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Educational Qualifications

Doctor of Philosophy in Sociology (2017); from the Department of Sociology, University of Hyderabad, India. Thesis title: 'Marginality, Development, and Agency of the Adivasis in Kerala: A Sociological Study of Two Contemporary Social Movements'.

Mater of Philosophy in Research and Development (2004); from Department of Applied Research, Gandhigram University, Tamil Nadu, India. Dissertation Title: 'Development, Poverty and Micro-Level Institutions in Kerala: A Study of Kudumbasree in Koyilandy'.

Master of Social Work (MSW) (2003); from Sree Sankaracharya University of Sanskrit (SSUS), Kalady, Kerala.

Bachelor of Arts in History, Philosophy, and Sanskrit (Triple Main, 2000); from Sree Sankaracharya University of Sanskrit (SSUS), Kalady.

Certificate Course in Research Methodology, Rajagiri College of Social Sciences, Mahatma Gandhi University, Kottayam in Kerala, India (2005)

Cleared UGC-National Eligibility Test (NET) in June 2012

Participated in the 11th Faculty Induction Programme (1-28 September 2022) and obtained Grade A+

Research and Teaching Interests

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| • Sociology of Social Movements | • Capitalism: Global and Postcolonial |
| • Adivasis/Indigenous Communities and their Constitutional Rights | • Agency and Political Subjectivity |
| • Adivasi Movements and Development | • Law and Society |
| • Civil Society and Citizenship | • Constitutional Jurisprudence |
| | • Political Ecology and Capitalism |

Work Experience at MNLU, Nagpur

- Head in-charge, Centre for Tribal and Land Rights

- Coordinator, PhD Course Work (2024 Batch)
- Former Convenor, Academic Integrity Committee.
- Co-editor of the Special Issue on ‘Gender Justice – Breaking Stereotypes, Discriminations and Prejudices’, Contemporary Law Review, Vol. 5, Number III, 2022, ISSN: 2581-7582.
- Co-Editor, Contemporary Law and Policy Review (CLPR)
- Member, Internal Complaints Committee (ICC)
- Former Member, Curriculum Development Committee (2022-2025)

Teaching Experience at MNLU Nagpur

- A. Assistant Professor of Sociology at MNLU Nagpur (2020-2025).
- a) Designed and Taught/Teaching the following courses:
1. **B.A. LL.B. (Hons):** a) Sociology I (Introduction to Sociology); b) Sociology II (Law and Society); c) Sociology III (Contemporary Socio-Legal Theories); d) Law and Justice in a Globalising World; e) Legal Methods (Focused on Qualitative Research, Empirical Research, and Socio-legal Research); f) Law and Poverty
 2. **LL.M. and PhD Course Work:** Different Types of Research with an Emphasis on Empirical Research; Close Reading as an Interpretative Method.
- b) Course Designed: An elective course on *Law, Development and Public Policy* has been designed and taught.
- c) Course Designed: An elective course on *Tribal Rights, Law and the State* has been designed.

Work Experience at Tata Institute of Social Sciences (TISS)

- **Programme Coordinator**, BA in Social Science, Tata Institute of Social Sciences, Hyderabad Campus (June-December 2020).
- Assistant Professor in Sociology, School of Livelihoods and Development, Tata Institute of Social Sciences, Hyderabad Campus (29 May 2017 to 29 December 2020; 3 Years and 7 Months).
- Member, Internal Complaint Committee
- Coordinator, M.A. (Development Studies; Rural Development and Governance; and Natural Resource Management) Dissertation Committee.

- a) **Taught the Following Courses:**

- ***Understanding Society*** in MA Development Studies and MA in Rural Development and Governance.
- ***Social Movements, Civil Society and Development*** in MA Development Studies
- Basic Concepts in Sociology and Anthropology; Theories of Social Anthropology and Sociology; Post-reform Transformations in India; and Development for B.A. in Social Sciences.

