

CURRICULUM VITAE

Dr. Gireesh Gourav

PERSONAL DETAILS

Particulars	Details
Name	Dr. Gireesh Gourav
Current designation	Assistant Professor; In-charge, Centre for the Study of Indian Religious Sects and Semitic Religions
Department / Institution	Department of Sociology and Social Anthropology, Central University of Himachal Pradesh, Himachal Pradesh, India
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Citizenship	India
Languages	Hindi and English
Date of birth	15 December 1976
Specialisation	Folk Culture and Society in India; Sociology and Social Anthropology

PROFESSIONAL QUALIFICATIONS

Qualification	University / Board	Year	Division / Marks	Subject / Details
Matriculation	BSEB, Patna	1991	First Division; 66.66%	Hindi, English, Mathematics, Sanskrit, Social Science, Natural Science
Intermediate	BIEC, Patna	1993	First Division; 73.33%	Biology, Physics, Chemistry, Mathematics, English, Hindi
B.A. (Hons.)	Patna University	1996	Second Division; 54.12%	Sociology (Honours), History, Political Science, Hindi and General Studies
M.A.	Patna University	1998	First Division; 60.37%	Sociology; special paper: Anthropology
Ph.D.	Magadh University, Bodh Gaya	2002	—	“Gaya Shahar Ke Gandi Bastion Me Rahne Wale Logo Ke Swasthya Se Sambandhit Adhyayan”
LL.B.	Patna University	2004	Second Division; 54.00%	Jurisprudence, Constitutional Law, Torts, Criminal Law, Civil Law, Evidence, etc.
Post-Doctoral Fellow	ICSSR, New Delhi; Department of Sociology, Patna University	2012–2014	—	“Attitude of University Teachers towards Privatization of Higher Education: A Study of Pedagogy of Dispossessed”
UGC-NET	UGC, New Delhi	2013	—	Sociology

EMPLOYMENT HISTORY

- Assistant Professor, Department of Sociology and Social Anthropology, Central University of Himachal Pradesh, Dharamshala; since 1 November 2019.
- In-charge, Centre for the Study of Indian Religious Sects and Semitic Religions, Central University of Himachal Pradesh.
- Resource Person (Teaching), Department of Sociology and Social Anthropology, Central University of Himachal Pradesh, Dharamshala; 15 September 2015–31 October 2019.
- Research Officer on a number of research projects associated with A. N. Sinha Institute of Social Studies, Patna.
- Lecturer, Department of Sociology, Paihari Maharaji College (affiliated to Veer Kunwar Singh University, Arrah, Bihar); 1 February 2003–31 December 2008.

PERSONAL DISTINCTIONS

- Life Member, All India Sociological Society, since 2004.
- Served as a National Education Member of Rashtriya Samaj Vigyan Parishad.
- Member, Board of Studies, Department of Sociology, Central University of Himachal Pradesh.
- Board of Studies member, Department of Social Work, Central University of Himachal Pradesh, 2021–2024.

INVITED SEMINARS AND INVITED CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS (LAST 5 YEARS)

- Presented the paper “Harmony in Diversity: Exploring the Holistic Approach of the Vedic Culture and its Relevance for Sustainable Development” at the 6th Annual Conference of Rashtriya Samaj Vigyan Parishad (RSVP), February 2024.
- Delivered a lecture as Chief Guest on “Indian Concept of Social Science” at Ramashray Baleshwar College, Samastipur, Bihar.
- Participated in a national seminar and presented a paper on “Bhartiya Samajik Anusandhan Paddhati”, sponsored by ICSSR.

