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Personal Details

Current appointment: Professor, Department of Sociology and Social Anthropology, School of Social Sciences, Central University of Himachal Pradesh (September 2023–present)

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Professional Qualifications

Educational Qualifications

- PhD (Social Theory), School of Social Sciences, Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi, 2018. Supervisor: Prof. Bhagat Oinam. Thesis: "Sexuality and Moral Concerns: A Study with Special Reference to Foucault's *The History of Sexuality*."
- MPhil (Social Philosophy), School of Social Sciences, Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi, 2008. Supervisor: Prof. Satya P. Gautam. Dissertation: "Problems and Prospects of Secularism: A Philosophical Study."
- MA (Sociology), Postgraduate Department of Sociology, University of Jammu, Jammu, 2006.
- BA (English, History, Political Science and Sociology), Maulana Azad Memorial College, University of Jammu, Jammu, 2004.

Eligibility and Additional Qualifications

- UGC-NET Junior Research Fellowship (Sociology), June; UGC-NET Junior Research Fellowship (Women's Studies), December 2006.
- UGC-NET (Sociology), December 2005; UGC-NET (Comparative Study of Religions), June; UGC-NET (Philosophy), December 2015.
- MA (Philosophy and Religion), Directorate of Distance Education, Madurai Kamaraj University, Tamil Nadu, 2008.
- Certificate Course in "India: Art & Culture", National Museum Institute of History of Art, Conservation and Museology, New Delhi, July–December 2007.

Employment History

- Professor, Department of Sociology and Social Anthropology, School of Social Sciences, Central University of Himachal Pradesh, September 2023–present.
- Assistant Professor of Sociology, Department of Law, School of Legal Studies, Central University of Kashmir, August 2012–September 2023.
- Assistant Professor of Sociology, Government Degree College Mendhar, Department of Higher Education, Government of Jammu and Kashmir, December 2009–July 2012.
- Assistant Professor (ad hoc), Department of Sociology, Miranda House, University of Delhi, August–December 2009.
- UGC Research Fellow in Sociology, Centre for Philosophy, School of Social Sciences, Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi, November 2006–July 2009.

Personal Distinctions

- Awarded UGC-NET Junior Research Fellowship in Sociology (June 2006) and Women's Studies (December 2006).
- Design registration, "AI-Based Learning and Teaching Device", Government of India under the Designs Act, 2000; Design No. 459303-001 (2025). Co-registrants: Kabideepa Handique, Priya Mittal, Suman, Ganga, Sonali Channawar, Swati Jajoo, Anil Kumar and Suchismita Majumdar.

Invited Seminars and Invited Conference Presentations (Last 5 Years)

