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Qualifications:

PhD (Social Work)
M.Phil (Applied Social Sciences)
MA in Social Work
Bachelor of Social Work

Area of Interest:

- Community Organisation and Development
- Participatory Community Modelling
- Social Work Research
- Counselling Micro Skills
- Disabilities Studies
- Social Work with the Elderly
- Environment, Natural resources, Indigenous knowledge and Social Work
- Climate Change, Disasters and their Risk Reduction, and Social Work
- Sustainable and Climate Resilient Livelihood Strategies
- Women Empowerment and Self-Help Groups, and Sustainable Livelihood Practices

Experience: 19years +

Awards and Honors:

- Best Social Worker Award from NISWASS, Utkal University, Odisha, in 1999
- University Topper Award, MSW, Utkal University, Odisha, in 1999
- BSW Topper Award, NISWASS, Utkal University, Odisha, in 1997

Research Projects: Nil

International Collaboration/Consultancy: Nil

Best Peer-Reviewed Publication:

1. Patel, S. (2023), Organic Farming and Sustainable Agriculture Harmonizing Ecological Conservation: The Lepcha Indigenous Perspective, *Dogo Rangsang Research Journal* (A UGC- CARE listed Journal), Vol. 13(2), No. 05; pp.178-184; ISSN 2347-7180 (co-authored)
2. Patel, S. (2022), Seasonal Migration and Its Influence on Children's Education: A Study from the Select Village from the Santhal Pargana of Jharkhand, *International Journal of Research and Review* Vol. 9 (10); pp.510-522; E-ISSN: 2349-9788; P-ISSN: 2454-2237 (co-authored)
3. Patel, S. (2022), Social Entrepreneurship for Sustainable Development: A Paradigm of Social Work Intervention During the Covid-19 Crisis, *EPRA International Journal of Multidisciplinary Research*, Vol.8(8); pp.72-82; ISSN: 2455-3662(online) (co-authored)
4. Patel, S. (2022), Challenges Faced by The Recovered Youth Drug Addicts in Their Normal Lives: An Exploratory Study in Darjeeling District of West Bengal, India, *RESEARCH REVIEW International Journal of Multidisciplinary*, Vol 7 (1), pp. 26-36, e-ISSN: 2455-3085 (co-authored)
5. Patel, S. (2022), The Women as a Commodity and Marriage as a Commercial Opportunity: An Investigation into the Unpleasant Truth of Marriage Trafficking in India, *International Journal of Research and Review*, Vol 9 (1), pp.689-704, E-ISSN: 2349-9788, P-ISSN:2454-2237 (co-authored)
6. Patel, S. (2022), Participation of Women in Protection and Regeneration of Forest Resources: A Case of a Remote Village in Eastern Odisha, India, *Education India: A Quarterly Refereed Journal of Dialogues on Education* (A UGC- CARE listed Journal), Vol.11(1); pp.1-10; ISSN: 2278-2435 (co-authored)
7. Patel, S. (2022), Strengthening Social immunity Through Collective Responsibility: India's experience in Challenging the Uncertainty, *EPRA International Journal of Multidisciplinary Research*, Vol.8(1); pp. 360-369; ISSN: 2455-3662(online) (co-authored)
8. Patel, S. (2022), Indigenous Knowledge and Practices of Lepchas in Himalayan Region of West Bengal: A Qualitative Study Reconnecting their Ecological Conservatory Approaches to Sustainable Development Goal-17, *International Journal of Advanced Multidisciplinary Research*; Vol.9 (1); pp. 106-120; ISSN: 23938870 (co-authored)
9. Patel, S. (2022), Music: An Effective Tool in Social Work Intervention for Positive Change, *Sangeet Galaxy* (A UGC- CARE listed Journal), Vol.11 (1); pp.122-132; ISSN: 2319-9695 (co-authored)
10. Patel, S. (2021), Homestay Tourism as a Tool for Promoting Sustainable Rural Livelihood in and around Santiniketan: Opportunities, Challenges and Road Map, *KHOAI* (A UGC- CARE listed Journal), Vol. (46)46; pp.; ISSN: 2319-8389 (co-authored)

