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Educational Qualifications

Degree	Institution	
Ph.D.	Indian Institute of Sciences (I. I. Sc.), Bangalore.	
PG	Indian Agricultural Research Institute (IARI), New Delhi	
UG	Hansraj College, Delhi University, New Delhi.	
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	Scientist in Fast Track Research Project of Department	
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Career Profile

- At present Professor, Microbiology, Vikram University, Ujjain Previous positions held
- Reader of Microbiology in Banasthali University, Banasthali (Rajasthan)
- Education Officer (Promoted as Deputy Secretary) in UGC CRO Bhopal.

Area of Interest/ Specialization

- Microbial Genetics and Biotechnology
- Microbial Ecology and Environmental Microbiology
- Waste management
- Biofertilizers and biocontrol agents

Subjects Teaching

Microbiology

Publication Profile

Research Papers:

(A). Journal Papers:

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- Gang A, Vyas H., and Vyas A. (2013). A study of heavy metal toxicity on germination

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(B). Papers in Conferences:

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- Pandit, A.& Griffiths, A. J. (2001). Identification of a novel invertase in the yellow ecotype of *Neurospora intermedia*. Poster presented in XXIFungal Genetics Conference, California, USA. Abstract published in the proceedings of conference, pp.60.
- Pandit A.& Griffiths, A. J. (2001). Morphological mutants of *Neurospora* from nature. Poster presented in XXIFungal Genetics Conference, California, USA. Abstract published in the proceedings of conference, pp.145.
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- Vyas H. and Vyas A. (2006). Use of *Neurospora* cultures in bioremediation of copper. Paper presented in National conference on biotechnology, science and environment held on 28th 29th December 2006 and organized by department of biotechnology, DAVV, Indore.
- Vyas H., Vyas A.and Mutha A. (2007). Improvement of strains of *Neurospora* by mutagenesis for bioremediation of copper. Paper presented in National Congress of Science and Environment held at Udaipur on 17^h-18th Nov. 07.
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- Mukati, H. Vyas and A. Vyas (2011). Study of Neurospora in nature in Ujjain. Paper presented in 2nd M.P. Women Science Congress organised by MPCST, Bhopal from 22 23 December 2011. pp 1.
- Gang A., H. Vyas and A. Vyas (2011). Effect of cobalt on seed germination and seedling growth of wheat. Paper presented in 2nd M.P. Women Science Congress organised by MPCST, Bhopal in Ujjain from 22 23 December 2011. pp 4.
- Vyas H. And Vyas A., (2011). Mass Balance of Nitrogen after Sewage Irrigation in Plant

 Soil System. Paper presented in 4th ICER organized by SVNIT, Surat from 15 17
 December 2011.
- Nagar R., H. Vyas and A.Vyas (2011). Preliminary study of bacteria in cow dung samplefrom Ujjain. Women Science Congress organised by MPCST, Bhopal from 22 23December in Ujjain 2011. pp 25.
- Vyas A. (2012). A study of natural population of Neurospora in (M. P.) India and isolation and characterization of growth defective mutants. Invited lecture presented in University

