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Curriculum Vitae

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PROFILE

A renowned scientist with his 20 years of experience in scientific explorations, biodiversity inventory and conservation described 56 new species. Recognized for multitasking ability and excellent communication skills. Popularizing science by Interacting with wide array of audience – from a layman to researchers. Deeply committed to providing innovative learning experience to create the best environment possible for education.

KEY SKILLS

Research / Taxonomy
Out of box approach
Effective communication
Collaboration with peers
Effective learning and teaching

COLLABORATIONS

Natural History Museum, London, UK
Villanova University, USA
Indian Institute of Science, Bangalore, India
Zoological Survey of India
National Centre for Biological Sciences, Bangalore
Bombay Natural History Society, Mumbai

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

- April 2019 onwards: *Founder Director* – NIDUS
Reconnecting people to nature through theme-based programs, workshops and talks.
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- February 2018 – March 2019: *Senior Scientist* - Indian Herpetological Society, Pune
Designing and implementation of a year long project studying the reptiles of Gujarat.
- July 2017 – March 2018: *Facility In-charge* - Museum and Field Stations Facility, National Centre for Biological Sciences, TIFR, Bangalore.
Assisted in developing the new state of art natural history collection facility and conducted taxonomy research.
- February 2015 – July 2017: *Post-Doctoral Fellow* - National Centre for Biological Sciences, TIFR, Bangalore.
- April 2013 – December 2014: *Senior Scientist* - Western Ghats Regional Station, Bombay Natural History Society, Mumbai.
- April 2008 – June 2012: *Curator / Deputy Director* - Collections Department, Bombay Natural History Society, Mumbai, India.
Curation and maintenance of natural history collection, taxonomy.
- April 2007 – April 2008: *Scientist 'B'* - Herpetology Section, Collections Department, Bombay Natural History Society (BNHS), Mumbai, India.
- December 2005 - April 2007: *Scientist 'A'* - Herpetology Section, Collections Department, Bombay Natural History Society (BNHS), Mumbai, India.
- April 1999 - December 2005: *Research Assistant* - Herpetology Section, Collections Department, Bombay Natural History Society (BNHS), Mumbai, India.

EDUCATION

Sl. No.	Examinations	Name of the University or other examining body	Percentage of marks	Year of Passing
1	Secondary School Certificate Examination	Maharashtra State Board of Secondary and Higher Secondary Education	48.85	1986
2	Higher Secondary Certificate Examination	Maharashtra State Board of Secondary and Higher Secondary Education	50.83	1989
4	B.Sc. (Zoology)	Shivaji University, Kolhapur	75.33	1993
5	M.Sc. (Zoology – Entomology)	Shivaji University, Kolhapur	62.33	
6	Ph.D.	North Orissa University		2013

MAJOR PROJECTS UNDERTAKEN

- Effective conservation through dedicated research and sustainable ecotourism through citizen science initiatives. Forest Department of Maharashtra (in process) (Rs. 11 lakhs).
- Conservation of endangered *Myristica* swamps in Goa through research and dedicated awareness – a citizen science initiative. Funded by Voluntary Health Association of Goa. (2019 onwards) (Rs. 12.5 lakhs)
- Towards the mitigation of snakebite deaths in three districts of Maharashtra - understanding root-cause for effective management. Funded by USV Private Limited (2019 onwards) (Rs. 16.5 lakhs)
- Reptiles of Gujarat. Funded by Reliance Foundation, India. (2018-2019) (Rs. 65 lakhs).
- Caecilians of the northern Western Ghats, India: An assessment of the species and their conservation status. Funded by Rufford Small Grants, UK (2008-2012) (\$ 5000).
- Towards the conservation of caecilian amphibians of the northern Western Ghats – establishing the systematic foundation. Funded by Ministry of Environment and Forests, Government of India (2008-2011). (Rs. 8,65,000)
- Survey of marine turtles along the coast of Maharashtra and Goa. Funded by GOI – UNDP (2000-2001). (Rs. 5,00,000)
- Tracing the migrations of Indian marine turtles: towards an integrated and collaborative conservation program. Funded by CMS (2004-2005). (Rs. 4,00,000)

AFFILIATIONS

- Scientific Associate – Natural History Museum, London (2009 onwards)
- Associate Scientist – Global Wildlife Conservation (2012 onwards)
- Senior Scientist – Indian Herpetological Society, Pune.
- Member – IUCN South Asian Amphibian Specialist Group

