

Dr. Meenal Katarnikar

**Designation:** Associate Professor

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**Educational Qualifications**

M.A. Philosophy, Mumbai University in 1989

Ph. D. "Concept of Perception: Dinnaga and Ayer- A Comparativ Study. Mumbai University, 1997.

Post Doctoral "The Jaina Theory of Paroksa Pramana: A Critical Appraisal" 2001, Mumbai University.

**Positions held :**

Duration	Institution	Designation
2004-September 2013	Mumbai University	Adjunct Reader In Jainology
From September 2013	Mumbai University	Associate Professor

**Visiting Faculty at**

2004- 2012 International Summer School of Jaina Studies

2001-2011 K.J. Somaiya Bharatiya Sanskriti Peetham

2006-2013 K.J.Somaiya Centre for Buddhist Studies .

2006-2013 St. Pius Seminary, Mumbai.

**Research Interest**

Epistemology, Indian Philosophy especially, Jainism, Buddhism and Vedanta. Research Methodology,  
Kautiliya Arthashastra

Research Projects Completed: 1. Major Research project of translating a classical Jaina text titled 'Prameyakalamartanda' from Sanskrit into English was completed in association with Prof. S. S. Antarkar, Retd. Head, dept of Philosophy and Founder Professor, Jaina Academy Educational & Research Centre, Dept of Philosophy, University of Mumbai, and Prof. Pradip Gokhale, Dept of Philosophy, Pune University. The project has been submitted to Indian Council of Philosophical Research, New Delhi for publication in June 2009. The output of this research was

published as a book form titled 'Recollection, Recognition and Reasoning: A Study in the Jaina Theory of Paroksa-Pramana' in 2011.

2. Co-ordinated and participated in the minor research project on 'Bio-ethical issues and Jaina Perspective' during 2006-2008.

Ongoing Research Projects ----1. One of the researchers in the UPE project titled "Theological Discourse through Text-Analysis for Peaceful Co-existence" jointly undertaken by the University Departments of Sanskrit, Arabic and Philosophy since 2009,

2. One of the Directors of the Major Research project in the Department on 'Study of Arthashastra for good governance' since 2010.

#### **Awards and Honors**

1. Gold Medal of Mumbai University in 1989. M.A.(Philosophy)
2. Nominated on Editorial Board of 'Paramarsha', the Philosophical Quarterly of Pune University.
3. Recognized as a Research Guide in University of Mumbai since 2005 and in K.J.Somaiya Buddhist Studies Centre from 2007
4. Invited to deliver "Acharya Tulsi Memorial Lecture" at 87<sup>th</sup> Session of Indian Philosophical Congress at Darbhanga in Nov. 2012.

#### **Membership of Professional Societies**

- Life member of Bombay Philosophical Society.
- Life member of Maharashtra Tattvijnana Parishad
- Life member of Indian Philosophical Congress

#### **Number of Students Guided**

M. Phil : 6 have completed, 3 working

Ph. D : 9 completed, 5 working

#### **Publications:**

1. **Book: 'Recollection, Recognition and Reasoning: a Study in the Jaina Theory of Paroksa Pramana' (Co-authored by Prof. S.S. Antarkar and Prof. P. P. Gokhale), pub. by Sri Satguru Publications, Delhi, 2011.**

2. Co-editor- "Reflections on Science and Spirituality in the age of Technology", joint publication of Department of Philosophy, University of Mumbai and Institute of Science and Religion, Mumbai, 2013.
3. Co-editor- Proceedings of the Conference on Indian Culture, joint publication of Department of Philosophy, University of Mumbai and Institute of Indo-Aryan Studies, Mumbai, 2011.

### **Articles published in journals**

1. Gender-Violence vis-à-vis Gender Empowerment: Some Conceptual Issues" in Indian Journal of Secularism, Vol.17., No.1, April-June 2013
2. Abstract- "Meta-ethical Issue of Is-Ought Relation- Discussion and Examination", in Proceedings of 30<sup>th</sup> Session of Maharashtra Tattvajna Parishad, Goweli, District Kalyan, Maharashtra Feb. 2014.
3. 'Mind-body problem in Classical Indian Tradition' in "Ajcha Sudharak" (Marathi), Vol. XXIII 3-4, Jun-July, 2012.
4. 'Investigation into the Philosophical Foundations of Jaina Law' in "Indica", Journal of the Heras Institute of Indian History and Culture, India, Vol.48, No.2, September 2011.
5. 'Sankhya Darsanatil Anviksike Parikshan' in Paramarsha, A Pune University Philosophical Journal, Vol. 32, No.1 May-July 2011.
6. Book review of 'Vision from the Margin' by George Thadathil, pub in "Indica", Journal of the Heras Institute of Indian History and Culture, India, Vol 48. March 2011.
7. 'Polemics About Hetu in indian Logic- with Special reference to Jaina Logic' in Proceeding of Indian Philosophical Congress 84<sup>th</sup> Session, Oct. 2009.
8. 'Concept of Nirvana in Buddhist Tradition' in Journal of Ananthacharya Indological Research institute, March 2009.
9. Book Review of "Nagarjuna in Context", pub. In 'Indica' Journal of the Heras Institute of Indian History and Culture, India, vol.45 of Oct, 2008.
10. 'Examination of Inference in Sankhya Tradition' in Silver jubilee vol. of Maharashtra Tattvajnana Parishad, Nov. 2008.
11. 'Prof. Dayakrishna Yancha Tattvajnana-vishayak Drishtikon' Paramarsha, A Pune University Philosophical Journal, Vol. 29, No.4, Fe – April 2007.
12. Book Review of "Astikata, Nastika Donhi Andhashraddha' by D.M. Santa, Paramarsha, A Pune University Philosophical Journal, Vol. 28, No.2, Aug-Oct.2006
13. Book Review of Dr. Nagin Shah Edited 'Acharya Hemachandra's Pramana-Mimamsa', Journal of the Ananthacharya Indological Research Institute, Vol. VII. 2004-2005
14. Book-Review of 'Buddhanusmrti' by Dr.Kala Acharya, in Paramarsha, A Pune University Philosophical Journal, Vol. 24, No.4, Feb – April 2003
15. 'Smruti Praman Aahe Ki Nahi?', Paramarsha, A Pune University Philosophical Journal, Vol.23, No.4, Feb-Apr 2002 Vol. 24, No.4, Feb-Apr 2003