- Malaysia Terengganu, Malaysia from 22 -24 November 2012.
- Gang A., H. Vyas and A. Vyas (2013). Effect of fungicide on growth and morphology of Neurospora. Paper presented in international conference organized by Maulana College of Arts, Science and Commerce Aurangabad from 19 – 21 December 2013.
- Vyas H. And Vyas A. (2013). Water crisis and desertification. Paper presented in international conference organised by Maulana College of Arts, Science and Commerce Aurangabad from 19 21 December 2013.
- Vyas H. And Vyas A. (2014). IPR and sluggishness of our academic and research institutions. Paper presented in International Conference organised by Vikram University, Ujjain from 18 20 September 2014.
- Gang A. And Vyas H. (2014). Intellectual property rights and its violation. Paper presented in International Conference organised by Vikram University, Ujjain from 18 -20 September 2014.
- Sharma H., Vyas H.,and Vyas A. (2014) Seasonal and temporal variation in airborne fungal spores in indoor and outdoor environments of temples in Ujjain Paper presented in 7th International congress of environmental research (ICER14) organized by R.V. collage of engineering, Bangalore India, collaboration with journal of environmental research and development Bhopal, India.
- Vyas H. Vyas A. and Soni D. K. (2014). Water supply and disposal system with special reference to Ujjain city. Paper presented in national conference organized by Govt. Madhav Science College, Ujjain (M.P.) from 3 4 March 2014.
- Vyas H. And Vyas A. (2014). Green technology for water management. Invited lecture presented in National Conference organised by MoolajiJaitha College, Jalgaon. From 30 -31 January 2014.
- Vyas H and Vyas A. (2014). Water crisis and its conservation. Invited lecture presented in National Conference organised by National Academy of Sciences and MPCST, Bhopal in Khajuraoh from 1 2 February 2014.
- Sharma H, Vyas H. and Vyas A. (2014). Study of fungal flora in temples of Ujjain. Paper presented in National Conference organised by National Academy of Sciences and MPCST, Bhopal in Khajuraoh from 1 2 February 2014.
- Vyas A. (2014). Different Evaluation techniques of examination. Invited paper presented in state level conference organised by Govt. P. G. College, Neemuch (M.P.)
- Vyas H. And Vyas A. (2014). Role of living machine in bioremediation. Paper presented in National Conference organised by Govt.P. G. College, Satna (M.P.).
- Sharma H., Vyas H.,and Vyas A. (2014) Study of fungal flora in temples of Ujjain. Paper presented and won Young scientist award in national conference on sustainable development of natural resources and wildlife conservation sponsored by MPCST Bhopal organized by environmental & social welfare society Khajuraho.
- Kanojia P.S., Sankhala T., Vyas H. and Vyas A., (2015). Isolation of protease producing bacteria from soil, presented paper in 5th National Conference on Recent Advances in Chemo and Bio Sciences organized by Department of Chemistry, Biotechnology and Zoology, MooljiJaitha College, Jalgaon, Maharashtra and Post Graduate College of Science and Technology and Research, Jalgaon from 23-24 January, 2015.
- Kanojia P. S., Vyas H. and Vyas A., (2016). Study of *Neurospora* mutants having defects in growth, presented paper in National seminar organized Govt. Kalidas Girls Lead College, Ujjain (M.P.) from 29-30 March.

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- Vyas H. and Vyas A. (2018): Demand of 21st century: Ecofriendly house. Paper presented in national seminar organized by Shree Reva Gurjar college Sanawad (M.P.) on Impact on changing scenario on agriculture, social infrastructure--and education training.
- Vyas H. and Vyas A. (2018). Environmental Issues: Past, present and future scenario.
 Paper presented in Smriti College of Pharmaceutical education Indore and sponsored by DST New Delhi.
- Kanojia P. S., Vyas A. and Vyas H., (2018). Isolation and characterization of a novel mutant of *Neurospora crassa* having defects in branching, presented paper in 9th International Congress of Environmental Research organized by Amity University Madhya Pradesh from 8-10 February, 2018.
- Vyas H. and Vyas A., (2019). Women noble laurates. Paper presented in DST New Delhi and Vivekanand Global University Jaipur and sponsored by DST New Delhi.
- Vyas H. and Vyas A. (2019). Green bioengineering for sustainable housing. Paper presented in national lecture series organised by KavyitriBahinabai Choudhary North Maharashtra University Jalgaon (Maharashtra).
- Vyas H. and Vyas A. (2019). Role of microbes in plastic pollution control. Paper presented in national seminar organized by SERB DST New Delhi and Dept. Of Chemical Engineering, IPS Academy Indore.
- Bhonsle K., Vyas H. and Vyas A. (2019). Application of medicinal plants for treatment of UTI. Paper presented in national conference organized by Smriti College Indore on Global Perspective towards green pharmacy and modern era of phyto-pharmaceuticals.
- Vyas H. and Vyas A. (2019). Role of ICT in education. Paper presented in national workshop organized by Govt. Girls College Ujjain on Impact of ICT on teaching, learning, evaluation and research in higher education
- Vyas A. (2020). Fungal growth and morphology. Lecture presented in national series organised by Maharaja Sayajirao University of Vadodara Gujrat.
- Vyas A. (2020). Women scientists of India. Lecture presented in national seminar organized by Hindustan College of Science and Technology Farah (Mathura) UP on National Science Day.
- Vyas A. (2020). Downstream processing of food products. Expert lecture in summer training program SAGE University Indore.

