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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)

**Nanaji Deshmukh National Award**, Madhya Pradesh Government (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. Manolikar Award from Maharashtra Granthottejak 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 Granthottejak Samstha, Pune - 2002.
- 11) Shankar Ramayan (**Aranyakand**) Kirtan Sanjivani Pushpalata Ranade Award from Maharashtra Granthottejak Sanstha, Pune. 29-10-2023.

### **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 (Kerala) 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	<b>Vidyavachaspati</b>	Pune University
3-2-1999	<b>Pravachanbhaskar</b>	Punyashlok Sadguru Shivaparvati Pratishthan, Nashik
8-7-2000	<b>Pandit</b>	Jnanaprabhodhini, Pune
19-2-2002	<b>Pravachanvachaspati</b>	Mantralay & Udupi Madhva Sampradaik Math
22-12-2004	<b>Geetabhushan</b>	Geeta Mahotsav, Sangli
5-2-2007	<b>Vishwabhushan</b>	Punyashlok Sadguru Shivaparvati Pratishthan, Nashik
9-12-2007	<b>Vidvat-Shiromani</b>	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'**

(Five Volumes each in English, Hindi and Marathi)

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