

Curriculum Vitae

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Professional Summary

Experienced professional with a strong background in academia, research, and policy formulation. Expertise in curriculum development, data analysis, project management, and addressing global challenges in international relations, environmental studies, agriculture, and migrant labor dynamics.

Education

Ph.D. in International Relations-Area Studies

Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi, 2014
Thesis: Migration to the Gulf and its Impact on Tamil Nadu, 1991-2010

M.Phil. in International Relations-Area Studies

Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi, 2008
Dissertation: Domestic Dimensions of the Water Policy of Israel: 1948-2006

M.A. in Geography

Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi, 2006

B.Sc. in Agriculture

Tamil Nadu Agricultural University, Coimbatore, 2002

Professional Experience

Non-Resident Associate, Middle East Institute

New Delhi, IN | 2021 - Present

- Contributed to research on Middle East Labour affairs.
- Analyzed geopolitical developments and socio-political trends.
- Organized conferences and published research articles.

Teaching Assistant, Mahatma Global Gateway

Madurai, India | June 2017 - October 2018

- Developed curriculum for Political Democracy courses.
- Delivered lectures and facilitated student research projects.
- Organized seminars and provided student assessments.

District Coordinator, Tamil Nadu Migration Survey

Centre for Development Studies, Trivandrum, IN | May 2015 - August 2015

- Managed data collection and analysis for the migration survey.
- Conducted field trials and interviews on migration patterns.
- Presented findings and reports to stakeholders.

Project Coordinator, Human Rights Defence International

New Delhi, India | 2012 - 2014

- Coordinated human rights projects and managed budgets.
- Conducted research on human rights violations of Indian workers in the Gulf.
- Organized training programs and published research articles.

Publications

- "Destination of Hopes: Tamil Migrants to Gulf Countries" (Work in progress)
- "Voluntary Migration and Involuntary Servitude: Plight of Indian workers in the Persian Gulf" (Diaspora, Development and Distress: Indians in Persian Gulf, Rawat Publisher, 2015)
- "Current Trend in Labour Migration from India to GCC Countries" (World Focus, Vol XXXV, Issue 1, 2014)
- "Book Review: Diaspora in Kerala's Development" (GRFDT, Online, 2013)
- "Book Review: Global Environmental Governance and Desertification: A Study of Gulf Cooperation Council Countries" (STAR Journal, 2012)

Certifications

- CSIR/UGC-NET-JRF/SRF – Lectureship (2006): Earth, Atmospheric, Ocean and Planetary Sciences
- UGC-NET – Lectureship (2013): Geography
- GIS-Principles and Applications in Human Settlements (2011)
- Online Training Programme on Gender Equality, Climate Change, and Sustainable Development Goals (2021)

Skills

- Project Management
- Data Analysis
- Curriculum Development
- Research Methodologies
- Policy Analysis
- MS Word, MS Excel, MS PowerPoint
- SPSS, GIS-ArcView, Q-GIS, Erdas Imagine

Field Experience

- Extension work with farmers, Tamil Nadu Agriculture University (3 months)
- Socio-economic survey in New Delhi slums, Jawaharlal Nehru University
- Fieldwork on "Pani Panchayat" in Rajasthan with NGO Tarun Bharat Sangh, Jawaharlal Nehru University
- Trek to Gangotri Glacier for Paleo-Glacial Studies, Jawaharlal Nehru University
- Migration Survey in Tamil Nadu and UAE, Jawaharlal Nehru University

Conferences/Seminars/Workshops Attended

- International Conference on Changing Immigration Policies of Gulf Countries and its Impact on Indian Labourers (2014, 1 day)
- Regional Consultation on Problems and issues faced by Migrant Domestic Workers at Overseas (2014, 1 day)
- International Conference on Development or distress: 21st Century Indian immigrants in the Persian Gulf (2013, 2 days)
- Training Programme on Bonded Labors for the Enforcement Officers of Government Department (2013, 2 days)
- International Conference on Human Rights Concerns of Indian Diaspora (2013, 1 day)
- Symposium on "Indian workers lost in the Gulf of Despair" (2012, 1 day)
- National Seminar on Contemporary Yemen and Indo-Yemeni Relations (2012, 2 days)
- National Seminar on Contemporary Iraq and Indo-Iraqi Relations (2012, 1 day)
- Pandit Hridaynath Kunzru Memorial Lectures on Social Movements in a Globalizing World (2013, 12 days)
- 4th Students Seminar on Contemporary issues and Challenges in West Asia and North Africa (2013, 1 day)
- 3rd Students Seminar on Society and Politics in West Asia and North Africa (2012, 1 day)