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Dr. Shweta Parikh, Vice Principal & Professor at K.M. Patel Institute of Physiotherapy, Bhaikaka University, Karamsad, boasts an illustrious career spanning more than 18 years in academics, research, and clinical practice in the field of physiotherapy. She is an overall PG Academic in-charge, senior supervisor, IQAC co-ordinator (KMPIP), Teaching-learning group in-charge (NAAC criterion) and head of the Electro-diagnosis unit at KMPIP. She participates in all departmental academic, clinical and administrative activities such as teacher, mentor, co-ordinator, guide (UG, PG and PhD), facilitator & assessor. She is a member/member secretary/president of various committees like BOS, Academic council, IQAC, grievance redressal cell, PhD advisory committee women development cell, steering, women cell, anti-ragging cell etc. at institute/university level.

She earned a PhD in Physiotherapy from Sardar Patel University in 2017, becoming the first candidate from both the university and her institute. A distinguished academic mentor, she has supervised more than 35 postgraduate theses and guided 14 interns' projects. She has successfully guided one PhD scholar and is currently mentoring /guiding seven doctoral candidates. She has also reviewed numerous doctoral dissertations and served as an evaluator for pre-PhD presentations and viva voce examinations early in her academic career.

She has authored a chapter on "Electrodiagnosis" in the book Physiotherapy in Neurological Conditions by Jaypee Brothers. Dr. Parikh's expertise in Electrodiagnosis, Neurological Physiotherapy, and Exercise Physiology is unparalleled, having performed over 6,000 EMG/NCS procedures. She conducts the highly sought-after EMG/NCS Observership Program at KMPIP and has been invited by leading physiologists, orthopedic surgeons, and physiotherapists to deliver workshops, faculty development programs, and expert talks in her domain of EMG–NCS at national and international conferences.

She has presented research papers/posters in various national and international conferences and won prizes as well. She has published more

	than 20 original research papers in esteemed journals like Journal of Neuroscience Rural Practice, Journal of Family medicine and primary care, Indian Journal of Occupational and Environmental Medicine, National Journal of Physiology, Pharmacy and Pharmacology etc. Dr. Shweta has been a resource person, panelist, chair person and judge on numerous regional, national, and international platforms, in addition to serving as a reviewer for prestigious PubMed and EMBASE-indexed journals. Her accolades include Best Academician Award in area of research and academics by IAP (Indian Association of Physiotherapists) Women's Cell in 2024, Significant Achievement Award 2022 at the 59th IAP conference and Best Academician Award (Senior Category) by the Physiotherapy Welfare Association, 2022. Dr. Parikh was also the Best Outgoing Student and a University First Rank Holder in her postgraduate studies in Neurological and Psychosomatic Conditions in 2008. In addition to her clinical and academic contributions, she serves as a Doctorate Research Committee Member at Parul University, an Ethical Committee Member at B.G. Patel College of Physiotherapy, and Gujarat State Joint Coordinator for the IAP Women's Cell. Dr. Parikh's dynamic leadership and unparalleled contributions to physiotherapy exemplify her as a true trailblazer and an inspiration to professionals in the field. She is not just a professional, but a force driving physiotherapy forward with passion and purpose.
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