- **08 March 2026 —** *Economic Security, Property, and Livelihoods: Gender Justice in the Architecture of Rights*. Expert talk, e-conference "Elderly Women and Law: Rights, Care and Dignity", Dharmashastra National Law University, Jabalpur.
- **11 February 2026 —** *Life Skills, Ethics, and Academic Responsibility in the Age of Artificial Intelligence: Reflections for Higher Education*. Lecture, Refresher Course for Faculty in Sociology and Social Work, Maulana Azad National Urdu University, Hyderabad (online).
- **07 February 2026 —** *In the AI Era: Life Skills Training & Awareness*. Invited session, workshop organised by Guru Nanak Dev University College, Pathankot.
- **04 February 2026 —** *Impact of Bullying on the Self-Esteem of Feminine Queer Boys in Contemporary India*. Paper presented at the national seminar "Mapping Social Issues in Contemporary India: Trends and Transitions", University of Jammu.
- **04 February 2026 —** *Reframing Social Issues in Contemporary India: Continuities, Disruptions, and Sociological Futures*. Symposium talk, national seminar "Mapping Social Issues in Contemporary India: Trends and Transitions", University of Jammu.
- **28–30 December 2025 —** *Foucauldian Genealogy of Female Criminality in Kashmir*. Paper presented, Research Committee 23, All India Sociological Conference, SRM University.
- **28–30 December 2025 —** *"Kaun Se Colour Ki Chaddi Pehne Ho?": Meme Cultures, Sexual Politics, and Public Intimacies in Contemporary India*. Paper presented, Research Committee 01, All India Sociological Conference, SRM University.
- **01 December 2025 —** *Whither Indian Ethics? Rethinking Shared Values and the Limits of Religious Traditions in a Plural Democracy*. Invited lecture, online national symposium "Harmony through Dialogue: Bridging Faiths, Building Peace", International Centre for Spiritual Studies, IUST, Kashmir.
- **25–26 November 2025 —** *Female Criminality and Carceral Discipline in Kashmir: A Foucauldian Reading*. Paper presented at the II International Colloquium on Michel Foucault: 50 Years of "Surveillance and Punishment" (online).
- **11 November 2025 —** *Cultural Demonstration and Community Voices: The Art of Listening, Performing, and Continuing*. Invited lecture, Shri Mata Vaishno Devi University, Katra.
- **10 November 2025 —** *Cultural Identity and Representation: Voices, Silences, and the Ethics of Seeing and Saying*. Invited lecture, Shri Mata Vaishno Devi University, Katra.
- **18 September 2025 —** *The SDGs as a Framework for Socio-Ecological Justice: Beyond Technical Fixes*. Invited lecture, UGC-HRDC, University of Calcutta, Short Refresher Course (online).
- **17 September 2025 —** *Why We See Society the Way We Do: Power, Morality & Social Knowledge*. Invited lecture, Lovely Professional University.
- **15 September 2025 —** *The Sociology of Tongues, the Philosophy of Being: Re-centering the Bhartiya Bhasha Pariwar*. Keynote address, Conference on Bhartiya Bhasha Pariwar, Shri Mata Vaishno Devi University.
- **18 June 2025 —** *Managing People and Culture at Startups*. Invited lecture, Capacity Building Programme for Young Social Sciences Faculty on Entrepreneurship and Startups, Institute of Public Enterprise, Hyderabad.
- **17 June 2025 —** *Business Ethics, Corporate Governance and Sustainability*. Invited lecture, Capacity Building Programme for Young Social Sciences Faculty on Entrepreneurship and Startups, Institute of Public Enterprise, Hyderabad.
- **28 April 2025 —** *Cultural Pluralism and its Challenges in the North-West Region of India*. Symposium lecture, XXIV National Conference of the North-West Indian Sociological Association, in collaboration with ICSSR and Guru Nanak Dev University, Amritsar.
- **22 March 2025 —** *Indigenous Knowledge and Sociology*. Invited symposium lecture, International Conference on Sociological Discourse in Indian Knowledge System, DDU Gorakhpur University.
- **21 February 2025 —** *Dialect, Culture and Social Justice: Rethinking Language Preservation through Technology*. Invited lecture, workshop "Digitally Preserving Local Dialects: Reviving Regional Languages with Technology-Driven Approaches", Shri Mata Vaishno Devi University.
- **05 February 2025 —** *Laws Related to Women in Prisons*. Invited lecture, One-Day Regional Law Consultation (North-West Region), National Commission for Women, in collaboration with Rajiv Gandhi National University of Law, Punjab.
- **22–24 December 2024 —** *Behind Bars: Socioeconomic and Cultural Dimensions of Female Criminality in Kashmir*. Paper presented, Research Committee on Sociology of Law, Crime and Deviance, 49th All India Sociological Conference, BML Munjal University.
- **22–24 December 2024 —** *Social Philosophy in Practice: Examining the Ethical and Normative Dimensions of Society*. Paper presented, Research Committee on Theory and Practice, 49th All India Sociological Conference, BML Munjal University.
- **26 November 2024 —** *Philosophical Approaches to Social Inquiry: Implications for Teaching Practice*. Invited lecture, Interdisciplinary Refresher Course in Social Sciences, Malaviya Mission Teacher Training Centre, University of Jammu (online).
- **22 November 2024 —** *Field Research, Observation and Case Study, and Interview*. Invited session, ICSSR-sponsored Research Methodology Course, Department of Economics, Central University of Jammu.
- **19 July 2024 —** *Educational Initiatives for Tribal Empowerment*. Panelist, "Tell Me Your Story" Review.
- **27–28 March 2024 —** *Commodification of Intimacy: Insights from Foucault*. Paper presented, ICSSR-sponsored national seminar "Impact of Science and Technology on Society", Bebe Nanaki University College Mithra, Kapurthala.
- **27 February 2024 —** *Exploring the Indian Value System within the Framework of the National Education Policy*. Invited lecture, Refresher Course in Social Sciences, Malaviya Mission Teacher Training Centre, University of Jammu (online).

