

Curriculum Vitae

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Educational Qualifications:

- ❖ M.Sc. Anthropology, University of Delhi, 1986.
- ❖ Ph.D. Social Anthropology, University of Delhi, 1994, Thesis titled 'A Study of Women's Organizations and Women Activism in Delhi'

Work Experience (Teaching and Research): thirty years approx

- ❖ Professor at CSSS/SSS, Jawaharlal Nehru University (2010 onwards)
- ❖ Associate Professor at CSSS/SSS, Jawaharlal Nehru University (2004 -2010)
- ❖ Assistant Professor, CSSS, SSS, JNU (1999-2004)
- ❖ Taught Sociology at Delhi School of Economics, University of Delhi (1995-1999).
- ❖ Worked as Junior Fellow, Centre for Women's Development Studies, (1994-95).
- ❖ Lecturer(Ad-hoc) at the Department of Anthropology, University of Delhi (1990-1993).

Administrative Experience:

- ❖ Chairperson, CSSS,SSS : Oct, 2016-2018
- ❖ Coordinator, Global Studies Programme, July 2018-Oct 2018
- ❖ Coordinator, Centre for Advanced Studies, CSSS : 2016-2018
- ❖ Director Educational Records and Research Unit, SSS (2015 -2016)
- ❖ Provost, Hostels 2014 – 2017
- ❖ Warden of Women's Hostel 2001- 2011

Research Interests:

- ❖ Gender and Development
- ❖ Tribal Studies
- ❖ Disability Studies
- ❖ Ethnographic methods
- ❖ Food and Rituals

Academic Awards/ Recognitions:

- ❖ Fulbright Nehru Senior Research Fellowship, Nov 2013- July 2014 at University of California, Berkeley, USA.
- ❖ Editor, Indian Anthropologist, 2012 till date.
- ❖ Managing Editor, Indian Anthropologist 2006 -2012.
- ❖ UGC JRF, 1986 availed from 1987-1990 for Ph.D. work

Visiting Faculty:

- ❖ Department of Anthropology, University of Virginia, Charlottesville, USA, 10th-11th April, 2014
- ❖ Visiting Fellow at City University of New York, USA, 8-9th April, 2014
- ❖ Centre for South Asia Studies, University of Wisconsin Madison, 6th March, 2014
- ❖ Visiting Fellow, Institute of Disability and Human Development, University of Illinois, Chicago, USA 26th Feb to 5th March 2014
- ❖ Centre for International studies, University of Iowa, USA 24-25th Feb, 2014
- ❖ Fulbright Senior Research Fellow affiliated to Department of Anthropology and Centre for South Asia Studies at University of California, Berkeley, USA from Nov 2013 to July 2014
- ❖ Visiting Fellow, Paul Longmore Institute of Disability at San Francisco State University, California, USA (2013- 2014)
- ❖ Lincoln Memorial University, Tennessee, USA (Dec 2011)
- ❖ Institute for Policy and Governance, Virginia Tech University, USA (October, 2011)
- ❖ Department of Anthropology, Miami University, Ohio (November, 2011)
- ❖ Department of Sociology, Michigan State University, USA (September, 2011)
- ❖ Department of Anthropology, Michigan State University MI (Nov, 2009).
- ❖ Ferris State University, MI, USA (Oct 2009)
- ❖ Visiting Fellow at Faculty of Law, Syracuse University, USA, 31st Mar-4th Apr, 2014.
- ❖ Lady Irwin College, University of Delhi (2004 onwards)
- ❖ Indira Gandhi National Open University, New Delhi (2009 onwards)
- ❖ Division on Old Age care, Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment, Government of India (2006-2010)
- ❖ Department of Sociology, Lucknow University (2004)

Research projects in progress:

- ❖ Disability Studies in India and United States : Issues in Institutionalization'
- ❖ "Food, Culture and Changing Socialites in Delhi and Odisha"
- ❖ Research Project on Social History of Khatri of Uttar Pradesh

Research Supervision (1999-2020):

