

Curriculum Vitae

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Educationa Qualifications : M. A., M. Phil., Ph. D in Sociology

M. Phil Dissertation: Role of Mahila Mandals in Social Development.

(The work discusses the role of grass-roots level organizations in the capacity building among the women, providing them opportunities to take initiatives for their own social and economic development through participation in various types of economic opportunities and maing interventions in various other socio-economic fields of development)

Ph. D. Thesis: Social Status of Women and Fertility Behaviour in Kinnaur: A Sociological Study.

(The study primarily deals with two aspects f the tribal demography. First, the question of status of women in the scheduled tribe area and a scheduled tribe called Kinnaura in Himachal Pradesh. Second, the work is among the very few studies conducted in the field of tribal demography in India in general and Himachal Pradesh in particular. It concentrates on the prevalent state and changing aspects of women in Kinnaur).

Specialization: Population, Development and Health
Social and Philosophical basis of Religion

Area of Research: Population Health and Environment
Religious values fertility and health

Proposed Area of Research: Religion Society and Health Practices

Professional Experience:

Professor (December 21, 2023), Department of Comparative Religions and Civilizations, Central University of Jammu, Jammu;

Associate Professor (21.11.2020 to 20.12.12.2023), Department of Sociology and Social Work, Himachal Pradesh University, Shimla- 171005

Assistant Professor (2009----2020), Population Research Centre, (Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, Government of India), Himachal Pradesh University, Shimla

Research Investigator /Research Assistant (July 1999 to,2009) Population Research Centre, (Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, Government of India), Himachal Pradesh University, Shimla.

The PRC Advisory Committee, on the basis of Research and Technical Experience has recommended to the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare for Promotion to Lecturer's Scale (2006).

Job Description Research: Formulation of reacher projects, organization and Supervision of field work in the team, data collection, organization and analysis of data, extension programmes regarding population related activities, report writing.

Teaching and Guidance: Teaching of a paper on a course on Women and Society to the students of PG Diploma in Women Development Studies for the last more than years offered by PRC and guiding project reports of the students.

Guest Faculty for M. A. in Rural Development: Teaching of a Course on Demography and Rural Sociology.

Sociologist (July 1998 to July 1999, on Contract for 1 year), Nathpa Jakhri Power Corporation, Rehabilitation and resettlement Cell, Shimla.

(**Job Description:** Conducting field surveys for lass Assessment, planning for the Rehabilitation and resettlement of the displaced families whose land was acquired for the NJPC project, analysis of impact of displacement on the social and cultural life of the people, and other such assignments relating to R & R functions).

Family Counselor (November, 1995 to February, 1998, 2 years and 4 months Voluntary Action Bureau, State Social Welfare Advisory Board, H. P., Shimla.

(**Job Description:** Dealing with matters pertaining to Family disputes, preparation of case histories. Dealing with the problems of crime against women on account of dowry, sexual harassment, and violence. Attachment with police department/CID for investigation of Crime against Women and Settlement of Family disputes through interactive meetings between the partners and reconciliation).

Publications:

Books

1. **Social Structures and Fertility Behaviour**, (with S. K. Sharma), Jaipur: Rawat, 2001.
2. **Social Status of Women and Family Welfare**, New Delhi: Kanishka, 2000.
3. **Essays on Women and Society** (being edited with Satish K. Sharma and Suman Lata Pathak. The work is based on the researches done in this area by the Editors. The articles are on women health, unwanted pregnancies, abortions, nutrition, anemia, morbidity and the like).

Papers

1. "Women, Work and Social Status of Kinnaura Women"

