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Current Position: Research Associate, Faculty
Editor, *Khoj Gandhiji Ki*, Monthly bilingual magazine,
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Current project: Book on Gandhi and Philately, prepare different thematic exhibitions on Mahatma Gandhi, Coordination of Post Graduate Diploma in Sustainable Rural Reconstruction,

Academic and professional Qualification:

No.	Qualification	Stream	Year of completion	University
3	Ph. D.	Gandhian Thought	Thesis has been submitted	Gujarat Vidyapith, Ahmedabad
2	M. S. W.	Social Work	April - 2006	Bhavnagar University, Bhavnagar
1	B. Com.	B. Management	March - 2004	Saurashtra University, Rajkot

Research work:

Ph.D. Research Work: Mahatma Gandhi's Resource Mobilization for Public Work: Cause, Method and Management. Under the guidance of Dr. Sudarshan Iyengar, Former Vice Chancellor, Gujarat Vidyapith, Ahmedabad.

Master's Research Work: A study of "People's preparedness against disaster"

(With reference to the people of Kutch District, Gujarat). Conferred with the, 'Best Research Work in Disaster Management' Award, by Unnati Foundation and Government of Gujarat.

Professional Experience / Contribution:

- Research Associate, Gandhi Research Foundation, since 2011
- Editor, '*Khoj Gandhiji Ki*' Monthly bilingual magazine of Gandhi Research Foundation, Jalgaon, since 2015
- Research, Content and Project Coordinator of Gandhi Going Global event held at New Jersey (USA), May, 2019
- Initiator, National Gandhian Leadership Camp, Annual feature of Gandhi Research Foundation, since 2017
- Coordinator, Masters in Gandhian Thoughts program in Gandhi Research Foundation, affiliated to Gujarat Vidyapith, Ahmedabad, 2013-16
- Coordinator, 5 years in M.S.W College affiliated with Bhavnagar University 2006-11
- Co-organizer, 8 Conflict transformation workshop (conducted National and International includes USA and Mexico)
- Organizer "We Can" campaign in Gujarat, 2010
- Coordinator: Gujarat-Kashmir annual *Samwad Yatra*, 2006-10
- Core member, Curriculum design committee in Bhavnagar University

Guideship:

- Dissertation guide in Bhavnagar University, and Dr. Baba Saheb Ambedkar Open University, Gujarat (18 dissertations completed & submitted in both the universities under my guidance)
- Co-Guide for dissertations in M.A. in Gandhian Thoughts during 2013 to 2016

Publications:

- "स्वच्छता के नैतिक मूल्य पर ही राष्ट्र निर्माण संभव है", गुजरात विद्यापीठ, मार्च 2019,

- “अनशन का पहला प्रयोग – अहमदाबाद सत्याग्रह”, खोज गाँधीजी की, 2018
- “महिला उत्थान में गाँधीजी का योगदान”, कस्तूरबा दर्शन, 2018
- “महात्मा गाँधी – जनसंपर्क के अलौकिक आदर्श”, खोज गाँधीजी की, 2017
- “समग्र ग्राम स्वराज की ओर...”, हिंदी विवेक पत्रिका, नवम्बर 2016
- “दक्षिण अफ्रीका का सत्याग्रह और आर्थिक चुनौतियों के सामने गाँधीजी के प्रयास”, Research Zone India, October, 2016
- “भारतीय राजनीति में गाँधी एवं तिलक का प्रभाव”, गाँधी-तिलक राष्ट्रीय संगोष्ठी कार्यक्रम, गुजरात विद्यापीठ, मार्च 2016
- “स्थायी अर्थव्यवस्था के प्रणेता - जे. सी. कुमारप्पा”, ‘खोज गाँधीजी की’ 2016
- “Importance of Gandhian Ideology in modern world”, National Seminar on Gandhian Thoughts, V. D. Ghelani Mahila arts college, Savarkundla, 2010
- “Gandhiji and concept of Rural Development” National Seminar on Gandhi and Rural Development, Bachelor of Rural Studies, Dumiyani, Rajkot. 2009
- “Water problems and solution” National conference on sustainable water management, Lokbharti Mahavidyalaya, Sanosara, 2009
- “Human Relationship in Industrial area” National Seminar, C. P. Choksi arts and commerce college, Veraval, 2007

Conferences / Trainings / Workshop:

- Member of Core committee, International Women’s meet- 2016
- Attended International conference EmPeace LABS ‘Empowerment for Peace through Leadership in Agribusiness and Sustainability’ program in 2012 and 2013
- Organized, 8 Training of Trainers for GSACS – Gujarat, 2009
- Conducted training on child rights - “Shaishav”, Bhavnagar, January 2005
- A Workshop on “Gandhian Philosophy in Social Work” at Bhavnagar M.S.W. Dept.
- Co-organizer, state level Human Rights fair in Bhavnagar, January 2005

TALKS:

Delivered more than 80 special lectures in different universities, organizations and public events on Gandhi and Ahimsa, the scope of the Social Work, Gandhi

and Social Work, Gandhi as a student, Gandhian Economics, Community as Gandhi envisaged, Gandhi as a Leader and Management *Guru*, The Gateway to Freedom –Gandhi’s Dandi march, Education and Youth, Nai-Talim a unique education system, etc.

My Scripture

It has been my good luck that since the beginning of my life, I have got the warmth of blessed people who embellished my life, and the luck continuous. Among them, my father Bhamabhai and mother Lakshmibehn made an outstanding influence on me. While situation didn’t favor their schooling, they proved to be the best teachers for me, in the world. They not only got me formally educated but also taught me the way to lead a holistic life.

Most of my early years were spent on basic education (*Buniyadi Shiksha*). During my secondary education, my *Guru*, Navalbhai, groomed my aptitude to live in tune with nature, and experience harmony between body, mind and soul. It is from him I learnt that every act of life is equally significant, and none is low, when performed with dedication. Believe, it was he who led me to realize the pristine principles of Sarvodaya, as propounded by Gandhi.

Dr. Bhawarlal Jain (Founder, Jain Irrigation Systems Ltd., Founder, Gandhi Research Foundation) had been my change maker, who sharpened my view of the transforming world.

My friend and spouse Nirmala has ever been my driving force. I owe a lot to her for making my journey surreal on this Earth as an explorer (खोजी). In the legacy of these stalwarts, lies the root of my existence. For my life, this is the scripture.

I have been teaching now for a decade and a half, among a wide range of students. I just strive to be their ambience as my students endeavor to gain a holistic view of their life. In their accomplishment I find the fruit of my being.

Personal Detail

Mr. Ashwin Bhamabhai Zala

DoB: November 1, 1983

Languages known: Hindi, English, Gujarati and Marathi

Interests: Sports, Travelling, Bird watching, always searching for better ideas
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