- **08 January 2024 —** *Exploring Indian Value System: Purushartha as a Salient Value for Life*. Invited lecture, Two-Week NEP Orientation and Sensitisation Programme, Malaviya Mission Teacher Training Centre, Central University of Punjab, Bathinda (online).
- **05 September 2023 —** *Fostering Gender Equality: The Transformative Power of Universities*. Paper presented, national seminar "Role of Universities in Social Transformation", Department of Sociology, University of Kashmir.
- **02 September 2023 —** *Research Methodology in Social Sciences*. Special invited lecture, Department of History, Abdul Ahad Azad Memorial Degree College, Bemina, Cluster University of Srinagar.
- **20 March 2023 —** *Introduction to Advanced Technology in Higher Education*. Invited lecture, Faculty Development Programme "Integrating Technology in Higher Education: Opportunities and Challenges", Amity University Haryana (online).
- **07 March 2023 —** *Contours of Safety and Equality: Mark of the PoSH Act 2013–2023*. Invited lecture, awareness and sensitisation programme on sexual harassment at the workplace, Internal Complaints Committee, University of Kashmir.
- **23–24 November 2022 —** *Positivism, Neo-positivism and Post-positivism*. Invited lectures, Department of Politics and Governance, Central University of Kashmir.
- **26 September 2022 —** *Philosophy and Ethics*. Invited lecture, Research and Publication Ethics Workshop, Directorate of Research and Development, Central University of Kashmir.
- **22 August 2022 —** *Understanding Romanticism and Idealism*. Invited lecture, Department of Politics and Governance, Central University of Kashmir.
- **08 August 2022 —** *A Review of "New Grammar of Women Empowerment" by Shobana Kamineni*. Special invited lecture, "Modi @20: Dreams Meet Delivery", Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav celebrations, Central University of Kashmir.
- **09 June 2022 —** *Engaging as a Researcher*. Invited lecture, international webinar, Institute of Global Professionals.
- **24 January 2022 —** *Opportunities and Rights of Girl Child*. Online invited lecture, National Girl Child Day celebrations, Government Degree College Neeli Nallah, Udhampur.
- **09 November 2021 —** *Ethics*. Invited lecture, Research and Publication Ethics Workshop, Directorate of Research and Development, Central University of Kashmir.

Professional Contributions (Last 5 Years)

Editorial Responsibilities

- Editorial Board Member: Social Lens; Digital Social Sciences; Future Society; NWISA Journal of Sociology; International Academic Journal of Law; and Indian Journal of Multidisciplinary Research.

Peer Review

- Ad hoc reviewer for the following journals: Sociological Inquiry (2026); Sexuality, Gender & Policy (2026); Cultural History (2026); and Currents in Teaching & Learning (2026); The History of the Behavioral Sciences (2024); Journal of Social Sciences (2022, 2024); Visual Studies (2023); and Cogent Arts & Humanities (2023).

Academic Governance and Professional Service

- Member, Board of Studies (Sociology), Central University of Punjab, Bathinda, 1 May 2024–30 April 2026.
- Member, Research Degree Committee (Sociology), Himachal Pradesh University, Shimla, 30 March 2024–29 March 2026.
- Executive Member, Managing Committee, North-West Indian Sociological Association (NWISA), 1 April 2022–31 March 2024.
- Research contributor, Global Sexuality and Gender Research Network and Project, School of Social Work, University of Washington (September 2020–present), contributing to research on health, wellbeing and socioeconomic lives of LGBTIQ+ adults across the life course.
- Session Chair, Research Committee 01 and Research Committee 23, All India Sociological Conference, SRM University, 28–30 December 2025.
- Session Chair, "Crime, Deviance and Criminal Justice Responses", 49th All India Sociological Conference, BML Munjal University, 22–24 December 2024.
- Session Chair, "Marginalisation, Social Exclusion and Women", XXIII National Conference of NWISA, University of Jammu, 18–19 March 2024.
- Panelist, session on Educational Initiatives for Tribal Empowerment, Tell Me Your Story Review, 19 July 2024.