11. Patel, S. (2021), Role of Tribal Women in Sustainable Forest Management in South Odisha: *International Journal of Advanced Multidisciplinary Research*, Vol.8 (12); pp.80-94; ISSN: ISSN:2393-8870 (co-authored)
12. Patel, S. (2021) Food Security as a Critical Concern: An Analysis from the Lens of Public Distribution System in India, *KHOAI* (A UGC-CARE listed journal), (Special issue on Art and Humanities), Vol.45 (3); pp.410-417; ISSN: 2319-8389 (co-authored)
13. Patel, S. (2021) Review of health policies& programmes for elderly in India: With special reference to Rampurhat health district of West Bengal, *International Journal of Humanities and Social Science Research*, Vol.7 (4); pp.99-103; ISSN: 2455-2070 (co-authored)
14. Patel, S. (2021) Forest- Based Livelihood among tribal Women in South Odisha: Prospects, Constraints and Possibilities, *International Journal of Multidisciplinary Educational Research*, Vol.10 Issue7 (1) pp.88-99; ISSN: 2277-7881 (co-authored)
15. Patel, S. (2021) Elderly care: A quest on their well-being under institutionalized and family-based care, *International Journal of Humanities and Social Science Research*, Vol.7 (1); pp.147-152; ISSN: 2455-2070 (co-authored)
16. Patel, S. (2019) "Where the mind is without fear and the head is held high ...": The Challenge posed by Rabindranath Tagore for Social Work Professionals, *Journal of Social Work and Social Development* (A UGC -CARE enlisted journal), Vol. 10(2), pp.113-127, ISSN: 2229-6468 (co-authored)
17. Patel, S. (2018) Social Engineering in Public Policies and Legislations: A Critical discussion in reference with Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Act (MGNREGA), *International Journal of Social Science*, Vol 7(4), pp.495-503, ISSN:2249-6637 (co-authored)
18. Patel, S. (2017) Women Empowerment and Protection in India: Past and Present; *Anubodh*-May; pp 3-4; ISSN 2349-0616 (co-authored)
19. Patel, S. (2015) "Applying a Human Rights Approach to Social Work Research and Evaluation-A Rights Research Manifesto" by Tina Maschi (Book review), Springer Cham Heidelberg, New York, Dordrecht London in *Journal of Social Work & Social Development*; Vol. 06, pp.121-125, ISSN: 2229-6468
20. Patel, S. (2016) CSR and Employee Engagement: Some Reflections; *Anubodh*-August; pp 3-4; ISSN: 2349-0616 (co-authored)
21. Patel, S. (2013) Empowerment of Women through Self-help Groups-An Exploratory-Comparative Analysis, *Tulsi Prajna-A peer-reviewed Research Quarterly*, Vol-156, pp-68-90; ISSN: 0974-8857
22. Patel, S. (March 2010), SHGs- A Driving Force in Building Sustainable Communities, *Social Welfare*, Central Social Welfare Board, New Delhi, ISSN: 0037-8038

Recent Books/Book Chapters/Monographs etc.

- *The Elderly in India A Collection of Select Writings* edited by Paramita Roy, Subhashree Sanyal and Sasmita Patel, ISBN: 978-93-94213-00-5, 2022, AlterNote Press, New Delhi
- Patel, S. (2016) "Disable Women in India: Issues and Challenges" in Chattopadhyay, P.K. & Kushwaha, D.S. (eds) **Rural Health, Women Empowerment and Agriculture: Issues and Challenges**, New Delhi Publishers, New Delhi, pp.219-223, ISBN: 978-93-85503-40-5 (co-authored)
- Patel, S. (2010), History of Social Work in India: Central and State Initiatives. In *Course Book, MSW-I, IGNOU*, New Delhi, pp.1-54, ISBN 978-81-266-4570-1(Co-Authored)

Research Supervision (PhD): Awarded : 03
: Submitted : 02
: Continuing : 02

Administrative Responsibilities:

At Guru Ghasidas Vishwavidyalaya (A Central University), Bilaspur, Chhattisgarh, India

- Working as **Faculty Coordinator**, Restructuring of Undergraduate Curriculum Framework (UGCF) as per NEP 2020, for the Department of Social Work, Guru Ghasidas Vishwavidyalaya, Bilaspur, Chhattisgarh.
- Working as **Advisory Committee Member** for the Day Care Centre/Creche (Kilkari), Guru Ghasidas Vishwavidyalaya, Bilaspur, Chhattisgarh.
- Working as a **Member** in Admission committee of the Department of Social Work and Department of Anthropology, Guru Ghasidas Vishwavidyalaya, Bilaspur, Chhattisgarh.

At Visva-Bharati (A Central University and an Institution of National Importance), Santiniketan, West Bengal, India

- Worked as **Research Coordinator** for Master's degree level for the academic session 2021 to 13.3.2023 at the Department of Social Work.
- Worked as **Faculty representative in Departmental Students Grievance Redressal Committee** for the academic session 2021 to 13.3.2023 at the Department of Social Work.
- Worked as a **Committee member** in the **Syllabus Revision Committee** (in the line of NEP) for the session 2021 to 13.3.2023 at the Department of Social Work.
- Worked as a **Committee member** in **Journal committee for the Journal of Social Work and Social Development** for the session 2021 to 13.3.2023 at the Department of Social Work.

