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PROFILE

Professor at Banaras Hindu University with over 20 years of service dedicated to sociology & Social Work, specialising in Democracy, Development and Peasantry. Proven track record in research projects, academic publishing, consultancy and academic administration, Driving participative quality learning and impactful change in grassroots development initiatives. Committed to fostering collaboration and innovation in education.

ACADEMIC ADMINISTRATIVE EXPERIENCE

Co-ordinator, Social Work, Department of Sociology (2022-)
Expert Member, Selection Committee: BIT, Ranchi. Burdwan University. Chitrakoot University, Teachers Recruitment Board, Chennai. Kashi Vidyapeeth, Varanasi. (2020-)
Chairperson, Committee on Impact Assessment of Land Acquisition and Rehabilitation (2020-)
Expert Member, Doctoral Research Evaluation (2019-)
Professor, Department of Sociology (2019-)
Associate Professor, Department of Sociology (2016)
Assistant Professor, Department of Sociology (2004)

EDUCATION

Utkal University [1999-2005]
Xavier Institute of Rural Management [1998]
University of Hyderabad [1993-1995]
Universitet I Oslo & Peace Research Institute [2015]

SKILLS

Academic Administration
Student Mentoring, Supervision & Guidance
Independent Research
Academic publishing
Consultancy

MEMBER

Indian Sociological Society (ISS)
International Convention of Asia Scholars (ICAS)
Rural Sociological Society, Burlington Vermont

EDITORIAL BOARD MEMBER

New Horizons in Social Science: A Bi-annual Journal, Dharwad
Nuances: A Journal of Humanistic Enquiry: IIT-BHU, Varanasi.

RESEARCH SUPERVISION

Women Empowerment and Panchayati Raj (2011)
Rural Leadership in Local Government Institutions (2012)
Juvenile Delinquents (2012)
Sociology of Cancer: Role of care givers (2016)
Regional Labour Migration (2024)
Criminal Tribes(2025)

DISSERTATION SUPERVISION

Religion Economy of Varanasi: Sociology of Pilgrimage (2024)
Political Participation in Panchayats: A PRA Study (2023)
Family and Work: Sociological study of Married Working Women (2023)
Changing Culture of Tribal Youth: A Study of Jharkhand (2022)
Sociology of Tourism in Varanasi (2022)
Modern Education and Changing Caste System (2022)
Gandhi & Malviya: Education and Ideology (2020)
Impact of Social Media on Society (2020)
Role of Buddhist Monks in Thailand: A sociological study (2018)
Social Media and Academic Performance (2018)

SOCIAL WORK PLACEMENT

Engaging with civil society
Facilitation of student placement
Collaborative workshop/seminars
Eighty percent placement (2022-25)

CURRICULUM DESIGN

Religion, Society and Peace Building, Department of Sociology & MCPR, BHU.
Doing Rural Development in India, BHU Swayam

PROJECTS AND CONSULTANCY

Other Backward Classes Exclusion, ICSSR, 2015
Political Culture, Women and Local Democracy in India, IoE, 2022
Climate Impact and Human Society: Resilience and Response, IoE, 2023
Chairperson, Expert Committee on Land Acquisition and

Rehabilitation 2024-25

Impact Assessment Consultancy to NIRD, Hyderabad and Ministry of Panchayati Raj, UP

Impact Assessment Consultancy to Jal Jeevan Mission, UP

Impact Assessment Consultancy to BHEL heritage lighting and Sulabh Toilet Complex, Varanasi

Impact Assessment Consultancy to B C Jindal Foundation

BOOKS AND REVIEWS

Grass-root Democracy in India: Lessons from Odisha, 2015.

Rural Ageing: Landless Elderly in Odisha, 2016.

Democracy, Religion and Exclusion: New Frontiers of Sociology, 2016.

Rainer E. (Ed.), Pluralism: Developments in the Theory and Practice of Democracy, 2010.

Arun Kumar Sharma (ed). Population & Society, , Concept, New Delhi, 2012, Eastern Anthropologist, 2015.

