CURRICULUM VITAE

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PROFESSIONAL PROFILE

Dr. Vishav Jyoti is an Associate Professor and Head of the Department of Sociology and Social Anthropology at the Central University of Himachal Pradesh. She has extensive experience in higher education, teaching, research, academic administration, and research supervision. Her academic and research interests focus on gender studies, women and law, social exclusion and marginalized communities, gender and health, and Himalayan society and culture.

RESEARCH INTERESTS

- Gender Studies
- Women and Law; Social Exclusion and Marginalized Communities
- Gender and Health; Himalayan Society and Culture

ACADEMIC QUALIFICATIONS

- Ph.D. in Sociology, Himachal Pradesh University.
- M.Phil. in Sociology, Himachal Pradesh University.
- M.A. in Sociology, Himachal Pradesh University.
- B.A., Rajkiya Kanya Mahavidyalaya, Shimla.
- UGC-NET qualified twice.
- UGC Rajiv Gandhi National Fellowship (UGC RGNF).

EMPLOYMENT HISTORY

September 2023 – Present — Associate Professor, Department of Sociology and Social Anthropology, Central University of Himachal Pradesh.

2013–September 2023 — Assistant Professor (Sociology), Department of Higher Education, Government of Himachal Pradesh; selected through the Himachal Pradesh Public Service Commission (HPPSC) in 2013.

- Government P.G. College, Dharamshala — October 2013–July 2019.
- Government Degree College, Nagrota Bagwan — July 2019–April 2021.
- Government Degree College, Darlaghat — April 2021–March 2023.
- Government Degree College, Dhami — March 2023–September 2023.

RESEARCH PROJECTS

- Project Director, ICSSR Minor Research Project: "An Assessment of Swachh Bharat Abhiyan on the Menstrual Hygiene Management among Rural Married Women in Himachal Pradesh." Amount sanctioned: ₹5,00,000; project period: 1 April 2025–31 March 2026.
- Co-advisor, Anthropological Survey of India, Ministry of Culture, Government of India project: "Himalayan Border Villages: Impact Assessment of Vibrant Village Programme with special reference to tourism development."

RESEARCH SUPERVISION

Ph.D.: Five Ph.D. scholars currently pursuing research under supervision; one Ph.D. scholar completed under co-supervision.

Master's dissertations: Nine completed under supervision.

1. Muskan — Stray Animals at Dehra: A Social Study (2024)
2. Ritika Gautam- बदलती पारिवारिक सरंचना का महिलाओं के ऊपर प्रभाव : हिमाचल प्रदेश के जिला बिलासपुर के अंतर्गत

3. Neha Thakur — The Community Gatherings of Hijras at Chintpurni, Himachal Pradesh (2025)
4. Yogender Pal — Study of Educational Backwardness in Muslim Community of Tehsil Churah of Chamba District of Himachal Pradesh (2025)
5. Jai Kumari — Evaluating the Impact of Old Age Pension on Elderly Women at Dehra Municipal Council, Himachal Pradesh: A Study (2026)
6. Anchal — A Day Care Centre as an Emerging Institution of Elder Care: A Sociological Study on Its Role in Improving the Well-Being of the Elderly in Shimla (2026)
7. Lalita Thakur — Agrarian Change and the Shift Towards Non-Farm Livelihood among Rural Households in Bhiorani Block, Himachal Pradesh (2026)
8. Shuvrashis Saw — Online Intimacies: Social Media's Role in Transformation of Social Bonds among Young University Students (2026)
9. Priya — Phenomenology of Manual Scavenging in Valmiki Colony, Dharamshala (2026)

RESEARCH PUBLICATIONS (Last five years)

- Jyoti, V. (2021). Life of Rural Married Women during Menstruation in Himachal Pradesh, India. International Journal of Research and Analytical Reviews, Vol 8, 678-686.
- Jyoti, V. (2021). Female Genital Mutilation: A Dark Secret, International Journal of All Research Education and Scientific Methods, Vol 9, 177-184.
- Jyoti, V. (2021). Pastoral Life of Muslim Gujjars: A Study of Life of Gujjars in Mandi District, Himachal Pradesh, India International Journal of All Research Education and Scientific Methods, Vol 9, 1775-1780.
- Jyoti,V. (2021). Changing Status and Role of Rural Women: A Sociological Study of Shimla District of Himachal Pradesh, International Journal of Research and Analytical Reviews, Vol. 8, 774-783.
- Jyoti.V and Thakur A. (2024). Transgender Persons: A Study based on legal perspective, International Journal of Research in Humanities, Arts and Literature, Vol 12, 9-18.
- Jyoti. V. (2024). Thematic Analysis of witches' festival in folklore: A sociological study of Shimla, Solan and Sirmaur district of Himachal Pradesh, IJRTSSH, Vol 2, 669-681.
- Jyoti, V. (2025). Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Act and rural women: A sociological study of Shimla district of Himachal Pradesh, India. Tareekh-e Adab-e Urdu, 7(4), 331-375.
- Jyoti, V., & Sharma, S. (2025). Swachh Bharat Abhiyan and menstrual hygiene management among rural married women in Himachal Pradesh: Insights from secondary data. World Translation: An International Multidisciplinary Peer Reviewed Refereed Research Journal, 22, 121-132.
- Kumar, A., & Jyoti, V. (2025). Exploring the Impact of Internalized Patriarchal Values on Working Women's Experiences in Kangra District, Himachal Pradesh. SHODH: A Triannual Bilingual Peer Reviewed Refereed Research Journal of Arts & Humanities, XXII(II), 98-107.
- Singh, M., & Jyoti, V. (2025). Exploring the Indigenous Knowledge System: A Sociological Study of Environmental Conservation Practices among the Gaddi Community. Tareekh-e Adab-e Urdu, 7(3), 358-388.