- ❖ M. Phil – 27 completed, 3 in progress
- ❖ Ph.D.- 12 awarded, 4 submitted, 4 in progress

Courses Taught:

- ❖ M. A. Anthropological Theories
- ❖ M. A. Family and Kinship in India
- ❖ M. A. Techniques of Social Research
- ❖ M. A. Tribal Sociology in India
- ❖ M. A. Themes in Social Anthropology: Analysis of Monographs
- ❖ M. Phil Methods of Social Sciences
- ❖ M. Phil Themes in Gender, Culture and Society

List of Publications:

Books

- ❖ *Disability, Gender and State Policy: Exploring Margins.*, Rawat Publications, 2013.
- ❖ *Disability Studies in India: Interdisciplinary Perspectives.* Springer 2020.

Research Papers in Refereed Journals

- ❖ COVID-19 in South Asia: State practices, responses and the experiences of persons with disability within the region, *Disability & the Global South (DGS)*, 2021, Vol. 8 No. 1
- ❖ Emergent Disability voices on Social Media during COVID -19 times, *Disability & the Global South (DGS)*, 2021, Vol. 8 No. 1(pp. 1993-2006)
- ❖ What Kind of Development Are We Talking About?' A Virtual Roundtable' *Somatechnics*, 6 no.2 (2016) 142–158 (with Tsitsi Chataika, Karen Soldatic and Kateřina Kolářová)
- ❖ *Isliye dard hota hai : Women's Mental Health Issues in Poor Households of India*, *Psychology and Developing Societies*, vol. 27 no. 1 104-124, March 2015 (with Mahima Nayar)
- ❖ Displacement from Kashmir: Gendered Responses, *Sociological Bulletin* 62 (1),: 83–99, 2013 (with Charu Sawhney).
- ❖ Methodological Issues in Disability Research: An Introduction, Special issue, *Indian Anthropologist*, 42(1): 1-10, 2012.
- ❖ Disability, Gender and Caste: Marginality, Exclusion and Opportunities in Indian Economy, *Women's Link*, 18(2): 5-8, 2012.
- ❖ Disability Rights Movements in India : Politics and Practice, *Economic and Political Weekly*, XLVI No.6: 65:72, 2011.
- ❖ Micro level development practices Among Tribals: An Exploration in Bastar, *Social Action*, 60,: 385-399 Oct- Dec 2010 (with S.M. Patnaik)
- ❖ Preparing Communities for Disaster Management: Myths and challenges, *Himalayan Journal of Development and Democracy*, Vol. 4 (1): 44-51, 2009 (with S.M. Patnaik).
- ❖ Women and Disability Management, *Asia Pacific Disability Rehabilitation Journal*, 19(1):38-49, 2008.
- ❖ Culture versus Coercion: Other Side of Nirmal Gram Yojana, *Economic & Political Weekly* : 25-27, October 25, 2008 (with S.M. Patnaik).
- ❖ Exploring Constructs of Intellectual Disability and Personhood in Haryana and Delhi. *Indian Journal of Gender Studies*, 15(2): 317- 340, 2008 (with Shubhangi Vaidya).
- ❖ Negotiating Gender & Disability in Rural Haryana, *Sociological Bulletin*, 55 (3): 406 – 426, 2006.
- ❖ HIV/AIDS and Indian Tribes: Implications of Community Norms of Sexual Behaviour, *Indian Anthropologist*, 35(1&2): 111-122, March & September 2005, Special issue (with S.M. Patnaik).
- ❖ Women and Movement Politics: Some Methodological Reflections. *The Eastern Anthropologist*, 58(2), 2005.
- ❖ Understanding Feminism in a local Context, *Indian Anthropologist*,31(2): 19-38, 2001.

