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PROFILE

Associate Professor of English & Director (I/C), School of Humanities and Social Sciences, YCMOU, Nashik. With 26+ years of teaching experience in English Language & Literature and Human Rights, He has developed academic programs, authored books in English and Marathi, and trained 500+ government officials in Human Rights. He has led multiple ICSSR and YCMOU-funded research projects on Dalit Literature, socio-economic studies, tribal culture, and technology in education, with extensive contributions to ODL content development and national/international conferences.

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EDUCATION

UNIVERSITY OF MUMBAI (MH)

- Doctorate in English (Ph.D)- Pursuing
- Aug, 2020

DR. B. AMBEDKAR UNIVERSITY, SAMBAJINAGAR(MH)

- Bachelor of Arts in English (BA English)
- Percentage: 60%/First Class
- June, 1996

CENTRAL UNIVERSITY OF HYDERABAD

- Master of Arts in English.
- Percentage: 55%/Second Class
- June, 1999

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

- Total: 25 Years
- UG: 26 Years
- PG: 25 Years

Academic Leadership & Teaching

SINCE 1999

- Holds a Master of Arts (M.A.) degree in English and has successfully cleared the UGC-NET and State Eligibility Test (SET) in English, establishing eligibility for lectureship. These academic achievements reflect strong expertise and a deep commitment to subject knowledge.
- 26+ years of UG & PG teaching experience
- 2 key leadership roles (Director I/C & Head of Chair)
- 10+ visiting faculty/resource person engagements

1. Program Development & Content Creation:

- Developed SIM/SLM content in English and Marathi for diploma and certificate programs.
- 10+ books authored/co-edited in English & Marathi
- 20+ audio-video lessons & e-content produced
- 3 Human Rights programs developed with global collaboration

2. Research & Publications:

- 6+ completed funded research projects
- 2 ICSSR & NCW-funded project currently ongoing
- Multiple papers presented at national & international conferences

3. Training & Community Outreach:

- 500+ officials & police personnel trained in Human Rights
- 1 trustee role at Narayan Surve Public Library
- 5+ community-based educational initiatives
- Conducted Human Rights orientation for 40+ women staff at YCMOU
- Delivered awareness sessions for govt. and NGO personnel

RESEARCH PROJECT INDICES

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| Minor | Ongoing: 8 | Complete: 04 | Total: 14 |
| Major | Ongoing: | Complete: | Total |

HOBBIES & LEISURE

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| 1 | Reading books beyond my major discipline |
| 2 | Listening to Indian music |
| 3 | Watching educational TV shows (National Geographic, Discovery Science, Interviews & Debates) |

DEVELOPMENT OF PROGRAMMES & SIM

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| 1. | Coordinated the development of Orientation, Certificate, and Diploma Programmes in Human Rights, in collaboration with Human Rights Unit, Commonwealth Secretariat, London |
| 2. | Developed 6 books in English & 4 books in Marathi in SIM format under these programmes |

TRAINING

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| 1 | Coordinated four-day Orientation Programmes in Human Rights (OPHR) for Police Personnel at YCMOU |
| 2 | Provided Human Rights awareness training to over 500 Government Officials & Police Personnel |
| 3 | Conducted Orientation Programmes for 40 women staff members of YCMOU |
| 4 | Contributed as a subject expert in English Language & Literature, and Human Rights in various counsellor training programmes and workshops |

EXTENSION

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| 1 | Trustee, Narayan Surve Public Library (A Grade Library) |
| 2 | Visiting faculty in various educational institutions for English Language & Literature |
| 3 | Expert resource person for Government and Non-Government organisations on Human Rights & RTI |

AUDIO-VIDEO & VLC TECHNOLOGY

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| 1 | Delivered lectures on VLC for English Literature & Language courses |
| 2 | Coordinated the development of 3 videos and 20 audio programmes on Human Rights |

SKILLS

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| 1 | Co-edited 4 books on Communicative English for YCMOU |
| 2 | Translation (Marathi ↔ English), Published articles in books |
| 3 | Proficient in Microsoft Word, PowerPoint, Interactive Websites |
| 4 | Edited Ashwamedh Bulletin during Inter-University Sports |
| 5 | Worked as Executive Editor of YCMOU Bulletin (English) |

E-CONTENT DEVELOPMENT

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| 1 | Developed online lessons, radio & TV scripts, Web 2.0 technology content |
| 2 | Content development for EDUSAT |

PUBLICATIONS & CONTRIBUTIONS

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| 1 | Ambedkar, V. V., Wadekar, N., Gawande, S. L., Bhagat, M. B., Bharodkar, S. D., & Robert, S. (2025). Exploring the socio-cultural impacts of religious tourism in Nashik through factor analysis. <i>European Academic Research</i> , 13(5), 529–539. ISSN 2286-4822 ISSN-L 2286-4822 |
| 2 | Wadekar, N., & Ambedkar (Ovhal), V. V. (2024). Transformative yoga: Inclusive healing for the body and mind. <i>Journal of Shivaji University (Humanities and Social Sciences)</i> , 57(2), 46–60. |
| 3 | Ambedkar, V. V., Wadekar, N., Gawande, S. L., Bhagat, M. B., Bharodkar, S. D., & Robert, S. (2025). <i>Unveiling economic impact of religious tourism in Nashik district: A factor analysis approach</i> . International Journal of Research in Tourism and Hospitality, 11(2), 10–19. ISSN 2455-0043 https://doi.org/10.20431/2455-0043.1102002 |
| 4 | Gawande, S. L, Wadekar, N. (2026 January) An Analytical Study on the Empowerment of Tribal Majority Gram Panchayats and the Pesa Act in Maharashtra, International Journal Of Creative |

