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## **CURRICULUM VITAE**

### **Personal Details**

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Age/Date of Birth: - 44 yrs./07 August 1982

Sex: - Male

Nationality: - Indian

Languages known: English, Hindi, Konkani, Marathi

### **Education**

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- Ph.D. in Botany with thesis entitled '*Studies on Diversity and Activity of Microfungi Associated with Indigenous Palms of Western Ghats, India*' at Department of Botany, Goa University in 2012. Guide- Prof. D. J. Bhat.
- Master of Science with Botany from the Goa University, in June 2005 (with 65 % marks).
- Bachelor of Science with Botany from the Goa University through the S. P. Chowgule College, Margao, Goa, in May 2003 (With 74.28% marks).
- Higher Secondary School Certificate Examination of Goa Board of Secondary and Higher Secondary Education in the vocational (Horticulture) stream through S. S. Angle Higher secondary School, Canacona, Goa, in March 1999. (With 81.12% marks, First in Board exam in the subject Floriculture and Landscaping and second in the course of Horticulture).
- Secondary School Certificate Examination of Goa Board of Secondary and Higher Secondary Education through Nirakar High School, Mahsem, Goa in March 1997 (with 68% marks).

## Additional qualifications

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Expertise in microbial fermentation.

Expertise in plant and micro-fungal taxonomy.

Diploma in Fruit cultivation, Diploma in Floriculture and landscaping, Diploma in Vegetable cultivation and Diploma in Agribusiness management from Yashwantrao Chavan Maharashtra Open University, Nashik.

## Work Experience

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- Working as Associate Professor in Botany, School of Biological Sciences and Biotechnology (SBSB), Goa university from 01/06/2026.
- Worked as Assistant Professor in Botany, Department of Botany, Dhempe College of Arts and Science, Miramar, Panaji, Goa from 21<sup>st</sup> August 2019 to 31<sup>st</sup> May 2026.
- Worked as Scientist-B/C at Botanical survey of India, Eastern regional center, Shillong, Meghalaya from June 2015 till August 2019.
- Worked as Scientist at Nurture Earth R & D Pvt. Ltd., Aurangabad from July 2013 to Aug, 2014
- Worked as Scientist at Mykotech Pvt. Ltd. from June 2012 to June 2013
- Worked as Junior research fellow in Department of Botany, Goa University from February 2008 to October 2011 on '*All india Co-ordinated Project on Taxonomy of Fungi*' Under the guidance of Prof. D. J. Bhat
- Worked as Technical assistant in Department of Botany, Goa University from July 2006 to March 2007 on DST sponsored project '*Study of interaction between excitation energy, oxidation stress and protective mechanism on photosynthesis and productivity in Rice seedling*' under guidance of Dr. P. K. Sharma
- Worked as Project assistant in Department of Botany, Goa University from June 2005 to May 2006 on a Planning commission sponsored project '*Digital documentation of Flowering plants of Goa*' under guidance of Dr. M. K. Janarthanam