- Worked as **University Nodal Officer** for **Kanyashree Prakalpa** (A Conditional Cash Transfer Scheme to improve the status and well-being of girl children in West Bengal by the Department of Women Development and Social Welfare, Government of West Bengal) from 18th June 2019 to 13.3.2023.
- Worked as **Field Work Coordinator** at the Department of Social Work for the Academic session 2018-19.
- Worked as **Associate Director Field Work** at the Department of Social Work for the Academic session 2020-21.
- Worked as a National Assessment and Accreditation Council (NAAC) **Committee member** at the Department of Social Work in 2020.
- Worked as an Editorial Assistant in the *Journal of Social Work and Social Development* (An UGC CARE-listed journal) of the Department of Social Work, Visva-Bharati from 2015 to 2017.

Additional Information:

- Working as a **Member of the Expert Committee** for the MSW programme of Odisha State Open University (OSOU), Sambalpur, Odisha, from 28th January 2021 to till date.
- Working as **External member, Board of Studies**, for the Department of Social Work, Pt. Sunderlal Sharma (Open) University, Bilaspur, Chhattisgarh, India.

COURSES DESIGNED AND INTRODUCED (at Visva- Bharati)

Sl. No.	Course Level	Paper/Course Code	Name of the Course	Designed/ Introduced	In Effect From
1	MSW Semester-IV	SW / IV/ OE 05	Ecology and Social Work	Designed and Introduced	01.7.2017
2	MSW Semester-III	SW / III / OE 02	Social Exclusion and Inclusive Policies	Designed and introduced	01.7.2017
3	BSW (on CBCS mode) Semester-IV	C8 (Credit-6)	Working with Communities	Designed and introduced	01.7.2017, revised in 2019
4	PGDSEIP (Post Graduate Diploma in Social Exclusion and Inclusive Policy) Semester- I	SE- C2	Underprivileged and Marginalized Groups and Social Exclusion in India	Designed and introduced	01.7.2017

PAPER PRESENTATIONS AT NATIONAL/INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCES

- Presented a paper titled **“How does Climate Change Contribute to the Prevalence of Child Marriage? – a Reflective Discussion”** at the **WSWD2023: 6th Internal Conference on ‘Respecting Diversity through Joint Social Action’** jointly organised by Community Social Work Practice and Development Foundation & Department of Sociology and Social work, The People’s University of Bangladesh held at KIB Conference Hall, Mohammadpur, Dhaka-1207, Bangladesh & YWCA Conference Hall, Mohammadpur, Dhaka-1207, **Bangladesh** held during 11-13 May, 2023.

- Presented a paper titled “**Impact of Substance Use on Socio-Cultural Community Life People in Darjeeling, West Bengal, India**” in the WSWD 2023: 6th **International Conference on Respecting Diversity through Joint Social Action** jointly organized by The Community Social Work Practice and Development Foundation CSWPD and the Department of Sociology and Social Work of the People’s University of Bangladesh (PUB), Dhaka during 11-13 May 2023.
- Presented a paper titled **Education Migration in India: Challenges and Problems**” in the **International Seminar** on “Dr B.R. Ambedkar’s Thoughts in Contemporary India and World” jointly organized by the SC, ST, OBC Employees Welfare Association of Visva-Bharati and Department of Sociology, Purnidevi Chowdhury Girls’ College, Bolpur, West Bengal during 14.4.2023.
- Presented a paper titled “**Mysore Marriage- An Evil Practice: Reflections From a Few Cases**” in the **National Seminar** on “The Legacy of Dr B.R. Ambedkar and Savitribai Phule in Women Empowerment” organized by SC, ST, OBC Employees Welfare Association of Visva-Bharati during 14.4.2022-15.4.2022.
- Presented a paper titled "**Sustainable Development Goal-17: An overview through Lepcha indigenous knowledge**" at the **9th Indian Social Work Congress** on the theme *Nation Building, Vision 2030 and Social Work profession* jointly organized by Matru Sewa Sangha Institute of Social Work, Nagpur, Maharashtra; Maharashtra Association of Social Work Educators (MASWE) & National Association of Professional Social Workers in India (NAPSWI), New Delhi, India during 28-30 October 2021.
- Presented a paper titled "**The State of Social Cohesion, Community Response and Government's Action during COVID-19: A Study from Santhal Pargana Division of Jharkhand**" at the **8th Indian Social Work Congress and 8th ICSDAP Branch Conference** on the theme *Social Cohesion, Collective Responsibility and Social Work Profession* jointly organized by the National Association of Professional Social Workers in India (NAPSWI), International Consortium for Social Development-Asia Pacific (ICSDAP) Branch & the Department of Social Work, Visva-Bharati, Santiniketan during 28th February to 02nd March 2021
- Presented a paper titled "**Indigenous Knowledge for Sustainable Development: The Lepchas Perspective**" at the **8th Indian Social Work Congress and 8th ICSDAP Branch Conference** on the theme *Social Cohesion, Collective Responsibility and Social Work Profession* jointly organized by the National Association of Professional Social Workers in India (NAPSWI), International Consortium for Social Development-Asia Pacific (ICSDAP) Branch & the Department of Social Work, Visva-Bharati, Santiniketan during 28th February to 02nd March 2021
- Presented a Paper titled "**Problems of Elderly People: A Reflection from the Marginalized Population of South Odisha**" in a two-day **National Conference** on *Dr. B. R. Ambedkar to Modern India* during 1-02 February 2020 jointly organized by the Department of Marathi, Visva- Bharati & S.C., S.T. and OBC Employee Welfare Association in association with Min. of SJ&E, Govt. of India

