



Curriculum vitae

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Personal Details

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Professional Qualifications

M.A. in Sociology (JNU, New Delhi).

M. Phil/ Ph.D. in Sociology (JNU, New Delhi).

Employment History

1. **Associate Professor, Dept. of Sociology, University of Jammu, Jammu (16.02.2001 – 15.02.2009).**
2. **Professor, Dept. of Sociology, University of Jammu, Jammu, J&K (16.02.2009 – 08.03.2023).**
3. **Professor & Director, Centre for Kashmir Studies, Central University of Himachal Pradesh, Dharamshala (09.03.2023 - till date)**

Personal Distinctions

- **Secretary, Indian Sociological Society (2016-2017).**
- **President, Indian Sociological Society (2022-2023).**

Invited Seminars and Invited Conference Presentations (last 5 years)

International

1. Organized the session on *Women's Movement, Peace Process, and Conflict Resolution* and Chaired the session on 'Toward Violence Free Peaceful Futures: The Struggles for an Inclusive and Equitable World' at XIX World Conference of Sociology of ISA held at Toronto, Canada, 15-21 July 2018.
2. Invited paper presented on *Modernity, Information and Communication Technology and Indian Weddings* at IX World Conference of Sociology of ISA on 'Power, Violence, and Justice: Reflections, Responses, Responsibilities' held at Toronto, Canada, 15-21 July 2018.
3. Chaired two sessions at the IV ISA Forum of Sociology (Virtual), Porto Alegre, Brazil, February 23-28, 2021.
Session 1: *Roles and Conditions of Women in Conflicts and Post-Conflict Zones*. 25 February 2021.
Session 2: *Gender Participation, Employment and Strategies for Inclusiveness*. 24 February 2021.
4. Presented invited papers at the IV ISA Forum of Sociology (Virtual), Porto Alegre, Brazil, February 23-28, 2021:
 1. *Living Near the International Border: Impact of Conflict on Women in Jammu Region of Northwest India*.
 2. *Gender and Land Ownership: A Study in Rural Areas of Jammu and Kashmir, India*.
5. Presented Paper *Social Construction of the Covid -19 Pandemic Crises in India: Understanding Social Transformation through Deconstruction* at the 5th ISA Council of National Associations Conference on 'Social Transformations and Sociology: Disposessions and Empowerment'. November 21-24, 2022. Nova Gorica, Slovenia.
6. Chaired session on *The Construction and Fragmentation of Society* at the 5th ISA Council of National Associations Conference on 'Social Transformations and Sociology: Disposessions and Empowerment'. November 21-24, 2022. Nova Gorica, Slovenia.

National

1. Chaired Plenary Session on 'Feminist Intersections, Women, Genders and Masculinities in Contemporary India' at the 44th All India Sociological Conference on *Restructuring Sociological Discourse in India: Perspectives from the Margins*, St. Philomena's College, Mysuru, 27- 29 December 2018.
2. Presented invited paper on *Article 370 and its Abrogation: Implications for Women and other Marginalized groups* in the 45th All India Sociological Conference held at the University of Kerala, Thiruvananthapura, 27th-29th December 2019.
3. Presented invited paper on *Living on the Line of Control: Impact of conflict on the Border People of Jammu District* in the 45th All India Sociological Conference held at the University of Kerala, Thiruvananthapura, 27th -29th December 2019.
4. Attended and presented a Paper in the Plenary Session of the National Seminar on 'Understanding the Dynamics of Rural Society in India' (under RUSA-II), titled *Rural Studies in India: Missing Gender Perspective*, organised by the Department of Sociology, University of Jammu, 21-22 January 2020.
5. Presented Presidential Address on *Hundred Years of Sociology in India: Mapping the Trajectory* at the 47th All India Sociological Conference organized by the University of Science and Technology Meghalaya (USTM) Meghalaya, 20th- 22nd December 2022.

- Delivered a Keynote Address on *Hundred Years of Sociology in India: Perspectives from North West Region* at the XXII National Conference of North West Indian Sociological Association, GGSDS College, Chandigarh, 11th -12th April 2023.

Professional Contributions (last 5 years)

- Convener Board of Studies/ Member Academic Council, University of Jammu (07.10.2008 - 19.09.2016; 20.09.2019 - 31.10.2021).
- Member, Board of Studies (Rural Development, Dept. of Lifelong Learning), University of Jammu (2019-2022).
- Presiding Officer, Internal Complaints Committee, IIT Jammu (2019-2022).
- Member, Board of Studies (Sociology & Social Work), Himachal Pradesh University, Shimla (2020-2022).
- Member, Board of Studies (Sociology), University of Ladakh (2023 - 2024).