2. "Women's Work Participation: A Critical Appraisal." Published in An International Journal of research and Analytical Reviews (IJRAR) UGC Approved Journal No: 43602 & 5.75 Impact Factor Volume 6 Issue 2, September, 2019.
3. "MTP Act and Abortions in Himachal Pradesh: Some Observations." International- Published in Journal of Social Science and Economic Research ISSN: 2455-8834
4. "Patterns of Morbidity in Selected Districts of Himachal Pradesh". International- Journal of Social Science and Economic Research ISSN: 2455-8834
5. "Mother and Child Health Care Services in Himachal Pradesh" Published in An International Journal of research and Analytical Reviews (IJRAR) UGC Approved Journal No: 43602 & 5.75 Impact Factor Volume 6 Issue 2, August, 2019.
6. "Domestic Violence and women's Health." Published in An International Journal of research and Analytical Reviews (IJRAR) UGC Approved Journal No: 43602 & 5.75 Impact Factor Volume 6 Issue 2, June, 2019.
7. "Culture, Reproductive Health Values and Continuity of Large Family Size paper accepted in Himachal Pradesh A Peer Reviewed Journal of Social Sciences Vol.9, No.1.June 2019.
8. "An Analysis of Mother and child Health in Himachal Pradesh" published in Himalayan Journal of Contemporary Research janauary-june,2019 vol.8 No.1
9. Morbid Population
10. "Health Facilities in Tribal Lahul-Spiti-A Socio-Historical Perspective. The North Eastern Research Bulletin volume, xix, December, 2010.
11. Education and Fertility, Guru Nanak Journal of Sociology, June 2008.

12. Population Aging and Urban Family, Punjab University Journal of Social Sciences, Vol. 15, No. 2, 2008.
13. "Changing Status of Women in Kinnaur: An Appraisal of Women Centric Approach", in S. L. Sharma et al., (eds.) Ethnic, Rural and Gender Issues in Contemporary North-West, New Delhi: Anamika, 2005.
14. "Work is their Duty, Sacrifice is their Right", (with Satish K. Sharma) in Prem Bhardwaj (ed.) Gender Discrimination: Politics of Women Empowerment, New Delhi: Anamika, 2005.
15. "Interface between Panchayat, Health Services Providers and the People: A Study of Himachal Pradesh", in Surat Singh (ed.) Decentralized Governance in India, Myth and Reality, New Delhi: Deep and Deep, 2004, pp. 334-342.
16. "Global Concerns and Local Issues" in Paramjit S. Judge et al., (eds.) Development, Gender and Diaspora: Challenges of Globalization, Jaipur Rawat Publications, 2002.
17. "Medical Termination of Pregnancy: Causes, Conditions and Consequences", Guru Nanak Journal of Sociology, Vol., No., 2001.

Research Projects

1. A Study of Need Assessment of Abortion in Himachal Pradesh, June, 2000.
2. Factors Responsible of Unwanted Pregnancy: A Study of Selected Areas in Himachal Pradesh, September, 2000.
3. Study of Effectiveness of Manila Swasthya Sangh and their Impact on Reproductive and Child Health Objectives, June, 2001.
4. Functioning of Health and Family Welfare Training Institutes in Himachal Pradesh, June, 2002. (65 hundred)
5. Socio-Economic Levels of Development, Nutrition and Morbidity in Rural Areas in District Sirmour, 2003.
6. Dalit Leadership in Panchayats in Himachal Pradesh (with Satish K. Sharma), sponsored by Participatory Research in Asia, New Delhi. (2003).

7. Panchayat, Health Services and The People: A Case Study of District Kullu in Himachal Pradesh, 2003.
8. Panchayat extension to scheduled areas act (PESA) An Impact Evaluation Study of Tribal Self-rule in Tribal Areas (Himachal Pradesh) 2004.
9. Evaluation of Zila Saksharta Samiti under RCH project in Himachal Pradesh (3.75 lac).
10. Prevalence of Anemia among Adolescent Girls in District Kinnaur (2004), 2.3 lac).
11. Prevalence of Anemia among Women in District Kinnaur (2004).
12. Rehabilitating the Elderly The Role of Family, Community and the PRIs (2005).
13. Population, Environment and Women Health (2006).
14. Strategies for Strengthening Rural Health Care PRIs and Community Involvement June, 2007.
15. Decentralization of Primary Health Services and Health Delivery: Developing Strategies for Bottom- up planning, 2007.
16. Monitoring of District Level Household Survey-3 In the State of Himachal Pradesh and Punjab (Monitoring) 2008 (4, 19, 740 lac)
17. Rapid Appraisal of National Rural Health Mission in Kullu District of Himachal Pradesh (Monitoring) 2009 (5 lac)
18. Disability Burdens and Need for Social Action: The Role of the Family Community and the NGO's (2009).
19. Report on the Monitoring of Creches under Rajiv Gandhi National Creche Scheme for the children of working mothers (Monitoring), 2010 (3.74 lac)
20. Trainer and Monitoring of Creches under Rajiv Gandhi National Creche Scheme in Himachal Pradesh (2008)
21. Trainer, Longitudinal Aging Study in India (LASI) Pilot Survey in Punjab Collaboration with Harvard School of Public and the Rand Corporation, United States of America, 2009.
22. Co-Principal Investigator, Survey of Integrated Child Development Programme (ICDP) in Tribal Areas of Himachal Pradesh, 2009 (2 lac)

