

## CURRICULUM VITAE

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*Date of Birth:* December 30, 1962

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### **Key Professional Skills**

- Qualitative Research and Analysis, Gender Analysis and Gender Training, Process Documentation, Participatory Evaluation of social development projects and programmes
- *Areas of Specialisation:* Women's Studies, Gender and Elementary and Secondary Education, Women's Rights and Empowerment, Gender Poverty and Livelihoods, Violence against Women, Gender and Policy Planning.

### **Educational Qualifications**

- **Ph.D-** 'Designing Interventions for Girls Education-A Case from Rajasthan'. University of Rajasthan. Jaipur (2000). Was Awarded the Indian Council of Social Science Research National Doctoral Fellowship in Women's Studies for the year 1997-98.
- **M.A** Sociology, University of Rajasthan, Jaipur, 1984.
- **B.A (Hons)** English Literature, Kanoria College, Jaipur, 1982.

### **Professional Experience**

- Officiating Director, Institute of Development Studies, Jaipur ( 26 October 2015- 18 November 2015)
- Associate Professor, Institute of Development Studies, Jaipur (2004 to present)
- Associate Fellow, Institute of Development Studies, Jaipur (1991-2004)
- Visiting Fellow Institute of Development Studies Sussex, U.K.(1995)
- Research Associate Institute of Development Studies, Jaipur (1987-1991)

Over 25 years of experience in social development research, training and policy advice with special emphasis on women in development and mainstreaming gender concerns in policy planning and implementation. Have extensively worked in the area of understanding politics of gender in educational processes in Rajasthan and India. Have been actively involved in the women's movement, NGOs and civil society movements in Rajasthan. Current Areas of Research include Gender and Education with special emphasis on Elementary, Secondary Education and Tertiary Education, Women's Rights and Empowerment and Gender mainstreaming in policy planning and practice.

## **Key Publications**

### **Contributions in Books**

- 'Making Policies work for Education and Social Empowerment: Reflections on The Shikshakarmi Project in Rajasthan' in A.K Singh(ed) *Education and Empowerment – Policies and Practices*, Routledge, New Delhi, 2016
- 'Between Questions and Clarity: Education in Mahila Samakhya' (with Sharada Jain) in Vimala, R. and Kameshwari, J (eds) *Cartographies of Empowerment: The Mahila Samakhya Story*, Zubaan, New Delhi, 2012
- A Gendered Analysis of Secondary Schooling Processes in India in Jha. J and E.Page (ed.) *Exploring the Bias: Gender and Stereotyping in Secondary Schools*, Commonwealth Secretariat, London, United Kingdom, June 2009.
- Gender Equality in Education: Assessing Gains and Reviewing Challenges in Rajasthan in B.Das and V.Khawas (ed.) *Gender Issues in Development: Concerns for 21<sup>st</sup> Century*, Rawat Publications, Jaipur, 2008/09.
- Exploring Linkages between Citizenship, Livelihood Security and Gender Equality: Planned Interventions and Outcomes in Rajasthan in Sumi Krishna (ed.) *Recasting Citizenship for Women's Livelihood and Development*, Sage, New Delhi, 2007
- 'Tracing the Journey: Reflections on doing Women's Studies', with K. Mathur in V.S. Vyas et.al (ed) *Rajasthan – A Quest for Sustainable Development*, Academic Foundation, New Delhi and Institute of Development Studies, Jaipur, 2007
- Gender And Secondary Education in India: A Select Annotated Bibliography in Jha .J (ed.) *An Annotated Bibliography on Gender in Secondary Education: Research from Selected Commonwealth Countries*, Common wealth Secretariat, London, 2007

- Understanding Childhood Poverty in Rajasthan- Emerging Issues and Strategies with K. Mathur in A.K. Mehta (ed.) *Chronic Poverty in India*, IIPA, New Delhi, 2003
- ‘Operationalising the Right to Education: The Lok Jumbish Experience in Rajasthan’ in N. Kabeer, R Subramanian and G. Nambissan (ed.) *Child labour and Right to Education in South Asia, Needs versus rights?* Sage, New Delhi , 2003.
- ‘Children, Work and Education: Rethinking on Out of School Children’ with S. Jain, A. Mathur and J. Shah in R. Govinda (ed.) *India Education Report: A Profile of Basic Education*, NIEPA, OUP, New Delhi 2002.
- ‘Gender Organisations and Change: Lessons from Gender Training of Community level Education Workers’ with K. Mathur in R. Murthy (ed.) *Building Women’s Capacities- Interventions in Gender Transformation*, Sage, New Delhi, 2001.
- ‘The Shikshakarmi Programme: Closing the Gender Gap In Education’, in N. Kabeer and R. Subramanian (ed.) *Institutional Relations and Outcomes: Frameworks and Tools for Gender Planning*, Kali for Women,, New Delhi 1999.
- ‘Lessons Learned: Gender Training Experiences with the Indian Government’ with R.Subramanian, S.G.Thakur and K.Mathur in Kabeer, N and R. Subramanian (ed.) *Institutional Relations and Outcomes: Frameworks and Tools for Gender Planning*, Kali for Women, New Delhi, 1999.

