



Usha Upadhyay  
Writer, Poet and Professor

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**Her Works: Poetry, Stories, One Act Plays, Critique, Research**

Jal Billori (1998), Arundhatino Taro (2006) Shyam Pankhi Aav Aav (2013) are her poetry collections. Mastikhor Maniyo (2004) is her collection of one-act plays. She has written a children's story, Ek Hati Roopa (1999).

**Critique**

Ikshit (1990), Sahitya Sannidhi (1998), Alokparva (2005), Samprat Gujarati Sahitya (2008), Aksharne ajvale (2009), Gujarati Sanshodhan-Sampadan (2009 Adhit 15-19 (1992-1996), Jhanavi Smriti - 2,3 (1996, 1997), Gujarati Chayan (1)

**Editing**

Sarjan Prakriya Ane Narichetna (2006), Gujarati Lekhikaoni Pratinidhi Vartao (2006), Gujarati Lekhikaona Pratinidhi Nimbandho (2006), Gujarati Lekhikaona Pratinidhi atmakathya (2006), Matrubhashanu Mahimagyan (2010), Urmikavi Nhanalal (research, 2012), Kabirna Amarsutro. Shunyatama Purela Dariyano Tarkhat (2007), Gujarati Sahityano Gyan Samvad - Nimbandho (2006, 2012), and Radhakrishna Vina Biju Bol Ma (2007).

**Translation**

Vadali Sarovar (1999) Kavivar Rajendra Shah Aur Unaki Kavita (2003, Hindi)  
Her poems are translated in Odia, Bengali, Kannada, Hindi, Sanskrit and English

**Awards**

She has been awarded Batubhai Umarwadiya Prize, Bhagini Nivedita Prize by Gujarati Sahitya Parishad, and Sauhard Samman Puraskar by Uttar Pradesh Hindi Sansthan, Lucknow.

**ગુજરાતી સોસાયટી ઓફ સધર્ન કેલિફોર્નિયા અને શબ્દ-સૂર સંગમ ઓફ ઓરેન્જ  
સહર્ષ રજૂ કરે છે**

**કવયિત્રી ઉષા ઉપાધ્યાય  
'કૃષ્ણ: એક કવિતા' વાર્તાલાપ**

**June 16,2019-Sunday 11.00 a m -2.00 p m**

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**યા અને હળવા ભોજનની વ્યવસ્થા કરેલ છે.**

**" ભગીરથ છું, ધરા પર તપ થકી ગંગા ઉતારું છું "**

**"મળ્યું ઘર ગાર-માટીનું ને દીવો શબ્દનો બળતો,  
ગયા ભવનો ચરુ ઊકળે, કવિતા એ જ સરજાવે."**

**-ઉષા ઉપાધ્યાય**

## Curriculum Vitae

Name : Dr. Usha Ghanshyambhai Upadhyay  
Date of Birth : 07<sup>th</sup> June, 1956  
Educational Qualification : M.A, Ph.D.  
Job : Dean, Arts Faculty  
Head – Department of Gujarati, Gujarat Vidyapith,  
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Profession : Teaching  
Designation & Institute : Professor and Head,  
Dept. of Gujarati Language & Literature,  
Gujarat Vidhyapith, Ashram Road,  
Ahmedabad – 380 014.  
Teaching Experience : \* Graduate Level : 5 Years  
\* Post Graduate Level : 28 Years  
Research Experience : \* Research Fellow of UGC from 1978 to 1982 for  
Ph. D.  
Subject : Symbols in Post Independence Gujarati Poetry  
\* UGC Major Research Project from 2010 cont.  
Fellowship : \* UGC Junior Research Fellowship  
\* UGC Senior Research Fellowship

## Published Books and Articles

(A) *Books:*

<u>Sr.</u>	<u>Name of the Book</u>	<u>Year of Publication</u>
1	Ikshit – Book of criticism	1990
2	Adhit – 15 <sup>th</sup> Compilation (with others)	1992
3	Adhit – 16 <sup>th</sup> Compilation (with others)	1993
4	Adhit – 17 <sup>th</sup> Compilation (with others)	1994
5	Adhit – 18 <sup>th</sup> Compilation (with others)	1995
6	Adhit – 19 <sup>th</sup> Compilation (with others)	1996

