

Biography

Prof. Dr. Akshata Amitkumar Gawade, an esteemed Associate Professor in the Department of Sociology at Night College of Arts and Commerce, Kolhapur, Maharashtra, stands out as a leading figure in the academic and professional realm of sociology and education. With a robust career spanning 18 years, Dr. Gawade has distinguished herself through a remarkable array of achievements, contributions, and professional milestones.

Dr. Gawade's academic journey is marked by exceptional qualifications and accolades. She holds multiple advanced degrees, including M.A. in Sociology and Economics, LLB, and a Ph.D. on "Socio-Economic Status of Differently Abled Persons in Karveer Taluka." Her academic pursuits have been further enriched by her Post Doctorate Fellowship in the USA and recognition as a Global 30 Percentile Teacher in the International Teachers Olympiad Exam 2023-24 and also recognized as World Research Fellow of London. These accomplishments underscore her dedication and expertise in her field.

Throughout her career, Dr. Gawade has made significant contributions to both national and international academic communities. She has authored over 50 research papers published in renowned journals and conference proceedings, addressing critical issues such as disability studies, women's empowerment, and socio-economic development. Her work has earned her several prestigious awards, including the Research Excellence and Young Researcher Award from the Institute of Scholars, Karnataka, and the National Level First Prize for her paper on women exploitation in the unorganized sector.

As an influential academic leader, Dr. Gawade has played a pivotal role in various professional capacities. She serves as the Editor-in-Chief of Iterative International Publishers in Michigan, USA, and is actively involved in multiple academic bodies, including the All India Academic Bodies and sub-committee the Board of Studies at Shivaji University and other autonomous colleges. Her role as the Coordinator of the Internal Quality Assurance Cell further exemplifies her commitment to maintaining high standards in education.

Dr. Gawade's impact extends beyond academia into social responsibility and community service. She has organized state-level cricket matches for blind people and contributed to numerous social institutions supporting orphans and disabled individuals. Her involvement in various workshops, seminars, and lectures reflects her dedication to addressing social issues and promoting inclusive practices. Notable lectures she has delivered include topics on gender sensitization, women's leadership, and the socio-political status of differently abled persons.

Her diverse qualifications also include a Higher Diploma in Software Engineering, a Certificate Course in Russian Language, and various specialized courses related to women's rights and workplace harassment. Dr. Gawade's multifaceted expertise and her role as a member of several professional organizations highlight her versatility and commitment to continuous learning and professional development.

Dr. Gawade's contributions are also recognized through her involvement in reviewing and editing academic works, guiding research students for SET/NET exams, and actively participating in faculty development programs. Her papers and presentations at international and national conferences have significantly contributed to the discourse on social issues, particularly concerning women and marginalized communities.

Overall, Prof. Dr. Akshata Amitkumar Gawade exemplifies the ideals of academic excellence, social responsibility, and professional integrity. Her extensive achievements, dedication to education, and impactful contributions to society position her as a distinguished leader in her field.