PROFESSIONAL CONTRIBUTIONS (LAST 5 YEARS)

- Project Director, major research project “Sapta Sindhu ki Lok Sanskriti: Himachal Pradesh ke Sandarbh mein” (Folk Culture of Sapta Sindhu: With Reference to Himachal Pradesh), funded by ICSSR, New Delhi (sanctioned amount: ₹5,50,000).
- Principal Investigator, “Budha Dharm ka Samajik-Sanskritik Jeevan par Prabhav: Ek Badlav”, funded by ICPR, New Delhi (sanctioned amount: ₹5,00,000; sanction dated 12 July 2021; project duration: three years).
- Principal Investigator, minor research project “Sankraman Mein Lok-Sanskritik Parampara – Bihar ke Lok-Sanskriti ka Ek Samajshastriya Adhyayan”, funded by ICSSR, New Delhi (sanctioned amount: ₹4,00,000; sanction dated 3 December 2019; approved duration: one year).
- Completed “Samaveshi Vikas ki Chunautiyan: Bihar ke Mushar Samuday ka Ek Paristhikiya Adhyayan” at Patna University, funded by ICSSR, New Delhi; final report submitted in August 2019.
- State Coordinator, “Assessing the Voters’ Behaviour in the Context of Constituency Election Bihar 2010”, funded by India Policy Foundation, Delhi.
- Supervised five report-writing works on “Gurjar Society” at Central University of Himachal Pradesh (in progress).
- Member of the National Service Scheme (NSS), Patna University, 2010–2013.
- Secretary, Jammu Kashmir Study Centre, Bihar, since 2013.
- Served for seven years as Secretary of PRAGYAN DRISHTI, a voluntary non-profit organization working on education and health awareness in rural Bihar, particularly Nalanda district.
- Organized/coordinated national seminars, workshops and webinars, including events on Harappa and Indus-Saraswati Civilization, Indian Knowledge Systems, Ramcharitmanas, and Indian folk culture.

TEACHING

- Sociology of Religion (SOC-511); Foundations of Indian Sociology (SOC-403).

DOCTORAL THESIS SUPERVISION

- Successfully supervised four Ph.D. scholars.

UNIVERSITY ADMINISTRATION

- In-charge, Centre for the Study of Indian Religious Sects and Semitic Religions, Central University of Himachal Pradesh.
- Member, Board of Studies, Department of Sociology, Central University of Himachal Pradesh.
- Board of Studies member, Department of Social Work, Central University of Himachal Pradesh, 2021–2024.

RESEARCH PROJECTS AND INCOME

Year / Period	Funding body / Institution	Project / Role	Amount

—	ICSSR, New Delhi	Project Director: “Sapta Sindhu ki Lok Sanskriti: Himachal Pradesh ke Sandarbh mein” (major research project)	₹5,50,000
2021–2024	ICPR, New Delhi	Principal Investigator: “Budha Dharm ka Samajik-Sanskritik Jeevan par Prabhav: Ek Badlav”	₹5,00,000
2019–2020*	ICSSR, New Delhi	Principal Investigator: “Sankraman Mein Lok-Sanskritik Parampara – Bihar ke Lok-Sanskriti ka Ek Samajshastriya Adhyayan” (minor research project; sanctioned 3 December 2019; one-year duration)	₹4,00,000
Report submitted August 2019	ICSSR, New Delhi	“Samaveshi Vikas ki Chunautiyan: Bihar ke Mushar Samuday ka Ek Paristhikiya Adhyayan”	—
2010	India Policy Foundation, Delhi	State Coordinator: “Assessing the Voters’ Behaviour in the Context of Constituency Election Bihar 2010”	—
—	—	Supervision of five report-writing works on “Gurjar Society” (ongoing)	—

