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QUALIFICATIONS

PhD in Sociology (awarded in 2005), Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi.

Thesis title “*Internet and the Digital Divide in India: A Case Study of Dhar*”.

MPhil Sociology (2001), Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi.

Dissertation title “*Land Reforms in Rural Punjab: A Sociological Study*”

MA Sociology (1996), Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi.

BA (Sociology, Economics and Geography), 1994, Government College, Sector 11-D, Chandigarh.

UGC-NET Qualification Qualified UGC - NET and JRF in Sociology in June 1996.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE:

More than 13 years. Teaching in the Department of Sociology and Social Anthropology, Punjabi University, Patiala, since 12th October 2004.

Papers Taught:

MPhil:

- Information Technology and Society (MPhil-II semester)
- Recent Developments in Sociology (MPhil/PhD course work sem-I)

M.A.

- Sociological and Anthropological Theories (MA-IV semester)
- Sociological and Anthropological Theories (MA-III semester)
- Social Change and Social Problems in India (MA-II semester)
- Research Methodology (MA-II semester)
- General Sociology (MA-I semester)

AREA OF SPECIALIZATION:

- Information Technology and Society, Media Studies
- Sociological Theories
- Social Exclusion and Inequality

RESEARCH PROJECTS COMPLETED:

- *Educational Status of Scheduled Castes in Punjab: Attainments and Challenges*, Worked as Project Director for a project funded by the ICSSR, New Delhi via CRRID, Chandigarh, 2016.
- *An Ethnographic Study of Denotified and Nomadic Tribes of Punjab*. A project completed along with the other faculty members of the Department. Funded by the Department of Social Welfare, Govt of Punjab. Submitted in 2008.
- Prepared *An Ethnographic Report of Bhajjal Village* along with Prof Birinder Pal Singh as part

of Training and research program on 'Groundwater in Theory and Practice' in collaboration with IWMI, Colombo in 2006.

RESEARCH PROJECTS ONGOING:

- *Rural-Urban Migration, Informal Sector Employment and Income/ Earning Differentials: Reflections from Two Indian States- Punjab and Haryana*, Working as co-coordinator for the Project funded by ICSSR, New Delhi.

PUBLICATIONS:

- Book titled *Information Technology and Social Change: A Study of Digital Divide in India*, published by Rawat Publishers, Jaipur, 2006.
- A chapter on 'Nats' in a book edited by Birinder Pal Singh titled *Criminal Tribes of Punjab: A Socio-Anthropological Inquiry*, published by Routledge: New Delhi, 2010.

And 12 more publications in the form of articles and papers.

CHAired SESSIONS IN CONFERENCES/ SEMINARS/WORKSHOPS:

- Chaired a session in a National Conference on '*Environmental Sustainability and Social Dynamics NAT-EN-16*', on 5th March 2016, organized by Rajiv Gandhi National University of Law, Punjab.
- Chaired a session in a National Seminar on '*The Paradigm of Inequality in India*', from 15-16 January 2016, organized by Bebe Nanki Guru Nanak Dev University College, Mithra, Kapurthala (Punjab).

PAPERS PRESENTED IN CONFERENCES/ SEMINARS AND WORKSHOPS:

- Presented a paper '*Samkali Punjab ch Smajak Sansthavan Da Samajvignyanik Adhyayan*' in an International Conference on '*Samkaali Punjabi Samaaj: Dasha atey Disha*', held at Punjabi University, Patiala from 29th February to 2nd March, 2016.
- Presented a paper on '*India's National Security: A Sociological Perspective*' in a National Seminar held at Punjabi University, Patiala.
- Presented a paper '*Denotified Tribes in Contemporary Indian Society: Problems and Challenges*' in a National Conference organized by Rajasthan Sociological Association on '*Emerging Social Issues and Problems of Contemporary Indian Society*', held at Bhilwara, Rajasthan from 18-19 December, 2015.
- Presented a paper '*Political Economy of Media in India*', in a National Conference on '*Media: Ateet, Vartmaan Avum Bhavishya*', at BSR Govt. Arts College, Alwar, Rajasthan, on 5th – 6th December 2014.
- Presented a paper '*Caste and Castelessness in Punjabi Society in the Era of Globalisation*', in a National Seminar held at Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi, 26 July 2014.
- Presented a paper '*Caste Census in India: Challenges and Opportunities*', in XVI Conference of North West Indian Sociological Association on '*Culture, Politics and Ethnicity: Emerging Issues in North-West India*', at Palampur, Himachal Pradesh, 23–24 November 2012.
- Presented a paper '*State and Prospect of Research in Social Sciences: Practices in Universities*' in a National Seminar on '*Making Social Sciences Matter: Emerging Challenges in Teaching and Research*', held at Guru Nanak Dev University, Amritsar, 26-27 March, 2012.
- Presented a paper '*Dalit Movements in Punjab: Quest for an Egalitarian Society*' in a National Seminar on '*Making of Casteless Society in India: Discourses and*

