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The author was born in a small village in 1916. He had his school education in the Hindu High school, Karwar and Garud High School, Dhulia and college education in the Ferguson college and Shri Parshuram Bhau college, Pune. He had the good fortune to study Sanskrit under the guidance of Shri V. H. Nijsure and Prof. R. N. Dandekar and Mathematics under the guidance of Prof. D. D. Koshambi, and Prof. D. W. Kerkar. He stood first in Sanskrit in the matriculation examination (1933) and secured the Jagannath Shankarshet Scholarship. He stood first in the B. A. and M. A. examination of the then Bombay University and was the chancellor's medalist (in Mathematics, 1939). He topped the list of successful candidates in the Indian Civil service held at Delhi in 1940.

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