- Presented a paper titled "**Health Policies and Programmes for Elderly in the Country- An Analysis**" at the **National Conference** on *Social Work Interventions with Elderly: Community Engagement, Social Responsibility and social Work Profession* on 18th-19th January 2020 at the Department of Social Work, Visva-Bharati, WB, India
- Presented a Paper titled "**Community Home Stay Tourism as a Tool for Sustainable Community Development: A Santiniketan Perspective**" at the **International Conference** on *Road Map for the Development of Tourism in and around Birbhum* on 16-18 November 2019 at Visva- Bharati, Santiniketan, WB, India
- Presented a paper titled "**Prevention of Violence against Children: Challenges: Challenges and Opportunities**" in the **National Seminar** on *Prevention of Violence against Children: Challenges and Opportunities* on 03rd November 2019 at the Department of Social Work, Visva-Bharati, WB, India
- Presented a paper titled "**Pre-School Education in Model ICDS: Some reflections from select blocks of Birbhum District, West Bengal**" in the **National Seminar** on *Prevention of Violence against Children: Challenges and Opportunities* on 03rd November 2019 at the Department of Social Work, Visva-Bharati, WB, India
- Presented a paper titled "**Participatory Forest Management and ADIVASI communities: A Reflection from South Odisha**" at the **7th Indian Social Work Congress** on the theme *Social Care and Social Wellbeing Challenges and Opportunities for Social Work Profession* jointly organized by the National Association of Professional Social Workers in India (NAPSWI) & UGC's Centre for Advanced Studies in Social Work, Department of Social Work, University of Lucknow, Lucknow during 11th-13th Oct.2019
- Presented a Paper titled "**Women in Protection and Restoration of Forest Resources: A Case of a remote village in Dhenkanal District of Odisha, India**" at the **7th ICSDAP Biennial International Conference** on *Social Unrest, Peace and Development* at Islamic University, Kusthia, Bangladesh, during 14th -15th September 2019
- Presented a paper on "**Seasonal Migration, Livelihoods and Development among Santals of Santal Pargana, Jharkhand**" in the **National Seminar** on *Social Development in India: Strategies, Challenges and Social Work Profession* from 23rd-24th March 2019 at the Department of Social Work, Visva-Bharati, WB, India
- Presented a Paper titled "**The Quest for Achieving Women's Equality in India- the Role and Achievements of Dr. B. R. Ambedkar**" in the **National Seminar** on *Dr. B. R. Ambedkar and Social Engineering* on 13th -14th April 2018 Organized by S.C., S.T. and OBC Employee Welfare Association of Visva- Bharati
- Presented a Paper titled "**Social Engineering in Public Policies and Legislations: A Critical Discussion with reference to MGNREGA**" in the **National Seminar** on *Dr. B. R. Ambedkar and*

Social Engineering on 13th -14th April 2018 Organized by S.C., S.T. and OBC Employee Welfare Association of Visva- Bharati