Jairus Banaji, Theory as History: Essays on Modes of Production and Exploitation, 2020

POPULAR ARTICLES IN NATIONAL DAILIES

NEP 2020: Reform or Illusion, The Emerging World, December 2024

Faith & Frenzy: Polarities of Choice, February 2025

SELECT ARTICLES

National Education Policy, 2020 and future of Higher Education (Hindi), Samajik Vimarsh, Sage, 2025

Migrant Labourers in the construction sector of Uttar Pradesh (Hindi), Shodh Prabha, 2023

Theoretical framework of migration: A Critical Analysis (Hindi), Madhya Bharati, 2023

Socio-cultural contours and contemporary situation of decriminalised tribes (Hindi), Journal of Maharaja Sayaji Rao University of Baroda, 2023.

Tribal development and human rights in the changing times: Sociology of decriminalisation (Hindi), Madhya Bharati, 2024.

Sustainability: Revisiting Enduring Modern and Identified Tradition in Sustainable Development, Springer, Germany, 2020

Other Backward Classes and State Policies in Uttar Pradesh in OBCs in India: Thought, Movements and Development Policies, Routledge, 2020.

Hindu World Views and Social Work Practices: A New Conversation, in Social Work Pedagogy Today, 2020.

Depressed Democracy: Gender, Styles and Outcomes, South Asian Journal of Participative Development, 2019

Contemporary Youth: Change of Referents, Loss of Identity in Tom Dwyer, Mikhail K Gorshkov, LI Chungling, Iswar Modi et. al. (Ed.), Handbook of the Sociology of Youth in BRICS Countries, World Scientific Publishing Co. Pte. Ltd., Singapore, 2018.

Religious Resurgence: A Derivative Discourse, in Daniel Enstedt, Goran Larssons & Ferdinando Sardilla (ed.), Warp & Rags of Religion, Institutionen for Litteratur Idehistoria & Religion, Gottenborgs Universitet, 2016.

The Nation State, Nation Building and Protection of National interest, Journal of Contemporary Asia & Europe, 2016.

Pachayati Raj, Change, Agencies and Connections: Rural Field Notes' in Amarnath Paswan (Ed.), Indian Democracy: Dimensions, Dilemmas and Inclusive Justice, Victorious Publisher, 2016

Challenges of Peace building: Understanding War within War in Syria, Peace Works, Vol 5, No. 1, Centre for Peace and Development, 2015.

Lived Religion in a plural society: A resource or liability, Argument, Vol. 4, Kracow, University, Sweden, 2014.

Democratic Deficit: Embedding, Styles and Performances: Two Case Studies from Odisha, Journal of Contemporary Asia and Europe, 2014.

Race, Religion, Cultural Markers and Conscience Keepers- An Essay on Patterns of Adjustment to Differences in Plural societies on India and Canada, BSSS Journal of Social Work,

2013.

Aged in India and Canada- The missing Social Capital, Indian Journal of Gerontology, 2013.

Women behind Bars- A Sociological Exploration in Orissa, The Oriental Anthropologist, Oriental institute of Culture and Research, 2013.

Self Help for the Chronic Poor: An Assessment of Microfinance as a Policy Choice' in Bishnu C Dash & S Roy (Ed.), New Directions in Rural Development, Discovery Publishing House, 2010.

Bonding and Boundaries: A case of a Muslim isolate in Mianpatna , Madhya Pradesh Journal of Social Sciences, December 2010.

Democratic Dynamics and Social Change: Evidence from the Field in Bishnu C Dash (Ed.), Rural Development in India, New Delhi Publishers, 2010.

Local Government, Participation and the Future of National Democracy, IASSI Quarterly, Institute of Applied Manpower Research, July-December 2008.

Decentralisation in a Globalised Context- A Reflexive Engagement, Social Action, Oct.- Dec. 2008.

Contextualising women in Democratic Decentralisation, Vision, April-September 2008.

Religious Relation Situations in Plural Societies- A Study of Christians Minorities in Orissa, Journal of Contemporary Asia and Europe, July- Dec. 2007.