AWARDS AND HONOURS

- RBS – Earth Heroes Award, 2016.
By Royal Bank of Scotland
(This award recognizes an individual who has inspired action on conservation of wildlife, natural resource management and environmental protection through his/her creative expression.
Cash prize of Rs. 2 lakh)
- Sanctuary Asia Wildlife Service Award, 2015.
By Sanctuary Asia
(Individuals currently working in the field who have displayed extraordinary courage, dedication and determination in the arena of wildlife conservation. Cash prize of Rs. 50,000)
- My interview is published in the book “Life for Reptiles and Amphibians”. This book is a compilation of interviews of 55 herpetologists in the world and I am the only Indian included in this book.
- SSB International Award (Scholarship and travel) from Society of Systematic Biologists in 2008.
Through this grant visited Natural History Museum (NHM), London and worked for 40 days studying the type specimens of Indian amphibians and reptiles.
- ‘Sarp Mitra’ 2009
By Indian Herpetological Society, Pune.
(Given for the contributions in research and conservation of snakes. Cash prize of Rs. 25,000)
- One species of snake *Dendrelaphis girii*, and three species of lizards *Cnemaspis girii*, *Cyrtodactylus varadgirii* and *Hemidactylus varadgirii* are described as recognition of my work.

MAJOR ACHIEVEMENTS

- Described 56 new species of amphibians and reptiles from India.
- Discovered only known species of live-bearing amphibian from Asia.
- Conducted first survey on the status of sea turtles in Maharashtra and Goa.
- Conducted first survey on caecilian amphibians of the northern Western Ghats.
- Published 61 scientific publications in peer-reviewed scientific journals of national and international repute.
- Worked as Curator in the natural history collections of Bombay Natural History Society, Mumbai and National Centre for Biological Sciences, Bangalore.
- Conducted distant-learning courses on amphibians and reptiles which were attended by participants from across India.
- Conducted one-year online course in Herpetology at the BNHS for three years.
- Written about 50 popular articles in various natural history magazines and newspapers.
- Delivered popular talks in various schools and colleges.
- Conducted training programs for forest department staff.
- Editor of two citizen science driven dedicated websites on Amphibians and Reptiles of India.
- Moderator of various active groups of amphibians and reptiles on social networking sites like Facebook.
- Actively participated in organising two-day workshops for the snake rescuers across Maharashtra state.

Major Papers (61)

(Description of 4 new genera and 56 new species)

