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Educational Qualifications : M. A. (Sanskrit), M. A. (English),

M. Ed. (FIRST in University of Pune)

Ph. D. on Swami Vivekananda's Educational Philosophy

D. Litt. by Tilak Maharashtra Vidya-Peeth (Feb. 28, 2010)

'Jeevan Gaurav Sadhana-Award' from Bharati Vidya-Peeth, Pune, 26-4-2011.

D. Litt. (HONORIS CAUSA) by Sri Chandrasekharendra Saraswati Viswa Mahavidyalaya, Kanchipuram (Nov. 18, 2017).

'Jeevan Sadhana Gaurav Award' from Savitribai Phule Pune Vidyapeeth, Pune, (Feb. 10, 2018)

'Atal Sanskruti Gaurav Award' from Sanskruti Pratishthan, Pune, (Dec. 25, 2018)

STATE AWARDS

- 1) Record eleven prizes in Kalidas Inter University Music Competition - 1974-75.
- 2) **Bhogi Ya Yogi** - Maharashtra State prize for best play-script in Hindi - 1977-78.
- 3) **Swar-Bhaskar** - Maharashtra State Award for Bharat-Ratna Pt. Bhimsen Joshi's Biography - 1984-85.
- 4) **Saint Jnaneshwar's Pathway of Devotion** - 'Tulshiram Wagh' award from Maharashtra Sahitya Parishad. - 1989.
- 5) **Yugacharya Swami Vivekananda** - The Maharashtra State Award for Classical Literature (Philosophy and Psychology) - 1994-95.
- 6) **Indian Acharyas** -
 - a) 'Vasudeo Dhondo' Award from by Maharashtra Sahitya Parishad - 1996.
 - b) Late Gorathekar Memorial Award, Nanded - 1997.
 - c) Mahanubhav Vishwa-Bharati Award, Amaravati - 1997
 - d) Late Sonumama Dandekar Award, Vengurla - 1997
 - e) G. K. Manolika Award from Maharashtra Granthotejak Sanstha, Pune - 1999.
 - f) Mrs. Annapurna Ravaji Bhat Award, 2000.
- 7) **Indian Saints** - Dr. P. N. Joshi Sant-Mitra Award from Snehwardhan Publishers, Pune - 1999.
- 8) Mrs. Annapurna Ravaji Bhat Award for Indian Saints - 2000.
- 9) **Indian Sampradayas** - Keshav Bhikaji Dhavale Award - 2002.
- 10) **Geeta-sagar** - H. H. Shri Ramray Govind Kelkar (alias Shri Dasram Maharaj) Award from Maharashtra Granthotejak Samstha, Pune - 2002.

NATIONAL AWARDS

- 1) Felicitated by Bharat Bhavan Trust, Bhopal for Pt. Bhimsen Joshi's biography. 1986-87.
- 2) First Award in All India Essay Competition on the occasion of Dr. Radhakrishnan Centenary, 1988-89.
- 3) U. G. C. Associateship, 1992-93
- 4) Award for innovative practices in Teacher - Education by NCERT, New Delhi, 1992-93
- 5) First Prize by Federation of Indian Publishers, Delhi for the best text among 12 Indian languages Volume I of the 'Encyclopaedia of Devotion - Bharatiya Acharya', 1997.
- 6) National Award (Chatrapati Shivaji Maharaj Institute, Juhu, Mumbai) from Hon. Bhairon Singh Shekhawat former Vice President of India, 12-6-2003.
- 7) **'Amrutakeerti National Award'** from 'Mata Amritanandamayi Math', Kochi (Kerla) presented by Hon. Bhairon Singh Shekhawat, former Vice President of India, 27-9-2003
- 8) **'Vagvilasini-Puraskar'** from Bharat-Ratna Lata Mangeshkar on the occasion of 66th anniversary of Master Deenanath Mangeshkar - 24-4-2008.