Teaching

Undergraduate Courses

- Introduction to Sociology
- Jurisprudence
- Law and Social Transformation
- Philosophy and Literature

- Social Problems in India
- Social Stratification
- Sociological Thought
- Sociology and Elements of Indian History for Engineers
- Sociology of Indian Society
- Sociology of Kinship
- Sociology of Religion

Postgraduate Courses

- Classical Sociological Thinkers
- Fundamentals of Social Anthropology
- Indian Knowledge Systems
- Law and Social Transformation in India
- Religion and Gender
- Religious Education: Problems and Challenges
- Research Methodology
- Review of Literature
- Social Justice and Civil Liberties
- Sociological Concepts

MPhil/PhD Courses

- Sociological Theory
- Introduction to Research Methodology
- Philosophy of Social Sciences
- Research and Publication Ethics

MOOC Lectures and Learning Material

Modern Political Philosophy: recorded lectures and study material on the Renaissance, Enlightenment, Industrial Revolution, modernism, dialectical materialism, Karl Marx, Friedrich Engels, critiques of modernism, Judith Butler and Michel Foucault.

Doctoral Thesis Supervision

Central University of Himachal Pradesh

Doctoral research supervision at the initial research-proposal stage:

- Batch 2024: Ms Ashima Kalia; Ms Komal Kumari; Mr Lal Dass; Ms Niharika Singh; Mr Sunil Kumar.
- Batch 2025: Mr Aman Singh; Ms Komal Kumari; Ms Sakshi Sharma.

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- Co-supervisor, Mr Ishtiyaq Ahmad Wagay, “Interaction between Kashmiri Pandits and Muslims: A Religio-Historical Study”, Department of Religious Studies, School of Social Sciences; registered 14 December 2019.
- Co-supervisor, Ms Falak Naaz, “Freedom of Religion with Special Reference to Right of Propagation in India: An Analysis”, Department of Law, School of Legal Studies; registered 6 March 2015, submitted 1 September 2021, degree awarded 31 March 2022.
- Supervisor, Ms Tabasum Ara, “Female Criminality in Kashmir: A Socio-Legal Study”, Department of Law, School of Legal Studies; registered 3 January 2018, submitted 2 July 2021, degree awarded 17 November 2021.

Master’s Thesis Supervision

Central University of Himachal Pradesh

- Champa Kumari (MA, 2026): “हिमाचल प्रदेश की पारंपरिक कढ़ाई कला ‘चंबा रूमाल’ के संदर्भ में एक समाजशास्त्रीय अध्ययन।”
- Deeksha Sharma (MA, 2026): “हिमाचल प्रदेश के लहड़ा गाँव में गुग्गा मंदिर का सामाजिक व्यवस्था पर प्रभाव: एक समाजशास्त्रीय अध्ययन।”
- M J Gautham (MA, 2026): “Anonymity, Stigma, and Sexual Identity Exploration on Reddit: A Sociological Study.”
- Sanjana Thakur (MA, 2026): “Gen-Z छात्रों में जाति के आधार पर सामाजिक व्यवहार की समझ: हिमाचल प्रदेश केंद्रीय विश्वविद्यालय के देहरा परिसरों का एक अध्ययन।”
- Ritik Kumar (MA, 2025): “ग्रामीण इलाकों में महिलाओं की शिक्षा के प्रति सामाजिक मानसिकता: हिमाचल प्रदेश के चम्बा जिले की सत्यास पंचायत का एक अध्ययन।”

- Sita Devi (MA, 2025): "महिलाओं की शिक्षा को प्राथमिकता: हिमाचल प्रदेश में 'बेटी है अनमोल' योजना का एक विश्लेषणात्मक अध्ययन।"
- Vatika Sharma (MA, 2025): "A Study of Work-Life Balance among Teaching Professionals in a University."
- Komal Kumari (MA, 2024): "Individual Self and Social Anxiety: A Study through Literature and Society."
- Anjali Kumari (MA, 2024): "Impact of Drugs on Youth in Present Times: A Sociological Study."