Work Experience at Ambedkar University Delhi

- Academic Fellow at the Centre for Development Practice, School of Human Studies at AUD (2013-2014; One and a Half Years).
- Co-guided one M.Phil. Dissertation along with Dr. Anup Dhar

b) Designed and Taught the Following Courses:

- Understanding the Rural
- Equality, Discrimination, Marginalisation and Development

Work Experience at Little Flower Institute of Social Sciences and Health (LISSAH)

- Lecturer in the Department of Social Work at LISSAH, Kozhikode; a postgraduate college affiliated to the University of Calicut, Kerala (2004 to 2006; 2 years and 3 months).

c) Taught the Following Courses

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| • Basic Concepts in Sociology | • Urban and Rural Development |
| • Community Organisation and Community Development | • Research Methodology |

Research Supervision

A. Doctor of Philosophy:

1. **(Completed and Awarded):** Thesis Completed: Ms. Trishla Dubey (Ph.D. 2021-14) submitted her PhD thesis titled “Coal Mining and Environmental Sustainability: A Critical Legal Study” in July 2025 under the supervision of me, along with Dr. Shaik Nazim Ahmad Shafi.
2. **(Ongoing)** Sumit Kumar Malviya, *Informal Economy and Sustainable Development in India*.
3. **(Ongoing)** Stency Mariya Mark, *Constitutional Rights of the Development Induced Displaced Tribal Communities: A Socio-Legal Study on the Impact of Polavaram Project in Andhra Pradesh, India*

B. L.L.M. Dissertation (Guided and Awarded):

1. Samiksha Rathod, Regulatory Framework for Prevention of Women Trafficking in India: A Socio-Legal Analysis (2020).
2. Dharmesh Kumar Yadav, Comparative Analysis of Legal Regimes Governing Submarine Cables Under the International Law and India (June 2023).
3. Priyanka Chavan, Protection of Civil and Economic Rights of Tribal People under the Indian Constitution with Special Reference to the Situation of Tribals in Gadchiroli District in Maharashtra.
4. Tanveet Kaur, Disability Rights Jurisprudence: A Socio-Legal Study.
5. Abhishek Sanjay Sonar (PG24-02): Affirmative Action and Tribal Communities in India: A Study with Special Reference to Particularly Vulnerable Tribal Communities (PVTGs) in Gadchiroli District of Maharashtra
6. Sreya Panda (PG24-62): Entrenchment of Traditional Knowledge in Tribal Communities' Intellectual Property Rights in India: A Genealogical Study.

C. M.A. and B.A. Dissertations:

As of now, 45 students (including students of M.A. in Development Studies; Rural Development and Governance; Natural Resource Management; and B.A. in Social Science) submitted their dissertation under my supervision (Please see the annexure).

Published Papers (Academic)

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- Theorising Marginality: Discourses on the Making of Modern Adivasi Communities in Kerala, South Asia: Journal of South Asian Studies, 2023, 46 (2): 336-352 (Taylor & Francis Publications).
 - Social Movement Studies in India, Within and Beyond Sociology: Proposing Postcolonial Political Sociology as an Evolving Framework, Asian Journal of Social Science, 2021, 49 (1): 1-8 (Elsevier Publications).
 - The Anti-Coca-Cola Movement in Plachimada, Kerala, Journal of Developing Societies, 2019, 35 (4): 437 – 457 (Sage Publications)
 - Book Review: Jafar, K. 2018. Education, Migration and Development: Kerala Experience. Review of Development and Change, 2019, 24 (2): 285-287 (Sage Publications).
 - 'Social Work Education and Profession: A "Reflexive" Mapping of the Politics of Knowledge' is published in the book, Social Work Education: Integration of Theory and Practice edited by Mr. Lims Thomas and Fr. Baiju Chakkery, Madurai: Shanlax Publications, 2016, PP. 46-56, (ISBN: 978-93-85977-24-4).