Mobilizations', held at Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi, on 7th April 2011.

- Presented a paper '*Digital Divide and Quest for Gender Equality*' in an International Seminar on 'Gender Equality and State Intervention: Issues Ahead', held at Punjabi University, Patiala, 28-29 October 2010.
- Presented a paper '*Marginalities in the Digital World*' in a National Seminar on 'Deprivation, Marginalisation and Development,' held at Punjab University, Chandigarh, 21-23 February 2009.
- Presented a paper '*Media and Society: Themes and Perspectives*' in a National Conference on 'Media and Society', held at Punjabi University, Patiala, 15-16 January 2009.
- Presented a paper '*Expanding Sociological Dimensions in a Shrinking World*' in a National Seminar on 'Future of Sociology and Sociology of Future: Context Social Sciences' held at University of Rajasthan, Jaipur, 18-20 December 2005.
- Presented a paper '*Globalization, Digital Divide and the Axis of Access*' in a National Seminar on 'Globalization, Socio-Economic Changes and Empowerment of the Marginalised' held at Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi, 29-30 March 2005.
- Presented a paper '*Digital Divide and Quest for Participatory Democracy*' on 21st February 2004 in an International Seminar on 'Global Quest for Participatory Democracy', held at Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi, 20-22 February 2004.
- Attended a '*Course on Methods in Labour Research*' at V V Giri National Labour Institute, NOIDA, UP, from 13 Jan – 01 Feb 2002.

RESOURCE PERSON:

- Delivered a lecture on '*Ethnography*' as a resource person in an Orientation Programme on Research Methodology sponsored by ICSSR at Centre for Research in Rural and Industrial Development, Chandigarh on 3rd March 2016.

INVITED LECTURES:

- Delivered a speech on '*Relevance of Dr Babasaheb Ambedkar- Today and Tomorrow*', in a Special Symposium for Minorities organized by Dr Babasaheb Ambedkar 125th Nagari Jayanti Samiti, Nagpur, on 12th April 2016 at Deekshabhoomi, Nagpur.
- Delivered a talk on '*Best Practices in Counselling and Concepts*', in a Refresher Training Programme for Counsellors and Office Bearers of the Institutes running Family Counselling Centres, organized by Chandigarh Social Welfare Board in collaboration with The Centre for Social Work, Punjab University at Chandigarh on 15th October 2012.
- Delivered an extension lecture on '*Human Rights and Media*' in the Department of Sociology, BSR Govt Arts College, Alwar, Rajasthan on 3rd February 2011.
- Delivered a talk on '*Sociology: Job Opportunities and Prospect*' at the Govt College for Girls, Patiala, in 2008.
- Delivered a talk on '*Digital Divide: Framework and Case Study in the Indian Context*' at the Centre for the Study of Science Policy, Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi on 10 October 2006.

ORIENTATION/REFRESHER COURSES ATTENDED:

- Completed an Inter-disciplinary **Refresher Course** on **Globalization: Effects and Consequences on Social Science** organized by UGC-Human Resource Development Centre, JNV University, Jodhpur, Rajasthan, from 16th November 2015 to 05th December 2015.
- Completed an Inter-disciplinary **Refresher Course** in **Women's Study** organized by UGC-Academic Staff College, University of Burdwan, West Bengal from 4th February 2012 to 24th February 2012.
- Completed an **Orientation Course** organized by UGC-Academic Staff College, Rajasthan University, Jaipur from 5th December 2010 to 1st January 2011.