(C) Books:

- Strategies for sustainable use of Land, Water, Air, Agriculture and Energy Vol I. ISSN No. 978 81 932901 4 9. (Eds Dr. Harish Vyas and Dr. Alka Vyas)
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Research Guidance

Supervision of awarded Doctoral Thesis:

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Supervision of Doctoral Thesis, under progress:

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Conferences Organized

- 03 Days Workshop on "Microorganisms: Let us Observe and Learn" in collaboration with MPCST, Bhopal and funded by DST New Delhi. (2012)
- 03 Days Workshop on "Microorganisms: Let us Observe and Learn" in collaboration with MPCST, Bhopal and funded by DST New Delhi. (2013)
- Organizing Secretary of International conference on "Scientific Innovation and Intellectual property laws: The Interface" (2014).
- One-week (17 22 May 2021) national webinar on health and environmental awareness program (2021) webinar organized in collaboration with Govt. Kalidas Girls College Ujjain.
- National webinar on "Global warming to cooling: An effort for ecosystem restoration". Webinar
 organized in collaboration with Govt. Kalidas Girls College, Ujjain on World Environment Day 5th
 June.
- One week (08 15 August 2021) National webinar on "Role of Indian Traditional and Vedic Botany in Sustainable Development". Webinar organized in collaboration with Govt. Kalidas Girls College, Ujjain and Vijnana Bharati.
- Seminar on National Science Day (28 February 2022) on "Organic Farming" organized in collaboration with Govt. Kalidas Girls College, Ujjain.

Research Projects

Project :01

Name of Project: "Ecology of yellow ecotype of Neurospora" sanctioned by CSIR, Delhi.

Position in Project: Research Associate

Period: 03 Yrs (Completed)

Project: 02

Name of Project: "Understanding mechanisms governing distribution, substrate preference and speciation in fungi: Neurospora as a model system" Sanctioned by

Department of Science and Technology, Govt. of India, Delhi. **Position in Project**: Scientist

Period: 03 Yrs (Completed)

• Project: 03

Name of Project: Isolation and characterization of growth defective mutants of

Neurospora sanctioned by UGC, New Delhi. **Position in Project**: Principal Investigator

Period: 03 Yrs + 06 months extension (Completed)

Project: 04

Name of Project: Biodiversity Project .Sanctioned by MP Board of Biodiversity.

Position in Project: Link Officer Period: 01Yr (Completed)

• Project: 05

Name of Project: Identification and characterization of Gene(S) responsible for fungal growth using Neurospora as a model system. Sanctioned by MPCST, Bhopal. Position in

Project: Principal Investigator

Period: 03 Yrs and then extended(Completed)

• Project: 06

Name of Project: Study of fungi responsible for deterioration of maize seeds during

storage

Position in Project: Principal Investigator

Period: 01Yr (Completed)

Awards and Distinctions

• INSA Young Scientist Medal by Indian National Science Academy, New Delhi. (1998)

- LSS Kumar Memorial Award by Indian National Science Academy (INSA) New Delhi (1998)
- **David Perkin International Scholarship Award by** Fungal Genetics Community, California USA.(2001).
- Contributed write up for FGSC website in Neurospora home page. "Neurospora on budget"http://www.fgsc.net/Neurospora/neurospora.html
- BOYSCOT fellowship awarded by Department of Science and Technology, New Delhi.
- Environmentalist of the year Award by G. SEED and JERAD (2014)
- National Mentor of Inspire activities by Department of Science and Technology, New Delhi.

Association with Professional Bodies

Committees and Boards and Memberships

- Chairman board of Studies, Vikram University, Ujjain.
- Chairman, Board of Examination, Vikram University, Ujjain.

Other Activities

Research Interests

Microbial Genetics, Environmental Microbiology, Waste management, Agricultural microbiology.

Delivered Lectures

Invited lectures delivered in various institutions for inspiring students for studying science as DST mentor in INSPIRE camps.

Social interests

Interest in organic farming, biological fertilizers, bio-control agents, roof gardening and agriculture