Major Papers

1. Chaitanya, R., **V.B. Giri**, V. Deepak, A. Datta-Roy, B.H.C.K. Murthy & P. Karanth (2019). Diversification in the mountains: a generic reappraisal of the Western Ghats endemic gecko genus *Dravidogecko* Smith, 1933 (Squamata: Gekkonidae) with descriptions of six new species. *Zootaxa*, 4688 (1), 001–056.
2. **Varad B. Giri**, V. Deepak, A. Captain, S. Pawar & F. Tillack (2019). A new species of *Boiga* Fitzinger, 1826 (Serpentes: Colubridae) from the northern Western Ghats of India. *Journal of Bombay Natural History Society*, 116. doi: 10.17087/jbnhs/2019/v116/144901
3. Agarwal, I., **V.B. Giri**, A.M. Bauer & A. Khandekar (2019). An expanded ND2 phylogeny of the *brookii* and *prashadi* groups with the description of three new Indian *Hemidactylus* Oken (Squamata: Gekkonidae). *Zootaxa*, 4619: 431–458.
4. **Giri, V.B.**, R. Chaitanya, S. Mahony, S. Lalrounga, C. Lalrinchhana, A. Das, V. Sarkar, P. Karanth & V. Deepak (2019). On the systematic status of the genus *Oriocalotes* Günther, 1864 (Squamata: Agamidae: Draconinae) with the description of a new species from Mizoram state, Northeast India. *Zootaxa* 4638 (4): 451–484.
5. **Giri, V.B.**, D.J. Gower, A. Das, H.T. Lalremsanga, S. Lalrounga, A. Captain & V. Deepak (2019). A new genus and species of natricine snake from northeast India. *Zootaxa*, 4603 (2): 241–264.
6. Chaitanya, R., A. Khandekar, D.C. Caleb, N. Mukherjee, A. Ghosh & **V. Giri** (2018). Herpetofauna of the Meghamalai Wildlife Sanctuary, Southern Western Ghats, India: An updated checklist with annotations on taxonomy and nomenclature. *Journal of Bombay Natural History Society*, 115: 21–37.
7. Agarwal, I., A. Khandekar, **V.B. Giri**, U. Ramakrishnan, K.P. Karanth (2018). The hills are alive with geckos! A radiation of a dozen species on sky islands across peninsular India (Squamata: Gekkonidae, *Hemiphyllodactylus*) with the description of three new species. *Organisms Diversity & Evolution*. DOI: <https://doi.org/10.1007/s13127-019-00392-5>
8. Agarwal, I., S. Mahony, **V.B. Giri**, R. Chaitanya, A.M. Bauer (2018). Six new *Cyrtodactylus* (Squamata: Gekkonidae) from northeast India. *Zootaxa*, 4524 (5): 501–535.
9. Lajmi, A., R. Bansal, **V. Giri** & P. Karanth (2018). Phylogeny and biogeography of the endemic *Hemidactylus* geckos of the Indian subregion suggest multiple dispersals from Peninsular India to Sri Lanka. *Zoological Journal of the Linnean Society*, XX, 1–16.
10. Agarwal, I., A. Khandekar, U. Ramakrishnan, R. Vyas & **V.B. Giri** (2018). Two new species of the *Ophisops microlepis* (Squamata, Lacertidae) complex from north-western India with a key to Indian *Ophisops*. *Journal of Natural History*. DOI: 10.1080/00222933.2018.1436203
11. Agarwal, I., **V.B. Giri** & A.M. Bauer (2018). On the Status of *Cyrtodactylus malcolmsmithi* (Constable, 1949). *Breviora* 557(1):1–11.
12. Chaitanya, R., A. Lajmi & **V.B. Giri** (2018). A new cryptic, rupicolous species of *Hemidactylus* Oken, 1817 (Squamata. Gekkonidae) from Meghamalai, Tamil Nadu, India. *Zootaxa*, 4373(1), 49–70.

