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Educational Qualifications					
Degree	Institution			Year	
Ph.D.	University of California, Berkeley			1986	
M.Phil. / M.Tech.					
PG	University of California, Berkeley			1983	
UG	St. Stephen's College, University of Delhi			1980	
Any other qualification					
Career Profile					

2004- present: Professor, Dept. of Physics & Astrophysics, University of Delhi.

1996-2004: Reader, Dept. of Physics & Astrophysics, University of Delhi.

1993-1996: Senior Lecturer, Dept. of Physics & Astrophysics, University of Delhi.

1991-1993: Senior Lecturer, St. Stephen's College, University of Delhi.

1986-1991: Lecturer, St. Stephen's College, University of Delhi.

1983-1986: Research Asst, Lawrence Berkeley Labs, Berkeley, California.

1981-1983: Teaching Asst, Dept. of Physics, University of California, Berkeley, California.

# Administrative Assignments

Director, Delhi University Computer Center, University of Delhi: 2004-2009

# Areas of Interest / Specialization

Particle Physics & Cosmology, Biological networks

### Subjects Taught

Mathematical Physics

Electromagnetism

Modern Physics

**Radiation Theory** 

**Computational Physics** 

Electrodynamics

Astrophysics II

Computer Lab

Nuclear Physics Lab

#### Research Guidance

List against each head (If applicable)

- 1. Supervision of awarded Doctoral Thesis 7
- 2. Supervision of Doctoral Thesis, under progress 2
- 3. Supervision of awarded M.Phil dissertations
- 4. Supervision of M.Phil dissertations, under progress

#### **Publications Profile**

List against each head(If applicable) (as Illustrated with examples)

- 1. Books/Monographs (Authored/Edited)
- 1. "More than 150 Unusual facts about Computers", published by Scholastic Inc.(2002)
- 2. "More than 150 Unusual Inventions", published by Scholastic Inc.(2003)
- 3. "Eminent Scientists", published by Scholastic Inc.(2003)
- 4. "More than 150 Unusual facts about Physics", published by Scholastic Inc.(2004)
- 5. "From Bugs to Blackholes", Penguin Books. (2005)
- 6. "Environment in my pocket", Scholastic Inc. (2006).

- 7. "103 Scientific Principles, Ideas, Theories & Stuff", Scholastic Inc. (2006).
- 8. "The Story of Steel", a set of 4 books for young adults, Pratham Books, (2007).
- 9. "Physics in my Pocket- A Reference Book", Scholastic Inc. (2007).
- 10. "A Quiz Book of Physics", Scholastic Inc. (2008).
- 11. "A Quiz Book of Mathematics", Scholastic Inc. (2008).
- 12. "The Story of Invention", Ullman Publishing. (2008).
- 13. "Concepts of Modern Physics, Sixth Edition" (with A. Beiser & S. Rai Choudhury), McGraw Hill. (2009).
- 14. "The Story of Science" Ullman Publishing. (2010).
- 15. "Scholastic Quiz Book" Scholastic Publishing. (2010).
- 16. "Get the Facts: Physics", Scholastic Publishing. (2010).
- 17. "Electricity, Magnetism & Electromagnetic Theory, (with S. Rai Choudhury ), Mcgraw Hill. (2012).
- 18. "Get the Facts: Information Technology & Computers, Scholastic Publishing (2013).
- 19. "Concepts of Modern Physics, Seventh Edition" (with A. Beiser& S. Rai Choudhury), McGraw Hill. (2015).
- 20. "Science & Society", (manuscript under preparation)

Authored a report on Issues in Higher Education in Science, Observer Research Foundation, 2007.

Contributed a chapter on ``Science & Mathematics Teaching in Schools & Colleges India" to the `Routledge Handbook of Education in India- Debates, Practices & Policies', Edited by Krishna Kumar. (2017), Routledge, ISBN 9781138103641(hbk) and 9781315107929 (ebk).

Contributed a paper on ``In Search of a Scientific Public Sphere" to an edited volume ``The University Unthought: Notes for a Future", edited by Debaditya Bhattacharya (2018), Routledge, ISBN 978-1-138-06732-5 (hbk) and 978-0-429-44197-4 (ebk).

Contributed a paper on "Of Pain Waves, Plastic Surgery & Panchgavya: The Quest for Hegemony in the Natural Sciences" to an edited volume, "The Idea of A University", edited by Apoorvanand (2018), Westland Books, ISBN 9789387894259 (hbk).