Articles Published in the Vernacular Magazines (Malayalam)

- Nava Kerala Nirmithi: Rashtreeyatheetha Vikasanam Oru Navaliberal Mithya (Development Beyond Politics: A Neoliberal Illusion), Janagal Aagolavalkaranathinethire (People Against Globalisation), 2018, Issue No. 115-116, pp. 94-100.
- Keralathile Rashtreeya Samootham: Badhalukalude Sangathyavum Sadhyathakalum (Kerala's Political Society: Relevance and Possibilities for an Alternative), Akshara Sakshyam, 2012, Vol. 1, Issue 1, pp. 11-18.

Articles Published in the Online Portals

- Agolavalkarana-Navaliberal Kalathe Nagarangalude Mattangal, Nagarangalilekkulla Mattangal: Keralathe Munnirathi Chila Vicharangal (Changes of the Urban Spaces and Changing Towards Urban Spaces during Neoliberal Capitalist Globalisation: Some Preliminary Reflections Based on Kerala), Malayalam, <https://themalabarjournal.com/author/rajesh-kp/>
- Corona Epidemic and Neoliberal Capitalist Globalisation: A Counter Narrative from Kerala, India (March 21, 2020), VIKALP: People's Perspective for Change (<https://vikalp.ind.in/2020/03/corona-epidemic-and-neoliberal/>)
- Uphold the Language of Dignity, Give up Benevolence: TISS Hyderabad Campus as a Site of Higher Education and the Ongoing Students' Protest (February 24, 2018), Counter Currents, (<https://countercurrents.org/author/k-p-rajesh/>).

Invited Lecture/Moderation/Chair

- Keynote Address was delivered on the Inauguration of the 2nd MIDS Doctoral Colloquium on Economics and Development Studies organised by Madras Institute of Development Studies, Chennai, November 11 -13, 2024. Topic of the lecture was Revisiting the Idea and Practice of Decolonising Development Studies, Neoliberal Rationality and Methodological Predicaments.
- Panelist of the session on Development: Identity and Intersections organised by MIDS, Chennai as part of Doctoral Colloquium on Economics and Development Studies from November 11 to 13, 2024.
- Delivered a presentation as a Panel Speaker in the World Congress on Foucault, Kolkata Chapter organised by Institute of Language Studies and Research (ILSR), Kolkata, 24-25 May 2024. The topic of my presentation was Eviction of Urban Poor, Indian Judiciary and the State: Conceptualising the Contradiction between Neoliberal Governmentality and Legal Rationalities in Judicial Decisions.

- Presented a paper titled Sufferings, Everyday Resistance and Enunciation of Political Subjectivity: Deciphering 'Adimamakka', the Autobiography of C K Janu as part of the International Conference on Celebrating 100 Years of Sociology in India organised by Department of Sociology, in Collaboration with the Golden Jubilee Distinguished Lecture Series, School of Social Science at University of Hyderabad, 1-3 March, 2024.
- Delivered an invited lecture on Neoliberal Rationality and Legal Rationality: Critical Socio-Legal Reflections on the Interface on 20th of May as part of the Three Day National Conference on Interactions in Society organised by the Directorate of Research (DoR), University of Calicut in Kerala, 18-20 May, 2023.
- Co-chair of the Session on Contemporary Developments in Personal Laws as part of the National Seminar on 'Changing Contours of Personal Laws in India', organised by the Maharashtra National Law University, Nagpur, 3-4 March, 2023.
- Delivered a Lecture on Methodological Explorations in Qualitative Research: A Dialogue on Ethnography on 31 January 2023 in Faculty Development Programme on 'Recent Trends in Qualitative Research' organised by the School of Social Sciences and Languages, Vellore Institute of Technology (VIT), Chennai.
- Chair of the Session on Rethinking Sex and Gender as part of the National Conference on 'Gender Justice, Breaking Stereotypes, Discriminations and Prejudices', Organised by Centre for Gender Justice Studies, Maharashtra National Law University, Nagpur, 15-16 October 2022.
- Chair of the Discussion on the Book Set Adrift: Capitalist Transformation and Community Politics along Mumbai Shores (OUP) by Gayatri Nair, organized as part of Grameen Talk Series by Rural Development and Governance Programme, 5 August 2021.
- Delivered an invited lecture on 'History and Space: Conversation with Henri Lefebvre' on 12th October 2020 as part of the UGC Sponsored Short Term Course in History and Social Theory jointly organised by HRDC, University of Kerala and Milad-E-Sherief Memorial Collage, Kayamkulam in Kerala from 7 to 14 October, 2020.
- Delivered a Lecture on The Idea of Multidisciplinarity and National Education Policy: Reality Beyond Pretensions as part of the National Lecture Series on NEP 2020 organised by All Kerala Private College Teachers Association, 7 September 2020.
- Delivered keynote address on Transgender Question in India: A Sociological Perspective on 17 September 2018 in a National Seminar organised by the department of political science at NSS Hindu College, Changanassery, Kottayam in Kerala.

