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Profile Summary

An accomplished academic, published author, and regular media columnist with over 11 years of rich experience in English and Comparative Literature. Deeply grounded in both Western and Indian literary traditions, with a robust portfolio of creative and scholarly work. Proven institutional leader with extensive experience as Head of Department, Editor-in-Chief, and University Coordinator for premium initiatives, including the Indian Knowledge System (IKS). A dedicated researcher bridging the gap between cultural folklore, narrative analysis, and contemporary media practices.

Core Competencies

- **Academic Leadership:** Curriculum Design, Board of Studies (BoS), Academic Council Engagement.
- **Literary & Public Writing:** Column Writing, Prose-Poetry, Creative Non-Fiction, Translation.
- **Research Expertise:** Folklore Studies, Narrative Framing, Psycho-Social Impact Studies, Archiving.
- **Institutional Governance:** Public Relations, Media Management, Peer-Reviewed Journal Editing.

Academic Appointments

Assistant Professor of English

Children's Research University, Gandhinagar, Gujarat | *January 2015 – Present*

- Deliver advanced lectures in English and Comparative Literature.
- Integrate research methodologies in oral traditions, lullabies, and children's literature into curriculum designs.
- Mentor students and supervise active research tracks within contemporary cultural and literary contexts.

Administrative & Editorial Leadership

- **Coordinator**, Centre for Indian Knowledge System (IKS), Children's Research University | *July 2025 – Present*.
- **Editor-in-Chief**, *Horizons of Holistic Education* (Peer-Reviewed Journal) | *July 2025 – Present*.
- **Coordinator**, Gijubhai Badheka Chair, Children's Research University | *July 2025 – Present*.
- **Head**, Publication & Public Relations (PPR) Branch, Children's Research University | *September 2022 – September 2024*.

- o Oversaw all university publication channels and public relations strategies; directed social media content initiatives.
- **Social Media In-charge**, Children's Research University | *June 2023 – September 2024*.
- o Liaised with the Commissionerate of Higher Education (CHE), Gandhinagar for university digital updates.
- **Head of the Department**, Dept. of English Studies, Children's Research University | *2018 – 2020*.
- **Member**, Academic Council, Children's Research University | *2018*.

Education & Qualifications

- **Ph.D. in Comparative Literature** | Central University of Gujarat, Gandhinagar | *2018*.
- **M.Phil. in Comparative Literature** | Central University of Gujarat, Gandhinagar | *2014*.
- **Master of Arts in English** | H.M. Patel Institute of English Training & Research | *2011*.
- o Recipient of the Best Student of the Year Award (2010-2011).
- **UGC-NET for Assistant Professor (English)** | *Qualified, 2019*.
- **Gujarat State Eligibility Test (GSET)** for Assistant Professor (English) | *Qualified, 2014*.

Literary Publications & Public Footprint

Authored Books (Gujarati)

1. Vaidya, D. (2024). *Swas Sathe Samvad*. Gurjar Publication. ISBN: 978-93-48599-66-7.
2. Vaidya, D. (2023). *Prem etale Shraddha no Chhello Kantho*. Funded and published by the Gujarat Sahitya Academy. ISBN: 978-81-19603-3.

Public Columns & Mass Media Engagement

- **"Hoomf"** | Weekly Columnist, *Divyabhaskar* | *April 2026 – Present*.
- **"Anekant"** | Weekly Columnist, *Gandhinagar Samachar* | *September 2025 – Present*.
- **"Upstream"** | Weekly Columnist, *NavGujarat Samay* (Times of India Group) | *July 2023 – Present* (200+ articles published).

Creative Media

- **Writer & Director**, Short Film on the social taboos surrounding the female menstruation cycle.

Academic Research & Research Grants

Funded Research Projects

- **Principal Investigator** | *Life & Works of Gijubhai Badheka: A Critical Study* | Funded by Children's Research University (CRU) | *July 2025 – March 2026*.
- **Principal Investigator** | *Mobile Games in Present Era: A Study of Narrative Frame and its Psycho-Social Impact on Children* | Funded by CRU | *July 2024 – May 2026*.

- **Principal Investigator** | *Lullaby Tradition of Gujarat: Thematic Concerns and Creation of Archives* | Funded by CRU | 2019 – 2021 (Completed).

Selected Academic Peer-Reviewed Papers

- Vaidya, D., Der, S., Pandya, N., & Jadeja, M. (2025). "Ancient University and its Contribution in Indian Economy." *Lex Localis - Journal of Local Self-Government*, Vol. 23, No. S4.
- Vaidya, D. (2022). "Gujarati Lullabies: An Oral Form in Flow." *Towards Excellence*, Vol. 14, pp. 942-951.
- Vaidya, D. (2019). "Lullaby: A Prelude to Initial Learning." *The Primary Teacher* (NCERT), Vol. XLIV.
- Vaidya, D. (2018). "Children's Literature and Indian Subcontinent." *Horizons of Holistic Education (HHE)*, Vol. 5, pp. 36-39.
- Vaidya, D. (2017). "Historical & Political Timeframes & Novel: A Comparative Analysis of Hermann Hesse's Siddhartha & Manubhai Pancholi's Socrates." *HHE*, Vol. 5, pp. 25-31.

Edited & Translated Volumes

- **Editor**, *Building Bridges: Parenting, Community and Inclusion in Early Childhood*. Children's Research University, 2025. ISBN: 978-93-93222-XX-X.
- **Translator**, *Parivar ni Pathashala* (Translated from Gujarati to English). Children's Research University, 2024. ISBN: 978-93-93222-39-8.

Research Supervision & Board Memberships

Ph.D. Supervision

Currently guiding Ph.D. scholars on the following dissertations:

1. *Regional Tradition in Children's Literature: A Translation and Thematic Study of Ramanlal Soni's Select Children's Short Fictions.*
2. *Redefining Power: Evolving Representation of Female Superheroes in Comics Culture.*

Board of Studies (BoS) Contributions

- **Member, BoS in English**, Monark University, Ahmedabad | 2024 – Present.
- **Member, BoS in English**, St. Xavier's College, Ahmedabad | 2017 – 2019.

Expert Invites

- Delivered **over 50 keynote addresses** and expert invited talks across multiple State and National level conferences, workshops, and academic seminars.