- Presented a Paper titled "**Concern on Food Security: From the Lances of Public Distribution System in India**" in the **National Seminar** on *Dr. B. R. Ambedkar and Social Engineering* on 13th - 14th April 2018 Organized by S.C., S.T. and OBC Employee Welfare Association of Visva- Bharati
- Presented a Paper titled "**Women and Food Security: A Rights Approach Towards Gender Justice**" in the **National Seminar** on *Human Rights and Social Justice* organized by S.C., S.T., OBC Employees Welfare Association of Visva- Bharati from 13th to 14th April. 2017
- Presented a Paper titled "**Educational Rights of Children in the Civil Strife affected zones: Challenges and Way forward**" in the **National Seminar** on *Contextualizing Conflict, its Resolution and Peace-Building Initiatives in India* organized by the Department of Social Work, Visva-Bharati & North East Institute of Social Science and Research (NEISSR), Dimapur, Nagaland during 04-05 March. 2017
- Presented a Paper titled "**Eco-Social Approach to Social Work-A Theoretical Discourse**" at **4th Indian Social Work Congress** on the theme *Social Development And Social Work Profession: Issues And Challenges* organized by the **National Association** of Professional Social Workers in India (NAPSWI) & Department of Social Work, Mahatma Gandhi Kashi Vidyapith, Varanasi during 22nd to 24th October. 2016
- Presented a Paper on "**CSR and Employee Engagement: Some Reflections**" at the **National Conference** on *Education and Development*, organized by the Department of Lifelong Learning and Extension (Rural Extension Centre), P.S.V., Visva-Bharati, Sriniketan on 4th to 5th March. 2016
- Presented a Paper on "**Pradhan Mantri Jan Dhan Yojana: An Analytical Review**" at the **National Seminar** on *Health Care, Women Empowerment and Rural Development*, organized by A.K. Dasgupta Centre for Planning and Development, Visva-Bharati, Sriniketan on 20th to 21st November. 2015
- Presented a Paper on "**Disabled Women in India: Issues and Challenges**" in the **National Seminar** on *Health Care, Women Empowerment and Rural Development*, organized by A.K. Dasgupta Centre for Planning and Development, Visva-Bharati, Santiniketan on 20th to 21st November. 2015
- Presented a Paper on "**Buddhism: Lessons for Human Hearts and Social Work**" in the **National Seminar** on *Sufism and Indian Spiritual Traditions: Sustaining the Education of Hearts* organized by the Department of Education, Vinaya Bhavana, Visva- Bharati, Santiniketan on 23rd to 24th March. 2015
- Presented a Paper on "**Towards Inclusiveness: The Way of Self-Help Groups and Women Empowerment**" at the **National Conference** on *Women Empowerment: Challenges and Strategies*,

organized by the Department of Lifelong Learning and Extension (Rural Extension Centre), P.S.V., Visva-Bharati, Santiniketan on 16th to 17th March. 2015

- Presented a Paper on "**The Perils of Female Foetus in India: Concerns and Way Forward**" in the **International Seminar** on *Gender Equality: Power Violence against Women, Combating Myths and Understanding Legal Provisions* organized by Mahila Mahavidyalaya, Banaras Hindu University, Varanasi on 13th to 15th February. 2015
- Presented a Paper on "**People in Sustainable Water Resource Management in India-Highlights from some Participatory Models**" at the **ICSD Asia Pacific Conference** on *Human Development and Sustainability: Challenges for the Asian Century* organized by Dept of Social Work Visva-Bharati and ICSD the Asia Pacific with Charles Stuart University, Australia and Action Aid India on 16th to 18th January. 2015
- Presented a Paper on "**People's Participation in Conservation and Management of Water Resource-Some Case Reflections from India**" in the **ICME II International Conference** on *Mother Earth: Save it to have a sustainable future for all*, organized by Deptt. of Environmental Science, The University of Burdwan, Burdwan on 10th to 12th December. 2014
- Presented a Paper on "**Self Help Group-A decisive strategy for Social Inclusion of Women**" presented in the **International Seminar** on *Inclusive Development in India: Past Experiences, Present Challenges & Future Directions* organized by Dept. of Social Work, the University of Lucknow on 20th-21st Dec. 2010
- Participated in the **National Seminar** on **HIV-AIDS and Role of Social Work** organized by IGNOU, New Delhi on 01st December 2007

PROGRAMMES/ CONFERENCES/ SEMINARS ORGANIZED

- **Joint Organising Secretary** in 8th **Indian Social Work Congress and 8th ICSD Asia- Pacific Branch Conference** jointly organized by NAPSWI, ICSD Asia-pacific Branch and Department of Social Work, Visva-Bharati, Santiniketan during 28th February- 02nd March 2021 at Department of Social Work, Visva-Bharati, Santiniketan.
- **Joint Organising Secretary** in the **National Seminar** titled "**Social Work Intervention with Elderly: Community Engagement, Social Work Responsibility and Social Work Profession**" organized during 18-19 January 2020 at the Department of Social Work, Visva-Bharati, Santiniketan.
- **Organized a Sensitization Programme** on "**Family is the first place for a secured CHILDHOOD**" cum **film screening of Anoochcharito** on 18th January 2019 in association with **Fragrance Creation**, Kolkata.
- **Organized a Workshop** on "**Youth and Democracy**" on 15th January 2019 in association with

Grassroots Empowerment and Development by Youth, Rajiv Gandhi National Institute of Youth Development (RGNIYD), Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports, Govt. of India.