23. Levels of Reporting of HMIS Data: Underlying Causes for Data Errors in District Sirmour 2010
24. Levels of Reporting of HMIS Data; Underlying Causes for Data Errors in District Shimla 2010.
25. Indigenous Systems and Socio-Cultural Practices in Health Care. A Study of Urban Shimla District of Himachal Pradesh, 2011.
26. Levels of Reporting of HMIS Data; Underlying Causes for Data Errors in District Sirmour 2011.
27. Quality Monitoring of NRHM State Programme Implementation Plans in District Sirmour, Himachal Pradesh. 2012.
28. Quality Monitoring of NRHM State Programme Implementation Plans in District Bilaspur, Himachal Pradesh. 2012.
29. Levels of Reporting of HMIS Data: Underlying Causes for Data Errors in District Bilaspur Himachal Pradesh 2013.
30. Monitoring of District Level House hold Survey-4 in twodistrictsKullu and Chamba the state of Himachal Pradesh (Monitoring)2012 (1.16 lakh).
31. Levels of Reporting of HMIS Data; Underlying Causes for Data Errors in District Kullu, Himachal Pradesh 2013.
32. Quality monitoring of NRHM State Programme Implementation Plans and Underlying causes for data error in District Kullu, Himachal Pradesh (April to June, 2013).
33. Quality monitoring of NRHM State Programme Implementation Plans and Underlying causes for data error in District Lahual&Sapiti, Himachal Pradesh. (July-Sept, 2013).
34. Monitoring of HRHM State Programmer Implementation Plans (PIP) in district Kangra (Oct-Dec, 2013).
35. Social Security, Income, support and health benefits to the elderly; state Politics community Actions and level of awareness among the olds (Oct, 2013).

36. Social Security income support and Health Benefits to Elderly State Policies, Community Actions and Level of Awareness Among The Old in Himachal Pradesh.
37. Health Utilization and Healthcare Expenditure Survey-Shimla district, Himachal Pradesh Funded by National health systems Resource centre MOH&FW New Delhi 2014. (7lakh&50 thousand) Feb, 2014).
38. Monitoring of NRHM State Programme implementation Plans (PIP) IN District Una (April, 2014).
39. Monitoring of NRHM State Programme implementation Plans (PIP) IN District Chamba (June, 2014).
40. Monitoring of NRHM State Programme implementation Plans (PIP) IN District Kinnaur (Aug, 2014).
41. Monitoring of NRHM State Programme implementation Plans (PIP) IN District LahaulSpiti (Sep, 2014).

42. Monitoring of NRHM State Programme implementation Plans (PIP) IN District Mandi Jan, 2015).
43. Monitoring of NRHM State Programme implementation Plans (PIP) IN District Almora Oct, 2015).
44. Monitoring of NRHM State Programme implementation Plans (PIP) IN District Champawat Oct, 2015).
45. Monitoring of NRHM State Programme implementation Plans (PIP) IN District Bagashwer Dec, 2015).
46. Monitoring of NRHM State Programme implementation Plans (PIP) IN District Chamoli Dec, 2015).
47. Monitoring of NRHM State Programme implementation Plans (PIP) IN District Pauri Jan, 2016).
48. Monitoring of NRHM State Programme implementation Plans (PIP) IN District Pithoragarh Jan, 2016).
49. Morbidity-Socio-economic and Environmental Factors Feb 2016

