studies), Trivendrum.
- ❖ Worked with Memphis (USA) scientist, **Ms. Martitia P.Tuttle** in Kachchh for the identification and documentation of various **liquefaction features** during 2001 Gujarat Earthquake.
- ❖ Have also working experience with well known US seismologists **Dr.Arch Johnston** (Director, Mid American Earthquake Center MAEC), **Dr.Paul Bodin**, scientist, CERI, Memphis (USA), **Dr. Gary Patterson, Dr. T. K. Rockwell** (Sr. Proj. Geologist, Earth Consultant International, California), **Leonardo Seeber**, seismologist, Lamont Doherty Geological Observatory, Columbia University (N.Y.), **Steven Wesnouskey**, Director, Center for Neotectonic studies and Professor Uni. Of Nevada; **Dr. Ms. Rebecca Bendick** and **Dr. Grant Kier**, geologists, Colorado State Uni. and **Dr. James McCalpin** a renowned paleoseismologist.
- ❖ I have also worked with **Dr.James Zollweg** of the D/o Geosciences, Boise State Uni. Idaho, USA under the NSF (National Science Foundation) and **National Geographic Society** project of Kachchh Seismicity by **Telemetric Seismic Network** in Kachchh. I also acquired field training for **GPS installation** and data collection in Kachchh as a part of Roger Bilham's geodetic study in Kachchh.
- ❖ Have got **Field Training in Paleoseismology**: Trenching at **Hope Fault-a Pacific and Indo-Australian plate boundary**, South Island, **New Zealand** and morphotectonic study at raised Marine Terraces at **Conway Coast, New Zealand**.
- ❖ I have also got field training in **Tsunami and paleo-tsunami Geology** by **Dr. Brian F. Atwater** – (USGS scientist) at South Indian and Kachchh coast.
- ❖ Extensive field work on Andaman and Nicobar Coast for the post tsunami surface deformation and tsunami destruction studies.

General Experience

- ❖ Worked as a **script writer** in a documentary on "**Kachchh a land of variation**" to be aired in the UK, by **EYE TV** network.
- ❖ Given many **radio talks** on various science subjects on All India Radio, Bhuj
- ❖ Worked as a **script writer** and **translator** in a **documentary on Koba Jain Tirth**.
- ❖ Worked as a presiding and counting officer in assembly, parliamentary and Nagarpalika elections for seven times.
- ❖ **Founder member** in "**Kachchh Tourism and Handicrafts Development Federation**" Bhuj, Kachchh.

- ❖ **General Secretary: Kachchh Fossil Park:** An organization for research, restoration and protection of fossils and also for geological and scientific awareness in the society.
- ❖ Resource person in UGC sponsored orientation program at C. R. Gardi Academic Staff College, Rajkot.