

Curriculum Vitae
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KEY QUALIFICATIONS

- **CULTURAL AND SOCIAL HISTORY OF RAJASTHAN:** My M.Phil and Ph.D. have been on social and cultural history of Rajasthan. Looking at the women's issues. for last twenty years I have worked on various aspects of the Social and cultural life of Rajasthan.
- **GENDER ISSUES:** For nearly three decades I have been also working in the area of Gender in Rajasthan. I have been working on issues related to, Economic status of women, health and nutrition issues. Apart from this I am Master trainer on Women and Child Rights and ECCD. Child rights and child protection have been areas of my interest. I was also involved in making of the DPIP gender strategy for the World Bank Project in Rajasthan. I have also co-ordinated projects related to Social assessment studies in the area of nutrition, education and poverty for UNICEF and World Bank. I have been involved in the project on Food Security herein I was looking at Gender and nutrition Issues in food Security areas in the Indo-Gangetic Plains of South Asia.
- **SKILLS:** Strategic Planning skills; project monitoring and appraisal skills; teaching; facilitating information sharing; qualitative and quantitative research; writing and verbal skills; ability to work independently as well as part of a team; computer literacy; fluent in Hindi, Rajasthani and English

ACADEMIC QUALIFICATIONS

- **Ph.D.**, School of Oriental and African Studies, London, 1994.
- Thesis: Polygamy and Purdah in the Royal Households of Rajasthan 13th-19th Century.
- **M.Phil.** University of Rajasthan, Jaipur 1988.
- Thesis: Zanani Deorhi: The Study of the Davree System [with special reference to Mewar].
- **M.A.** History, University of Rajasthan, Jaipur, 1987.
- **B.A. Honours** [Major: History; Subsidiary: Political Science] University of Rajasthan, Jaipur, 1985.
- Indian School Certificate Examination, 1983.

ACADEMIC POSITIONS

- **Associate Professor** Institute of Development Studies, Jaipur, since August 2005.
- **Visiting Fellow:** Institute of Development Studies, Sussex 1997.
- **Associate Fellow** Institute of Development Studies since January 1, 1996.
- **Visiting associate fellow** Institute of Development Studies, Jaipur, from May 1994 to October 1995.

RESEARCH PROJECTS:

- "Issues Pertaining to Women and Violence in the Six Initial Districts of the Women's Development Programme of Rajasthan" Women's Studies Unit, IDS, Jaipur, 1995.
- "Strengthening Quality and Access in Integrated Child Development Services- Social Assessment" UNICEF-World Bank, 1996.
- "DPIP- Social Assessment" World Bank 1996-97.
- "DPEP - Social Assessment", World Bank, 1998.
- Integrated Women's Development Project", Government of Rajasthan, 1998.
- Right to Information in Rajasthan, consultancy with Dr. Robert Jenkins and Anne-Marie Goetz, University of IDS Sussex, 2000.
- Changing Food Habits And Nutrition: Some Issues Relating to Food Security, 2000.

- Globalization and Cultural Imperialism: Gender Identities, 2003
- Girl Child Work and Food Security Issues: A study of Nowhere Children in Rajasthan, 2004.
- Global Environment Change and Food Systems. This is multi-disciplinary and multi national project, coordinated by GECAFS, Oxford since 2005-7.
- Evaluation of NREGA in initial Five Districts in Rajasthan, Planning Commission and UNDP, 2008
- Assessment of Prathams READ Rajasthan Project , 2008.
- Organised Bal Utsav (Children's Festival) for shelter Home Children, in order to under their needs, UNICEF, 20008.
- Women and Water: Transition in Management Practices in Arid Conditions, 2009
- MDG Goals of Rajasthan and Madhya Pradesh : Revisit, 2008-09. Millennium Development Goals in Rajasthan: Status and Future Concerns", *UNMC, Bangkok* 2007
- Millennium Development Goals in Madhya Pradesh: Progress and Concerns", *UNMC, Bangkok* 2007.
- **Livelihood Plan for Baran District" Rajasthan Livelihood Mission and UNDP 2010.**
- **Livelihood Plan for Tonk District" Rajasthan Livelihood Mission and UNDP 2010.**
- **Livelihood Plan for Rajsamand District" Rajasthan Livelihood Mission and UNDP 2010.**
- Changing Profile of Crafts in Rajasthan, ICSSR, New delhi, 2013
- Dying Traditions of Western Rajasthan, ICSSR
- Socio-Economic Survey of Muslim Community in Three state, ongoing

PUBLICATIONS

Books:

- **Polygamy and Purdah:** Women and Society Amongst Rajputs, Rawat Publications, Jaipur, 1994.

