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**AREAS OF INTEREST**

Borderlands Studies, Tribal Studies, Himalayan Cultural Studies, Sociology of Child Development, Child Rights & Environment in the Himalayan regions.

EDUCATIONAL QUALIFICATION AND FELLOWSHIP

Ph.D in Sociology, Center for the Study of Social Systems, School of Social Sciences, Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi, India (2014).

Thesis: *Exploring Society, Culture and Politics: A Sociological Study of Border Villages in Ladakh.*

M.Phil in Sociology, Center for the Study of Social Systems, School of Social Sciences, Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi, India (2009).

Dissertation: *Tribes in Transition: A Study of the Boto Tribe of Ladakh*

M.A in Sociology, Jammu University, Jammu and Kashmir, India (2006)

Graduation in Arts, Maulana Azad Memorial College, Jammu, India (2004)

Cleared **National Eligibility Test (NET)** by **University Grant Commission**, (June & December, 2006) India.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE IN ACADEMICs

S.no	Institution	Role	Level	Year
1	Govt. Degree College Nobra, Ladakh	Lecturer	Undergraduate	2015-2016
2	Govt. Degree College Nobra, Ladakh	Lecturer	Undergraduate	2016-2017
3	Ramnagar Campus, University of Jammu	Lecturer	Postgraduate	2018
4	University of Ladakh	Assistant Professor	Postgraduate	2021-2022
5	University of Ladakh	Assistant Professor	Postgraduate	2022-2023
6	University of Ladakh	Assistant Professor	Postgraduate	2023-2024
7	University of Ladakh	Assistant Professor	Postgraduate	2024-2025
8	University of Ladakh	Assistant Professor	Postgraduate	Continuing

ADMINISTRATIVE EXPERIENCE AND OTHER

S.no	Position	Institution/Dept.	Location	Duration
1	Research Assistant	Institute of Chinese Studies (ICS)	New Delhi	02 months
2	Chairperson	Child Welfare Committee, Leh under Ministry of Women and Child Development, Govt. of India	Leh	03 years
3	Coordinator, along with teaching, I have been given additional responsibilities in Tribal Research Institute, Ladakh.	Tribal Research Institute, Ladakh, University of Ladakh	Kargil	03 years
4	Secretary	International Association for Ladakh Studies (IALS)	Ladakh	04 years
5	President	Ladakh Drayangs	Ladakh	04 Years

PUBLICATION IN BOOKS AND JOURNALS

Published a research paper title **Tibetanisation the Earliest Wave of Change in Ladakh** in the **Edited book “Buddhism in the Trans-Himalaya”** (2016) with ISBN: 978-93-86221-56-8.

Published a paper titled: **Partition, Narratives and Change in the Borderland Areas of Ladakh** in **Taylor & Francis, the Journal of Borderlands Studies**, Volume 40, No.1, 2025 with ISSN: 0886-5655.

Published a research paper titled: **Borderlands and Border Narratives from the North-Western Region of Ladakh** in the **UGC Approved Care Journal (2020) Shodh Sarita: An International multidisciplinary Quarterly Bilingual** Peer Reviewed Refereed Research Journal with ISSN: 23482397.

Published a research paper titled: **Cultural Hybridization and the Legacy of Ragas: A Study of Turtuk Borderland Area in Ladakh** in the **UGC Approved Care Journal (2020) Shodh Sanchar Bulletin: An International multidisciplinary Quarterly Bilingual** Peer Reviewed Refereed Research Journal with ISSN: 22293620.

Published a research paper titled: **Borderlands Nationalism and Discourse of Inclusion: Perspective from Ladakh** in the **Indian Journal of Social Studies and Humanities**: International Peer Reviewed and Referred (2023) with ISSN:22777458.

Published a research paper titled: **Ladakh’s Struggle for Scheduled Tribe Status and Socio- Political Change** in the **Quest Journals: Journal of Research in Humanities and Social Science** (2018) with ISSN (Online): 23219467.

Published a research paper titled: **Islam’s Footprint in Ladakh: Assessing the Historical and Cultural Impact** in the **Research Discourse: An International Peer Reviewed Refereed Research Journal** (2023) with ISSN: 22772014.