As an NSS Programme Officer-

- Attended an **NSS Orientation Course for Programme Officers**, at Punjabi University Patiala. Organised by Training and Orientation Centre, Ministry of Youth and Human Resource from 15/01/10 to 24/01/10
- Attended **NSS Refresher Course for Programme Officers** at Andretta, H.P. from 13/10/10 to 17/10/10

ORIENTATION/REFRESHER COURSE/S ORGANISED:

- Co-coordinator for an Interdisciplinary Refresher Course on Research Methodology for Social Sciences, Organized at Punjabi University Patiala from 11th May to 30th May 2011.

CONFERENCES ORGANIZED:

- Coordinator for the two day National Conference on *Media and Society* at Punjabi University, Patiala held on 15-16 January 2009.
- Co-coordinator for the two day XI Annual Conference of North West Indian Sociological Association on *Emerging Trends of Violence in North West India* at Punjabi University, Patiala held on 5-6 November 2007.
- Assistant Coordinator for the two day National Conference on *'Tribes' of Punjab: A Social Anthropological Inquiry* at Punjabi University, Patiala held on 1-2 March 2007.
- Co-coordinator for the two day International Seminar on *Punjab Peasantry in Turmoil* at Punjabi University, Patiala held on 1-2 March 2005.

RESEARCH GUIDED:

MPhil:

NAME OF THE STUDENT	TITLE OF RESEARCH	YEAR OF SUBMISSION	STATUS OF RESEARCH
Vimaldeep Kaur Gill	Indebtedness Among Farmers in Rural Punjab: A Sociological Study of A Village in Sangrur District	2009	Degree Awarded
Sumita Gupta	Unmarried Working Women and their Working Matrimonial Prospect: A Case Study of Patiala City	2009	Degree Awarded
Ravneet Kaur	Emerging Challenges in Matrimonial Relations in Punjab: A Case Study of Patiala City	2010	Degree Awarded
Yashpreet Kaur	Social Status of Aged Women in Patiala City: A Sociological Analysis	2012	Degree Awarded
Loveleen Kaur	Educational Status of Scheduled Caste	2014	Degree Awarded

	Girls in Rural Patiala: A Case Study of Patiala Tehsil		
Sukhveer Kaur	Role of Panchayats in Primary Education: A Sociological Analysis of Rural Area of Sri Muktsar Sahib	2014	Degree Awarded
Kirandeep Kaur	Usage Pattern of Social Network Sites Among the College Students of Patiala City: A Sociological Analysis	2015	Degree Awarded
Amandeep Singh	Matrimonial Advertisements in Punjabi Newspaper Ajit: A Sociological Analysis	2016	Degree Awarded
Shaminder	Social Impact of Facebook on Marital Relations	2017	Degree Awarded

PhD:

NAME OF THE STUDENT	TITLE OF RESEARCH	YEAR OF SUBMISSION	STATUS OF RESEARCH
Madhu Bala	Drug De-Addiction and Rehabilitation Centres in Malwa Region of Punjab: A Sociological Study	2016	Submitted
Harvinder Kaur	An Ethnographic Study of Ravidasias of Punjab	-	Ongoing
Ravinder Singh	Higher Education Among the Scheduled Castes in Punjab: A Sociological Study	-	Ongoing
Honey Kumar	Alcoholism and Family Crisis in Punjab: A Sociological Study	-	Ongoing
Mani Inderpal Singh	Television and Rural Society in Punjab: A Sociological Analysis	-	Ongoing

ADMINISTRATIVE EXPERIENCE:

- Incharge, Department of Sociology and Social Anthropology, Punjabi University. (1 Jan 2018 onwards)
- Warden, Shaheed Bhagat Singh Hostel, Punjabi University, Patiala. (2006 to 2007)
- NSS Programme Officer, Boys Unit, Punjabi University, Patiala. (15 July 2009 to 14 July 2012)

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