

Profile
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Professional accomplishments

- 1989 **Clinical Research Assistant**, Dept. of Skin, VD & Leprosy, Research Society in Grant Medical College and Sir JJ Group of Hospitals, Mumbai
- 1998 **Clinical Research Fellow**, Academic Dept. of Neurology, Royal London Hospital, London, UK

Academic presentations

- Chapter on “Leprosy“, Indian Association of Dermatology, Venereology and Leprology (IADVL), Textbook of Dermatology, 1st Edition, 2nd Edition, 3rd Edition; 4th Edition (2022) 5th Edition(2023)
- Chapter on “**Leprosy**“, Textbook of Conn’s Therapy, USA,
- Chapter on “**Leprosy**“, Indian Association of Leprologists (IAL) Textbook of Leprosy, 1st Edition, 2nd Edition; 3rd Edition (2023) and “Handbook of Leprosy”, 1st Edition
- Chapter 66 ‘**Leprosy**’ in Textbook of “SKIN Clinical Dermatology, published by First Edition, 2019
- Chapter on Leprosy, in Handbook titled “A Chronicle on Leprosy”, published by Indian Association of Leprologists (IAL), 2022

Research publications

- **Published over 200 scientific research articles, abstracts** in various National and International peer reviewed Journals of Leprosy, Dermatology, Medical and Public Health.
- **Presented scientific papers** in several National and International Conferences and meetings in India and abroad organized by various leprosy and dermatology organizations, associations, etc.
- **Reviewed research articles** for Journals: Leprosy Review, Indian J of Dermatology, Venereology and Leprology, Indian J of Leprosy, PLoS Neglected Tropical Diseases (Online), Indian Dermatology Online J, Indian J of Drugs in Dermatology, Indian J of Medical Research and other Scientific Journals.

Special assignments

- **Travel Fellowship**, International Leprosy Union (ILU) Exchange Programme, Kenya, 2 - 20 June 1995.
- **Guest Expert Speaker**, Leprosy Conference at Astrakhan, Russia, 2008, 2009 and 2011.
- **Guest Expert Speaker**, 4th World Congress of Tele Dermatology, Georgia, 4 - 6 October 2012
- **Expert training faculty** for Medical, Paramedical and Healthcare Staff of Govt including Interns, Nurses, Health Professionals and Management Trainees of Govt., NGOs and Teaching Institutions.

Consultancy services

■ Programme evaluation

- ➔ Member, 6th Independent Evaluation Team for Mid-Term Review of World Bank assisted NLEP in Gujarat and Maharashtra,

- Member, Data Validation Team for Review of the NLEP programme, Department of Health, Govt. of Gujarat State, June 1999
- Member, 7th Independent Evaluation Team for Review of World Bank Assisted NLEP in Assam, Meghalaya and Tripura, March - April 2000.
- Member, Evaluation Team for Mid-Term Review of Dhaka Leprosy Control Project, The Leprosy Mission (TLM), Dhaka, Bangladesh, April 2004.
- Member, Evaluation Team, Indian Council for Medical Research (ICMR) for Dadra Nagar & Haveli (UT), 2013 & 2017.
- Member, International Medical Expedition Team on Leprosy for Ministry of Health and Social Protection, Republic of Tajikistan, July to August 2014.
- Member, WHO and Central Leprosy Division - Mid-Term Evaluation of NLEP for Chhattisgarh State, 10 - 25 November 2014
- Member, Independent Evaluation Team, Schieffelin Institute of Health - Research & Leprosy Centre (SIH-R & LC), Karigiri, Tamil Nadu (Nov 2021)