13. **Giri, V.B.**, A.M. Bauer, P. Mohapatra, C. Srinivasulu & I. Agarwal (2017). A new species of large-bodied, tuberculate *Hemidactylus* Oken (Squamata. Gekkonidae) from the Eastern Ghats, India. *Zootaxa*, 4347(2), 331–345.
14. Chaitanya, R., H.T. Lalremsanga & **V.B. Giri** (2017). On the occurrence of two species of striped *Ichthyophis* Fitzinger, 1826 (Amphibia. Gymnophiona. Ichthyophiidae) from Mizoram, India. *Checklist*, 13(4), 101–105.
15. Chaitanya, R., **V.B. Giri** & V. Deepak (2017). On the recent designation of a neotype for the taxon *Calotes versicolor* (Daudin, 1802) (Reptilia. Agamidae). *Zootaxa*, 4317(3), 585–587.
16. **Giri, V.B.**, V. Deepak, A. Captain, A. Das, S. Das, K.P. Rajkumar, R.L. Rathish & D. Gower (2017). A new species of *Rhabdops* Boulenger, 1893 (Serpentes. Natricinae) from the northern Western Ghats region of India. *Zootaxa*, 4539(1), 27–52.
17. Datta-Roy A., V. Deepak, R. Chaitanya, C. Murthy, H. Bhosale, A. Lajmi, P. Karanth, K. Kunte & **V.B. Giri** (2017). On the taxonomic status of *Eurylepis poonaensis* (Squamata. Scincidae). resolving a long-standing conundrum. *Salamandra*, 53(3). 389–397.
18. Gaitonde N., **V. B. Giri** & K. Kunte (2016). 'On the rocks'. reproductive biology of the endemic toad *Xanthophryne* (Anura. Bufonidae) from the Western Ghats, India. *Journal of Natural History*, DOI. 10.1080/00222933.2016.1200686.
19. Willaert B., R. Suyesh, S. Garg, **V.B. Giri**, M.A. Bee & S.D. Biju (2016). A unique and complex mating strategy without physical contact during fertilization in *Nyctibatrachus humayuni* (Anura. Nyctibatrachidae), with the description of a new form of amplexus and female advertisement call. *PeerJ* 4. e2117; DOI 10.7717/peerj.2117.
20. Deepak, V., **V.B. Giri**, M. Asif, S.K. Dutta, R. Vyas, A.M. Zabbre, H. Bhosale & K.P. Karanth (2016). Systematics and phylogeny of *Sitana* (Reptilia. Agamidae) of Peninsular India, with description of a new genus and five new species. *Contributions to Zoology*, 85(1), 67–111.
21. Gower, D.J., **V.B. Giri**, A. Captain & M. Wilkinson (2016). A reassessment of *Melanophidium* Günther, 1864 (Squamata. Serpentes. Uropeltidae) from the Western Ghats of peninsular India, with the description of a new species. *Zootaxa*, 4085(4), 481–503.
22. Lajmi, A., V.B. Giri & K.P. Karanth (2016). Molecular data in conjunction with morphology help resolve the *Hemidactylus brookii* complex (Squamata. Gekkonidae). *Organism Diversity and Evolution*, DOI. 10.1007/s13127-016-0271-9
23. Gower, D.J., I. Agarwal, K.P. Karanth, A. Datta-Roy, **V.B. Giri**, M. Wilinon & D. San Mauro (2016). The role of wet-zone fragmentation in shaping biodiversity patterns in peninsular India. insights from the caecilian amphibian *Gegeneophis*. *Journal of Biogeography* doi.10.1111/jbi.12710.
24. Deepak, V., R. Vyas, **V.B. Giri** & K.P. Karanth (2015). A taxonomic mystery for more than 180 years. the identity and systematic position of *Brachysaura minor* (Hardwicke & Gray, 1827). *Vertebrate Zoology*, 65(3), 371–381.
25. Murthy, B.H.C.K., Bauer, A., Lajmi, A., Agarwal, I & **V.B. Giri** (2015). A new rock dwelling *Hemidactylus* (Squamata. Gekkonidae) from Chhattisgarh, India. *Zootaxa*, 4021(2), 334–350.
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27. Agarwal, I., M. Wilkinson, P.P. Mohapatra, S.K. Dutta, **V.B. Giri** & D.J. Gower (2013). The first teresomatan caecilian (Amphibia. Gymnophiona) from the Eastern Ghats of India—a new species of *Gegeneophis* Peters, 1880. *Zootaxa*, 3696(4), 534–546.

