

Profile

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Dr. Vinay Chati is currently serving as the Head of the Department of Journalism and Mass Communication at MES's Abasaheb Garware College, Pune. Prior to reassuming this role, he was on deputation in New Delhi from July 2022 to February 2024, where he led a media research-based project.

From 2008 to 2022, Dr. Chati held the position of Director of Skill Development and Head of the Journalism and Mass Communication Department at the same institution. He is also a Life Member of the Maharashtra Education Society, Pune, and has contributed extensively to academic governance and policy through his association with various committees formed by the Government of Maharashtra and Savitribai Phule Pune University (SPPU).

Dr. Chati has served as a member of the scrutiny committee constituted by the Higher and Technical Education Department, Government of Maharashtra, for skill development courses. He was also invited as a member of an SPPU committee to explore academic opportunities in Jammu & Kashmir and Ladakh. Additionally, he has been part of multiple Local Inquiry Committees (LIC) of SPPU. He has contributed as a member of the Board of Studies for the Departments of Political Science and Journalism at Bhonsala Military College, Nashik, and has served as Chairman of the Examination Committee at SPPU. Currently, he is a Member of the Board of Studies for Interdisciplinary Skill Development at SPPU. He is also a visiting faculty member at the Human Resource Development Centre, Southern Command of the Indian Army.

Before transitioning to academia, Dr. Chati spent 18 years in active journalism. He worked with reputed media organizations such as the Times Group and Sakal Media Group. His academic interests include Defence and Strategic Studies as well as International Relations, and he is frequently invited for panel discussions across electronic and digital media platforms. He has contributed articles to leading Marathi newspapers including *Loksatta* and *Sakal*.

Dr. Chati has authored several books focusing on defence and security issues. He translated *Beyond NJ 9842: The Siachen Saga* by noted journalist and strategic expert Nitin Gokhale into Marathi (*सियाचीन: धगधगते हिमकुंड*), which was released by former Defence Minister Manohar Parrikar. He has also authored a book on Jammu & Kashmir, published by Bharatiya Vichar Sadhana, Pune, along with numerous articles in newspapers and magazines.

A noted public speaker, Dr. Chati regularly delivers lectures on topics such as Jammu & Kashmir, Indology, Defence, and International Relations. During his journalism career, he extensively covered major events including parliamentary and assembly elections, and reported from sensitive regions such as the International Border (IB), Line of Control (LoC), and Line of Actual Control (LAC). He has covered political tours involving leaders such as Priyanka Gandhi, Rajnath Singh, and Arun Jaitley, and has worked in regions including Assam, Arunachal Pradesh, and Jammu & Kashmir.

Dr. Chati has also dedicated six years to social work in regions like Kolhapur and Bastar (Chhattisgarh), and maintains a keen interest in grassroots social movements. A sports enthusiast, he has represented at district, state, zonal, and university levels in cricket.

Currently, Dr. Chati is actively engaged in initiatives related to Jammu, Kashmir, and Ladakh, and serves as the President of the Western Maharashtra Region of the Jammu Kashmir and Ladakh Study Centre.