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- Adil Rashid Bhat (LLM, 2023): "Gender Neutrality in Sexual Offences with Special Reference to Criminal Law Amendment Bill 2019: An Analysis."
- Nowsheen Taranum (LLM, 2023): "Drug Addiction in Kashmir: A Case Study of Higher Educational Institutions in District Anantnag."
- Syed Mohd Yahaya (LLM, 2023): "Individualisation of Treatment of Offenders: An Analysis."
- Najam Ul Nissa (LLM, 2022): "Child Sexual Abuse in Kashmir: A Socio-Legal Study."
- Suwaiba (LLM, 2022): "Meddling of Legislature in the Secular Fabric of Indian Constitution."
- Tahir Ul Islam (LLM, 2021): "Efficacy of Expert Scientific Opinion under Criminal Justice System: A Critique."
- Nazia Tariq (LLM, 2021): "Human Rights and Defence Power: A Study with Reference to Kashmir."
- Imran Rashid Dar (LLM, 2021): "Gender and Crime: Theorising Female Deviance with Respect to Law and Society in India."
- Mudasir Ahmad Wani (MEd, 2018): "Sex Education and its Relevance in Society: A Study of People's Perception in District Budgam, Jammu and Kashmir."
- Ifrah Yasin (LLM, 2016): "Prevalence of Prostitution in the State of Jammu and Kashmir: A Socio-Legal Study in District Srinagar."

University Administration

- Head, Department of Sociology and Social Anthropology, School of Social Sciences, Central University of Himachal Pradesh, 5 October 2023–15 October 2026.
- Coordinator, Department of Law, School of Legal Studies, Central University of Kashmir, 23 June–31 July 2023.
- Head, Department of Sociology, Government Degree College Mendhar, Jammu and Kashmir, 14 December 2009–31 July 2012.
- Selected earlier responsibilities at Central University of Kashmir: Member, School Board, School of Legal Studies (December 2020–September 2023); Convener, Gender Justice and Social Justice Club (September 2020–September 2023); Member, SC/ST/PwD Cell (August 2017–September 2023); Member, Community Development Cell (June 2015–September 2023); Coordinator, PhD Programme, Department of Law (March 2015–June 2022); Deputy Chief Proctor (August 2017–August 2019); Member, Internal Complaints Committee under the PoSH Act (April 2015–August 2019); Member, Anti-Ragging Squad (August 2014–August 2019); and In-charge Library (March 2016–July 2017).
- Earlier college and university service: Coordinator, Women's Studies Cell, Government Degree College Mendhar (2011–2012); Member, Board of Studies (Sociology), University of Jammu (2009–2012); and member of various library, cultural activities, scholarship and student-welfare committees.

Research Projects

Period	Funding agency	Project / role	Grant amount
2025–2026	Indian Council of Social Science Research (ICSSR), New Delhi	Project Director, "Assessing the Socio-Economic and Health Outcomes of Improved Water Access: An Empirical Study of the Jal Jeevan Mission in Himachal Pradesh and Jammu & Kashmir."	₹11,00,000
2023–2024	Trained Nurses' Association of India (TNAI), National Nurses Research Grant	Co-Investigator, "A Study to Assess Workplace Violence among Nursing Personnel of Selected Public and Private Hospitals."	₹50,000
2021–2022	National Commission for Women (NCW), New Delhi	Co-Investigator, "Domestic Violence in Kashmir: Legal Framework for Enforcing Women's Rights."	₹12,17,000

Research Collaboration

- Research contributor, Global Sexuality and Gender Research Network and Project, School of Social Work, University of Washington (September 2020–present), on wellbeing, health and socioeconomic lives of LGBTIQ+ adults, including older adults and life-course inclusion.