## Research Publications

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1. Pratibha J., Bhat D. J., Dawoud T.M. and **Prabhugaonkar A.** (2025). *Parasynnemellisia khasiana* gen. et sp. nov. (Phaeosphaeriaceae, Pleosporales), on bamboo litter, from Meghalaya, India. *Phytotaxa* 732 (1): 067–075. **IF – 1**
2. **Prabhugaonkar A.** and Pratibha J. 2018. *Aureobasidium khasianum* (Aureobasidiaceae) a novel species with distinct morphology. *Phytotaxa* 374 (3): 257–262. **IF – 1.185**
3. Pratibha J., Mao A.A. and **Prabhugaonkar, A.** 2018. Two novel species of *Neosporidesmium* from India. *Mycobiota* 8: 9–14.
4. Pratibha J., **Prabhugaonkar A.** and A.A. Mao. 2017. *Fusiconidium indicum* (Melanommataceae) a novel species of asexual Ascomycetes. *Phytotaxa*. 326 (2): 108–114. **IF – 1.185**
5. Pratibha J. and **Prabhugaonkar A.** 2017. *Torula goaensis*, a new asexual ascomycetous fungus in Torulaceae. *Webbia*. 72(2): 171–175.
6. Pratibha, J. and **Prabhugaonkar A.** 2017. Notes on two rare fungal isolates from Western Ghats, Goa India. *Kavaka* 49: 28–31
7. **Prabhugaonkar A.** and Pratibha J. 2017. Isolation of *Acrodontium crateriforme* as a pitcher trap inquiline. *Current Research in Environmental & Applied Mycology* 7(3): 203–207.
8. **Prabhugaonkar A.** and Pratibha, J. 2017 – New record of *Trichoglossum rasum* from Asia. *Mycosphere* 8(4), 583–59. **IF – 2.015**
9. **Prabhugaonkar A.**, Murugesan M. and A. A. Mao 2017. *Chloranthus nervosus* var. *khasiana* (Chloranthaceae) - a new variety from Meghalaya and species new record to India. *Pleione* 11(1): 149 – 153
10. **Prabhugaonkar A.**, Murugesan M. and A. A. Mao 2017. Rediscovery of *Wightia speciosissima* (D.Don) Merr. (Paulowniaceae), a rare potential native ornamental tree, from Khasi hills, Meghalaya. *Pleione* 11(1): 40 - 43. 2017.
11. Jadhav, D. C, **Prabhugaonkar A.** and M. D. Nandikar 2016. Nomenclature notes on the genus *Salacia* L. (Celastraceae) in India. *Phytotaxa* 265 (2): 121–130 . **IF – 1.185.**
12. **Prabhugaonkar A.** and S.K. Singh 2016. A disjunct bird nest fungus *Cyathus gayanus* newly recorded from Asia. *Keanean J. Sci.* 5:13-16
13. Pratibha, J., D. J. Bhat and **Prabhugaonkar A.** 2016 – Molecular phylogeny of *Speiropsis pedatospora*. *Mycosphere* 7 (5): 679–686. **IF – 2.015**
14. Pratibha J., Prabhugaonkar A. 2016 – Distribution and phylogeny of *Mycosisymbrium cirrhosum*. *Mycosphere* 7(1), 44–50. **IF – 2.015**
15. Pratibha J. and **Prabhugaonkar A.** 2015. Multi-gene phylogeny of *Pithomyces* with the sexual morph of *P. flavus* Berk. & Broome. *Phytotaxa* 218 (1): 084-090. **IF – 1.185**

16. Pratibha J and **Prabhugaonkar A.** 2015. New record of *Thysanorea papuana* from India. **Mycosphere** 6(4), 481–485. **IF – 2.015**
17. Sivu A.R., **Prabhugaonkar, A.** and N.S. Pradeep. 2014. Memecylon terminale Dalz. (Melastomataceae) a new record for Goa. **J. Econ. Taxon. Bot.** 38 (2): 261-262.
18. **Prabhugaonkar A.,** Divakar K. Mesta & M.K. Janarthanam . 2014. First report of three redlisted tree species from swampy relics of Goa State, India. **Journal of Threatened Taxa** 6(2): 5503–5506
19. Pratibha J., **Prabhugaonkar A.,** Bhat D.J. and Hyde K.D. 2014. Phylogenetic placement of Bahusandhika, Cancellidium and Pseudoepicoccum (asexual Ascomycota). **Phytotaxa.** 176 (1): 068 – 080. **IF – 1.185**
20. **Prabhugaonkar A.** and D.J. Bhat. 2011. New record of *Megacapitula villosa* and *Paradictyoarthrinium diffractum* from India. **Mycosphere** 2(4): 463-467. **IF – 2.015**
21. **Prabhugaonkar A.,** Sardesai U.S. and M. K. Janarthanam. 2009. *Dipcadi goaense* (Hycinthaceae), a new species from foothills of the Western Ghats, India. **Kew Bulletin,** 64: 743-746
22. **Prabhugaonkar A.** and D. J. Bhat. **2009.** *Rattania setulifera*, an undescribed endophytic hyphomycetes on rattans from Western Ghats, India. **Mycotaxon** , 108: 217-222. **IF – 0.815**
23. **Prabhugaonkar A.,** Sardesai M. M. and M. K. Janarthanam. **2009.** Further additions to the flora of Goa. **J. Econ. Taxon. Bot.** 33(1): 37-43
24. **Prabhugaonkar A.,** Dessai J. N. and M. K. Janarthanam. **2007.** Extended Distribution of *Cassipouria ceylanica*, an inland Rhizophoraceae. **Indian Journal of Forestry** 30 (1): 81-82