- Thakur, N., & Jyoti, V. (2025). Community Gatherings of Hijras at Chintpurni Temple, Himachal Pradesh. International Journal for Research Trends in Social Science & Humanities, 3(4), 1-10.
- Singh, M., & Jyoti, V. (2025). विज्ञान और तकनीक में भारतीय पारंपरिक ज्ञान की भूमिकाः समाजशास्त्रीय विश्लेषण. शोध उत्कर्ष, 12, 34-37.
- Jyoti, V., & Singh, M. (2026). Status of Indian Women in Contemporary Society: A Sociological Analysis. Ajanta, XV(I).
- Singh, M., & Jyoti, V. (2026). प्राचीन सभ्यताओं में पर्यावरण और सामाजिक संगठन: हड़प्पा और वैदिक दृष्टिकोण. नागफनी.

- Thakur, N., & Jyoti, V. (2026). A Study of Hijra Narratives in Kangra, Himachal Pradesh. SIJSS, 24(2), 132–136. https://doi.org/10.62656/SIJSS.v24i2.2331.
- Jyoti, V. (2026). Exploring the Impact of Economic Participation on the Social Status of Rural Women in Shimla District, Himachal Pradesh. Shodha, 16(1), 173–186. ISSN 2249-0396.
- Singh, M., & Jyoti, V. (2026). गद्दी समुदाय की आध्यात्मिक परम्पराओं का ज्ञान स्थानांतरण: पीढ़ियों के बीच सामाजिक निरंतरता. मीरायन, 20(1), 62–68. ISSN 2455-6033.

BOOK CHAPTERS (Last 5 years)

Gender and Society, Adhyayan Publishers and Distributors, New Delhi, 2022, ISBN 978-93-91943-49-3
Feminism (Past and Present), Aadahar Publication Hanuman Nagar Amravati, 2022, ISBN 978-93-91305-95-6

Kumar, R., & Jyoti, V. (2026). सोशल मीडिया की गतिशीलता, AI अल्गोरिदम सार्वजनिक विमर्श और सामाजिक विचार विमर्श. In S. Singh, S. Punam, & S. Kumar (Eds.), Artificial intelligence and society: A comprehensive perspective (Chapter 19, pp. 331–343. Devyani Publishers and Distributors.
Devi, P., Jyoti, V., & Prakash, S. (2026). Examining the concept of toxic feminism: Beyond patriarchy. In V. Jyoti, S. Sharma, & N. K. Dhiman (Eds.), Exploring women's lives across cultural and social boundaries (Chapter 4, starting p. 35; ending page to be confirmed). Adhyayan Publishers & Distributors.

EDITED BOOK

Jyoti, V., Sharma, S., & Dhiman, N. K. (Eds.). (2026). Exploring women's lives across cultural and social boundaries. Adhyayan Publishers & Distributors, New Delhi. ISBN: 978-93-6506-467-4.

CONFERENCE/SEMINAR PARTICIPATION AND PAPER PRESENTATIONS — LAST 5 YEARS

1. Two-day National Conference on Mountains in Literature, Cinema and Visual Arts — May 2023. Paper: Status of Women in Mountains: A Sociological Study of Himachal Pradesh.
2. Paper Presenter, Conference on "Geography, Disaster Management and Sustainability in the Himalayas: Challenges and Solutions" — 2024, Government Degree College, Dharamshala. Paper: "Climate Change Impacts on Himalayan Ecosystems: Adaptation Strategies for Sustainable Development."
3. Women: History & Beyond — 2025. Paper: Exploring the Impact of Internalized Patriarchal Values on Working Women's Experience in Kangra District, Himachal Pradesh. Government Degree College Darlaghat.
4. National Seminar — August 2025. Paper: प्राचीन सभ्यताओं में पर्यावरण और सामाजिक संगठन: हड़प्पा और वैदिक दृष्टिकोण.
5. One-Day Online National Conference — September 2025. Paper: Impact of Globalization on Human Rights with Special Reference to Gender Rights.
6. International Seminar, "India in the Global Mosaic: Culture, Civilization, Leadership, Technology and Change" — 24 October 2025, ACTA, Lumding College, Assam. Paper: "गद्दी समुदाय की आध्यात्मिक परम्पराओं का ज्ञान स्थानांतरण: पीढ़ियों के बीच सामाजिक निरंतरता."
7. Invited Speaker, National Conference on "Modernization, Development and Cultural Transformation of the Himalayas," Government Degree College, Darlaghat, Solan, Himachal Pradesh — 25–26 October 2025 (online/offline programme).
8. Resource Person, Two-Day National Conference on "Elderly Care in the 21st Century: Current Challenges, Innovations and Best Practices," CUHP, 13–14 October 2025.