Status of the landless Elderly Persons in Rural Orissa: A Sociological Study, Research Journal of Social and Life Sciences, July-Dec 2007.

Banking with the Poor- A Case Study of Self-help Groups in Orissa in B Sujatha (Ed.), Financial Inclusion-Concepts and Strategies, Icfai Books, 2007.

SEMINAR/CONFERENCE/INVITED LECTURES

Annual Alumni meet cum conference on Development and Discontent: Role of Civil Society today, 2025

Refresher course in Sociology, UGC-Malviya Mission Teachers Training Centre, BHU, 2024.

Restructuring Sociological Discourse in India: Perspectives from the Margins, Indian Sociological Society, 2018.

Youth, Peace Building and Non-violent Communication, UNESCO Chair & MCPR, 2018.

Mainstreaming the tribes: Discursive Role & Relevance of Ashram Schools, IGNTU, Amarkantak, 2018.

Gender, Activism and Politics in India & Sweden, UNESCO Chair & MCPR, 2017.

Examining Eco-feminism: Women as Environment Model, A M PG College, Varanasi, 2017.

Political Thinking in Indian Literature, Department of Political Science, BHU, 2016.

Women in Manusmriti: A Gendered reading of Pre-history, SVDV, BHU, 2016.

Ways of Living Together: Hindu and Muslim Mohallahs of Varanasi, Indian Sociological Society, Tezpur, 2016

Backwards are back: Democracy and caste positioning in the countryside, Indian Sociological Society, Tezpur, 2016

Women and Globalisation: Reimagining lessons of Good Governance, Indian Sociological Society, BHU, 2016.

Panchayati Raj, Change, Agencies and Connections: Rural Field Notes, CSSEIP, Varanasi, 2016.

Doing Data Collection: Cultural Sensitivity in Social Research, Workshop on Research Methodology in Social Sciences, CSSEIP, BHU, 2016.

A Sociology of Otherness, OBCs in Uttar Pradesh, Department of Sociology, BHU, 2015.

Whose Peace? Peace and Social Harmony in Contemporary India, UNESCO Chair & MCPR, 2015.

Embedded Democracies: Wither away panchayats, CSSEIP, BHU, 2014

Co-producing peace in public place: A Narrative in Varanasi, UNESCO Chair & MCPR, 2014.

Consumer Activism in the post traditional countryside: exploration of local bodies as consumer forums, Faculty of Law, BHU, 2014

Society, Consumption Regimes and Hyper Consumerism, Department of Sociology, BHU, 2014.

Participatory Research Methods, Workshop on Research Methodology, Department of Sociology, BHU, 2014.

Micro-finance as a policy alternative, Interactive workshop with visiting delegates from Karlstadt University, Sweden, MCPR, BHU, 2014.

Researching Conflict: Exploring Ethnography and Narratives as Methods of Research, Capacity Building Programmes for faculties in Social Sciences, UNESCO Chair & MCPR, BHU, 2014.

Democracy, Pluralism and Development, Resource Lecture in International Seminar on Multiple Modernities and Social Inclusion, CSSEIP, 2014.

Resource Lecture on Social Change Revisited, Dharendra Mahila P G College, Varanasi, 13th November 2013.

Religious Return in the Age of Science: A Case of Varanasi. XXXVI Indian Social Science Congress on Science, Technology and the Planet Earth, KIIT, University, Bhubaneswar, 2012.

Social Economics of the elderly- A Phenomenological Exercise in lived experiences of the Elderly Poor, Bhadrak Autonomous College, Odisha, 2012.

Local Democracy, Depressors and Structure of Unequal Politics, Global Development and Social Concerns: A Contemporary Scenario, Department of Sociology, BHU, Varanasi, 2012.

The Gods are Back: Transnational Spirituality, Religious Middle Class and Proliferating Jagat (Giant) Gurus- A Case of Varanasi. Centre for the Study of religion and Society, Jadavpur University, Kolkata, 2012.

Democratic Devolution, Development and Dalit- A quest for a progressive dialogue, Dalits, Human Rights and Development: Rhetorics and Realities, Bhadrak Autonomous College, Odisha, 2011.