### **Research Articles in Journals**

- No right to be Born in Rajasthan with K.Mathur in *Economic and Political Weekly* Vol. XLVI, No.25, June 18-25, 2011
- Women’s Empowerment through State Benevolence’ with K.Mathur in *Economic and Political Weekly* Vol. XXXV, August 12-18,2000
- ‘Learning From Experience’-Some Dimensions of Community Participation in the Shikshakarmi Programme’. *Journal of Educational Planning and Administration*, Vol.XIII, No. I. National Institute of Educational Planning and Administration (NIEPA), New Delhi. January 1999.
- Gender Training: Potential and Limitations, with K. Mathur *Indian Journal of Gender Studies*, 4:1, Sage Publication, New Delhi, 1997.
- ‘Rural Women Speak’, with Sharada, Kavita, Kanchan and Shobha *Seminar* Issue 342, February, 1988

## **Research Reports**

- Menstrual Hygiene Management Intervention in Jaipur :An Impact Assessment, with Kanchan Mathur and R.S Sharma, Research Report, Institute of Development Studies, July 2016
- Open and Distance Learning as a Cost Effective Option for Secondary Level Schooling in India: Potential and Prerequisites in Rajasthan with R.S Sharma )May 2016
- India's Champions: Exploring Determinants of Young Women's Empowerment in Rajasthan, with Kanchan .Mathur and R.S Sharma, Research Report No 294 Institute of Development Studies, Jaipur March 2015
- Transforming lives, Crafting New Identities: Reflections on Women's Empowerment through Innovative Programmes with K.Mathur and R.S. Sharma Research Report No 295, Institute of Development Studies, Jaipur, March 2015
- Evaluation of Convergence Project: Mission Poorna Shakti, Pali District with K. Mathur and R.S Sharma) Research Report No. 290, Institute of Development Studies, Jaipur
- Exploring Inclusion and Exclusion of students in Schools and in the Classrooms in Primary and Upper Primary schools in Rajasthan, Supported by EDCIL/GOI, New Delhi, March 2012
- Action Gender in Classroom and Schooling Processes Rajasthan, India: Project Completion Report, (Shobhita Rajagopal and R.S Sharma) June 2009, Supported by Commonwealth Secretariat, London U.K
- Situational Analysis of Women and Children in Rajasthan: A Report prepared for Government of Rajasthan and UNICEF. August 2007
- Incentives and Hidden Cost of Education supported by Educational Resource Unit, New Delhi, November 2006
- Monitoring the Citizens Social Charter in India: Assessing the Status of Right to Elementary Education and Right to Food (Mid Day Meal Scheme): Case of Rajasthan, supported by Council for Social Development, New Delhi, October, 2006
- Combining *Deeni Taleem* and *Duniyavi Taleem*: The Case of Mainstreaming Madrasa Education in Madhya Pradesh in Strengthening the government school system: Lessons from promising practices, Educational Resource Unit and International Labour Organisation, New Delhi, 2006.