- Delivered a Special Invited Lecture on Rereading Capital in Conjunction with the Specter of Marx and Beyond organized by the Department of Economics, Sree Narayan College at Kannur in Kerala, India on 17th November 2017.
- Delivered a Special Invited Lecture on Significance of Studying History as a Discipline in the Present Context: A Social Science Perspective organized by the Department of History, S.A.R.B.T.M Government College in Kerala, India on 8 December 2016.
- Delivered a Special Invited Lecture on Adivasi Movements in Kerala: A Sociological Analysis organized by the Department of History, Government Brennen College in Kerala, India on 21 November 2016.
- Delivered a Special Invited Lecture on *Methodology and Perspectives of Social Sciences: An Introduction* jointly organized by the Departments of History and Political Science at Milad-E-Sherief Memorial College, Kayamkulam, Alappuzha district in Kerala, India on 7 November 2016.

Paper Presentations in Conferences/Seminars/Workshops

- Presented a paper titled Tribal Space and Law: Unfolding the Spatial Imagination Implicit in the Indian Forest Rights Act (FRA), 2006 at the International Conference on 'Geographies of Law: Inquiries into the Space-Law Tangle' held at Collegio Carlo Alberto, Piazza Vincenzo Arbarello, Torino, Italy, 13-14 December 2021.
- Presented a paper titled Beyond Social Exclusion Approach: Conceptualising Adivasi Gothra Maha Sabha as a New Social Movement in the National Seminar on Politics of Representation: Dalits, Adivasis, and Minorities organised by Institute of Tribal Studies and Research (ITSR), University of Calicut, Kerala (28-30 January 2019).
- Presented a paper titled 'State and Tribal History in Kerala' in the International Seminar on State: Historical and Contemporary organised by the Social Science Forum, Payyanur College, Kerala from 9 to 12 November 2018.
- Presented a paper titled Marginality, Land Question and the Making of Modern Adivasi Communities in Kerala: The Case of Adivasi Gothra Maha (AGMS) in the conference on 'Anthropological Histories and the Tribal Worlds in India' organised by Indian Institute of Advanced Studies (IIAS), Shimla during March 27-29, 2017.
- Presented a paper entitled, Marginality and Land Question of Adivasis in Kerala: The Case of Adivasi Gothra Maha (AGMS) in the academic conference on Traversing the Margins organized by the Department of Humanities and Social Sciences at Indian Institute of Technology, Madras during February 3-5, 2017.
- Another presentation has been made on 'Methods of Qualitative Research and Application of Mixed Methods in Understanding Social Movements' in the three-day Workshop on Introduction to Qualitative Research jointly organized by Research Scholars' Collective and Social Science Division of Integrated Rural Technology Centre (IRTC) at Palakkad, November 27-29, 2015.