Publications

Books, Edited Volumes and Translations

Kumar, A. (2025). *The Greatest Adventure*, BriBooks; book serial number 1001001074449.

Kumar, A. (2021). *Hindu Society: An Interpretation*, Dogri translation of Irawati Karve's work; National Translation Mission, Central Institute of Indian Languages, Ministry of Education, Government of India. ISBN 978-93-91386-15-3.

Kumar, A. (Ed.). (2019). *Women, Gender and Justice: Issues and Perspectives*, Pragati Publications, New Delhi. ISBN 978-81-7307-176-8.

Kumar, A. (forthcoming). *Fundamentals of Sociology*, Dogri translation of P. Gisbert; National Translation Mission, Central Institute of Indian Languages, Ministry of Education, Government of India.

Journal Articles

Kumar, A. (2026). Whither Indian Ethics? Rethinking Shared Values and the Limits of Religious Traditions in a Plural Democracy. *The International Journal of Spirituality*, 2(1), 25–56.

Kumar, A., Mani, A., Oswald, A., & Fredriksen-Goldsen, K. (2026). Global Pride: Understanding health and quality of life among gender and sexually diverse adults in India. *Sexuality Research and Social Policy*, 23, 688–697. https://doi.org/10.1007/s13178-026-01293-x

Sharma, M., & Kumar, A. (2026). From gendered economy to gender-just economy: Rethinking economic justice through labour, care and public policy in India. *International Journal of Social Research and Development*, online publication, 8(3), 88–96.

Kumar, A. (2025). Gender discrimination against women in contemporary Kashmir: A multifaceted exploration. *Kashmir Journal of Social Sciences*, 13(1), 30–50.

Srivastava, S., Kumar, A., & Pandurangan, H. (2025). Experiences of workplace violence among nursing staff in selected hospitals in India. *Nursing & Midwifery Research Journal*, 21(3), 183–197. https://doi.org/10.1177/0974150X251336592

Srivastava, S., Kumar, A., & Pandurangan, H. (2025). Predictors of workplace violence in Indian hospitals: A cross-sectional survey of nurses. *Health and Population: Perspectives and Issues*, 48(1), 66–76. https://doi.org/10.5005/HPPI-11041-48107

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Srivastava, S., & Kumar, A. (2025). A study to assess workplace violence among nursing personnel of selected hospitals in India. *Nursing Journal of India*, 116(1), 40–48. https://doi.org/10.48029/NJI.2024.CXVI108

Srivastava, S., Kumar, A., Dogra, P., & Jaifirin, D. (2025). Wilson's disease: A case study, societal challenges, and environmental influences on diagnosis and management. *Nursing & Midwifery Research Journal*, 21(2), 135–143. https://doi.org/10.1177/0974150X251316980

Kumar, A. (2024). Sapt Sindhu Civilization: Some sociological insights. *ShodhSamajik: Journal of Social Studies*, 1(1), 14–22.

Srivastava, S., Pandurangan, H., & Kumar, A. (2024). Development and validation of a comprehensive nursing competence assessment questionnaire (CNCAQ) to determine the perceived clinical competence of nursing graduates. *Nursing & Midwifery Research Journal*, 20(2), 96–111. https://doi.org/10.1177/0974150X241247986

Kumar, R., Angral, T., & Kumar, A. (2023). Is snatching a crime without penalty?. *Indian Journal of Law and Legal Research*, 5(4), 1591–1609.

Dansalia, S., & Kumar, A. (2023). Fostering religious identities: Reflections from North India. *Kashmir Journal of Legal Studies*, 10(1), 91–97.

Sarkar, P., Srivastava, S., Pandurangan, H., & Kumar, A. (2023). Reliability measurements: Methods and estimation in healthcare research. *European Chemical Bulletin*, 12(Suppl. 7), 7227–7237.

Sarkar, P., Srivastava, S., Das, J., & Kumar, A. (2023). Narrative review on prevalence of venous thromboembolism and public awareness in India. *The Malaysian Journal of Nursing*, 15(1), 173–186.