28. Datta-Roy, A., P.P. Mohapatra, S.K. Dutta, **V.B. Giri**, V. Deepak, S.T. Maddock, P. Raj, I. Agarwal & P. Karanth (2013). A long-lost relic from the Eastern Ghats. Morphology, distribution and habitat of *Sepsophis punctatus* Beddome, 1870 (Squamata. Scincidae). *Zootaxa*, 3670(1), 055–062.
29. Gower, D.J., **V.B. Giri**, V.R. Torsekar, K. Gaikwad & M. Wilkinson (2013). On the taxonomic status of *Gegeneophis nadkarnii* Bhatta & Prashanth, 2004 (Amphibia. Gymnophiona. Indotyphlidae). *Zootaxa*, 3609(2), 204–212.
30. Pal, S.P., K.S. Gaikwad, C. Murthy, S.K. Dutta And **V.B. Giri** (2013). New locality records of the recently described gecko *Hemidactylus aaronbaueri* Giri, 2008 with additional notes on natural history. *Hamadryad*, 36(2), 162–167.
31. Smith, E.N., H. Ogale, V. Deepak & **V.B. Giri** (2012). A new species of coralsnake of the genus *Calliophis* (Squamata. Elapidae) from the West Coast of Peninsular India. *Zootaxa*, 3437, 51–68.
32. Agarwal, I, A. Datta-Roy, A.M. Bauer & **V.B. Giri** (2012). Rediscovery of *Geckoella jeyporensis* (Squamata. Gekkonidae), with notes on morphology, coloration and habitat. *Hamadryad*, 36(1), 17–24.
33. A.M. Bauer, R. Vyas, T.R. Jackman, A. Lajmi & **V.B. Giri** (2012). *Hemidactylus porbandarensis* Sharma, 1981 is a synonym of *Hemidactylus robustus* Heyden, 1827. *Hamadryad*, 36(1), 46–51.
34. Venu, G., **V. Giri** & G. Venkatachalaiah (2012). Karyology of two species of the genus *Gegeneophis* (Amphibia: Gymnophiona: Indotyphlidae). *Journal of Cytology and Genetics*, 13, 35–42.
35. Biju, S.D., I. Bocxlaer, S. Mahony, K.P. Dinesh, C. Radhakrishnan, A. Zachariah, **V. Giri** & F. Bossuyt (2011). A taxonomic review of the Night Frog genus *Nyctibatrachus* Boulenger, 1882 in the Western Ghats, India (Anura. Nyctibatrachidae) with description of twelve new species. *Zootaxa*, 3029, 1–96.
36. Gower, D.J., D. San Mauro, **V. Giri**, G. Bhatt, V. Govindappa, R. Kotharambath, O.V. Oommen, F.A. Fatih, J.A. Mackenzie-Dodds, R.A. Nussbaum, S.D. Biju, Y.S. Shouche & M. Wilkinson (2011). Molecular systematics of caeciliid caecilians (Amphibia. Gymnophiona) of the Western Ghats, India. *Molecular Phylogenetics and Evolution*, 59, 698–707.
37. Ines Van Bocxlaer, S.D. Biju, B. Willaert, **V.B. Giri**, Y.S. Shouche, F. Bossuyt (2011). Mountain-associated clade endemism in an ancient frog family (Nyctibatrachidae) on the Indian subcontinent. *Molecular Phylogenetics and Evolution*, 62, 839–847.
38. **Giri, V.**, D.J. Gower, K. Gaikwad & M. Wilkinson (2011). A second species of *Gegeneophis* Peters (Amphibia. Gymnophiona. Caeciliidae) lacking secondary annular grooves. *Zootaxa*, 2815, 49–58.
39. Agarwal, I, **V.B. Giri** & A.M. Bauer (2011). A new cryptic rock-dwelling *Hemidactylus* (Squamata. Gekkonidae) from south India. *Zootaxa*, 2765, 21–37.
40. Bauer A. M., T. R. Jackman, E. Greenbaum, A. De Silva, **V. B. Giri** & I. Das (2010). Molecular evidence for the taxonomic status of *Hemidactylus brookii* group taxa (Squamata. Gekkonidae). *Herpetological Journal*, 20, 129–138.
41. Bauer, A. M., T. R. Jackman, E. Greenbaum, **V. B. Giri** & A. De Silva (2010). South Asia supports a major endemic radiation of *Hemidactylus* geckos. *Molecular Phylogenetics and Evolution*, 57, 343–352.
42. **Giri, V.B.**, A. M. Bauer, R. Vyas & S. Patil (2009). A new species of rock dwelling gecko, *Hemidactylus gujaratensis* sp. nov. (Squamata. Gekkonidae) from Gujarat, India. *Journal of Herpetology*, 43(3), 385–393.

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45. S.D. Biju, I. Bocslaer, **V.B. Giri**, S.P. Loader & F. Bossuyt (2009). Two new endemic genera and a new species of toad (Anura. Bufonidae) from the Western Ghats of India. *BMC Research Notes*, 2. 241.
46. Gaikwad, K.S., H. Kulkarni, R. Bhambure & **V.B. Giri** (2009). Notes on the distribution, natural history and variation of *Hemidactylus albofasciatus* (Grandison and Soman, 1963) (Squamata. Gekkonidae). *Journal of Bombay Natural History Society*, 106 (3), 305–312.
47. Gower, D.J., **V.B. Giri**, M.S. Dharane & Y.S. Shouche (2008). Frequency of independent origins of viviparity among caecilians (Gymnophiona). evidence from the first 'live-bearing' Asian amphibian. *Journal of Evolutionary Biology*, 21, 1220–1226.
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49. **Giri, V.B.** (2008). A new rock-dwelling *Hemidactylus* (Squamata. Gekkonidae) from Maharashtra, India. *Hamadryad*, 32(1), 25–33.
50. Bauer, A.M., **V.B. Giri**, E. Greenbaum, T.R. Jackman, M.S. Dharne & Y.S. Shouche (2008). On the systematics of the gekkonid genus *Teratolepis* Günther, 1869. another one bites the dust. *Hamadryad*, 32, 13–27.
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54. **Giri, V.B.** & A. Bauer (2006). Notes on the distribution, natural history and variation of *Hemidactylus prashadi* Smith, 1935. *Hamadryad*, 30(1&2), 55–60.
55. Venkatachalaiah, G., G. Venu, **V. Giri** & M. Wilkinson (2006). Studies on the karyotype of *Indotyphlus battersbyi* Taylor (Amphibia: Gymnophiona: Caeciliidae). *Journal of Cytology and Genetics*, 7(1), 47–56.
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B. Short notes (13)