- ❖ Women, Disability, and Social Support in Rural Haryana, *Economic and Political Weekly*, XXXIX (52), 2004: 5640-5644.
- ❖ Gold and Gender in India: Some Observations from South Orissa. *Indian Anthropologist*, 34(1), 2004: 27-39.
- ❖ Understanding Cultural Conceptions of Disability in Rural India: A Case from Haryana, *The Journal of Indian Anthropological Society*, 39: 33-45, 2004.
- ❖ Situating Tribal Women, *The Eastern Anthropologist*, 57 (1) 61-73, March 2004.
- ❖ Perceiving Feminism: Some Local Responses, *Sociological Bulletin*, 51(1) 58-79, 2002.
- ❖ Cultural Value of Gold, *The Eastern Anthropologist*, 51(4) 333-349, 1998.
- ❖ Grass Roots Women Activism: A Case Study from Delhi. *Indian Anthropologist*, 27, (2) 19-38, 1997.
- ❖ Women's Issues in Indian Anthropology, *The Eastern Anthropologist*, 43(2), 1990.

Research Articles in Edited Books:

- ❖ Situating Disability Studies: A Prolegomenon" In Nilika Mehrotra (ed.) *Disability Studies in India, Interdisciplinary Perspectives*, Springer, pp.1-22
- ❖ Mapping Disability Studies Programmes in India: A Case of Hyderabad, Telangana In Nilika Mehrotra (ed) *Disability Studies in India: Interdisciplinary Perspectives*. Springer, 2020 (with Ritika Gulyani)
- ❖ Disability Studies and Higher Education Institutions : Some Observations, In S.N. Misra, S.N. (eds) 2020. *Empowering the Differently Aabled*, New Delhi: Authors Press (pp.41-54).
- ❖ Local Diet Patterns and Food scarcity among Scheduled Tribes of Odisha, In Vanisha Nambiar (ed). *Indian Food Anthropology And Eat Right Movement*, Vol. II, New Delhi: Selective and Scientific Books (pp. 121-128).
- ❖ Unregistered Concerns: Violence Against Women with Disabilities in India, In Jyoti Atwal and Iris Flessenkamper (eds). *Gender and Violence: Historical and Contemporary Perspectives*. Routledge, 2019 (with Mahima Nayar)
- ❖ Gendered Understanding of Disability and Aging: A North Indian Context In Rekha Pande and Theo van der Wiede(eds), *Handbook of Research on Multiple Perspectives on Gender and Aging* by IGI Global, 2018: pp 241 -253 2017.
- ❖ Displacement from Kashmir : Gendered Responses In Vibha Arora and N. Jayaram (eds.) *Democratisation in the Himalayas: Interests, Conflicts, and Negotiations*, Routledge (with Charu Sawhney)
- ❖ Disability Studies: Developments in Anthropology" in Shaun Grech and Karen Soldatic (eds.) *Disability in the Global South*, Springer (2016) (with James Staples), 35-49.
- ❖ Invisible People, Invisible Violence: Lives of Women with Intellectual and Psychosocial Disabilities" in India *Social Development Report 2016: Disability Rights Perspective* (eds.) Kalpana Kannabiran and Asha Hans. Oxford University Press 2016 (with Mahima