PUBLICATIONS

Authored Books

1. Nagriya Samaj Kee Swasthya Samasyaen
2. Bihar Ke Teen Gaon.

Refereed Journal Articles and Other Research Papers

3. Sharma, Nivesh, Digvijoy Phukan, and Gireesh Gourav. “Pandemic, Youth and Perception of Government’s Role: A Study in the Context of Bihar.” Bihar Journal of Public Administration, Vol. XX, No. 2, July–December 2023. ISSN 0974-2735. It was listed in the UGC-CARE Reference List.
4. “Itihasik Bhoomi, Gilgit-Baltistan ka Samajik, Sanskritik evam Vidhik Vishleshan.” ISSN 0974-0074. It was listed in the UGC-CARE List for Social Sciences.
5. “A Study of Differences in Personality Dimensions of Jeevika and Non-Jeevika Workers in Bihar.” Toucan Research and Development, 2022.
6. “Guru Gobind Singh Ji ka Rashtriya evam Samajik Drishti.” ISSN 2393-798X; E-ISSN 2395-1311.
7. “Bhartiye Samajik Vyavastha ka Aadhaar Purusharth Chatushak.” Drishtikon. ISSN 0975-119X. Impact factor: 5.051.
8. “Sapta Sindhu, Vedic Culture and Indian Knowledge Systems.” ISSN 2320-2882; IJCRT2301426.
9. “Asparshta Unmoolan Evam Baba Sahab Ambedkar: Ek Vishleshan.” 2016.
10. “Privatization of Higher Education in Bihar.” 2016.
11. “People’s Participation in Development Activities: A Theoretical Analysis in the Context of Bihar.” 2011.
12. “Rajniti Mei Jatibad: Ek Samajshastriya Vishleshan.” 2010.
13. “Mahila Sashaktikaran Evam Panchaytiraj: Ek Samajshastriya Vishleshan Bihar ke Sandarbh Mei.” 2009.
14. “Bihar Mei Mahila Saksharta: Nalanda Jila Adhyayan.” 2008.

Book Chapters

15. “Tribes in Himachal Pradesh Region of Sapta Sindhu.” ISBN 978-93-91574-48-2. Gyan Geeta Prakashan, Delhi.

Research Papers Presented

- Presented 13 research papers in national and international seminars.
- “Harmony in Diversity: Exploring the Holistic Approach of the Vedic Culture and its Relevance for Sustainable Development.” 6th Annual Conference of Rashtriya Samaj Vigyan Parishad, February 2024.
- “Bhartiya Samajik Anusandhan Paddhati.” National seminar sponsored by ICSSR; date —.

INVITED SEMINARS, WORKSHOPS AND WEBINARS

- Successfully organized and coordinated the National Seminar “Harappa and Indus-Saraswati Civilization (Emerging Paradigms of Nomenclature)” in collaboration with Sapta Sindhu Foundation Trust, ICSSR Regional Centre Chandigarh, Panjab University, Chandigarh, and Central University of Himachal Pradesh, 23 August 2025.
- Seminar Convener for “Modern Society: Directions and Challenges – Aspiring Responses from Swami Vivekananda”, 2024.
- National Workshop on “Sociology in the Light of NEP 2020 and Indian Knowledge Systems”, 7–8 May 2022, Ucch Shiksha Sansthan.
- National Seminar on “Bharat ka Samajik evam Sanskritik Darshan: Dr. Keshavrao Baliram Hedgewar ka Yogdaan”, 24–25 (2022), Central University of Himachal Pradesh, ICPR and Indian Oil.
- Organized a one-day webinar on “Ramcharitmanas” at Central University of Himachal Pradesh.
- Organized a national online webinar on “Bhartiya Samaj ka Bodh – Lok Sanskriti”, 3 December 2020.
- Organized various national seminars and workshops, including seminars at national and state level on the legal and constitutional status of Jammu and Kashmir in collaboration with Chanakya National Law University, Patna University and others.

OTHER ACADEMIC AND EXTRACURRICULAR CONTRIBUTIONS

- Published nine research articles in national-repute journals on health, education, women’s empowerment, globalization and social agitation in Bihar.
- Actively associated with socio-cultural organizations since student life.
- Delivered a lecture as Chief Guest on “Indian Concept of Social Science” at Ramashray Baleshwar College, Samastipur, Bihar.