Democratic Renewal: Micro experiences from India and Canada, Canadian Studies Development Programme, Banaras Hindu University, 2010.

A Sociology of Elder Abuse in Coastal Orissa, XXXVI All India Sociological Conference on Development, Polity and Social Tensions, Ravenshaw University, 2010.

Engaging the Disengaged- narratives of elder abuse in agrarian coastal Odisha, Indian Ageing Congress Jointly with VIII National Conference of Indian Academy of Geriatrics and XV National Biennial Conference of Association of Gerontology, 2010.

Right based approach to Education- An Appraisal, Right to Education- Problems and Challenges, Department of Sociology in association with Human Welfare Association, Varanasi, 2010.

Visakha Guidelines and the everyday gender violence in the University Campus, Role of men in stopping violence against Women', Department of Sociology in association with IDS, University of Sussex and CHSJ, New Delhi, 2010.

Rhetoric of rehabilitation: Sites of Contest in Orissa, Resettlement and Rehabilitation: Hype and Hope, Friedrich Ebert Stiftung Foundation & Indian Environmental Society, 2010.

Panchayats, People and the taken for granted assumptions of socio-political progress: A critical examination, XIII Conference of North West Indian Sociological Association on Diversity, Democracy and Development: A focus on North West India, University of Kashmir, 2009.

Delivered a lecture on Social Health in National Youth Day Seminar, Institute of Agriculture Sciences, BHU, 2009.

Participation in self-governance: Pattern, possibilities and displacement, Special Economic Zone (SEZ): Issues of

Rehabilitation and Settlement of affected communities', Friedrich Ebert Stiftung Foundation & Indian Environmental Society, 2008.

Development and Inclusion: The Instrument of Microfinance in India, Change, Progress and Globalisation, Department of Sociology, Banaras Hindu University, 2008.

Frontiers of embedded communities: A Study of a Mariginal Muslim Isolate in Mianpatna'. International Convention of Asia Scholars, 2009.

Democratic Decentralisation in a Globalised Context- A Reflexive Engagement. World Congress on Science, Engineering and Technology, Venice, 2008.

Self-help for the Chronic Poor- An Assesment of Microfinance as a policy choice. Eradicating Chronic Poverty in India: Policy Issues and Challenges, Chronic Poverty Research Centre, IIPA and Centre for the Study of the Social System, 2008.

Regional Disparity and the its Discontent, BHU Alumni Meet and Seminar on Purvanchal ke Vikas mein Kashi Hindu Viswavidyalay ki Bhumika, 2008.

Challenges of Civil society in Nepal: An Assessment, Centre for the Study of Nepal, BHU, 2008.

Engaging with Civil Society- Role of Sociology, Role of Sociology in 21st Century, Department of Sociology, BHU, 2007.

Extension lecture Series on Micro-finance- Innovations and Social transformation, Unit of Social Work, BHU, 2007.

Race, religion, Cultural markers and Conscience Keepers- An Essay on Patterns of Adjustment to differences in Plural societies of India and Canada, Pluralism in India and Canada, Centre for Canadian Studies, BHU, 2007.

Decentralisation and Globalisation- connections and disjunctions, XXXII All India Sociological Conference on Science, Technology and Society, University of Madras and Loyola College, 2006.

Local government, Participation and the Future of National Democracy, Panchayati Raj, Participatory Democracy and Development, University of Jammu, 2006.

Panchayats in Nepal: Need and Necessary Conditions, Challenges of Democracy and development in Nepal, Centre for the Study of Nepal, Banaras Hindu University, 2006.

Religion and Society: A Study of patterns of Adjustment by Christians in Orissa, XXXI All India Sociological conference on Redesigning Sociology- Teaching & Research, University of Jammu, 2005.

Contextualising Women in Democratic Decentralisation- A Case Study, Citizenship and Governance, Participation, Learning and Social transformation- reexamining Rhetoric, Action, Impact, Participatory Research in Asia, New Delhi, 2005.