TITLES CONFERRED

1987	Vidyavachaspati	Pune University
3-2-1999	Pravachanbhaskar	Punyashlok Sadguru Shivaparvati Pratishthan, Nashik
8-7-2000	Pandit	Jnanaprabhodhini, Pune
19-2-2002	Pravachanvachaspati	Mantralay & Udupi Madhva Sampradaik Math
22-12-2004	Geetabhushan	Geeta Mahotsav, Sangli
5-2-2007	Vishwabhushan	Punyashlok Sadguru Shivaparvati Pratishthan, Nashik
9-12-2007	Vidvat-Shiromani	Bharati Vidhyapeeth, Pune

LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS

- 1) Felicitated by Pune Municipal Corporation for outstanding contribution to Indian Culture - 27-8-2000.
- 2) **'Shree Samartha Ramdas Swami Award'** from Sajjangad Samsthan Trust, 2005.
- 3) **'Shree Moraya Gosavi Award'** from Chinchwad Devsthan Trust, 16-12-2008.
- 4) **'SuryaRatna - The Saint of Modern India'** - from Suryadatta Group of Institutes, Pune, 7-2-2011.
- 5) **'Samartha Sant Seva Award'** from Shri Samartha Seva Mandal, Satara, 22-3-2011.

SPECIAL AWARDS

- 1) Anuradha Swarup Trust Award, Kolhapur 2003.
- 2) Sant Gadage Maharaj Adhyasan Award - 2003 & 2009.
- 3) **S. D. Pendase Award for outstanding contribution to the Classical Literature of Saints from the centenary committee of Maharashtra Sahitya Parishad, 2005.**

Remarkable Achievements

- **Presented a paper on 'Sant Dnyaneshwar' at the International Seminar on 'Mysticism in Medieval India', Avila, Spain. Oct. 2002**
- Participation in National Seminars, Resource Person for State level Seminars.
- National Record of projecting 1500 slide-shows all over India,
- Participation in Inter-Zonal Cricket and State and National Level Chess Competitions,
- Contribution to different Encyclopaedias (Vishwakosha etc.),
- **Lyricist of 'Janata Raja' - a unique Ballet on Shivaji the Great,**
- Audio & Video CDs of more than 100 subjects on Indian Culture, a record in itself.
- A number of spiritual programmes on Sahyadri, DD 10, E TV, ABP MAZA etc.
- **More than 10,000 lectures all over India and abroad including USA, Europe, Australia, UAE etc.**
- Delivered key-note address at BMM Convention. Philadelphia, USA in 2009.
- Also discourses at BMM Convention, Grand Rapids in 2017, EMS, New Castle, UK, an Vishwa Marathi Convention, Dubai.
- Travelled across the globe to spread the message of humanity & peaceful co-existence through Indian Culture and Philosophy - USA (2004, 2006, 2009, 2011, 2016, 2017), Australia (2011), UK (London 2010, New Castle, 2018), UAE (2003, 2005, 2009, 2010, 2015), Srilanka (27 Jan. to 7 Feb. 2013) etc.
- Special programme of 52 episodes (Pune Akashwani) on the occasion of birth-anniversary of G. D. Madgulkar and Sudhir Phadake.

Author

Author of about 70 well-known Books, Contribution to the University Level recommended Text-Books. Penned a unique series on the 'Pathway of Devotion' of Maharashtra Saints, 'Swar-Bhaskar', 'Anandvanbhuvani', 'Ugacharya Swami Vivekananda', 'Geetasagar', 'Pasayadan', 'Ganapati Atharvashirsh', 'Vande Mataram', 'Samartha Ramadas', 'Sant Tukaram' are some of the most popular books, His commentary on 'Valmiki-Ramayan' in Ovi Metre comprises 11,254 Ovis in Balkand alone and 15972 Ovis in Ayodhyakand.

- **CHIEF EDITOR OF THE GREAT 'ENCYCLOPAEDIA OF DEVOTION'**

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