PAST AND PRESENT RESEARCH PROJECTS AND FELLOWSHIPS

S.n	Project title	Role	Institution	Duration	Project cost.	Status
1	Digitization & documentation of folksongs, folklore and folk culture of the vulnerable tribes of Ladakh	Co-Principal Investigator	Tribal Research Institution, Ladakh, funded by SHRI programme of DST.	03 years	Rs. 60 Lacs	Ongoing
2	Impact Assessment of Multi-Sectoral Development Projects.	Research Investigator	IIPA, funded by Ministry of Minority Affairs.	03 years	Rs. 57 Lacs	Completed
3	Documentation of traditional folk songs of the Purig tribe of Kargil, Ladakh	Co-Principal Investigator	TRI, Ladakh, funded by Ministry of Tribal Affairs, Govt. of India.	01 year	Rs. 12.5 Lacs	Ongoing
4	Central Asia-China Relations	Assistant	Institute of Chinese Studies, (ICS) submitted to Planning Commission.	03 years	60 Lacs	Completed

PARTICIPATIONS IN CONFERENCES, WORKSHOPS AND PRESENTATIONS

Presented a paper on **Borderland Nationalism, Economy and Identity: A Study of Turtuk Villages on Indo-Pak Border in Ladakh**, organized by International Association for Ladakh Studies and South Asia Institute (SAI), 17-20 April 2013, **Heidelberg University Germany**.

Presented a paper on **Narratives of Border Crossing, Culture and Communication**, organized by **39th All India Sociological Conference** at Mysore Karnataka State Open University (KSOU) 26-29 December 2013.

Presented a paper on **Border, Economy and Partition: A Study of Turtuk Villages in Ladakh**, organized by **Institute of Peace and Conflict Studies (IPCS)** in collaboration with **India International Center (IIC)** 1 February 2013, New Delhi, India.

Presented a paper on **Unveiling Ladakh's Political Discourse: The Struggle for Scheduled Tribe Status**, organized by Tribal Research Institute, Ladakh, **University of Ladakh** on 07 June 2023.

Presented a paper on **People's Struggle for Scheduled Tribe Status: Problems and Prospects of Tribal Safeguarding** organized by Tribal Research Institute, Ladakh, **University of Ladakh** on 15 November 2023.

Presented a paper on **Birsa Munda: The Architect of Tribal Resilience, on the eve of 150th Birth Anniversary of Dharti Aaba Bhagwan Birsa Munda-Janjatiya Gaurav Divas**, organized by Tribal Research Institute, Ladakh, **University of Ladakh** on 15 November 2024.

As a **Resource Person**, I have been invited to deliver a talk on **Introduction to Quantitative and Qualitative Research in Social Sciences**, in a **Ten Days Research Methodology Course** Sponsored by

Indian Council of Social Science and Research (ICSSR) organized by Department of Geography and Department of Sociology, Kargil Campus, University of Ladakh from **29 August 2024 to 7 September 2024**.

As a **Resource Person**, I have been invited to deliver an invited lecture through Online Mode on the topic **Qualitative Methods and Research Analysis**, under the theme **“Research and Development”** in Tenth **Two-Week Online Programme on “NEP Orientation & Sensitization Programme”** on 18th of September 2024. The programme was organized by **Malaviya Mission Teacher Training Centre (MMTTC)** at **Central University of Punjab** from 16th September to 25th September 2024.

I have been invited as a **Resource Person** for conducting **“Research Methodology and Action Research”** training programme for Masters and Teachers of various schools of Leh district. The training programme was conducted by District Institute of Education Trainings (DIET), Leh from 20th January 2025 to 24th January 2025 at DIET Leh.

As a **Resource Person**, I have delivered a talk on **Qualitative Methods and Research Analysis**, in a two days workshop on **Basic Research Methodology**, organized by **Tribal Research Institute (TRI), Ladakh** on 5th November 2022.

As a **Resource Person**, I have delivered a talk through virtual mode on **The Partition Event of 1971: A Case Study of Turtuk**, in a **One Week Certificate Course** titled: **Understanding Ladakh through its History, Geography and Culture**. The course was conducted by the Department of History and the **Centre for Himalayan and trans-Himalayan Studies at Leh campus**, University of Ladakh.

As a **Resource Person**, I have delivered a talk on **People’s Struggle for Scheduled Tribe Status: Problems and Prospects in Tribal Safeguarding** in one day Seminar on **Gilgit Baltistan: Exploring Roots, Heritage and Politics**, organized by the **Centre for Gilgit-Baltistan Studies (CGBS), University of Ladakh** on 25th April 2024.

Certificate was awarded for attending **One Week Short Term Course on Research Methodology and Quantitative Analysis through SPSS**, organized by **Department of Humanities and Sciences, Motilal Nehru National Institute of Technology (MNIIT), Allahabad** 15-21 December 2014.