50. Monitoring of NRHM State Programme implementation Plans (PIP) IN District Chamba July, 2016).
51. Monitoring of NRHM State Programme implementation Plans (PIP) IN District Lahaul Sapti August, 2016).
52. Socio-Economic Correlates of Women's Reproductive Behavior Feb, 2017
53. Monitoring of NRHM State Programme implementation Plans (PIP) IN District Bilaspur May, 2017).
54. Monitoring of NRHM State Programme implementation Plans (PIP) IN District Kullu May, 2017).
55. Monitoring of NRHM State Programme implementation Plans (PIP) IN District Hamirpur Oct, 2017).
56. Monitoring of NRHM State Programme implementation Plans (PIP) IN District Kangra Oct, 2017).
57. Quantity and Quality of Mother and Child Health Care Services in Himachal Pradesh. Feb. 2018
58. Monitoring of NRHM State Programme implementation Plans (PIP) IN District Shimla Aug, 2018).
59. Monitoring of NRHM State Programme implementation Plans (PIP) IN District Sirmour Sep, 2018).
60. Monitoring of NRHM State Programme implementation Plans (PIP) IN District Kinnaur oct, 2018).
61. Monitoring of NRHM State Programme implementation Plans (PIP) IN District Chamba Nov, 2018).
62. Domestic violence and women Health in Himachal Pradesh. Feb, 2019
63. Monitoring of NRHM State Programme implementation Plans (PIP) IN District Bilaspur Oct, 2019).
64. Monitoring of NRHM State Programme implementation Plans (PIP) IN District Kullu Nov, 2019).

National Project Participation

Nationwide Survey on Corruption, conducted at Shimla on behalf of Citizen Council for Social Issues, New Delhi as Co-coordinator (with Satish K. Sharma), 2001-2002.

Participation in Workshops, Seminars and Conferences

- 1 Participate Six days Workshop on SPSS,R and Tableau training at IEG organized by Institute of Economic Growth Delhi (IEG) and Ministry of health & Family Welfare New Delhi during 22-28 September, 2019
- 2 “Legal Dimensions of Medical Termination of Pregnancy”, paper presented in the National Seminar on “Human Rights: Issues and Challenges “held on 10th August 2019 Organized by the Himachal Pradesh University Institute of Legal Studies, Ava Lodge Campus, Shimla-171004
- 3 Trainers of Trainees from 11th June , 2019 to July 8th, 2019 Mapper and Lister of NFHS-5 in Himachal Pradesh University Shimla organized by Population Research Center, Himachal Pradesh University Shimla.
- 4 Trainers of Trainees from 23th March, 2019 to 27th March, 2019 Mapper and Lister of NFHS-5 in Himachal Pradesh University Shimla organized by Population Research Center, Himachal Pradesh University Shimla.
- 5 Trainers of Trainees from 11th Feb, 2019 to 15th Feb, 2019 Mapper and Lister of NFHS-5 in Himachal Pradesh University Shimla organized by Population Research Center, Himachal Pradesh University Shimla.
- 6 Attained (TOT) for Mapping and Listing from 28 Jan 2019 to 2 Feb, 2019 at International Institute for Population Sciences (IIPS) Mumbai organized by Ministry of Health and Family Welfare (MOH&FW) Delhi and International Institute for Population Sciences (IIPS) Mumbai.
- 7 Trainers of Trainees from 16 December 2015 to 16 January 2016, training to main survey team of NFHS-4 at Himachal Pradesh University Shimla organized by Population Research Center, Himachal Pradesh University Shimla
- 8 Attained (TOT) for main survey from 13 November 2015 to 3 December 2015 at Mount view Hotel Chandigarh organized by Ministry of Health and Family Welfare (MOH&FW) Delhi and International Institute for Population Sciences (IIPS)Mumbai.
- 9 “Social and Economic Characteristics of Morbid Population "Presented paper in Trivandrum organized by Population Research Centre Kerla and Ministry of health & Family Welfare New Delhi during 17-18 September, 2016