- Nayar), 185-198.
- ❖ Women with psychosocial disabilities: Shifting the lens from Medical to Social, In Asha Hans (ed), *Engendering Disability*, Sage Publications, 2015.
 - ❖ Multiple Marginalities: Disability, Gender and Caste in Indian Economy, In Ishwar Modi (ed). *Gender, Identity and Multiple Marginalities*, Jaipur: Rawat Publications, 2015.
 - ❖ Disability, Gender and Caste Intersections in Indian Economy, in Sharon N. Barnartt, Barbara M. Altman (eds) *Research in Social Science and Disability*, Volume 7, 295-324 Emerald Group Publishing Limited, 2013.
 - ❖ Locating Gender and Disability in Disability Rights Discourses in India in N. Vasanthi and Sarsu Esther Thomas (eds), *Social Exclusion and Rights of Persons with Disability*, 2013: 67-77, National Law University, Bangalore India.
 - ❖ Exploring Constructs of Intellectual Disability and Personhood in Haryana and Delhi, in Renu Addlakha (ed) *Disability Studies in India: Global Discourses, Local Realities* (145-168). Routledge 2013.
 - ❖ Negotiating Gender and Disability in Rural Haryana, In Abhijit Dasgupta (ed.) *On The Margins: Tribes, Castes, and Other Social Categories: Studies in Indian Sociology*, Volume IV, Sage Publications, 2011.
 - ❖ Gender and Disability Management in rural Haryana, In Ishwar Modi, B.K. Nagla and Arvind Agrawal (eds.), *Themes in Social Stratification and Mobility: Essays in Honour of Prof. K.L. Sharma*, Rawat , 2009
 - ❖ Situating Tribal Women In R.B.S. Verma, H.S. Verma and Nadeem Hasnain (Eds). *Study of Women's Problematic in India: Assessing Contemporary State of the Art*(eds). New Delhi, Serials Publications, 2009.
 - ❖ Situating Tribal Women, In S.K. Chaudhury and S.M. Patnaik (eds), *Indian Tribes and the Mainstream*, Rawat Publications: 107-123, 2008.
 - ❖ The Politics of Water: Lake, People and the State In Sukant K. Chaudhury (ed.) *Culture, Ecology and Sustainable Development*, New Delhi, Mittal Publications, 2006 (with S.M. Patnaik).
 - ❖ Politics of Scheduling: Rigid Constitutional Categories and Changing Identities among the Nolia of Coastal Orissa, In D.K. Bhattacharya and A.K. Kalla (ed.). *Understanding People of India: Anthropological Insights*, University of Delhi, 2003 (with S.M. Patnaik).
 - ❖ Angami Naga Women: Some reflections on their Status, In S. M. Channa (ed). *Nagaland: A Contemporary Ethnography*. Delhi: Cosmo Publishers.1992.

Book Reviews:

- ❖ 2018. Re-Imagining Sociology in India: Feminist Perspectives edited by Gita Chadha and M. T. Joseph, *Contributions to Indian Sociology* June 2020
- ❖ Gendering Mental Health: Knowledges, Identities, and Institutions' edited by Bhargavi V. Davar and T.K. Sundari Ravindran, 2015. *Contributions to Indian Sociology*, vol. 51, 1: pp. 127-129. , 2017.
- ❖ Towards a Life of Dignity, The Future of Disability Law in India by Jayna Kothari, *The Book Review*, January 2014: 32-34
- ❖ Marriage, Love, Caste and Kinship support: Lived Experiences of the Urban Poor in India by Shalini Grover. 2011, *Indian Anthropologist*, 41(2), 2011 : 99-100

- ❖ Political Economy of Production and Reproduction: Caste, Custom and Community in Gender discrimination in land ownership by Prem Chowdhry (ed) : Land Reforms in India: volume II , New Delhi : Sage Publications, 2009, *Sociological Bulletin*, 2010 : 435-438
- ❖ Recent Studies on Indian Women edited by K.K. Misra, *Indian Anthropologist*, 2008, 38(1) : 106-107
- ❖ Sexual Sites and Seminal Attitudes, 2004 edited by Sanjay Srivastava, *Sociological Bulletin*, 2005(2) : 334-336
- ❖ Women, Disability and Identity, 2002 edited by Asha Hans and Anne Patri, *Economic and Political Weekly*, February 2005 : 528-529
- ❖ Sociology of Gender, 2002 by Sharmila Rege, *The Book Review*, August 2004 : 17
- ❖ Fields of Protest: Women's Movements in India, 2000 by Raka Ray, *Sociological Bulletin*, 2003; 139-140
- ❖ Ethnic Futures: The State and Identity Politics in Asia, 1999 edited by Carla Joanna Pfaff Czarneka et.al. *The Eastern Anthropologist*, 2002, 55 (4): 387-389
- ❖ Sexuality, Violence and Worship of Goddess Kali, 1999 by Sarah Caldwell, *Contributions to Indian Sociology*, 2003, 37 (1&2): 397-398
- ❖ Anthropological Explorations in Gender: Intersecting Fields, 2001 by Leela Dube, *Contributions to Indian Sociology*, 2003, 37 (1&2): 391-392
- ❖ Widows in India edited by Martha Alter Chen, *The Eastern Anthropologist*, 1999, 52(2): 198-201
- ❖ Recent Perspectives in Anthropology by Sarthak Sengupta, *The Eastern Anthropologist*, 1998, 51 (3): 293-294.
- ❖ Tribal Identity and Minority Status by Rudolf Heredia and Rahul Srivastava, *Contributions to Indian Sociology*, 1998 : 155-156
- ❖ Tribes and Government Policies in India edited by J.S. Bhandari and S.M. Channa, *Indian Anthropologist*, 1997, 27(1): 95-96.
- ❖ Women and Child: Paradigm for Rural Development by Jaishree Chandra, *The Book Review*, 1995, XIX(2) : 12
- ❖ Capturing complexity: an interdisciplinary look at Women, Households and Development by Romy Barooah et.al. *Indian Journal of Gender Studies*, 1995,2(1): 141-142.
- ❖ Tribal Exploitation: A Study of Crime and Bondedness by S. C. Deogaonkar, *Indian Anthropologist*, 1991, 21 (1) : 84-85
- ❖ Sexual Equality: Workers in an Asian plantation System by Shobhita Jain, *The Eastern Anthropologist*, 1991, 44(1) : 91- 93