- **Directory on Research in Rajasthan**, Institute of Rajasthan Studies, Jaipur 1994.
- **Multiple Histories: Culture and Society in the Study of Rajasthan**, (Edited with Prof. L.A. Babb and Prof.M.Meister, Rawat Publishers, Jaipur/New Delhi 2002.
- **Culture, Community and Change**, Rawat Publications, Jaipur 2002.
- **Institutions and Social Change**, (edited with Surjit Singh) Rawat Publications, Jaipur 2003.
- **Polity and Economy in Rajasthan (Edited with Surjit Singh, Rawat Publications, 2009).**

Papers

- **Tribal Development in Rajasthan: Scheme-wise Performance Analysis** (with Varinder Jain)
- **Working of the Employment Guarantee Scheme in Rajasthan: Some Grass Root Experiences in Rught to Work and Rural and Rural India**, edited by Ashok Pankaj, Sage Publications, 2012.
- **Enhanced Capabilities and Climbing up the value chain: Jaipur Tourism**, IHD New Delhi 2012
- Presented a paper on **Climate Change and Gender: South Asia Perspective**, at South Asia Regional Conference organized by CENTAD, New Delhi
- Report on Bal Utsav, July, 2008
- **Millennium Development Goals in Madhya Pradesh: Progress and Concerns**”, *UNMC, Bangkok* 2007.
- **Rajasthan: A Mosaic of Culture**,’ in V.S. Vyas et.al (ed.) *Rajasthan – A Quest for Sustainable Development*, Academic Foundation and IDSJ, 2007.

- **Changing Profile of Handicrafts of Rajasthan**, Paper presented in the V International Conference on Rajasthan , Jaipur 2006.
- **Food and Nutrition Security in Times of Crisis: A Gender Perspective** for International Conference organized by Women's Political watch and NCAER, New Delhi, November 9-11, 2003(co-authored with Surjit Singh).
- **Religion, Media and Globalization: Some Gender Perceptions** in Culture Community and Change, Edited by Varsha Joshi, Rawat Publication, Jaipur, 2003.
- **Changing Food Habits and Nutrition in India: A Gender Perspective** in Food Security and Sustainable Development, Edited By S.S. Acharya, Surjit Singh and Vidya Sagar, Rawat Publications, Jaipur 2002
- **Deifying Women: Sati in Rajasthan** in *Multiple Histories: Society and Culture in Rajasthan*, Edited by L.A. Babb, M. Micaster and Varsha Joshi, Rawat Publications, Jaipur, 2002.
- **Vrat and Vrat Kathas: Ritual, Women and Patriarchy**, in R.Joshi and N.K. Singhi (Eds.) *Royalty, Religion and Ritual*, Rawat Publications, Jaipur, 1999.
- **Reproductive Health and Empowerment: A Rajasthan Perspective**, (co-authored with Pritam Pal) Health For The Millions, May-June 1996, vol.22, No.3.
- **Charan Sahitya mein Rajput Nari**, in Pratibha Jain (ed.) Bhartiya Stri, Rawat Publication, Jaipur, 1998.
- **Drum and Drummers** in N.K. Singhi and R. Joshi [eds.] Folk, Faith and Feudalism Rawat Publications, Jaipur 1995.
- **The Death of a Concubine's Daughter or How to Read a Bahi: Palace Manuscripts as a Source for the Study of the Rajput Elite** South Asia Journal Autumn 1994.
- **Rajwari Geet** Lok Rang Jawahar Kala Kendra [co-authored with Rani Laxmi Kumari Chundawat] Jaipur, 1994.
- **Discussion Papers**
- Can ICDS Do IT: Health and Nutrition in Rajasthan, Working Paper, IDS, 1996.
- Reproductive Health and Women: A Rajasthan Perspective, Working Paper, IDS, 1995.

- Globalization and Cultural imperialism: Gender Identities, working paper, no. 139, IDSJ, 2004.
- Transformation of Food Habits in Rajasthan: Its Nutritional Implications, IDS Working Paper, 1998.