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| | Research Thoughts, 14(1), January 2026, ISSN: 2320-2882. https://doi.org/10.56975/ijcrt.v14i1.300329.pdf . |
| 5 | Gawande, S. L, Wadekar, N. (2026 January). The Status and Role of Tribal Women in Panchayati Raj Institutions: A Study of Nashik District, Maharashtra, International Journal of Political Science (IJPS), 12(1), 1-6. ISSN 2454-9452. (Online). https://www.arcjournals.org . DOI: https://doi.org/10.20431/2454-9452.1201001 |

PRESENTATION & CONTRIBUTIONS

- 1 **Two day's Multidisciplinary International Conference, paper entitled "Dr. Ambedkar and Water Policy: Foundations of India's Irrigation and River Management", 4th & 5th December, 2025; School of Social Sciences, Punyashlok Ahilyadevi Holkar Solapur University, Solapur (Maharashtra).**

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| 2 | Published papers in Research Journals & Seminar Proceedings |
| 3 | Visiting faculty at Maharashtra Police Academy (MPA) & Detective Training School (DTS) |

MINOR RESEARCH PROJECTS (COMPLETED)

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| 1 | Wadekar, N., & Ambedkar, V. V. (2025). <i>Elasticity analysis of distance and traditional education systems in India</i> . Minor Research Project Sanctioned by Yashwantrao Chavan Maharashtra Open University, Nashik, India. Sanctioned grant: ₹70,625 for the academic year 2024–2025. |
| 2 | Wadekar, N., Ambedkar, V. V., Gawande, S. L., Bhagat, M. B., Bharodkar, S. D. (2025). <i>Socio-economic impact of religious tourism in Nashik city: A comprehensive analysis</i> . Minor Research Project Sanctioned by Yashwantrao Chavan Maharashtra Open University, Nashik, India. Sanctioned grant: ₹73,542 for the academic year 2024–2025. |
| 3 | Wadekar, N., & Gawande, S. L. (2024). <i>नाशिक जिल्हातील आदिवासी महिलांचा पुऱ्यायतराज व्यवस्थेमधील सहभाग : एक अध्याय</i> [Participation of tribal women in Panchayati Raj system of Nashik district: A study]. Minor Research Project sanctioned by Yashwantrao Chavan Maharashtra Open University, Nashik, India. Sanctioned grant: ₹56,500 for the academic |

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| | year 2024–2025. |
| 4 | Wadekar, N., & Bhagat M. B. (2024). <i>Analytical Study of Social and Economic Status of Aandh Tribal Community in Washim District</i> . Minor Research Project sanctioned by Yashwantrao Chavan Maharashtra Open University, Nashik, India. Sanctioned grant: ₹85,833 for the academic year 2024–2025. |

MINOR RESEARCH PROJECTS (ONGOING)

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| 1 | Wadekar, N. (2025). <i>Folk songs & folk dances of tribes of Nashik district</i> . Minor Research Project Sanctioned by Indian Council of Social Science Research (ICSSR), Western Regional Centre. Sanctioned grant: ₹50,000 for the academic year 2024–2025. |
| 2 | Wadekar, N., & Dhurve, P. L. (2024). महाराष्ट्र के गोंडएवंकोरकूजनजातियों का सांस्कृतिक एवं सामाजिक जीवन का तुलनात्मक अध्ययन (मेलघाट के विशेष संदर्भ में). Minor Research Project sanctioned by Yashwantrao Chavan Maharashtra Open University, Nashik, India. Sanctioned grant: ₹63,000 for the academic year 2024–2025. |
| 3 | Wadekar, N., & Dighe B. M. (2024). एम ए प्रवेशित विद्यार्थ्यांना क्षेत्रीय प्रकल्प लेखन करताना येणाऱ्या समस्यांचा अभ्यास व त्यावरील उपाययोजना. Minor Research Project sanctioned by Yashwantrao Chavan Maharashtra Open University, Nashik, India. Sanctioned grant: ₹48,000 for the academic year 2024–2025. |
| 4 | Wadekar, N., & Wagh, P. (2024). <i>The impact of psychological techniques on the well-being and productivity of industrial workers</i> , Minor Research Project sanctioned by Yashwantrao Chavan Maharashtra Open University, Nashik, India. Sanctioned grant: ₹64,375 for the academic year 2024–2025. |
| 5 | Wadekar, N., & Bharodkar, S. D. (2024). ग्रामीण विकासाच्या संदर्भात महात्मा गांधी तंत्रामुक्त गाव अभियानाचे योगदान: एक विशेषसंदर्भ नाशिक जिल्हा. Minor Research Project sanctioned by Yashwantrao Chavan Maharashtra Open University, Nashik, India. Sanctioned grant: ₹47,043/- for the academic year 2024–2025. |
| 6 | Wadekar, N., & Jawale, D. (2024). <i>Strategies for enhancing student engagement in ODL journalism programs of YCMOU: Insights from online learning platforms</i> . Minor Research Project sanctioned by Yashwantrao Chavan Maharashtra Open University, Nashik, India. Sanctioned grant: ₹70,000 for the academic year 2024–2025. |
| 7 | Wadekar, N. M., Ambedkar, V. V., Gawande, S. L., Bhagat, M. B., Bharodkar, S. D. (2026). |

Assessing the Role of Mukhyamantri Mazi Ladki Bahin Yojana in Promoting Financial Inclusion among Women in Maharashtra. Research study approved by the National Commission for Women, Government of India, New Delhi. Financial assistance sanctioned: ₹4,50,670 for the academic year 2025–2026.