7	Jhanvi Smruti – Dvitiy Pushp Compilation (with others)	1996
8	Jhanvi Smruti – Trutiya Pushp Compilation (with others)	1997
9	Sahityasannidhi – Book of Criticism	1999
10	Jalbillori – Book of Poetry	1998
11	Ek Hati Rupa – Children Story Book	1999
12	Vadli Sarovar – Translation (Published by National Book Trust)	2000
13	Gujarati Kavitchayan 1999 – Compilation	2000
14	Kavivar Rajendra Shah Aur Unki Kavita (Criticism & Translation in Hindi)	2003
15	Mastikhor Manio (Drama for Children)	2004
16	Aalok Parv (Criticism)	2005
17	Gujarati Lekhikaoni Pratinidhi Vartao- (Compilation)	2006
18	Gujarati Lekhikaona Pratinidhi Nibandho- (Compilation)	2006
19	Gujarati Lekhikaona Pratinidhi Aatmakathya- (Compilation)	2006
20	Sarjanprakriya ane Narichetna (Kaifiyat) - (Compilation)	2006
21	Sahitya no Gyan Samvad (Compilation) (1151 Objective Questions on Gujarati Literature)	2006
22	“Arundhati no Taro” – Book of Poetry	2006
23	“The Star Arundhati” – Translated Book of Poetry	2006
24	“Radha Krishn Vina Biju Bol Ma...” Poetry of Gujarati Medieval Poetess (Research and Compilation for Gujarat Shahitya Akadami)	2007
25	“Shunyama Purela Dariya No Tarkhat...” Poetry of Modern Gujarati Poetess (Compilation for Gujarat Shahitya Akadami)	2007
26	“Samprat Gujarati Sahitya” – Book of Criticism	2008
27	“Akshar ne Ajwale” – Book of Criticism	2009
28	“Gujarati Sanshodhan Sampadan” - Book of Criticism	2009
29	Urmi kavi Nhanalaal	2012
30	Gujrat Vidyapithni Gujrati Sodhnibandh Sandarbh Suchi	2013
31	Kabirna Amarsutro	2013
32	Shyam pankhi av aav tu - Book of Poetry	2014
33	Rajendra Shahna Geeto (compilation of best lyrics)	2013,2016
34	Mitakshar	2016

(B) *Other Publications:*

Many poetries, short stories, personal essays & critical articles have been published in prestigious literary magazines.

**Contribution to folk literature**

- 1 Twenty Students of M.A. and M.Phil. have completed a dissertation along with field work under my guidance on the subject of folk songs and folk stories various tribes of Gujarat.

- 2 A catalog of research and Publication on Gujarati folk literature has been prepped (unpublished)
- 3 A research and publication work on various proverbs and idiom of the tribal language of the dang district (Gujarat) is in the progress.
- 4 Organized a national seminar on Folk Literature in 2005, attended a national seminar on Folk Literature in 2006.

### Other Achievements

- 1 First lady with a Ph.D. degree in “Modh Chaturvedi Brahman Gynati”.
- 2 For the first time, a lady secretary in ‘Gujarati No Adhyapak Sangh’ from 1991 to 1996.
- 3 First Lady Ex-Vice President of ‘Gujarati Lekhak Mandal’.
- 4 First lady announcer of live broadcasting of “Shri Krishna Janma Mahotsav”, celebrated at night on GokulAshtami at famous “Shri Krishna Temple” of Dwarika for Akashwani, Rajkot Kendra.
- 5 First Lady Principal of Mahadev Desai Samajsewa Mahavidyalaya from April 2004 to May 2005 in Gujarat Vidyapith which was established by “Father of The Nation” – Mahatma Gandhi at Ahmedabad, Gujarat.
- 6 Ex-Director of Compilation of dictionary at Gujarat Vidhyapith, Ahmedabad.
- 7 Guided 9 Ph.D. students & 20 M.Phil. Students and they got their respective degrees.
- 8 At present 7 Ph.D. students & 4 M. Phil. Students are getting guidance.
- 9 Arranged & directed a refresher course of 21 days in 1999 at Gujarat Vidhyapith, Ahmedabad.
- 10 Arranged & directed a refresher course of 21 days in 2001 at Gujarat Vidhyapith, Ahmedabad.
- 11 Attended a training program of 1-month duration on Prachin Lipi at L.D. Institute, Ahmedabad.
- 12 Invited as a resource person by Academic Staff Colleges, various state & national level universities and literary institutes for their seminars.
- 13 Represented Gujarat State, as an invited poetess in **Kavisammelan** organized by **Sahitya Academy Delhi & National Book Trust of India** during **World Book Fair 1997**.
- 14 Took part in various literary programs, interviews, kavi sammelan which were organized by Doordarshan & Akashvani Kendra.
- 15 Ex-Secretary of Gujarati Sahitya Parishad.
- 16 Honorary Director of ‘Sahitya Kala Sangam’ in Lok Sevak Mandal, Bhavnagar.
- 17 Nominated member of Gujarat Sahitya Academy.
- 18 Elected member of Gujarati Sahitya Parishad.
- 19 Ex-member of Board of Studies of Saurashtra University & Bhavnagar University & SNDT University.
- 20 Member of Board of Studies of M.S. University, Baroda.
- 21 Member of Board of Studies of Dr. Babasaheb Ambedkar Open University, Ahmedabad.

