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**Personal details:**

Date of birth: 14 April 1991

Sex: Male

Nationality: Indian

Marital status: Unmarried

Languages acquainted: English, Hindi,
Marathi and Kannada (Learning).

Overview

My major interest is in biodiversity conservation, more focused on mammals. Having the ability to interact with rural populations, analyze data and good writing skills I also prefer working on field and have the capacity to work in hard terrain and tough environmental conditions.

Academics:

Exam.	Year	Board/University	Subject	% marks
Post-graduation	2017	University of Pune	Biodiversity	53.7
Graduation	2013	University of Pune	Zoology	65.25
XII	2010	ISC	English, Hindi, Environmental Studies, Physics, Chemistry, Biology	55.16
X	2007	ICSE	English, Hindi, Environmental Studies, History & Civics, Geography, Physics, Chemistry, Biology, Commercial Studies, Economics Applications	57.14

Other Qualification:

Year	Institute	Course	% marks/ status
2018	Azim Premji University, Bangalore	Exploring sustainability in the Indian context.	Completed
2015	BUREAU VERITAS	Environmental management systems- Internal auditor training course	Completed
2013	Indian Red Cross Society	First aid training course	Completed
2007	Maharashtra State Board of Technical Education, Mumbai	MS-CIT	62

Skill set:

Field skills:

- Sampling techniques like quadrats, line/belt transects, camera trapping, scat collection.
- Insect sampling with various sampling methods like pan trap, pitfall traps, netting and window traps.
- Communication through interview based methods.
- Teaching and awareness programs.
- Field site monitoring.
- GPS tracking.

Laboratory skills:

- MS-Office (Word, Power-point and Excel).
- Data processing and analysis.
- Scientific writing.
- Public speaking.
- Google Earth and Bhuvan.
- Photoshop and Coral (Learning).
- GIS-RS (Learning).

Master's Project:

- *Waghoba*- A large cat deity: Understanding tolerance toward felids among rural populations in Maharashtra and Goa, India.

Work experience:

2014 (18th May - 25th May) - Volunteered with 'Center for Wildlife Studies' (NGO), in Bandipur Tiger reserve.

- Walked line transects and recorded direct sightings of herbivore species.
- Learned the use of range finder and compass to record data on transects.
- Learnt the basic theoretical and analysis parts of distance sampling as monitoring techniques for mammals.

August 2015 – November 2015: Internship at 'The Ecological Solutions' (NGO), Pune, India.

- Grassland restoration in Satara district of Maharashtra, India.
- Teaching ecology and spreading awareness with respect to wildlife conservation in various rural and urban schools in Pune, Maharashtra.

December 2015 – July 2016: Internship at 'Wildlife Conservation Society- India Program' (NGO), Bangalore, India.

- Project: Meta-population dynamics of tigers in Karnataka, India.
 - i. Line-transect method.
 - ii. Scat collection: DNA and Hormone extraction.
 - iii. Capture-recapture sampling: Camera trapping.
- Project: Occupancy survey for Lion-tailed macaques in Kudremukha national park, Karnataka.
 - i. Occupancy survey: Presence and absence.
- Field work included data collection in the below mentioned areas:
 - i. Bhadra Tiger Reserve- Chickamagalur district, Karnataka.
 - ii. Bandipur Tiger Reserve- Chamrajnagar district, Karnataka.
 - iii. Kudremukha National Park- Udupi and Chickamagalur district, Karnataka.
 - iv. Nagarhole National Park- Kodagu and Mysore district, Karnataka.

August 2016 – June 2016: Project assistant at ‘The Ecological Solutions’ (NGO), Pune, India.

- Grassland restoration in Satara district of Maharashtra, India.
- Biodiversity survey and species identification at Pune and Satara District, Maharashtra.
- Teaching ecology and spreading awareness with respect to wildlife conservation in various rural and urban schools in Pune, Maharashtra.

Responsibilities:

- Monitoring field sites.
- Data collection.
- Preparing reports, presentations and documentation.

July 2017 – Current: Project fellow at ‘Department of Biodiversity, MES Abasaheb Garware College, Pune, India.

- Project – “Sacred Groves: Inventorization, mapping and biodiversity survey in Savantwadi Taluk, Maharashtra, India”.
- Assistance on a PhD project based on plant phenology and seed dispersal in Amboli.
- Insect identification.
- Proposal writing.
- Lectures based on ‘Sustainability and development’ and Human-Wildlife interactions’ for M.Sc. Biodiversity Part-II students.
- Departmental outreach activities, like conducting:
 - Applied nature photography course- 2017
 - Wild Reflections: Nature photography competition and exhibition 2018.

Publications:

- Athreya, V., **Pimpale, S.**, Borkar, A.S., Surve, N., Chakravarty, S., Ghosalkar, M., Patwardhan, A., Linnell, J.D.C. 2018. Exploring little known narratives of large cat worship in Western India. Cat News.
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References:

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