Certificate was awarded for attending **One Week Faculty Development Programme (FDP) on Emerging Trends and Challenges in Higher Education** for the faculty members of University of Ladakh from 15th December to 21 December 2021.

Award with the certificate in recognition of successful completion of **Course on Sociology of Labour and Globalization**, 19-30 January 2015 organized by the **V.V. Giri National Labour Institute, Noida, India**.

Award with the certificate for the successful participation in **Ten Days Workshop on Climate Change, Cryosphere, Habitat and Changing Livelihood pattern of Ladakh Region: An interdisciplinary Approach towards Developing Adaptive Strategies**, organized by **National Institute of Hydrology and University of Jammu**, 17-26 September 2013 in Ladakh, India.

I had coordinated the **Three Days Intensive Training on Juvenile Justice Act, 2015, POCSO Act, 2012 and Child Protection Services, Scheme (ICPS)** from 22nd to 24th October 2019. The training programme was organized by **National Institute of Public Cooperation and Child Development, Mohali Chandigarh** in collaboration with the **Integrated Child Protection Services, Scheme Leh**.

I had participated in the **Workshop for the officials of Judiciary, Police and other Stakeholders involved in the Implementation of Juvenile Justice Act**, 10th October to 12th October 2018. The programme was organized by **National Institute of Public Cooperation and Child Development, Srinagar**.

A certification for participation in national seminar, **Social Research on North East India: Issues and Challenges**, organized by North-East India Studies Programmes (NEISP), **Jawaharlal Nehru University**,

25-26 February 2010, New Delhi.

Participated in two day workshop on **Basic Research Methodology** conducted by the Tribal Research Institute, Kargil Campus, University of Ladakh, on 5th & 15th November 2022.

A certificate of attendance the Author Workshop on **How to Write and Get Published in Academic Journals**, conducted by **Emerald in collaboration with Jawaharlal Nehru University**, Central Library, 10 January 2013, New Delhi.

Participated in two day workshop on **Entrepreneurship Development Program** organized by the Department of Business Administration at Govt. Degree College Ramnagar on 10th and 11th April, 2018.

Delivered multiple talks on issues such as **Juvenile Justice, Act, POCSO, Act, Child Labour Act, Child Rights & Protection** and **various other laws in thirty one (31) schools in and around Leh and Nubra valley.**

I was one of the **Members** of the Coordinating Committee for the successful completion of the **19th International Association for Ladakh Studies, (IALS) Conference** in collaboration with **Central Institute of Buddhist Studies (Deemed to be University), Choglamsar, Leh, Ladakh**, on 31st August-04th September, 2019.

Participated in the three-day Regional Training Programme on “DRR tools, Planning and Strategies” organized by Kargil Campus, University of Ladakh in collaboration with National Institute of Disaster management (NIDM), Ministry of Home Affairs, Govt. of India from 15th-17th June, 2023.

I had participated in the **Two Days Orientation Programme for Faculty Members** of Kargil Campus, University of Ladakh, organized by **Culture and Seminar Committee, Kargil Campus, University of Ladakh** on 16th & 17th September 2021.

A certification for participation in ‘**Asia Youth Leaders’ Summit**’, 18-21 September 2012, New Delhi.

SEMI ACADEMICS

‘**Causes of Stagnation in Higher Studies**’ published in Ladakh Drayangs, bilingual annual magazine, 2008.

‘**Political Transition in Ladakh**’ published in Ladakh Drayangs, bilingual annual magazine, 2009.

‘**An Interview with Kacho Mohammad Khan from Turtuk**’ published in Ladakh Drayangs, bilingual annual magazine, 2012.

CO-EDITOR

Ladakh Drayangs, **bilingual annual magazine**, 2009-2012 and 2014, **J&K, India.**

EXTRA-CURRICULAR

Participated in the ‘Most Trees Planted Simultaneously’ for Guinness World Records Breaking attempt on 29 October 2012, Hemis, Ladakh.

Winner of 2nd Prize in the final debate competition for English language levels 2B, 3A&3B
Organized by Inlingua International School of Languages, 24 October 2008, New Delhi.

A certificate was awarded for having successfully completed, ‘Computer Fundamental Course’, conducted by Academy of Computer Education and Research, Jammu, 1 November 2003 to 1 January 2004 New Delhi.

LANGUAGES SPOKEN: Hindi, English, Urdu, Bhoti.