- **Organized a Workshop on "Let no Child be Excluded" and**

A Free Health Check-Up Camp for Children with neurological issues on 24th November 2018 in association with **Blooming Dale Academy**, Kolkata and **NeuroGen Brain and Spine Institute**, Navi Mumbai.

PANELIST (RESOURCE PERSON)

- Panellist (Resource Person) in **E- International Webinar** on Changing Times with Coronavirus: Social Workers Adapting to the Changing Scenario organized by Aditi Mahavidyalaya on 27th April 2020.
- Panellist (Resource Person) in **E- National Webinar** on Making Schools Safe organized by ActionAid, Bhubaneswar, on 14th September 2020.

LECTURES DELIVERED

- Delivered an invited special guest lecture online on "Systems Theory in the Context of Family and its Functioning" at the Department of Social Work at Mahatma Gandhi Central University, Motihari, Bihar, on 17th March 2021.
- Delivered an invited special guest lecture online on "Models of Family Functioning" at the Department of Social Work at Mahatma Gandhi Central University, Motihari, Bihar, on 15th March 2021.
- Delivered a special invited lecture on "Comprehending Micro-Skills in Social Work Counselling perspective" at Dept. of Social Work, Sambalpur University, Sambalpur, Odisha on 07th February 2020.
- Delivered a special lecture on "Gender Components in Food Security: A Rights Approach towards Gender Equality" at Dept. of Social Work, Sambalpur University, Sambalpur, Odisha, on 20th August 2019.
- Delivered a special guest lecture on Organisational Development (O.D.) with the focal theme on "Monitoring and Evaluation of Development Projects" at the Institute of Developmental Education & Action, Motihari, Bihar, on 03rd October 2017.
- Delivered a special guest lecture on "Mainstreaming Deaf: A Successful Case Reflection through Social Work Corridor" at Dept. of Social Work, Sambalpur University, Sambalpur, Odisha, on 2nd May. 2017.

- Delivered a special guest lecture on "Eco-Social Approach to Social Work-A Discussion" at Dept. of Social Work, Sambalpur University, Odisha, on 14th December 2016.

SESSIONS CONDUCTED AS RESOURCE PERSON

- Conducted a session on "**Community Mobilization and Resource Mobilisation**" in NYV Induction Training Organized by Nehru Yuva Kendra Sangathan (NYKS), Kolkata, West Bengal, on 05th November 2019.
- Conducted a session on "**The Art and Ethics in Working with Community**" in NYV Induction Training Organized by Nehru Yuva Kendra Sangathan (NYKS), Kolkata, West Bengal, on 06th November 2019.
- Conducted a session on "**Working with Community, Community Mobilization and Resource Mobilisation**" in NYV Induction Training Organized by Nehru Yuva Kendra Sangathan (NYKS), Kolkata, on 10th November 2019.
- Conducted a session on "**Working with Community, Community Mobilization and Resource Mobilisation**" in TOT of NYV Training Organized by Nehru Yuva Kendra Sangathan (NYKS), Kolkata, West Bengal at NIT, Durgapur on 15th September 2019.

SESSIONS CHAIRED

- **Chaired a session** entitled "**Climate change, Disaster Management and relevant issues of Community**" at the **WSWD2023: 6th Internal Conference on 'Respecting Diversity through Joint Social Action'** jointly organised by Community Social Work Practice and Development Foundation & Department of Sociology and Social work, The People's University of Bangladesh held at KIB Conference hall, Mohammadpur, Dhaka-1207, Bangladesh & YWCA Conference Hall, Mohammadpur, Dhaka-1207, **Bangladesh** held during 11-13 May, 2023.
- **Co-chaired a Parallel session** entitled "**Social Work, SDGs and Issues towards Social, Economic and Environmental Sustainability**" in **8th Indian Social Work Congress and 8th ICSDAP Branch Conference** jointly organized by the National Association of Professional Social Workers in India (NAPSWI), International Consortium for Social Development-Asia Pacific (ICSDAP) Branch & the Department of Social Work, Visva-Bharati, Santiniketan, during 28th February to 02nd March 2021.
- **Co-chaired a Plenary Session on Social Work Education and Practice** at the **8th Indian Social Work Congress and 8th ICSDAP Branch Conference** jointly organized by the National Association of Professional Social Workers in India (NAPSWI), International Consortium for Social Development-Asia Pacific (ICSDAP) Branch & the Department of Social Work, Visva-Bharati, Santiniketan during 28th February to 02nd March 2021.
- **Co-chaired Prof. David Cox Memorial Lecture** organized during the **8th Indian Social Work Congress and 8th ICSDAP Branch Conference** jointly organized by the National Association of Professional Social Workers in India (NAPSWI), International Consortium for Social

Development-Asia Pacific (ICSDAP) Branch & the Department of Social Work, Visva-Bharati, Santiniketan during 28th February to 02nd March 2021.