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WORKSHOPS / CONFERENCES - CONDUCTED / ATTENDED

1. Delivered a guest lecture 'Wildlife Research and importance of Environmental Science' to the students of BSc at Abeda Inamdar Senior College of Arts, Science and Commerce, Pune on 20 January 2020.
2. Delivered an invited lecture, 'Indian herpetology – past, present and future' in a one-day national conference, Conservation and biodiversity banking, organised by Arts, Science and Commerce College, Ramanandnagar (Burli) on 17 January 2020.
3. Delivered a lecture on 'Indian Herpetology – At a Glance' in International Seminar, Biodiversity Conservation and Climate Change, organised by PG and Research Department of Zoology, St. Joseph's College (Autonomous), Devgiri, Kozhikode, Kerala on 3-4th January 2020.
4. Conducted three-day workshop, 'Introduction to Amphibians and Reptiles' at Anjanvel Agri Farms near Pune from 20 to 22 December 2019.
5. Delivered a talk, 'Amphibians and Reptiles – Amazing world' to the students at Somaiya College, Mumbai on 10 December 2019.
6. Delivered a talk 'Mesmerising World of Amphibians and Reptiles' one day program 'A Day with Herp-Wizards' organised by WISH Foundation, Kolkata on 16 November 2019.
7. Organised one-week certificate course, Introduction to Herpetology with Goa University in October 2019.
8. As a part of Wildlife Week Celebrations, delivered a talk 'The wonderful world of amphibians and reptiles' to the students at Balwant College, Vita on 7 October 2019.
9. Delivered a talk 'Mesmerising world of amphibians and reptiles' at a function organised by Nature Walk at Pune on 6 October 2019.
10. Conducted one day nature guide training program at Gorewada, Nagpur in collaboration with the Forest Department, Maharashtra on 3 October 2019.
11. Organised three-day certificate course 'Introduction to amphibians and reptiles' with Dr. Balasaheb Sawant Konkan Krushi Vidhyapeeth, Dapoli, Maharashtra in September, 2019.

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12. Participated in IUCN Reptile Assessment Workshop, organised at Coimbatore, September 2019.
13. Conducted a five-day workshop, 'Introduction to Nature' for the students of International School from Chennai at Amboli, Maharashtra on 22 to 26 September 2019.
14. Organised two-day workshop, 'Understanding and Broadcasting Science' – in collaboration with Fergusson College, Pune, September, 2019.
15. Participated as a guest speaker and delivered a talk, 'Lizards, Snakes and Humans' at National CME on Venomous bites and stings, organised by Department of Forensic Medicine and Toxicology, All India Institute of Medical Sciences, Raipur, Chhattisgarh on 27 August 2019.
16. In collaboration with Nature's Nest, Goa conducted three-day workshop, 'Introduction to amphibians and reptiles' at Goa from 23 to 25 August 2019.
17. Delivered an inaugural lecture for Zoology Association 2019-20 at Fergusson College, Pune on 14 August 2019.
18. Delivered a talk in a one-day workshop 'Snake Identification and Conservation' organised by Nature Conservation Circle, Solapur and Forest Department, Solapur on 5 August 2019.
19. Delivered a guest lecture 'Biodiversity of Western Ghats' to the students of BSc and MSc at Modern College of Arts, Science and Commerce, Pune on 2 July 2019.
20. Organised five-days 'Young Naturalist Certificate Course' in collaboration with Drongo, Sirsi, June 2019.
21. Organised three-day workshop - 'Understanding amphibians and reptiles' with nature interpretation centre, Sanjay Gandhi National Park, Mumbai, July 2019.
22. Delivered a talk 'Herpetofauna of Northern Western Ghats' in a state level workshop on advances in life sciences for sustainable development, organised by Department of Zoology, Dadapatil Rajale Arts, Science and Commerce College, Adinathnagar, Pathardi on 22 January 2019.
23. On the occasion of Science Day delivered a talk on 'Biodiversity and Me' at The New College, Kolhapur on 3 March 2019.
24. Gave a public talk in Young Ecologists Talk and Interact (YETI) in The Maharaja Sayajirao University, Baroda (2018).
25. Delivered a talk, 'Herpetology' at one-day national seminar, Biodiversity and its conservation organised by DS Garad Mahavidhyalaya, Mohol on 16 October 2018.
26. In collaboration with Indian Herpetological Society, Pune, conducted series of workshops on rescue and rehabilitation of wildlife in Anand, Rajkot, Bhavnagar, Jamnagar, Gujarat state India in 2018.