- Understanding Childhood Poverty in Rajasthan, (P. Bhargava, and K. Mathur) Childhood Poverty Research and Policy Centre and Save the Children, U.K, CHIP Report 16, 2005
- Childhood Poverty in Rajasthan: A Review of Literature ( K.Mathur and P. Bhargav), Childhood Poverty Research and Policy Centre and Save the Children, U.K, 2004
- Trafficking of Women and Children in Rajasthan Report Submitted to Indian Institute of Social Science and UNIFEM, New Delhi, 2003
- Support Services to Counter Violence Against Women in Rajasthan: A Resource Directory, Institute Of Development Studies, Jaipur and UNIFEM, New Delhi 2003.
- Social Assessment Study of Dausa District for the District Primary Education Programme. Research Report 100. Institute Of Development Studies, Jaipur, 2000
- ‘From rhetoric to reality’- Community Participation in the Shikshakarmi Programme. Research Report 072 Institute of Development Studies, Jaipur, 1998
- Academic Achievement of Children in *Anganpathshalas*: A Study. Research Report 067, Institute of Development Studies, Jaipur,1997
- *Mahila Shiksha Karmis* in the Shiksha Karmi Project: A Study. Research Report 061. Institute of Development Studies Jaipur, 1995
- Literacy with a Difference: Total Literacy Campaign in Ladnun, District Nagaur – An Evaluation Report. Research Report 041. Institute of Development Studies, Jaipur 1992
- Women’s Development Programme: Emerging Challenges. Research Report 038. Institute of Development Studies, Jaipur, 1992
- Prevention of Atrocities against Women - Case Studies from Rajasthan. Research Report 009. Institute of Development Studies, Jaipur 1987

### **Others**

- Adolescent Education, Development and Empowerment in Arain, Ajmer A Process Narrative prepared for Ajmer Adult Education Association, Ajmer, December 2015

- Meena Manch in Rajasthan: Process, Activities and Outcomes Documentation based on interactions in Bundi and Sikar; (with Vasudha Chakravarthy, Development Solutions, New Delhi ) Report prepared for UNICEF, December 2015
- Engendering the Education Landscape: Insights from Policy and Practise, IDSJ Working Paper No.164, February 2013
- Bihar State : Report of the Fourth Joint Review Mission of Mahila Samakhya, March 2013 ( with Dr. Karuna Onta, DFID, Nepal)
- Continuation Of the National Education Programme for Marginalised Children in India : New Education Group – Foundation for Innovation and Research in Education (NEG-FIRE), Delhi: External Evaluation Report (with Dr. Karin Bohmann), February 2013
- Right to Education: Ensuring Quality, Report of the National Consultation on ‘Right to Education, Ensuring Quality’, February 10-11, 2011.
- Negotiating Spaces for Transformatory Change: Women’s Empowerment and the Role of the State’ with Kanchan Mathur. Paper presented at the National Conference on Gender Empowerment and the State organized by IDS Kolkata from December 10-11, 2009.
- Mainstreaming Gender and Development- Policies, Programmes and Outcomes – A perspective from Rajasthan, IDSJ, Working Paper, 138, March 2004
- Gender Analysis of UNICEF Education Programmes in U.P and Maharashtra (with Dr. Sharada Jain) December 2001.
- ‘Will law dispense justice’. The HINDU, March 14, 1999.
- Gender, Education and Development: A case from Rajasthan, IDSJ, Working Paper, 066, 1996.
- Understanding the Gender Perspective in Gender Specific Interventions: A Study of DWCRA IDSJ Working paper No 055. 1994.

### Research Projects Co-ordinated

- Menstrual Hygiene Management Intervention in Jaipur :An Impact Assessment, supported by CFAR, New Delhi (March 2016–June 2016)
- Open Schooling as Cost Effective Option for Secondary Level Schooling in India: Potential and Prerequisites in Rajasthan, supported by CBPS , Bangalore( May 2015-March 2016)
- India’s Champions: Determinants of Young Women’s Empowerment in Rajasthan in collaboration with FXB Centre for Health and Human Rights , Harvard University, supported by Population Foundation of India, New Delhi (July 2013 onwards- March 2015)
- Monitoring of Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan, sponsored by MHRD, Government of India(October 2010 till date)

- Monitoring of Rashtriya Madhyamik Shiksha Abhiyan, sponsored by MHRD, Government of India(October 2013, till date )
- Inclusion and Exclusion of Students in Schools and in the Classrooms in Primary and Upper Primary Schools, Supported by GoI and EDCIL, New Delhi( June 2011- March 12)
- Age Appropriate Admission as per Right to Education, Supported by UNICEF Rajasthan (February 2011)
- Developing a Framework for Gender Sensitive Schooling and Classroom Processes Supported by UNICEF Rajasthan, (June –August, 2010)
- Action Gender in Classroom and Schooling Process, Supported by Commonwealth Secretariat, London U.K (February 2008 –June 2009)
- Situation of Women and Children in Rajasthan: A Report, Supported by UNICEF, Rajasthan State Office(February 2007-June 2007)
- Process Monitoring of District Poverty Initiative Project Supported by World Bank and Government of Rajasthan (April 2002 –November 2006)
- Trafficking of Women and Children in Rajasthan supported by National Human Rights Commission, Indian Institute of Social Science and UNIFEM, New Delhi (May 2002 –September 2003)
- Childhood Poverty in Rajasthan supported by Save the Children Fund (U.K) and Childhood Poverty Research and Policy Centre U.K (April 2002 –2003)
- Resource Directory on Support Services available to Counter Violence against Women in Rajasthan, supported by UNIFEM, New Delhi (June 2001- March 2002).
- District Primary Education Programme (DPEP)-Social Assessment Study of Dausa District sponsored by Government of Rajasthan and The World Bank (1999).
- Evaluation and Monitoring of Shiksha Karmi Project, funded by Government of Rajasthan and SIDA (1993 -1997).
- WDP - Lok Jumbish Interface, for Department of Education, Ministry of Human Resource Development, Government of India (1990-91).
- Situational Analysis of Women and Children in Rajasthan sponsored by UNICEF, Rajasthan (1989).