- Presented a paper titled, 'Social Work Education and Profession: A 'Reflexive' Mapping of the Politics of Knowledge' in the UGC sponsored national seminar on Strengthening Social Work Education: Integration of Theory and Practice held at St. Thomas College Thrissur, November 27-28, 2015.
- Presented a paper titled, 'Social Movements, Civil Society and Development in Kerala: A Critical Engagement with Adivasi Gothra Maha Sabha (AGMS) as a New Social Movement' in the Young Researchers Workshop in Social Sciences of AJEI (Association Jeunes Etudes Indiennes), A Paris based Research Organization in Collaboration with Nagpur University on Social and Political Movements in South Asia. The workshop was held at Nagpur University, Maharashtra from 7 to 13 February 2010.
- Presented my Research Proposal of the doctoral study in the Research Workshop for Beginning Doctoral Students held at Centre for the Study of Social Sciences (CSSS), Kolkata, July 1-4, 2008.
- Presented a paper titled, 'of New Social Movements and New Paradigms Development' in the XXXIII All India Sociological Conference of State, Civil Society and Social Justice held at Karnataka University, Dharwad from 29th November to 1st December 2007.

Participation in Seminars and Workshops

- Research Workshop for Beginning Doctoral Students in 2008. It was organized by the Centre for the Study of Social Sciences (CSSS), Kolkata, July 1-4, 2008.
- Social Science Writing Workshop jointly organized by ICSSR Western Region and Mumbai University from 6th to 19th July 2008 at Mumbai University.
- Three-Day International Seminar on 'Ethnographic Discourse of the Other' from 3-5, July 2007 jointly organized by the School of Social Sciences and School of Humanities at the University of Hyderabad.
- National Philosophy Seminar on 'Rethinking Modernity', organized by the Department of Philosophy, Sree Sankaracharya University of Sanskrit (SSUS), Kalady in Kerala, India during 16-18 November 2001.
- Three-Day National Seminar on 'Quality Assurance in Social Work Education' organized by Rajagiri School of Social Sciences, Ernakulam in collaboration with National Assessment and Accreditation Council (NACC) during January 27-29, 2005.
- Two-Day National Seminar on 'Social Work-A Developmental Perspective Organized by the Department of Social Work', St. Joseph College Devagiri, Kozhikode in Kerala on 20th August 2005.
- National Seminar on 'Social Work Education: Need for Recognition' organized by the Department of Social Work, St. Joseph College Devagiri, Kozhikode in Kerala on 5th and 6th August 2006.

Awards/Achievements

- Secured second position in the Sarala Birla Memorial National Article Writing Competition, 2020 for the submission titled Contemporary Politics in India and the Discourses on Citizenship, Statelessness and Identity: An Empirical Inquiry into the Case of Assam, organised by School of Law, Birla Global University Bhubaneswar in collaboration with Centre for Statelessness and Refugee Studies, TISS Mumbai.

Annexure

The following 19 postgraduate students from the programmes of MA Development Studies, MA Rural Development and Governance and MA Natural Resources and Governance listed in the table submitted their PG dissertation during their Final Semester (Semester-IV) between 2017-2020 under my supervision as an Assistant Professor of Sociology with School of Livelihoods and Development at Tata Institute of Social Sciences (TISS), Hyderabad Campus.