- **Co-chaired a Parallel Session** in a two-day **National Conference** on Dr. B. R. Ambedkar to Modern India during 01-02 February 2020 jointly organized by the Department of Marathi, Visva- Bharati & S.C., S.T. and OBC Employee Welfare Association in association with Min. of SJ&E, Govt. of India.
- **Chaired a Technical Session** (Theme: Quality of Life of Senior Citizen: Issues and the Way Forward) in the **National Seminar** on Social Work Intervention with Elderly: Community Engagement, Social Responsibility and Social Work profession on 18th-19th January 2020 organized by the Department of Social Work, Visva- Bharati, Santiniketan, W.B.
- **Chaired a Parallel Session** in the **National Seminar** on Prevention of Violence against Children: Challenges and Opportunities on 03rd November 2019 at the Department of Social Work, Visva-Bharati, WB, India.
- **Co-chaired a Parallel Session in the 7th Indian Social Work Congress (theme: Social Care and Social Wellbeing Challenges and Opportunities for Social Work Profession)** jointly organized by the National Association of Professional Social Workers in India (NAPSWI) & UGC's Centre for Advanced Studies in Social Work, Department of Social Work, University of Lucknow, Lucknow during 11th-13th October 2019.
- **Chaired a Parallel Display Session** in the **National Seminar** on Dr. B. R. Ambedkar and Social Engineering on 13th -14th April 2018, organized by S.C., S.T. and OBC Employee Welfare Association of Visva- Bharati, Santiniketan, WB.

SESSION COORDINATED

- Worked as **Workshop Coordinator** in the workshop on "**NCDs prevention and Good Health Advocacy**" at the **8th Indian Social Work Congress and 8th ICSDAP Branch Conference** **jointly** organized by the National Association of Professional Social Workers in India (NAPSWI), International Consortium for Social Development-Asia Pacific (ICSDAP) Branch & the Department of Social Work, Visva-Bharati, Santiniketan during 28th February to 02nd March 2021.
- Worked as **Workshop Coordinator** in the workshop on "**Case management as a social support system**" at the **8th Indian Social Work Congress and 8th ICSDAP Branch Conference** **jointly** organized by the National Association of Professional Social Workers in India (NAPSWI), International Consortium for Social Development-Asia Pacific (ICSDAP) Branch & the Department of Social Work, Visva-Bharati, Santiniketan during 28th February to 02nd March 2021.

- Worked as **Workshop Coordinator** in the workshop on "**Structural Social Work**" at the **8th Indian Social Work Congress and 8th ICSDAP Branch Conference** jointly organized by the National Association of Professional Social Workers in India (NAPSWI), International Consortium for Social Development-Asia Pacific (ICSDAP) Branch & the Department of Social Work, Visva-Bharati, Santiniketan during 28th February to 02nd March 2021.

PARTICIPATION IN SPECIAL COURSES / TRAINING PROGRAMMES/ WORKSHOPS

A. Special Courses

- Completed a **One-week Faculty Development Course (FDP) on Outcome Based Field Education in Social Work** Jointly organized by Rajagiri College of Social Sciences (Autonomous) and Guru Angad Dev Teaching Learning Centre, SGTB Khalsa College, the University of Delhi under the Pandit Madan Mohan Malaviya National Mission on Teachers and Teaching (PMMMNTT) of Ministry of Education, Government of India, from 28th September to 04th October 2021.
- Participated in **UGC-sponsored Refresher Course (R.C.) on "Gender Sensitization"** organized by UGC-HRDC, Osmania University, Hyderabad, Telangana, India from 27th July. 2020 to 08th August. 2020.
- Participated in **One week RUSA (Rashtriya Uchchar Shiksha Abhiyan) FIP Online Short-Term Course on "Personality Development and Value Education"** organized by UGC-HRDC, Osmania University, Hyderabad, Telangana India from 29th June to 04th July 2020.
- Participated in **One Week RUSA (Rashtriya Uchchar Shiksha Abhiyan) FIP Online Short-Term Course on "Motivation and Leadership for Teachers"** organized by UGC-HRDC, Osmania University, Hyderabad, Telangana India from 22nd to 27th June 2020.
- Participated in **One Week Faculty Development Programme (FDP) on "Academic Excellence: Skills in Higher Education"** organized by ITM Vocational University, Baroda, India, from 08th June to 13th June 2020.
- Participated in the **7-Day Faculty Development Programme (FDP) on "Rural Immersion and Community Engagement: Nai Talim"** organized by MGNCRE, Department of Higher Education, Ministry of Human Resource Development at NIT, Durgapur from 10th to 16th Jan. 2019.
- Participated in **21- Day UGC sponsored Refresher Course (R.C.) on "Social Work Research Methodology"** organized by HRDC, University of Lucknow, W.B., India from 1st - to 23rd February 2016.
- Participated in **28- Day UGC sponsored Orientation Course (O.P.)** organized by HRDC, University of Burdwan, W.B., India from 09th October to 05th November 2014.
- Completed **four-semester courses in Hindi Official Language: Prabodh, Praveen, Prajna and Parangat** from the Department of Official Language, Ministry of Home Affairs in 2014-15.

