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Profiles of Research Fellows

Ahmed Mohammad Sheikh

Profession: Assistant Professor, School of Media Activity
 Research & Technology (SMART), Maharshi Karve Stree
 Shikshan Sanstha, Karve Nagar, Pune



Research topic	Cultivating reading culture through literary activities in schools
Mentor's name	Dr. Anand Katikar, Head – Marathi Department, Fergusson College, Pune; and Secretary, Deccan Education Society, Pune

Ashok Baburao Tidke

Education: Bachelor of Computer Applications (BCA), MA – Political
 Science; Diploma in Journalism & Mass Communications, Ranade
 Institute, Pune



Research topic	Naxal affected area – Destruction to development
Mentor's name	Mr. Kartik Lokhande, senior journalist, Nagpur

Mansi Sherawat

Education: Research Fellow, RMP; Masters in Applied Clinical & Counselling Psychology, TISS, Mumbai; Writing & presenting research papers since her undergraduate days on diverse subjects ranging from Motivation at Workplace to Oceanic Imagery, and Psychology and Proactive Behaviour of Coastal Residents to Climate Change; Recently completed research with Indian Navy on mental health and resilience; Presented paper at Indian Association of Applied Psychology conference



Research topic	Exploring mental health concerns and strategies in school communities – A comprehensive analysis
Mentor name	Ms. Kshipra Vaidya, Founder, Shanta Vaidya Memorial Trust

Malhar Herambh Pande

Education: BTech (Mechanical Engineering)
Profession: Founder, Pravi Consultants (a digital marketing company)
Social exposure: Involved in social work since the age of 16 years; Leadership role in historical heritage conservation and Zunj (a social organization)



Research topic	Study of the less explored forts in the Maval region of Maharashtra
Mentor's name	Dr. Sachin Joshi, Senior Professor, Deccan College

Siddharam Ramanna Sankpal

Education: BSc (Information Technology), MA – Political Science, pursuing MSW

Social exposure: Has closely observed the social and economic situation of Mathadi labourers, since his father was a labourer for 47 years from 1965 to 2012



Research topic	Study of changes in the social and economic life of Mathadi labourers due to the Mathadi Law
Mentor's name	Dr. Mahesh Bhagwat, Dean, IIDL, RMP

Sudarshan Reddy

Education: PhD Scholar in Political Science, University of Hyderabad; Research area covers public policy in general and welfare politics in particular



Research topic	Different aspects of the administration under Shivaji Maharaj
Mentor's name	Dr. Uday Choudhari, Director, Sanskriti Foundation, Hyderabad

Varada Marathe



Profession: Public policy and communications; Head of Collaborations & Outreach, Strategic Research & Growth Foundation, a policy think tank focusing on academics and governance; Previously worked in think tanks such as World Resources Institute (WRI) and Observer Research Foundation (ORF), and in Niti Aayog

Research topic	Study of the Common Civil Code in Goa
Mentor's name	Dr. Adv. Uday Warunjikar, Senior Advocate, Mumbai High Court

Vikas Datta Pandhare



Education: MA, BEd – Marathi

Profession: Executive Editor, Krishi Vivek, after working in the Saptahik Vivek Group for 6.5 years, having commenced reporting at the age of 16 years; Previously worked as Reporter and Sub-editor in publications such as Tarun Bharat, Pudhari and Dainik Sanchar, Solapur

Research topic	Status of millet production in Maharashtra
Mentor's name	Dr. Ruchita Rane

Anushree Sunil Ghisad

Profession: Security analyst and researcher in Indic Studies; Previously worked as Senior Research Fellow at Rumi Consultancy, a Kabul-based organization wherein she lived in Afghanistan for over two years during which her area of work covered countering violent extremism, radicalization and communication strategy of violent extremists; Previously worked as Research Associate, Vivekananda International Foundation where her area of research covered politico-security developments in Sri Lanka, Maldives and the Indian Ocean region



Research topic	Ancient spiritual traditions of Afghanistan
Mentor's name	Dr. Ashish Bhave

Fellows with political attachment

Abhishek Patel



Aayush Tamrakar

Profession: Public Relations Coordinator of Deputy Chief Minister, Madhya Pradesh

Education: Postgraduate Program in Leadership, Politics & Governance, IIDL, RMP (batch-5); Selected for Udaan Fellowship under Shri. Muralidhar Rao, Madhya Pradesh State In-charge, BJP



Bharat Tyagi

Profession: Political strategist



Digvijay Desai



Mangesh Deshpande

Education: Postgraduate Program in Leadership, Politics Governance, IIDL, RMP (batch-5); CA

Profession: Chartered Account; Currently working as OSD to Shri. Chandrakant Patil for three years

Social exposure: Has done election campaigning for Maharashtra Assembly election, 2024, by-elections in Kasba and North Kolhapur constituencies, and General election, 2024



Manohar Samidala

Govind Kumar

Education: Postgraduate Program in Leadership, Politics & Governance, IIDL, RMP (batch-5); BSc, MCA, BEd – Political & Social Services

Profession: Personal secretary to Smt. Alka Gurjar, National Secretary, BJP, CC In-charge, Delhi State, BJP



Raj Saraf

Education: BMS, LLB

Social exposure: General secretary, BYJM, south Mumbai



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