Contributed a chapter on ``Higher Education in the Sciences in India" to a volume on Indian Science Education(forthcoming), Edited by S. Irfan Habib \& Dhruv Raina, (forthcoming, 2019).

Translated 2 books (A Folk Tale from Argentina" & A Folk Talefrom Mynamar") from English to Hindi for Pratham Books.

Have also translated 4 pamphlets on Everyday Science from English to Hindi to be used in primary and middle schools.(2004)

Translated 4 books for Science for Children from English to Hindi for Pratham Books. (2005)

- 2. Research papers published in Refereed/Peer Reviewed Journals
- 1. Models of inflation with a low supersymmetry breaking scale",(with P. Binetruy), Nuclear Physics B 263, pp 413- (1986).
- 2. A mechanism for baryon generation in super symmetric cosmologies", Physical Review, D 33, pp 338- (1986).
- 3 Cosmological models consistent with SUSY compactification in superstring theories", (with A. Mukherjee, R. P. Saxena, S. Kumar, and N. Panchapakesan), Pramana 34, No. 5, pp 415 (1990).
- 4. A lower bound on the Higgs boson and Top quark mass from constraint on the Higgs coupling", (with A. Mukherjee, S. K.Sethi, N. Panchapakesan and R. P. Saxena), Modern Physics Letters A, Vol. 6, No. 18, pp 1731- (1991).
- 5. Dark Matter: Why and What ?", Invited Talk at the X DAE-HEP Symposium, Pramana Suppl. Vol. 41, pp 455-(1993).
- 6. RG improved bounds on Higgs and top mass from electroweak baryogenesis", (with S. K. Sethi, N. Panchapakesan, R. P. Saxena, A. Mukherjee and A.S. Mazumdar), Modern Physics Letters A, Vol. 9, No. 5, pp. 459- (1994).
- 7. Studies in Structure formation in theories with a repulsive long range gravitational force", (with D. Lohiya, A. Batra, S. Mehra and A. Mukherjee), paper presented at the III International Conference on Gravitation & Cosmology, Pune, 1995, preprint gr-qc/9601039, Astrophysical and Astronomical Transactions, Vol. 13, pp 1, 1997.
- 8. Constraints on the Cosmological Constant from Gravitational Lenses in an Evolutionary Model of galaxies" ,(with D. Jain, V.B. Bhatia and N. Panchapakesan), preprint astro-ph/9803128, International Journal of Modern Physics A, Vol. 13, No. 24, pg. 4227-36, 1998.
- 9. Topological Defects in the Left-Right Symmetric Models and their relevance to cosmology", (with U.Yagnik, H.Widyan, A. Mukherjee and D. Choudhury), preprint hep-ph/ 9812406, Physical Review D, May 15, 1999.
- 10. Gravitational Lensing Limits on Average Redshift of Gamma Ray Bursts from evolving galaxies", (with D. Jain, N. Panchapakesan and V.B. Bhatia), paper presented at the XIX Astronomical Society of India Meeting, Bangalore, 1999, preprint astro-ph/9902154, International Journal of Modern Physics D, Vol. 8, No. 4, pg. 507-514, 1999.
- 11. Constraint On Galaxy Evolution Through Gravitational Lensing Statistics", (with D. Jain, N. Panchapakesan, V. B. Bhatia), preprint astro-ph/991104, Modern Physics Letters A, Vol. 15, No. 1, pg. 41, 2000.
- 12. Limit on Average Redshift of Gamma Ray Bursts from evolving galaxies",(with D. Jain, N. Panchapakesan, V. B. Bhatia), Bulletin Of Astronomical Society of India, Vol. 28, pg. 377, 2000.
- 13. Nucleosynthesis in a universe with a linearly evolving scale factor", ( with A. Batra, A. Mukherjee and D. Lohiya), International Journal of Modern Physics D, Vol. 10, No.1, 2001.
- 14. Cosmic Equation of State, Gravitational Lensing Statistics & Merging of Galaxies", (with A. Dev, D. Jain, N. Panchapakesan and V.B. Bhatia), International Journal of Modern Physics D,vol. 12, no. 1, 101, 2003, preprint astro-ph/0104076.
- 15. Gravitational Lensing constraint on the Cosmic Equation of State", (with A. Dev , D. Jain, N. Panchapakesan and V.B. Bhatia), International Journal of Modern Physics D,