16. Book Review of '*In Defense of Pure Reason*' by Laurence Bonjour, Indian Philosophical Quarterly XXVIII No.2, April 2001
17. 'Lokmanya Tilkanche Tattvajnana', Tattvajnana-Mandir, Journal of Pratap Philosophical Center, Amalner university, Maharashtra, India Vol. 7, No.s 1-4, 2001.
18. 'Buddhanyayatil Pratyaksha Vishayak Samasya' Paramarsha, A Pune University Philosophical Journal, Vol.16, No.4, Feb-1995
19. 'Pratyaksha Sankalpana: Dinnaga, Dharmakirti and Ayer', Paramarsha, A Pune University Philosophical Journal, Vol.15, No.4, Feb-1994
20. Critical Note on '*The Structure of Empirical Knowledge*' by Laurence Bonjour, Indian Philosophical Quarterly XX, No.4, Oct-1993
21. 'Jnanashatriya Adhishthanvad' Paramarsha, A Pune University Philosophical Journal, Vol.14, No.4, Feb-1993
22. 'Ayer Yanchi Satya Vishayak Upapatti' Paramarsha, Vol.12, No.1, May-1990 Vol. 24, No.4, Feb-Apr 2003
23. 'Jnaneshvaritil Shraddhecha Anvayarth' Paramarsha, A Pune University Philosophical Journal, Vol.13, No.3, Nov-1991
24. Book Review of '*Geeta Ani Adhunik Jag*' by D.M.. Khairkar, Paramarsha, A Pune University Philosophical Journal, Vol.12, No.3, Nov-1990
25. 'Geetarahasya Ani Geeteche Mala Janavlele Rahasya' Paramarsha, A Pune University Philosophical Journal, Vol.12, No.4, Apr. 1988.

### **Articles Published as Part of Books :-**

26. "Twentieth Century Philosophy in Maharashtra" in the volume VI Part 8 of the project on History of Science, Philosophy and Culture in Indian Civilization, titled:"Perspectives on Maharashtra: Cultural-Intellectual Contributions" , published by Centre for Studies in Civilizations, New Delhi,2013
27. Dinnaga on Perception', in "Perception: An Interdisciplinary Exploration", pub. ISPC & Sameeksha, Kalady, 2013.
28. Contemporary Debate on Advaita Vedanta' in "Revisiting Vedanta in the Twenty first Century", pub. Dept. of Philosophy, SIES College, Mumbai, Oct. 2010.
29. 'Knowing Through Language: Some Issues in Classical Indian Tradition' in "Philosophy of Aesthetics", Somaiya publication, June 2010.
30. 'Abhidharma: Dinnaga's Epistemology in a Seed Form' in *Dharma and Abhidharma*, Somaiya Publication, 2007.
31. 'Dialectic of Pratitya-Samutpada and The Dialectic of Anekanta: A Critical Appraisal' in 'Pratitya Samutpada' Jointly Pub. By Somaiya Centre of Buddhist Studies and Dept. of Philosophy, University of Mumbai, 2007.
32. "Unworthy Pilgrims: Jaina Women in Medieval India", Pub in Vol. of PHISP Project on "Women in Medieval India", New Delhi, India, Oct. 2009.

33. "Deformities of The Other Sex: Interrogating Femininity in Jaina Tradition", In '*Facets of Femininity*' pub. By Dept of Sanskrit, University of Mumbai, 2005.
34. 'Is Purushartha A Myth?' in '*Purushartha*', Pub. By Datta Lakshmi Trust, Pune, 1993.
35. 'Lokmanya Tilak's Concept of Shitaprajna', in '*Shitaprajna*', Pub. By Datta Lakshmi Trust, Pune, 1991.

**(The Article 'Is Purushartha A Myth?' is included as the reference for Pune University Study Material for M.A. in Philosophy.)**