Technical Consultations

- Member, Scientific Committee, World Congress on HIV - AIDS, Bombay, December 1990
- Member, Ethics Committee, KJ Somaiya Medical College & Research Centre, Sion, Mumbai (2021 -2024)
- Member, Expert Group, International Association for the Study of Pain (IASP®) (YEAR)
- Member, Technical Resource Committee of NLEP, Govt. of India, 2013, 2014, 2015, 2016
- Chairperson, Scientific Session at the 22nd World Congress of Dermatology, Korea, May 2011.
- Chairperson, Scientific Session, 18th International Leprosy Congress, Brussels, September 2013
- Chairperson, Scientific Session, International Congress of Dermatology, Delhi, December 2013
- Coordinator, Special Interest Group (SIG) for Leprosy, IADVL, 2014 - 2016
- Member, Community Dermatology Committee, International Society of Dermatology, 2014-2017
- Chairperson, Scientific Session, 23rd World Congress of Dermatology, Vancouver, Canada, 2015.
- Chairperson, Scientific Session, 21st International Leprosy Congress, Hyderabad, November 2022
- Member, Technical Advisory Committee, Central Leprosy Division, Govt. of India, 2014 to 2019
- Member, Technical Advisory Committee, NLEP, Govt. of Maharashtra,
- Member, Expert Group, National Strategic Plan for NLEP (2022 to 2030), Govt of India, 2022

Scientific Consultations

- Member, Editorial Board, Indian Journal of Leprosy published by Hind Kusht Nivaran Sangh
- Member, Editorial Board, Indian Journal of Drugs in Dermatology,
- Temporary Advisor, World Health Organization (WHO), 2013 & 2014
- Expert faculty, ECHO Zoom meeting for Leprosy, NLEP, Govt of Maharashtra, 2018 - 2023

Affiliations

- Vice President, Indian Association of Leprologists (IAL), 2017 - 2020
- Member, Special Work Group, ILEP Technical Commission (ITC), 2021 - 2024
- Secretary, Indian Association of Leprologists (IAL) - Maharashtra Branch
- Life Member, Indian Association of Dermatology, Venereology and Leprology (IADVL)
- Council Member, Indian Association of Dermatology, Venereology & Leprology (IADVL) - Maharashtra Branch
- Chairman, Hind Kusht Nivaran Sangh (HKNS), Maharashtra Branch,
- Life Member, Indian Medical Association (IMA), Mumbai Branch

- Member, Executive Committee, The Society for Eradication of Leprosy (SEL), Mumbai
- Member, Research, Rehabilitation and Education (RRE) Society, Acworth Municipal Hospital for Leprosy (AMHL), Mumbai
- Member, District Leprosy Society, Director General of Health Services, Govt. of Maharashtra, Mumbai

Appreciations & Recognitions

- **Best Worker Award** by Brihan Mumbai Municipal Corporation, Mumbai, February 1997
- **Award for Excellence** by Indian Leprosy Foundation (ILF), 2004
- **Appreciation award** for charitable services in Dermatology by IADVL, 2011
- **Best Partnership Award** by Indian Development Foundation (IDF), 2013 & 2015
- **Award for Excellence** in Dermatology by MEDSCAPE India, Maharashtra, India, 2015
- **Late Shri N D Diwan Memorial Award** for Outstanding Professional Services in the Rehabilitation of Disabled People by NASEOH, Mumbai, 2015
- **President's Appreciation Award**, Indian Association of Leprologists (IAL), 2017
- **National Award for DERMASEVA**, Indian Association of Dermatology, Venereology and Leprology (IADVL), 2021
- **Award of Appreciation** for Excellent Performance in NLEP: 2021-22, Govt. of Maharashtra, 2022
 - **International League of Dermatological Societies Award 2023**
 - **Dr K.V. Desikan Memorial Award 2024**

Key proficiency

- As a Leprologist and Dermatologist, have in-depth knowledge on various clinical presentations of leprosy; conducted studies on clinching early diagnosis and improving treatment options, especially managing the complications such as lepra reactions and nerve function impairment with the aim to prevent disabilities; show keen interest in establishing long-term, trusting relationships with patients which boost improved outcomes, peer referrals and overall goodwill.
- As a researcher, engaged in clinical and operational research in collaboration with research institutions, labs, Universities, and Pharmaceutical organizations to examine biological systems to determine the factors that lead to disease and other physical conditions; testing effective treatments to patients and write technical articles about the conducted research.
- As a Dermatologist, exhibit excellent diagnostic skills; understand the problems faced by the patients, identify the correct cause of the problems and suggest the best course of treatment that is more accessible and affordable as a passion for helping the patients with skin diseases belong to the lower income group.