Sl. No.	Name and Register Number of the Student	Title of The Dissertation/Thesis	Postgraduation (PG)	University	Year
1	Gillprit (2016DS011)	Being a Woman, Being an Atheist: A Study of the Intersection of these Dual Identities and the Challenges and Possibilities Posed by Them in the Urban Space of Hyderabad	MA Development Studies	TISS Hyderabad	2018
2	Disha Rawat (H2016RDG029)	Tourism and Livelihoods: A Study on the Challenges of Women who are Engaging in Tourism-Based Livelihoods in the Dehradun Region of Uttarakhand	MA Rural Development and Governance	TISS Hyderabad	2018
3	Shivanyaa Rawat (2016/H/DS026)	Contemporary Assertion of Religious Identity and Middle Class: A Study of Professionals Working in Multi-National Corporations of Hyderabad	MA Development Studies	TISS Hyderabad	2018
4	Sherin S Das (2016NRG020)	Implementation of Forest Rights Act, 2006 among Tribal Communities of Kerala and Tamil Nadu: A Case Study of the Kanikkar tribe of Western Ghats	MA Natural Resource and Governance	TISS Hyderabad	2018
5	Ashoka Sabar (H2016DS005)	Education and Tribal Community: A Study on the Educational Status of Sabar Tribes of Gajapati District, Odisha	MA Development Studies	TISS Hyderabad	2018
6	Swapnil Shambharkar (H2016RDG026)	Understanding Socio-Economic Condition of Small and Marginal Dalit Farmer in Wardha District of Vidarbha Region of Maharashtra	MA Rural Development and Governance	TISS Hyderabad	2018

7	Krithika V G (H2017RDGM032)	Interplay of Occupation and Culture: Understanding the Pastoralists of Pulikulam and Kangayam Breeds in Tamil Nadu	MA Rural Development and Governance	TISS Hyderabad	2019
8	Bipasha Dutta (H2017MADS022)	Local Culture and Globalized Urbanization: A Study on the Purulia Chhau Mask Making Community in Charida, West Bengal	MA Development Studies	TISS Hyderabad	2019
9	Abhinav Dutta (H2017DS019)	Globalization and Informal Economy: A Case Study of Hyderabad's Construction Labor in the Era of Global Cities	MA Development Studies	TISS Hyderabad	2019
10	Lydia Wahengbam (H2017DS009)	Government Schools and the Quality of Education: A Study on the Status of Government Schools in Bishnupur District (Bishnupur Block), Manipur	MA Development Studies	TISS Hyderabad	2019
11	Udit Aggarwal (H2017DS030)	Understanding the Status of Computer Education in the State of Uttarakhand: A Case Study of Roorkee	MA Development Studies	TISS Hyderabad	2019
12	Shiva S (H2018DS024)	Upper Caste Identity, Community Associations and Political Assertion in Contemporary India: A Case Study of Akhil Bharatiya Kshatriya Mahasabha	MA Development Studies	TISS Hyderabad	2020
13	Alphonse Tirkey (H2018RDG025)	A Study on School Dropout of Tribal Students in Ranchi, Jharkhand	MA Rural Development and Governance	TISS Hyderabad	2020
14	Sushmita Kumari (H2018DS025)	A Study on Impact of Flood on Tribal Women Health & Rehabilitation Program in The Area of Done in West Champaran District of Bihar	MA Development Studies	TISS Hyderabad	2020
15	Sunny Suman (H2018RDG023)	Sustainable Livelihood Approaches and Poverty Reduction: A Case Study of the Project Sustainable Livelihood and Adaptation to Climate Change (SLACC) Implemented in Madhubani, Bihar	MA Rural Development and Governance	TISS Hyderabad	2020
16	Akanksha Ojha (H2018RDG004)	Interplay of Discrimination, Accountability and Governance in Determining Maternal Health Inequities: A Case Study of Tribal Women in Ranchi District, Jharkhand	MA Rural Development and Governance	TISS Hyderabad	2020
17	Shruthy Harilal (H2018DSM030)	Caste, Modernity and The State: Understanding the Discourses Around Theyyam as A Ritualistic Performance and Art in Kerala	MA Development Studies	TISS Hyderabad	2020
		The Political, Sociological and Psychological Aspect of Suicide: A study on Suicide among the youths in Sikkim	MA Development Studies	TISS Hyderabad	

18	Regina Gurung (H2018DS019)				2020
19	Nabaneetha Goswami (H2018DS014)	Identity Politics and Deepening of Democracy: An Empirical Inquiry into the case of Assam	MA Development Studies	TISS Hyderabad	2020

- List of the BA dissertation has not been included here due to the fear of increasing the length of the document.
- **Total Teaching Experience:** 10 Years