- Vol.12, No. 2, 2003, preprint astro-ph/0105551
- 16. Probing large distance higher dimensional gravity from lensing data", ( with S.R.Choudhury, G.C.Joshi and Bruce Mckellar), Astroparticle Physics Vol. 21, No. 5, pg. 559,, 2004, preprint hep-ph/0204161
- 17. A Freely Coasting Universe" (with S. Gehlaut, D. Lohia and A. Mukherjee), Spacetime & Substance, 14/4, 2002, preprint astro-ph/0209209
- 18. "Dark Energy & the study of the Observed Image Separations of the Multiply Imaged Systems in the CLASS Statistical Sample", ( with A. Dev and D. Jain), International Journal Of Modern Physics- D, Vol. 13, No. 6, 1005, 2004, preprint astro-ph/0307441.
- 19. "Effect of radiation on the stability of equilibrium points in the binary stellar systems: RW-Monocerotis, Kruger 60", (with M.K. Das, Pankaj Narang, M, Yuasa), Astrophysics & Space Sciences, 314, 4,261- (2008).
- 20. "Effect of radiation on the stability of a retrograde particle orbit in different stellar systems", (with M.K. Das, Pankaj Narang, M, Yuasa), Planetary & Space Science, 57, 836- (2009).
- 21. "On Out of Plane Equilibrium Points in Photo-Gravitational restricted three-body problem", (with M.K. Das, Pankaj Narang, M, Yuasa), Journal of Astrophysics & Astronomy, 30, 34, 177- (2009).
- 22. "Transition Redshift: New constraints from parametric and nonparametric method", (with Nisha Rani, Deepak Jain, Amitabha Mukherjee & Nilza Peres), Journal of Cosmology & Astrophysics, 12, 045,(2015).
- 23. "Revisiting the Distance Duality Relation using LOESS and SIMEX", (with Akshay Rana, Deepak Jain, and Amitabha Mukherjee), arXiv:1511.09223v1[ astro-ph.CO], 2015, Journal of Cosmology & Astrophysics, 2016(07), 026- (2016).
- 24. "Constraining cosmic curvature by using age of galaxies and gravitational lenses", (with Akshay Rana, Deepak Jain, and Amitabha Mukherjee), arXiv:1611.07196v1[astro-ph.CO], Journal of Cosmology & Astrophysics, 2017(03), 028- (2017).
- 25. "Revisiting dark energy models using differential ages of galaxies", (with Nisha Rani, Deepak Jain, Amitabha Mukherjee & Marek
- Biesiada), arXiv: 1612.07492 [astro-ph.CO], Journal of Cosmology & Astrophysics, 2017(03), 005- (2017).
- 26. "Probing the Cosmic Distance Duality relation using time delay lenses", (with Akshay Rana, Deepak Jain, Amitabha Mukherjee & R.F.L. Holanda), arXiv: 1705.04549 [astro-ph.CO] To be published in Journal of Cosmology & Astrophysics (2017).
- 27. "Probing Graviton mass using weak lensing and SZ effect in Galaxy Clusters", ((with Akshay Rana, Deepak Jain, Amitabha Mukherjee), arXiv: 1801.03309[astro-ph.CO], Physics Letters B, 781, 220- (2018).
- 28. "Direct calculation of time varying Aharonov Bohm effect", (with S. Rai Choudhury), arXiv:1903.04138[quant-ph, hep-th], Phyiscs Letters A. 383(2019), 2467-.
  - a) Research papers published in Academic Journals other than Refereed/Peer Reviewed Journals
- 1 "Topics in Inflationary Cosmologies", PhD Thesis, LBL 21436, 1986.
- 2. "Introduction to Inflationary Models", Invited Lectures, 1987 UGC School on Early

