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Educational Qualification:

M.Sc. (Statistics, Econometrics), First Class, First in Gujarat University, 1971
(Winner of National Merit Scholarship of Government of India, 1969 and Gold Medal, 1971)

Area of Research Interest:

1. Poverty, Nutrition, Income distribution and Consumer Behaviour
2. Agricultural Economics

Selected Publications:

1. "Dealing with Poverty" Forthcoming in Indian Journal of Agricultural Economics.
2. "Dealing with Poverty" Forthcoming in Indian Journal of Agricultural Economics.
3. 'Financing Education in Gujarat: A Sustainable Approach' article accepted for publication in Journal of Indian Econometric Society.
4. "Poverty: Its concept and Incidence in Gujarat" in "Dynamics of Development in Gujarat" edited by Indira Hirway, S.P. Kashyap, Amita Shah, Concept Publication, Sept. 2002.
5. Measurement of Poverty: An Interstate Profile in Economic Theory and Econometric applications, edited by G.V.S.N. Murty, Har-Anand Publication, 1995
6. Minimum Needs Program in Gujarat A note submitted to State Planning Commission, January 1995.
7. Sampling Technique for Evaluation of Total Literacy Campaign, Feb. 94.
8. Sampling Technique for Evaluation of Total Literacy Campaign, Feb. 94.
9. Land Productivity Differential in Indian Agriculture: District Level Analysis, in Sectoral Growth and Change - Essays in honour of D.T.L,akdawala, edited by Y.K.Alagh, R.J.Mody & Rohit D.Desai, Har-Anand Publication, 1993.
10. Land Productivity Differential in Indian: Agriculture District Level Analysis, in Sectoral Growth and Change - Essays in honour of D.'T'.Lakdawala, edited by Y.K. Alagh, R. J. Mody & Rohit D. Desai, Har-Anand Publication 1993.
11. Growth of Agricultural Production in Agro Climatic Regions, technical paper of ARPU, 1992
12. Land Productivity Differentials in Indian Agriculture Technical paper series of APRU, 1992

13. Problems and Prospects of Groundnut and Groundnut Oil in India, A note submitted to Dr. Manmohan Singh, Minister of Finance, Government of India, 1992.
14. Growth and Fluctuations in Agriculture Production seminar on Agro-climatic Regional Planning at Sardar Patel Institute, March 5-6, 1991.
15. Poverty Estimates of Agro-climatic Regional Technical paper series of ARPU 1991.
16. Poverty Estimates of Agro-climatic Regions, Technical paper series of ARPU 1991
17. Measurement of Poverty: Inter-State Profile", Anvesak, Vo1. 18, Nos. 1-2, Jun-Dec. 1988.
18. "Impact of Irrigation in Consumption", submitted to World Bank, 1984.
19. Forecasting Model for Price Behaviour in Gujarat", paper submitted to Ahmedi Pay Commission for Gujarat, 1984-85.
20. Some Tentative Implication of Drought Proneness to Agriculture and Levels of Living (Co-author), Gujarat Economy: Problems and Prospects, Monograph Series 10, SPIESR, 1983.
21. Levels of Living Poverty and Liquor Consumption: A Study of Ahmedabad Slums, Anvesak, Vol. XII, No.1, June 1982.
22. Caloric Demand Function, Price Indices and Some Distributional Inflation, National Seminar on Employment, Levels of Living and Public Policy, Sardar Patel Institute of Economic and Social Research, Ahmedabad; March 27-29, 1981.
23. Poverty Inequalities and Levels of Living in Gujarat; Seminar on Development of Gujarat: Problem and Prospects, SPIESR, August 24-26, 1981.
24. Estimation and Testing of Economics of Scale in Household Consumption: An Application of Box-Cox, Transformation, Anvesak, Vol. X, No. 1, June 1980.
25. In Search of Demand for Nutrition, Anvesak, Vol. X, No. 2, December 1980.
26. Inflationary Expectation and the Behaviour of Money Income Ratio, Gujarat Statistical Review, Vol. VII, No. 2, Oct. 1980.
27. Temporal Estimates of Poverty in Rural Gujarat, Vishleshana, March, 1980.
28. Temporal Estimates of Incidence of Poverty in Rural Gujarat, XI Gujarat Economic Conference, Bhavnagar, November 10-11, 1979.
29. Expenditure Elasticities for Maharashtra: A Note prepared at the request of Tata Economic Consultancy Service, Bombay, 1978.
30. Household Consumption, Anvesak, Vol. 8, No. 1-2, 1978
31. General Functional Form and Economics of Scale in Household Consumption, Anvesak, December, 1977.

32. How poor are the Urban Poor?: A Study of Ahmedabad Slums, (Co-author), Vishleshan, Vol. III, No. 2, June 1977.
33. Changes in the Levels of Living and Pattern of Consumption (Co-author), 7th Gujarat Economic Conference, Bulsar, Dec. 15-16, 1975.
34. Regional Variations in Consumer Expenditure (Co-author, Institute Seminar on Regional Economic Planning, March 16-18, 1973.

Current Works:

1. A Study to find out reasons of drop out of children and process adopted under alternative schooling. Prof. N. C. Shah & Dr. H.T. Patel
2. "Food Security and mal-nutrition in post globalization period" (study in progress)
3. Providing guidance to and associated with the projects like Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan, Evaluation Studies of CAPART, Gujarat Tourism project, etc.

Membership of Committees:

1. Member, Gujarat Economic Association
2. Member, Indian Econometric Society
3. Consultant for World Bank Project "Impact of Irrigation on Consumption in Matar Taluka", 1984.
4. Consultant to Agro-Climatic Regional Planning Unit of Planning Commission since 1989.
5. Consultant (computer programming) for International Food, Nutrition programme of UN Universities, Japan and MIT Cambridge, USA, 1985.
6. Member of Expert State Level Committee as identification of backward areas of Gujarat.
7. Acted as Jury in the presentation of the final year students of CEPT, Ahmedabad held on December 8, 2005.
8. Acted as Jury in the presentation of the final year students of CEPT, Ahmedabad held on December 11, 2006