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27. Delivered a lecture on 'Animal Diversity: Modern Approach Towards Conservation' as a part of lecture series organised by Nowrosjee Wadia College, Pune on 1 October 2018.
28. Delivered a lecture on 'Opportunities in Biodiversity' in a workshop 'Biodiversity and its Conservation' organised by Mudhoji College, Phaltan on 28 December 2018.
29. Conducted long workshop in Student Conference of Conservation Science (SCCS) organised at Indian Institute of Science (IISC), Bangalore in 2016 and 2017.
30. Conducted long workshop in Young Ecologists Talk and Interact (YETI) in Nagaland University (2013), Tezpur University (Assam), 2017 and The Maharaja Sayajirao University, Baroda (2018).
31. Gave series of talks and conducted workshop to the participants of one-week module of Gujarat Herpetology School conducted at Girnar Wildlife Sanctuary, Junagadh, Gujarat (2017).
32. Gave series of talks and conducted workshop to the participants of one-week module of Herpetology School conducted at Centre for Ecological Sciences, IISC, Bangalore (2016).
33. Organised and conducted one-day workshop, 'Role of youth and students in biodiversity conservation' with the NCBS and Forest Department Karnataka (2016).
34. Delivered an invited talk, 'Study of amphibians and reptiles – what can I do?' to the students at Balwant College, Vita on 7 September 2016.
35. Delivered an invited talk, 'Herpetofauna of India' to the students at Raje Ramrao Mahavidyalaya, Jath on 7 September 2016.
36. Delivered a talk 'Status of amphibians and reptiles of India in view of climate change' in a National Seminar, Current Trends in Biodiversity Conservation and Climate Change organised by Yashwantrao Mohite College of Arts, Science and Commerce, Pune on 24th February 2016.
37. Delivered a talk 'Indian Herpetology – Past, Present and Future' at a National Conference Biodiversity and Bioresource Management, organised by Department of Zoology, Shivaji University, Kolhapur on 16 January 2016.
38. Gave a plenary talk 'Herpetofauna of northern Western Ghats' at state level workshop on Animal Taxonomy, organised by Smt. Kasturbai Walchand College, Sangli on 28 August 2014.
39. Delivered a talk on taxonomy of amphibians and lizards at a national training workshop on Taxonomy and Conservation of Herpetofauna, organised by Balasaheb Desai College, Patan and Indian Herpetological Society, Pune on 28 September 2014.
40. As a faculty attended School in Herpetology for consecutive five years (2010 to 2013) – a program sponsored by Department of Science and Technology, Government of India.
41. Attended Conservation Assessment and Management Plan (CAMP) workshops for amphibians and reptiles jointly organised by IUCN and Zoo Outreach Organization, Coimbatore (28 February to 4 March 2011).

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42. Attended a workshop, Amphibian Biodiversity Conservation organised by Durrell Wildlife Trust (UK) and Zoo-outreach Organisation, Coimbatore in Periyar Tiger Reserve, India (2008).
43. In collaboration with Sahyadri Nisarga Mitra (a local NGO) conducted state level workshop on Conservation of Sea Turtles in Maharashtra (27 February, 2005).
44. In collaboration with Satpura Foundation, Amaravati and Department of Zoology, Amaravati University, Amaravati, Maharashtra conducted a Reptile Training Workshop in Melghat Tiger Reserve for the forest department personnel, students from Amaravati University and few NGO's in that area. (6-8 February, 2004).
45. National Workshop on Information Technology in Biological Collections. Organised by National Chemical Laboratory, Pune (January 10-11, 2002).
46. Invited talk to the participants of Refresher Course at Department of Environmental Science, Dr. Babasaheb Ambedkar Marathwada University, Aurangabad (March, 2009 to March 2016).