- 10 Monitoring of NFHS-4 Main Survey team From January 2016 to June 2016
- 11 Attend 2 days PRC Annual Action Plan meeting Organized by MOH&FW In Population Research Centre Trivandrum University, Kerala, march, 27 to 28 March, 2014.
- 12 Participate Five days Training Course on Monitoring under NRHM organized by Deptt.Of Planning & Evaluation National Institute of health & Family Welfare New Delhi during 7-11 October, 2013.
- 13 Attend one day seminar on 18Sept.2013, dissemination workshop on Census.
- 14 Attend one day Seminar on 16th Sept 2013, Status of Women in Himachal Pradesh organized by Centre for women studies & Development Himachal Pradesh University Shimla.
- 15 Attend two days National seminar on 21 to 22 August 2013, Violence against Women in Himachal Pradesh University Shimla.
- 16 Attended five days Training Programme DLHs 4 organized by DMG in R P College Tanda (Kangra), Jan, 2013.
- 17 International women's day worldwide centre for women's Studies and Development one day workshop on women and stress on March 8, 2013.
- 18 International Seminar of Economic and Political basic of Inter Region Disparity; India and Canada March 17-18, 2011 centre for Canadian studies development programme Himachal Pradesh University Shimla.
- 19 Participated in the workshop of PRCs on 1&2nd Aug, 2011 in New Delhi NHFW convened the Additional Director General, MOHFW on Underlying Causes for data error in HMIS.
- 20 International women's day worldwide centre for women's studies and Development one day workshop in women and stress on March 8, 2010.
- 21 International women's day worldwide centre for women's studies and development one day workshop on women and stress on March 8, 2011.
- 22 Regional Workshop on Cost of Cultivation of Principle Crops in India 23-24 September, 2011 organized by Directorate of Economics & Statistics, Ministry of Agriculture, govt. of India and Cost of Cultivation Scheme, H.P. University Shimla.
- 23 Attended one-day workshop on child Line help--- organized by Population Research Center, H.P.University Shimla on 20th march 2010.

- 24 Attended three days workshop on Health Management information System (HMIS), organized by Ministry of health and family welfare, Govt of India at National Institute of Health and Family Welfare (NIHFW), New Delhi during 4-6 may 2010.
- 25 National Seminar Sustainable Biofuels Development in Canada and India Opportunities and Challenges march 16-18, 2010 organized by centre for Canadian Studies Development Programme Himachal Pradesh University Shimla.
- 26 Training Programme DLHS-3 mapping and listing for 3 days in Chandigarh March 24th to 27th, 2008.
- 27 Knowledge Dissemination Workshop NFHS-III, Peterhoff, Shimla, organized by IIPS Mumbai & MOH&FW ON 4th October 2005.
- 28 PRC Annual Review Meeting and NRHM WORKSHOP Population Research Centre Kashmir University, Srinagar, June 25 TO 27, 2005.
- 29 Training Programme DLHS-3 Mapping and Listing for 3 days in Chandigarh March 24th to 27th, 2008
- 30 Workshop in Child line organized by HPVHA FOR 5 days May 2006 in collaboration with child line India foundation, new Delhi/mum.
- 31 Census Data (2001) dissemination workshop, 11 March 2005, PRC Shimla.
- 32 National seminar on "Social Sciences and Contemporary Issues" Organized by Deptt. Of sociology at H.P.U. Shimla March 10-11-, 2004.
- 33 International Training Programme of Human Resource Planning & Development 10 Sept. to 13, 2004.
- 34 Attending the meeting Challenges in the Demographic and Health Scenario before India in the 21st Century: "A Regional Perspective and Meeting of the Directors of PRCs in India", November 5 to 7, 2004, PRC, Thiruvanthapuram (Kerala).
- 35 Dissemination on Anemia among Adolescent Girls and Pregnant Women in district Kinnaur, Himachal Pradesh, October 19,2004, PRC, Shimla.
- 36 "Dalit Leadership in Panchayats: preparation of Research Design", three days Exposure Visit, Jodhpur sponsored by PRIA, New Delhi, June 24 to 26, 2002.

- 37 "Sociology Text Book for Plus 2 (in Hindi)", 5 days Work Shop organized by NCERT, New Delhi at Himachal Pradesh University, Shimla, may28 to June 2, 2002.
- 38 Two Days Training Course, "Monitoring of Reproductive and Child Health Program", Training Course of District Level Officials, State Health and family Welfare Training Institute, PariMahal, Shimla, February 4-5, 2002.
- 39 "Changing status of women in Kinnaur: An Appraisal of Women Centric Approach", paper presented at the 4th North West at the Threshold of New Millennium: A Social Scientific Appraisal and projections, Jammu University, Jammu, and October 20-21, 2000.
- 40 Workshop on "Evaluation and Monitoring of Family Planning / RCH Program", Indian Institute of Population studies, Mumbai, October 4 to October8, 1999..

Membership of Professional Bodies

1. Life Member, "Indian Association of Population Studies.
2. Life Member, North West Indian Sociological Association.
3. Life Member, Indian Sociological Society