Manhas, P. S., Singh, R., Malik, I. U., & Kumar, A. (2022). Exploring the role of tourism social entrepreneurship (TSE) and government initiatives in the development of craftsmanship in Kashmir Valley, Jammu and Kashmir. *AVAHAN: A Journal on Hospitality and Tourism*, 10(1), 39–48.

Srivastava, S., & Kumar, A. (2022). Breast cancer survivorship among Indian women: An overview. *Asian Journal of Nursing Education and Research*, 12(3), 262–266.

Kumar, A. (2021). So-called "non-law" in law: Rethinking interdisciplinarity and faculty hierarchy in Indian legal education. *International Journal of Sociology and Political Science*, 3(2), 73–79.

Rajput, M., & Kumar, A. (2021). Social comparison and personal relative deprivation among young female social media users: A survey. *Journal of Society in Kashmir*, 11(1), 1–15.

Kumar, A. (2021). Finding concepts with sexuality and making sense of social institutions in Foucauldian perspective. *Research Journal of Humanities and Social Sciences*, 12(1), 21–26.

Kumar, A. (2021). Gandhi on religious neutrality: A holistic vision for societal harmony. *Shodh Sarita*, 8(29), 29–34.

Kumar, A. (2021). Symbiosis of belief and reason: Exploring the interplay of religion, culture, and modernity. *Shodh Sarita*, 8(29), 92–97.

Kumar, A. (2021). Social significance of the Ashrama system: Lessons from Indian knowledge traditions. *Shodh Sanchar Bulletin*, 11(41), 46–51.

Kumar, A. (2020). Sexual harassment of women at workplace: How far is Indian law protective?. *International Academic Journal of Law*, 1(1), 35–39.

Kumar, A. (2020). The singular standpoint of sex education: An overview. *International Journal of Arts, Humanities and Social Studies*, 2(6), 24–30.

Rajput, M., & Kumar, A. (2019). When pessimistic becomes entertaining: Exploring an added face of online media content. *International Journal of Communication and Social Research*, 7(1–2), 12–16.

Kumar, A. (2019). The use theory of meaning: A reading of Wittgenstein's Philosophical Investigations. *International Journal of Emerging Technologies and Innovative Research*, 6(5), 223–226.

Kumar, A. (2018). Complexity of varna and jāti: A relook at the Indian caste system. *International Journal of Novel Research and Development*, 3(12), 59–63.

Kumar, A. (2018). Social justice through philosophical traditions: Outlining the conceptualisation. *International Journal of Research and Analytical Reviews*, 5(3), 212–216.

Kumar, A., & Bendukurthi, N. (2017). The unfinished legal business on (homo)sexuality: A media mapping of LGBT activism in India. *International Journal of Communication and Social Research*, 4–5(1–2), 11–26.

Kumar, A. (2016). An exploration of sex work in relation to tourism in Kashmir. *Journal of Kashmir for Tourism and Catering Technology*, 1(8), 57–62.

Kumar, A., Ajaz, M., & Tripathi, P. (2015). Varna–jāti interconnection: Revisiting the Indian caste system. *American International Journal of Research in Humanities, Arts and Social Sciences*, 12(2), 246–251.

Kumar, A. (2015). Varna–jāti interconnection: Some reflections on caste and Indian tradition. *International Journal of Research in Social Sciences*, 5(3), 788–793.

Kumar, A. (2014). Personhood, autonomy, agency, and responsibility: An appraisal of Frankfurt's philosophy of action. *KAAV International Journal of Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences*, 1(1), 202–207.

Kumar, A. (2013). Social thinking to scientific social theory: An introduction to sociology and social anthropology. *International Journal of Research in Sociology and Social Anthropology*, 1(1), 1–5.

Kumar, A. (2012). Pregnancy and patriarchy: Freedom of women in question. *International Journal of Research in Social Sciences*, 2(4), 752–760.

Kumar, A. (2011). Economic development in India: A response to the information technology (IT) revolution. *ECONSPEAK: A Journal of Advances in Management, IT & Social Sciences*, 1(1), 105–109.