#### Universe.

- 3. "Early Universe", Invited lectures, SERC School in High Energy Physics, 1988.
  - b) Research papers published in Refereed/Peer Reviewed Conferences
- 1. "Can the Many Worlds Interpretation solve the measurement problem", (with R. Nair), Paper presented at ISQR 1989- 90.
- 2. "Helium Production in a cosmological model with a linearly evolving scale factor", (with D. Lohiya and A. Mukherjee), Delhi University Report, 1995.
- 3. "Light Element synthesis in a cosmological model with repulsive gravity", (with D. Lohiya and A. Mukherjee), Paper presented at the XVII International Symposium on Lepton-Photon Interactions, Beijing, 1995.
- 4. "Nucleosynthesis in a simmering universe", (with D. Lohiya, A. Batra, and A. Mukherjee), paper presented at the XII DAE Symposium, Guwahati, 1996, preprint astro-ph/ 9606082
- 5. "Constraints on the Cosmological Constant from Gravitational Lenses",( with D. Jain, V.B. Bhatia and N. Panchapakesan), paper presented at the XII DAE Symposium, Guwahati, 1996.
- 6. "Effect of Galaxy Evolution on the Statistical Properties of Gravitational Lenses", (with D. Jain, N. Panchapakesan and V.B. Bhatia), preprint astro-ph/9807192, 1998.
- 7. "Effect of galaxy evolution on the average redshift of GRBs",(with D. Jain, N. Panchapakesan and V.B. Bhatia), paper presented at the XIII, High Energy Physics Symposium, Chandigarh, 1998.
- 8. "Gravitational Lensing Bound on the Average Redshift of Gamma Ray Bursts in models with evolving lenses", (with D. Jain, N. Panchapakesan and V.B. Bhatia), paper presented at the Mini Workshop on Gamma Ray Bursts, IUCAA, August 1999.
- 9. "Gravitational Lens Statistics and their use in constraining evolution of galaxies", (with D. Jain, N. Panchapakesan, V. B.Bhatia), paper presented at the IV International Conference on Gravitation and Cosmology, Kharagpur, January 2000.
  - c) Research papers Published in Conferences/Seminar other than Refereed/Peer Reviewed Conferences
  - 3. Other publications (Edited works, Book reviews, Festschrift volumes, etc.)
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#### Conference Organization/ Presentations (in the last three years)

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- 1. Organization of a Conference
- 2. Participation as Paper/Poster Presenter

#### Research Projects (Major Grants/Research Collaboration)

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#### **Awards and Distinctions**

National Merit Scholarship, 1977.

National Science Talent Scholarship, 1977-81.

President's Gold Medal, University of Delhi, 1981.

Apple Distinguished Educator Award, 2006.

#### **Association With Professional Bodies**

- 1. Editing
- 2. Reviewing
- 3. Advisory
- 4. Committees and Boards
- 5. Memberships
- 6. Office Bearer

# Other Activities

Director, Industrial Finance Corporation of India (IFCI), 2007-2013.

Director, IFCI Financial Services (IFIN) Ltd., 2008-2013.

Member, Board of Governors, Management Development Institute, Gurgaon, 2007-2013.

Chairperson, H.R. Committee, Management Development Institute, Gurgaon, 2009-2010.

Member, Expert Committee, Delhi Government for evaluation of Wi-Fi access proposals, 2007-2008.

Member, Managing Committee, Cambridge School, Noida, 2008-09.

Member, Managing Committee, Cambridge School, Sriniwaspuri, 2009-.

Member, Board of Governors, Institute of Leadership Development, Jaipur, 2008-2013.

Member, Expert Committee for evaluation of proposals for Samajik Suvidha Sangam, Delhi Government, 2009-10.

Member, ERNET committee on GEANT Project, 2006.

Member, Technical Review Committee for E-Governance, NIFT, Delhi, 2006-07.

Chairman, Committee for Networking & Information Technology Resources, ICSSR, Delhi, 2005, 2006, 2007.

Member, Acquisition Committee of NASSDOC, ICSSR, 2005, 2006, 2007.

Member, Joint Cadre Review Committee for ICT Services Cadre, U.G.C, 2006-.

Chairman, Expert Team For review of NARS, ICAR, 2007-2008.

Member, Focus Group on \Habitat & Learning", National Core Group on Curriculum Reform. 2005.

Member, Core Group to monitor the implementation of the Supreme Court order for Environmental Education in schools. 2005

Treasurer and Founding Trustee, Dr. Arvind N. Das Foundation for Critical Social and Cultural Studies.

Founding Trustee, Om Charitable Foundation, New Delhi.

Member, Research Degree Council & Board of Studies, Kumaun University, Nainital.

Member, Advisory Board, Mahatma Gandhi Law College, Gwalior

Head of the Department

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