Book Review

Lindsey Harlan, Religion and Rajput Women: The Ethic of Protection in Contemporary Narratives" South Asia Journal 1992 [London].

PAPERS IN CONFERENCES

Unpublished

- **Food and Nutritional Security in the Time of Crisis: A Gender Perspective**, paper presented at the International Conference on 'Gender and Poverty', organised by World Watch and NCAER, New Delhi November 2003. (Co-authored with Surjit Singh).
- Devotion Versus Rebellion: Mira Bai in the Women's Movements in Rajasthan, paper presented at the International Seminar on Mira Bai, California, USA, October 3-6, 2002.
- Changing Food Habits and Nutrition in India: A Gender Perspective", Paper presented at the III Asian Conference of Agricultural Economists, October 18-20 2000, Jaipur.
- Changing Food Habits, Gender and Nutrition: Some Food Security Issues", paper presented at the VIIIth National Conference of Women Studies, IAWS and SNDT Pune, May 30-June 2, 1998.
- Social Control and Patriarchy in Rajasthan: A Historical Perspective", 1995.
- Vrat and Vrat Kathas: Ritual, Women and Patriarchy in the Seminar on 'Fairs, Festivals, Rituals Tradition and Transformation in Rajasthan, Jaipur, November 5-7, 1995.
- Thikana Records as a Source of Women's History in the Seminar on 'Thikana Records as a Source of History' Udaipur, 1995.
- Local Militia: Rural Transformation Among the Bhils and Mairs" in the Third International Seminar on Rajasthan, Institute of Rajasthan Studies, Jaipur, December 1994.
- Bibliography on Women and Violence 1994.

- Paradox of Purdah in the Rajput Ruling Houses in BASA Conference, Cambridge, 1993.
- Sati in the Rajput Ruling Society in the Seminar at South Asia History Seminar, SOAS, London, 1993.
- "Polygamy Amongst Rajput Rulers" in Department of History, SOAS, London, 1991.
- "Drum Drummer and the Peasant Society" in the Department of History, M.L. Sukhadia University, Udaipur, 1990.
- "Role of Local Militia" in the Seminar on Rural Transformation, Department of Sociology, University of Jodhpur, Jodhpur, 1990.
- Marriage Policy of the Rajput Rulers" in the Seminar on Social, Political and Economic Development, Department of History, MS University, Baroda, 1989.

RESEARCH GUIDANCE

- Dr. Rupa Manglani, Research Fellow ICSSR on PRI in Rajasthan
- Co-supervisor for Phd. of 4 students from USA

TRAININGS

- Undergone the training of Master trainer of South Asia for "Early Child Care – SGD Issues", organised by UNICEF New Delhi.
- Have been a resource person for the Panch and Sarpanch training on Issues Related to Early Child Care.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

- Have been delivering lectures since 1994 to undergraduate and graduate international students from various countries like U.S.A. (SIT, Lewis and Clarks College, New York Consortium of Colleges), Italy, France and Denmark on issues related to Gender, History, Culture and Society of Rajasthan.

VISITING GUEST FACULTY

I also have been a guest teacher for Master's course for International Development, European School of Advanced Studies in Cooperation and Development, University of Pavia for the academic year 2003-2004 and 2004-05.

MEMBERSHIP OF ACADEMIC SOCIETIES

- Governing Body member of CECOEDECON, Jaipur
- Governing Body member of VAGHDHARA, Banswara
- Executive committee member of BGVS, Jaipur
- Was member advisor group on Vulnerability and Food systems, GECAFS, Oxford, and U.K.
- Board of Consultant for Global Ethics Forum, Los Angeles, U.S.A
- Member Governing Board of Kanoria Mahila Mahavidhyalya, Jaipur.
Member Governing Council of Rupayan Sansthan, (Folklore Institute), Jodhpur.
- Member of the Fourth International Conference on Rajasthan Studies, 2001.

HONOURS/ AWARDS

- British Council Nehru Centenary Fellowship Award [1990-94]
Commonwealth Fellowship for Ph.d.
- Charles Wallace Fellowship
- ICHR Junior Fellowship
- Raghu Sinha Award for holding first position in B.A. Honours
- B.N. Prabhu Scholarship for holding first position in B.A. Honours Part II.