### **Participation in Seminars/National Symposia/Training/Workshops /Resource person/invited talk etc.**

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1. Presented a paper (poster) titled ‘Diversity of litter degrading fungi from strams of Goa and northeast India’ and secured third prize at International Conference on Exploring Fungal Frontiers: A Multidisciplinary Approach to Advancing Fungal Biology & 3rd Annual Meet of Association of Fungal Biologists (AFB) organized by Department of Botany, Government of Maharashtra, Rajaram College, Kolhapur, Maharashtra, India from 4 - 6, December 2025.
2. Presented paper (Oral) titled ‘Anamorphic fungi and our experiences with molecular phylogeny’ at the International Conference on Microbes and Microbial Technologies-2025’ organized by Rajarata University of Srilanka, Mihintale, Anuradhapura, Srilanka on 27<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup> October 2025. Also participated as resorce person in preconference workshop.
3. Was coordinator of a two-day National seminar and hands on training titled ‘Fascinating World of Fungi’ organized by Department of Botany under DBT star

- college scheme in association with Mycoasia - journal of modern mycology on 19th and 20th January 2024.
4. Delivered popular lectures across Goa titled 'Fascinating world of Fungi', 'Key takeaways from on-going efforts for promotion of Innovation and Start-up ecosystem', 'Sand binding plants' 'understanding ecosystems of Goa and Western Ghats' for lectures organized by WWF, DHE, GSBB, IIC etc .
  5. Participated as expert for ecosystem awareness activities 'Mangrove walk' 'Lateritic plateau walks' 'Sand dune walk on beach' to raise awareness about neglected ecosystem. organized by public groups such as WWF, Botanical society of Goa, KhojAao etc, Compostville etc.
  6. Participated as expert in ShoreLore 2022 & 2023 program organized by Goa Forest Department and WWF India, Goa branch to conduct total ten mangrove trail at Chorao Island for participants from public and school students.
  7. Participated in 'International Symposium on Climate Change, Biodiversity and Sustainable Agriculture (ICCBSA-2018) from 13-16 December, 2018', organised by Assam Agricultural University at Jorhat, Assam campus. Presented paper entitled 'Study on diversity of micro-fungi in Meghalaya using traditional and modern molecular phylogenetic approach' in secession 'Taxonomy, botanical and allied biological science research'. Received award for best presentation in the session.
  8. Attended 'National workshop on recent trends in taxonomy' at Jodhpur, Rajasthan on 10th and 11th January 2019. Presented paper entitled 'Taxonomy of Anamorphic Micro-fungi'
  9. Participated in 'International Symposium on Fungal Biology: Advances, Applications and Conservation and 45th Annual meeting of mycological society of India' November 19-21, 2018 organised by National Fungal culture collection of India at Agharkar research Institute, Pune, Maharashtra. Gave a lead lecture entitled 'Reinstating glory of Indian Anamorphic Fungi in the age of Molecular Phylogeny' and also co-chaired a session in the conference.
  10. Participated in seminar 'Himalayan Plant Diversity: Taxonomy conservation sustainable utilisation' March 8-9, 2018 at Botanical survey of India, Eastern Regional centre, Shillong, Meghalaya.. Presented a poster entitled: "Study on diversity of micro-fungi in Meghalaya using traditional and modern molecular phylogenetic approach"
  11. Participated in national conference on 'Emerging trends in fungal biology and plant protection (ETFPP-2016)' 16-18 February, 2016 at Centre of Advanced study in Botany, Banaras Hindu University, and Varanasi and presented a paper.
  12. Participated as member of organizing committee in organization of International conference 'Asian Mycological Congress, 7-10 October 2015 at Panaji, Goa. Presented two papers.

### **Member of Society/ Expert committee**

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- Life member Botanical Society of Goa

- Life member of Mycological Society of India
- Life member of Association of Fungal Biologist
- Life member of East Himalayan Society for Sparmatophyte Taxonomy
- Member of Expert committee for establishment of conditions for utilization of STP/ETP treated water 2020-21.
- Member of thematic expert Committee on Peoples Biodiversity Register and its validation 09 August 2022 till date.
- Member of sub-committee of plant biodiversity including medicinal plants and a member of sub-committee of Microbial Diversity constituted by Goa State Biodiversity Board for preparation of state biodiversity strategy action plan 09 May 2022 to December 2024.

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