- 22 An invited Poetess in ‘Channel Kavi Sammelan’ organized by Akashvani, Rajkot in June 1996.
- 23 An invited Poetess in ‘**Mulakat**’ program arranged by **Sahitya Akademy, Delhi** in collaboration with Gujarati Sahitya Parishad, in 2001.
- 24 One of the coordinators of ‘**Gujarati Lekhika Sammelan**’ organized by Gujarat Sahitya Akademy, in 1994.
- 25 Co-ordinator of 3 Days Creative Writing Workshop at Ahmedabad during 2-3-4 May 2005 in collaboration with The Poetry Society of India, New Delhi.
- 26 Co-ordinator of 3 Days Translation Workshop at Ahmedabad during 16-17-18 September 2005 in collaboration with Gujarat Sahitya Akademi.
- 27 Co-ordinator of 3 Days National Seminar on Translation at Ahmedabad during 19-20-21 September 2005 in collaboration with Central Institute of Indian Languages (CIIL), Pune.
- 28 Awarded one act playbook ‘Mastikhor Maniyo’ by Gujarati Sahitya Parishad’s **Batubhai Umarwadia Prize** for the year 2004-05.
- 29 Awarded Poetry book ‘Arundhati No Taro’ by Gujarati Sahitya Parishad’s **Bhagini Nivedita Prize** for the year 2006-07.
- 30 Awarded by the ‘**Sauhard Sanman**’ prize of the year 2007 by **Uttar Pradesh Hindi Sansthan**.
- 31 Nominated Member of National Book Trust’s Gujarati Advisory Committee.
- 32 Nominated Member of Grant in Aid Committee of Central Institute of Indian Languages (CIIL), Mysore.
- 33 Co-ordinator of 3 Days National Seminar on Comparative literature at Ahmedabad during 10-11-12 March 2008 in collaboration with Gujarat Sahitya Akademy.
- 34 An invited writer in ‘All India Women Writer’s Conference’ of Delhi Sahitya Akademy, at Patiala, on 3-4 November 2009.
- 35 Co-ordinator of 3 Days **International Seminar on ‘Feminism in Literature**’, at Gujarat Vidyapith, Ahmedabad, Gujarat, on 7-8-9 December 2009.
- 36 Co-ordinator of Workshop for Preparing Syllabus of Semester System for Master degree Courses of Gujarat Vidyapith, Ahmedabad.
- 37 Co-ordinator of Two-day Annual Conference ‘Gujarati no Adhyapak Sangh’, at Dept of Gujarati, Gujarat Vidyapith, Ahmedabad.
- 38 Chief Guest at annual Kokni women writers’ conformance – ‘Chirtrangi’ organized by Kokni Bhasha Mandal, 20-21 Nov. 2010 Goa.
- 39 Member of Board of studies, Veer Narmad South Gujarat University.
- 40 Secretary, **Gujarati Sahitya Parishad**, Ahmedabad.
- 41 Assistant Editor Gujarati, **Kavitakosh** website.
- 42 President of All Gujarat Professors’ Association ‘Gujaratino Adhyapak Sangh’ for the year 2016.
- 43 ‘Women Achiever’s Award’ by Udgam Institute, Gandhinagar. Year 2015

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