PROFESSIONAL CONTRIBUTIONS — UNIVERSITY LEVEL

- Nodal Officer 1 (Maker), PM-Vidyalaxmi Portal, Central University of Himachal Pradesh.
- Member of Students Services Centre at University Level.
- Department Nodal Officer for Swachh Bharat Abhiyan, Central University of Himachal Pradesh.
- Parisar Nodal Officer for Swachh Bharat Abhiyan, Sapt Sindhu Parisar-II, Dehra.

- IQAC Department Co-ordinator
- Member, Departmental Standing Committee (DSC), Department of Sociology and Social Anthropology, CUHP.
- Member, Board of Studies (BOS), CUHP.
- Member, University Complaint Committee, CUHP.
- Session Co-Chair, National Conference organized by the Department of Sociology and Social Anthropology, CUHP.
- Program Coordinator, Research Methodology Workshop for newly admitted Ph.D. scholars, CUHP.
- Resource Person, Two-Day National Conference on "Elderly Care in the 21st Century: Current Challenges, Innovations and Best Practices," Department of Social Work and School of Social Sciences, CUHP; sponsored by the National Institute of Social Defence (NISD), Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment, Government of India, 13–14 October 2025.
- Resource Person, Two-Week Capacity Building Programme for Faculties in Social Sciences, sponsored by the Indian Council of Social Science Research (ICSSR), organised by the Department of Social Work, CUHP, 10–21 April 2026. Delivered expert lectures on "Digital Humanities and AI for IKS: Preservation" and "Digital Humanities and AI for IKS: Research and Analysis."
- Reviewed two research papers for the Journal of Human Values, Sage.

PROFESSIONAL CONTRIBUTIONS — COLLEGE LEVEL

• Hostel Warden, Government P.G. College, Dharamshala.

• Approved IGNOU Counsellor for postgraduate classes.

• Occasionally undertook paper-setting assignments for Himachal Pradesh University (HPU).

• Nodal Officer for National Scholarship, Government Degree College, Darlaghat.

• Member, Women Harassment Committee, Government Degree College, Darlaghat.

• Member, Women Cell, Government Degree College, Dhami.

• Editor, Societal Section, Government Degree College, Nagrota Bagwan.

• Examination Superintendent, Government Degree College, Darlaghat.

• Member, State Focus Group for the Position Paper on Philosophy of Education, SCERT Himachal Pradesh.

• NSS Programme Officer, Government Degree College, Dhami.

• Programme Officer, Rovers and Rangers Unit, Government Degree College, Darlaghat.

• Member, NAAC Steering Committee, Government Degree College, Dhami.

• Member, IQAC and Research Promotional Cell, Government Degree College, Dhami.

• Staff Secretary, Government Degree College, Dhami and Government Degree College, Darlaghat.

• Member and Convener of various annual committees in government colleges.

• Advisory Committee Member, ICSSR-sponsored two-day National Seminar, Government Degree College, Salooni, Chamba.

ORIENTATION / REFRESHER / FACULTY DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMMES

- Induction Programme, Dharamshala.
- One-month Faculty Induction Programme, Jamia Millia Islamia University, New Delhi.
- Two-week Refresher Course, Jamia Millia Islamia University, New Delhi.
- National Seminar on National Education Policy-2020, Jamia Millia Islamia.
- Refresher Course in Sociology, Jawaharlal Nehru University.
- Capacity Building Programme, SCERT Himachal Pradesh.
- Mastering the Stage: Advanced Presentation Techniques.
- FDP on Presentation Skills.
- Seven-day National Workshop on Enhancement of Research Quality in Young Social Scientists, Indian Sociological Society.
- One-week online FDP on Qualitative Research: Challenges in Implementation.

- Ten-Day Online Workshop (Three-Credit), “Research Methodology: Integrating Theoretical Foundation and Practical Application,” sponsored by ICSSR Western Regional Centre, Mumbai, and organised by IQAC, K. J. Somaiya College of Arts and Commerce, 5–16 February 2026.

HONOURS AND RECOGNITION

- Best Paper Award by the International Journal of Research in Humanities, Arts and Literature for the paper “Participation of Rural Women in MGNREGA in Shimla District of Himachal Pradesh.”
- Cleared Departmental Examination of the Government of Himachal Pradesh.
- Certificate of Appreciation for contribution to framing the Sociology Curriculum in Hamirpur District of Himachal Pradesh.

MEMBERSHIPS / PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

- Lifetime Member, Indian Sociological Society.
- Lifetime Member, Sociological Society Himachal Pradesh (SSHP).
- Member, Visual Sociology Group.

OTHER CONTRIBUTIONS

- Blood donor; certificate of honour received from the Blood Centre Officer, Dr. R.P.G.M.C. & Hospital Kangra at Tanda, 19 September 2025.