## **Gender Trainings/Workshops**

- Co-course Co-ordinator and Trainer in the Workshop on ‘Integrating Gender into Poverty Monitoring’, for Poverty Monitoring Unit, GTZ, Kathmandu, Nepal April 2002.
- Resource person on Gender and Poverty in the International Workshop cum Training Course on ‘Public Intervention for Poverty Reduction’, sponsored by Commonwealth Secretariat, London, March 2001.
- Member of the Course team and Resource Person in several workshops and Training on Gender Issues sponsored by Department of Personal and Training, GOI organised by the State Training Institute HCM, RIPA Jaipur, for senior and middle level functionaries of GOI.( 1994 Onwards).
- Co-Course Co-ordinator of the Gender Sensitization Training of Sanitation, Water and Community Health Project (SWACH) and Rajasthan Guineaworm Eradication Programme (RIGEP) project functionaries, sponsored by UNICEF, Rajasthan, March 1995.
- Member of the Training team in a workshop on Gender Sensitive Planning in Education, for state level education officers, sponsored by UNICEF, March 1996.
- Resource person for Training Programme On Gender Issues In Forestry, sponsored by Ministry of Environment, GOI at HCM RIPA 1997.
- Member of the Training Team in Training of Trainers of The Bank of Baroda functionaries organised at the Officers Training school of BOB, Ahmedabad, March 1998.

## **International Conferences and Exchange**

- Participated in the Mid Term Review and Facilitation Workshop on ‘Action Gender In Schools’ organised by the Commonwealth Secretariat, London UK at University of East Anglia, Norwich and presented the progress on the Action research being carried out in India, 22-24 October, 2008.
- Participated in the Workshop on ‘Gender Analysis of Classroom and Schooling Processes in Secondary Schools: Drawing Policy Implications’ organised by Commonwealth Secretariat, London in Mahé, Seychelles and presented the report on ‘Gender Analysis of Classroom and Schooling Processes in Secondary Schools-A Study from India, June 2007.



- As a Member of the Study Group of BODH Shiksha Samiti Jaipur visited various Education Programmes supported by Save the Children, Sri Lanka, December 2005.
- Participated in the International Conference on Staying Poor: Chronic Poverty and Development Policy organised by Chronic Poverty Research Centre at the University of Manchester, U.K. 7-9 April 2003.
- Participated in the Research Partners Meeting on Childhood Poverty as part of the IDSJ Team organised by Save the Children Fund, U.K. London and presented the findings of the Research. 1-4 April 2003.
- Co-Trainer in the Workshop on ‘Integrating Gender into Poverty Monitoring’, for Poverty Monitoring Unit, GTZ, Kathmandu, Nepal April 2002
- Participated in the International Conference on Women in the Asia Pacific Region: Persons, Power and Politics, and presented a paper on ‘Prioritising Gender Issues in Education: A Case from Rajasthan’, organised by the University of Singapore August, 1997.
- Visiting Fellow at the Institute of Development Studies, University of Sussex, U.K from September to December 1995 under the Institutional Collaboration Programme of IDS, Sussex. U.K.
- Under the ‘India Gender Planning Training Project’ of the Government of India and ODA, attended a four-week Gender training course on ‘Men Women and Development’ organised at IDS Sussex, U.K from April - May 1994 and prepared a Training module on ‘Women and Literacy’ in Rajasthan (with members of Rajasthan team).

