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Earlier, Prof Bhagat served as Professor and Head, Department of Migration and Urban Studies, International Institute for Population Sciences (IIPS), Mumbai, India, until his superannuation on 31<sup>st</sup> October 2022. He has also served as an Honorary Visiting Professor at the Gokhale Institute of Politics and Economics, Pune, and as a Visiting Professor, School of Development Studies, Tata Institute for Social Sciences, Mumbai. His research interests include migration and urbanization, environment and sustainable development, demography, ethnicity, and politics. He has published ten books and about 200 research papers appeared in national and international journals of repute (<https://www.researchgate.net/profile/R-Bhagat>). He has guided 23 PhD research scholars and 27 students for the M.Phil Degree.

He has served as a consultant to the UNESCO-UNICEF (India Initiative on Migration), International Organisation of Migration (IOM), and Population Division, United Nations. He was an advisor to Yale University's India Project on Climate Change and Communication. He also served as an Advisory Committee Member in several governmental and non-governmental projects in India. He has been instrumental in establishing the South Asia Centre for Labour Mobility and Migrants (SALAM) at IIPS, with support from ILO, IOM, and UN-Women, in collaboration with four South Asian Institutions ([https://www.ilo.org/newdelhi/info/public/pr/WCMS\\_830102/lang--en/index.htm](https://www.ilo.org/newdelhi/info/public/pr/WCMS_830102/lang--en/index.htm)).

Prof. Bhagat has been actively associated with the Working Group on Urbanisation set up by the International Union for the Scientific Study of Population, Paris (IUSSP), and attended its four important meetings at Salvador (Brazil 2001), Bellagio (Italy) 2002, Minneapolis 2003, and Marrakech 2009. Prof Bhagat was also a member of the IUSSP panel on Demography of Armed Conflict, 2006–09 ([Panel on the Demography of Armed Conflict \(2006-2009\)](#)). He has delivered several invited lectures in India and abroad, and also chaired several scientific sessions organized by IUSSP, IGU (International Geographical Union), Asian Population Association, and IASP. He was Co-ordinator of the ENVIS Centre on Population and Environment funded by the Ministry of Environment and Forests, Government of India, from 2007 to 2012.

Prof. Bhagat has co-edited books, namely 'Climate change, vulnerability and migration', published by Routledge, 2018; 'Migration and Urban Transition: A Development Perspective', Routledge, 2020, and 'Migrants, Mobility and Citizenship in India', Routledge, 2022. He has also authored a book on 'Population and Political Imagination: Census, Register and Citizenship in India', published by Routledge in 2022, and co-authored a textbook, 'Researching Internal Migration', by Routledge in 2023. 'Urbanisation and Urban Policies in India' is the latest publication by Springer, 2025. He also served as Chief Editor of Demography India- An official Journal of Indian Association for the Study of Population (IASP) during 2018-2022.

Prof. Bhagat's contributions to demography, migration, and urbanization addressed several critical issues, such as seasonal, temporary, and circular migration, construction of social categories and demographic data, migration and citizenship, gender, and right to the city. Over the last two decades, through his writings and lectures, more than a dozen of which appeared in *Economic and Political Weekly* alone, Prof. Bhagat continues to shape the discourse on how India navigates its demographic and urban futures.