Other publications:

- ❖ A Resource Book on Disability Studies in India, CSSS/JNU, 2017
- ❖ Edited a special volume on Methodological issues in Disability Research, *Indian Anthropologist*, 42 (1), 2012.
- ❖ Conference Report on 'Towards a new understanding of North East India', *Indian Anthropologist*, 38(1), 2008.
- ❖ Professor J.S. Bhandari: A Personal Memoir, *Indian Anthropologist*, 32(1&2), 2002.
- ❖ Commitment to Children: Miles to go. Centre for Women's Development Studies, 1996.
- ❖ Chapters in sociology textbooks of National open school on basic concepts and IGNOU

- ❖ Comment on debates on Approaches to the Tribes with the Case of Lepchas of Sikkim, India by V. Bhasin and V.K. Srivastava, *Journal of Human Ecology*, 2, (2) 1991.

Life member of following Academic Associations

- ❖ Indian Anthropological Association, New Delhi (EC member) Ethnographic and Folk Culture Society, Lucknow (EC member)
- ❖ Indian National Confederation and Academy of Anthropologists (INCAA)
- ❖ Indian Anthropological society, Kolkata
- ❖ Indian Sociological Society, New Delhi
- ❖ Society for Disability Studies, USA
- ❖ International Union for Anthropological and Ethnological Sciences (IUAES)

Other Academic Experiences

- ❖ Research Project completed: 'A Study of Disabled Women in Rural Haryana' funded by Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment, Govt. of India, 2002.
- ❖ Evaluated Micro Planning processes in tribal villages of Bastar district, Chattisgarh, Nov. 2006.
- ❖ Research study on Disability Rights Movement in India completed between 2008-2009.
- ❖ Research Consultant to Research Projects:
 - Role of NGOs in Tribal Development of Orissa, 1995
 - Chilika: the Lake and its Cosmology, 1997
 - Continuity and Change among the Tribes of Arunachal Pradesh, 1999
 - Community Norms of Sexual Behavior among tribes of Central India, 2002
 - Implications of Tourism in Nagaland, 2004.
- ❖ Referee to Academic Journals like *Indian Anthropologist*, *Journal of Royal Anthropological Institute*, *Contributions to Indian Sociology*, *Childhood*, *Sociological Bulletin*, *Urbanites* and publishing houses like Sage, OUP etc.

Research projects Completed

- ❖ Fieldwork on Disability Programmes in US universities (2013-2014) with Fulbright Nehru Fellowship grant.
- ❖ Completed Research project on Disability Studies programmes in India funded by UPOE -II, JNU (2015-2017)