### **Consultancy Experience**

- Consultant UNFPA, Rajasthan State Office for preparing the State Strategy and Action Plan on Child Marriage in Rajasthan, June-July 2016.
- Consultant UNICEF, Rajasthan for undertaking documentation of Meena Manch in two districts of Rajasthan, December 2015.
- Consultant Centre For Advocacy and Research, New Delhi for External Review of the project Intensifying Coordinated Response on Sex determination, Girl Child and Women’s Rights in Rajasthan, supported by Tata Trust September 2014.
- Consultant UNFPA, Rajasthan for conducting the study on ‘Process Evaluation of SABLA programme in Rajasthan’, April 2014

- Government of India Nominee on National Evaluation of Kasturba Gandhi Balika Vidyalaya, November 2013 and prepared report on KGBVs in Tamil Nadu and Karnataka
- Government of India nominee on the Joint Review Mission to Review the Mahila Samakhya Programme, March 2013 and prepared the Bihar State Report
- Co-evaluator for the Evaluation of NEGFIRE Programmes in India. The evaluation was planned in a mutual agreement between MISEREOR (Germany) and NEG-FIRE(India)November-December 2012
- Consultant UNFPA, Rajasthan for carrying out the study ‘Rapid Assessment of Out of School Adolescent Programme’ implemented by Directorate of Women’s Empowerment, GoR, May 2010.
- Consultant Sir Dorabji Tata Trust, New Delhi for conducting the ‘Review of CFAR and its project proposal titled “ PCPNDT Act: Strengthening its Implementation in Rajasthan, August, 2008
- Consultant CARE, India for the preparing the research study on ‘Education and Marginalisation in Uttar Pradesh, with reference to district Shravasti: A Review of Literature’, February, 2008
- India Consultant, for preparing a report on ‘Gender Analysis of Classroom and Schooling Processes-A study from India’ for Education Section, Social Transformation Programmes Division, Commonwealth Secretariat, London, June 2007.
- Consultant, for the study on ‘Incentives and Hidden Costs of Education’. Educational Resource Unit, New Delhi, November 2006.
- India Consultant for preparing the report on ‘Gender and Secondary Education in India: A Select Annotated Bibliography’, Education Section, Social Transformation Programmes Division, Commonwealth Secretariat, London June 2006
- Consultant, for preparing the report on ‘Combining *Deeni Taleem* and *Duniyavi Taleem*: The Case of Mainstreaming Madrasa Education in Madhya Pradesh’ , Case Study prepared for ILO report on ‘Strengthening the government school system Lessons from promising practices’, Educational Resource Unit, New Delhi February 2006
- Consultant UNICEF, Rajasthan Office, for preparing Paper on ‘Situation of Girl Child In Rajasthan’, October, 2005.
- Consultant UNDP, New Delhi for the study ‘Pre-Project Scenario Building on HIV-AIDS and Trafficking in Rajasthan’ June 2004.

- Consultant HIVOS, South Asia Regional Office, Bangalore for the Study on ‘Understanding Regional Patterns of Development in Rajasthan and Status of Civil Society Organisations’, May -June 2004
- As a gender expert commissioned to write a paper on ‘Key Women’s Legal Rights Concerns in Rajasthan’ by Rajiv Gandhi Foundation, New Delhi, June 2003.
- Consultant GTZ, Poverty Monitoring Unit, Kathmandu, Nepal on ‘ Designing training on Integrating Gender into Poverty Monitoring’. April 2002
- India Consultant to the IDS, Sussex, Project on ‘Inclusion and Exclusion in Education in India and South Africa’.
- Gender Consultant to the Baseline Line Survey of District Poverty Initiative Project of Institute of Development Studies, sponsored by World Bank and Government of Rajasthan.
- Commissioned to write a paper on Women’s Resource Centre in Rajasthan by UNFPA, Jaipur. 1999.
- Consultant UNFPA, New Delhi, on Gender and Development and Member of the Integrated Population Development Project Formulation Mission of UNFPA to Rajasthan, 1 April-31 -May, 1997.
- Advised National Tree Growers Co-operative Federation (NTGCF), Rajasthan on weaving a gender perspective in their organisation and conducted a two day workshop on Gender and Development for their staff, October 1996.
- Advised Save the Children Fund, New Delhi on issues related to women and children in arid regions of Rajasthan and prepared a paper Approaching 2000: Situation of Women and Children in Rajasthan, June 1996.

### **Membership of Associations/ Organisations**

- Life Member, Indian Association of Women’s Studies.
- Member Executive Committee BODH Shiksha Samiti, Jaipur
- Member Executive Committee Sandhan, Jaipur

### **Language Skills**

English, Hindi, Tamil (proficient in conversing)