

Dr. Swapana Meena

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Academic Profile

Experienced academician, researcher, and administrator with strong expertise in Rural Sociology and Social Anthropology. Actively involved in teaching, research supervision, institutional development, and student welfare activities. Currently serving in key leadership roles including NSS Programme Coordinator and Departmental Research Committee (DRC) Secretary.

Educational Qualification

Ph.D. in Sociology (2009)

Title: A Sociological Study of the Effect of Modernization on Scheduled Tribe Women
University: M.L.S.U., Udaipur

Areas of Specialization

- ✧ Rural Sociology
- ✧ Social Anthropology
- ✧ Tribal Studies
- ✧ Gender and Development

Professional Experience

Associate Professor

Department of Sociology, Faculty of Social Sciences
Banaras Hindu University (BHU), Varanasi

Administrative & Leadership Responsibilities

NSS Programme Coordinator

- ✧ Planning and organizing community outreach programmes, social awareness campaigns, and student development activities

- ✧ Coordinating NSS camps, cleanliness drives, health awareness programmes, and national events
- ✧ Promoting civic responsibility, leadership skills, and social service among students

Secretary, Departmental Research Committee (DRC)

- ✧ Coordinating research admissions, progress reviews, and evaluation processes for M.Phil./Ph.D. scholars
- ✧ Maintaining academic records and ensuring compliance with university research regulations
- ✧ Facilitating meetings and implementation of research policies
- ✧ Actively involved in curriculum development and academic planning

Academic Contributions

- ✧ Research Papers in Peer-Reviewed/UGC-Care Journals: **19**
- ✧ Books/Other Publications: **1**
- ✧ Chapters in Edited Books: **1**
- ✧ PG Dissertations Supervised: **50 students**

Conferences & Academic Engagements

- ✧ Invited Lectures/Paper Presentations: **14**
- ✧ Invited Lectures as Speaker: **2**
- ✧ Resource Person in Seminars/Conferences: **3**

Research Supervision

Ongoing Ph.D. Scholars (5):

- ✧ Sakshi Kirti
- ✧ Rubby
- ✧ Shweta Tripathi
- ✧ Nilesh Ranjan
- ✧ Harbhajan Yadav

Ph.D. Awarded: 4

Faculty Development Programmes

- ✧ Refresher Course – UGC HRDC, BHU (2015)
- ✧ Orientation Programme – UGC HRDC, BHU (2016)
- ✧ Summer School – UGC HRDC, BHU (2018)
- ✧ National Workshop – Bharat Adhyan Kendra, BHU (2019)
- ✧ Refresher Course – UGC HRDC, BHU (2021)

Extra Co-Curricular Activities/Responsibilities

- ✧ Participation in socio cultural events
- ✧ Member of UG and PG Admission
- ✧ Member of SC/ST Grievance Cell
- ✧ Member of Child Care Committee
- ✧ Conducted Audits in Social Welfare Schemes
- ✧ Member of Staff Council, Department of Sociology
- ✧ Member of Women Grievance Cell
- ✧ Member Child Care Leave Review Committee
- ✧ Member of Gender Grievance Cell and Gender Sensitization Cell, (FSS,BHU)
- ✧ Advisory Member, Ambedkar Chair (FSS, BHU)
- ✧ Member, Sub committee Language Inclusion Cell
- ✧ SC/ST Nominee Ph.D (Test-C) Coursework (Dept of Sociology)
- ✧ SC/ST Nominee Ph.D (Test-C) Coursework (Dept of Economics)
- ✧ Member Time Table Committee (FSS, BHU)
- ✧ Member Enquiry Committee, IMS ,BHU
- ✧ Member Evaluation Committee (District Women Welfare Department, Varanasi)
- ✧ Academic Councillor for IGNOU Courses
- ✧ Member, Board of Studies (FSS, BHU)
- ✧ Member Ph.D Admission Core Committee,(Dept of Sociology)
- ✧ Convenor Student Grievance Cell (Dept of Sociology)