Teaching

University of Jammu:

M.A. Classes – From 16.02.2001 – 08. 03.2023

M. Phil Classes & Ph. D. Course Classes (2003-2023)

Doctoral Thesis Supervision

Awarded: 27 (From 2006 till 2022, University of Jammu, Jammu).

University Administration

- Head of the Department of Sociology, University of Jammu** (01.07.2008- 25.06.2009; 01.01.2010 – 19.09.2016; and 20.09.2019 - 31.10.2021).
- Director, Dr. Ambedkar Studies Centre, University of Jammu** (10.09.2006 – 06.10.2008 and 13.08.2010-12.08.2012).
- Coordinator, Directorate of Distance Education, University of Jammu** (01.07.2008 – 19.09.2016 and 20.09.2019 – 31.10.2021).
- Warden, Chandrabhaga Girls' Hostel, University of Jammu, Jammu** (19.07.2001 – 30.11.2007).

Research Projects and Income

Year	Source of funds	Project title	Amount

Publications

Authored Books (Edited)

1. *Jammu and Kashmir: Essays in Society, Culture and Politics*. Winshield Press. New Delhi. 2016/ 2017.
2. *Understanding Culture and Society in India: A Study of Sufis, Saints and Deities in Jammu Region*. Springer Nature Singapore Pte Ltd. Singapore. 2021.
3. *Gender, Law and Social Transformation in India* (with Ajailiu Niumai). Springer Nature Singapore Pte Ltd. Singapore. 2022.

Journal Special Issue

Refereed Journal Articles

4. 'Negotiating Space for Empowerment: Women and Panchayati Raj in Jammu and Kashmir' in *International Journal of Science and Research*. Vol. 11 (6). June 2022.
5. 'Caught in a Maze: Predicaments of West Pakistan Refugees as Non-Permanent Residents in Jammu and Kashmir' in *Rajasthan Journal of Sociology*. Vol. 14. October 2022.

Book Chapters

6. 'Gendering the Landownership Question in Jammu and Kashmir' in Prem Chowdhary (ed.). *Understanding Women's Land Rights: Gender Discrimination in Ownership*. Sage Publications India Pvt. Ltd. New Delhi. 2017.
7. 'Gender Implications of Interface between Personal and Customary Laws' in Rajesh Gill (ed.). *Gender, Patriarchy and Violence: The Case of Punjab and Haryana*. Rawat Publications. New Delhi. 2017.
8. 'Gender, Conflict and Violence in Jammu and Kashmir' in Jyoti Prasad Saikia and Shweta Prasad (eds.). *Contemporary Indian Society: A Gendered Perspective*. Concept Publishing Company Private Limited. New Delhi. 2017.
9. 'Gender and Personal Laws in India' in Poornima Jain (ed.). *Gender Issues*. Studium Press. New Delhi. 2018.
10. 'Women Sexuality and the Phenomenon of 'Honour Killings'' in Rekha Pande and Sita Vanka (eds.). *Gender and Structural Violence*. Rawat Publications. Jaipur. 2019.
11. 'Women's Studies and the Women's Movement in India' in Shalini Suryanarayan, Shanthi G. and K.G. Gayathri (eds.). *Thinking Gender: Socio-Cultural Perspectives*. Concept Publishing Company Pvt. Ltd. New Delhi. 2020.
12. 'The Healing Touch Saint: Baba Chamliyal Shrine at the International Border in Samba District' in Abha Chauhan (ed.). *Understanding Culture and Society in India: A Study of Sufis, Saints and Deities in Jammu Region*. Springer Nature Singapore Pte Ltd. Singapore. 2021.
13. 'Gender, Law and Rights of Permanent Residents in Jammu and Kashmir: From the Lens of Article 370 and Beyond' in Ajailiu Niumai and Abha Chauhan (eds.). *Gender, Law and Social Transformation in India*. Springer Nature Singapore Pte Ltd. Singapore. 2022.

Other Refereed Contributions: letters, reviews, editorials, notes and commentaries

Refereed Conference Publications

Proceedings, Extracts and Other Articles

Contract and Technical Reports

Computer System Software

Multimedia products