Book Chapters

Kumar, A. (2019). Problematising gender and issues of inequality. In A. Kumar (Ed.), Women, Gender and Justice: Issues and Perspectives (pp. xv–xxiv). Pragati Publications.

Kumar, A., & Altaf, M. (2019). Discrimination against widows in India: A case of gender inequality. In A. Kumar (Ed.), Women, Gender and Justice: Issues and Perspectives (pp. 97–109). Pragati Publications.

Jan, S., & Kumar, A. (2019). Sexual Harassment of Women at Workplace (Prevention, Prohibition and Redressal) Act, 2013: A critical analysis. In A. Kumar (Ed.), Women, Gender and Justice: Issues and Perspectives (pp. 193–205). Pragati Publications.

Kumar, A., & Goswamy, G. (2019). What is socialist feminism, and where does it fall short?. In A. Kumar (Ed.), Women, Gender and Justice: Issues and Perspectives (pp. 207–213). Pragati Publications.

Other Academic (Scholarly Reviews) and Public Writing

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External Examination and Academic Assessment

External examiner for PhD theses and/or viva voce examinations at the following institutions:

- Central University of Punjab, Bathinda; Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi; Lovely Professional University, Phagwara; Mizoram University, Aizawl; Panjab University, Chandigarh; Patna University, Patna; Sparsh Himalaya University, Dehradun; University of Delhi, Delhi; University of Kashmir, Srinagar; and University of Rajasthan, Jaipur.

Workshops, Training Courses and Faculty Development (Selected, Last 5 Years)

- **12–18 January 2026 —** One-week online Capacity Building Programme, “Interpretation of Statutes”, HRSPM’s Sarsenapati Hambirrao Mohite Law College, Rajgurunagar, in collaboration with Law Teachers India.
- iGOT Karmayogi (Completed Certificates): Communication Skills — 10 Dec 2025; Code of Conduct for Government Employees — 10 Dec 2025; Training Programme on eOffice — 11 Dec 2025; Procurement Process on GeM for Products — 11 Dec 2025.
- **22–28 May 2025 —** One-week online workshop, “AI-Driven Research and Qualitative Data Analysis”, Resilient Foundation for Academic Innovation & Scientific Research, New Delhi.
- **27 March 2025 —** Training of Trainers programme, NIIT Foundation (supported by Infosys).
- **18–19 February 2025 —** Two-day Authors’ Workshop, “Academic Writing to Develop Higher Education Textbooks in Bhartiya Language (Dogri)”, CUHP in collaboration with Bhartiya Bhasha Samiti, Ministry of Education, Government of India.
- **January–April 2024 —** Eight-week SWAYAM online course, “Research and Publication Ethics”.
- **January–March 2024 —** Eight-week NPTEL–SWAYAM Faculty Development Programme, “Designing Learner-Centric MOOCs”.
- **06 March 2024 —** One-day workshop on the socio-economic impact of the “Beti Bachao Beti Padhao” scheme, Department of Social Work, CUHP.
- **01 March 2024 —** One-day workshop on the socio-economic impact of the Start-up India initiative in selected areas of North India, ICSSR-sponsored project team, Central University of Kashmir.
- **12 May 2023 —** Training programme on roster writing, reservation in services and recruitment rules, Central University of Kashmir.
- **27 June–05 July 2022 —** Workshop on editing and finalisation of the Dogri translation of A. R. Radcliffe-Brown’s Structure and Function in Primitive Society, National Translation Mission, CIIL (NRLC, Patiala).

Academic Societies and Professional Memberships

- Indian Sociological Society — Member since October 2006.
- Indian Philosophical Congress — Member since December 2006.
- Society for the Philosophy of Sex and Love — Member since May 2009.
- Asian Philosophy Congress — Member since March 2010.
- All India Philosophy Association — Member since July 2010.
- North-West Indian Sociological Association — Member since November 2013.
- Institute of Global Professionals — Member since June 2022.

Languages Known

Dogri, Hindi and English (reading, writing and speaking).