B. Training Programmes

- Participated in **Three-Day Training Programme** on "**Youth and Mental Health- Basic of Psycho-Social Skills**" organized by the National Institute of Disaster Management in collaboration with Youth for Resilience, RAWSD India & Indore School of Social Work from 12th to 14th August 2021.
- Participated in **Five- Day Training Programme** on **Social Work Interventions During COVID-19** organized by the Faculty of Social Work, The Maharaja Sayajirao University of Baroda, Vadodara, India, from 27th April to 01st May 2020.
- Participated in a **One-Day Training Programme** on "**GPDA and PRA Techniques** under **Unnat Bharat Abhiyaan** at NIT, Durgapur, on 22nd September 2019.
- Participated in **4 days Advanced Training Programme** on "**Counselling Micro skills**" under the **Global Fund to Fight AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria Round-7, Counselling Component** at TISS, Mumbai from 30th May. 02nd June. 2011.
- Participated in **5 days of Refresher Training** on "**Training of Master Trainers in HIV/AIDS Counselling**" under the **Global Fund to Fight AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria Round-7, Counselling Component** at Jamia Millia Islamia, Delhi during 15th 19th February Feb. 2010.
- Participated in the "**Three-day regional level training programme** on "**Social Defence for Social work professionals**" sponsored by NISD, New Delhi and organized by **Deptt. of Social Work, Jain Vishva-Bharati University, Ladnun, Rajasthan** from 10th to 12th March 2010.
- Participated in **12 days of Induction Training** on "**Training of Master Trainers in HIV/AIDS Counselling**" under the **Global Fund to Fight AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria Round-7, Counselling Component** at Jamia Millia Islamia, Delhi from 21st July to 01st August 2009.

C. Workshops

- Actively participated in **Live Discussion** on "Feature Funding Opportunities for NGOs and Academic Institute organized by NCD, Gujarat, India, on 17th August 2021.
- Participated in **One-Week National e-Workshop** on "**Using Open-Source Learning Management System for Online Teaching**" jointly organized by Visva-Bharati Library Network (VBLN) & Dept. of Statistics, Siksha Bhavana, Visva-Bharati, Santiniketan during 17-25 August 2020.
- Participated in a **One-Day Workshop** on "**Community-Led Approach to Child Protection**" organized by the Department of Social Work, Visva- Bharati, Santiniketan, India, in association with CINI, Jharkhand Unit on 10th January 2020.
- Participated in a **One-Day Orientation Workshop** on "**Unnat Bharat Abhiyaan**" organized by NIT, Durgapur, on 25th July 2019.

- Participated in a **One-Day Orientation Workshop** on "Unnat Bharat Abhiyaan" organized by NIT, Durgapur, on 25th July 2019.
- Participated in a **Two-Day Workshop** on "Remote Access & Discovery Services and Plagiarism Checking through URKUND" organized by Central Library, Visva- Bharati, from 29th-30th June. 2017.
- Participated in a **One-Day Sensitization Workshop** on "Sex, Gender & Sexuality with a focus on LGBT" jointly organized by Sappho for Equality and the Department of Social Work, Visva-Bharati, on 21st March 2017 on the occasion of **World Social Work Day**.
- Participated in a **Two-Day Workshop** on "Application of SPSS to Quantitative Data Analysis" organized by the Department of Social Work, Visva-Bharati, from 07th -08th August. 2016.
- Participated in a **One-Day Workshop** on "Problem of Accessibility in Primary Education by Scheduled Castes, Scheduled Tribes and Other Backward Classes: A Study in Hingalganj Block & Vision Plan for "Sponsorship Programme of FADV involving its Partner Organizations: An impact study" organized by the Department of Social Work, Visva-Bharati, Sriniketan in association with Andrewspalli Centre for Integrated Development (ACID) and Fondazione L'Albero Della Vita (FADV) on 17th August 2016.
- Participated in the **Two-Day Orientation Workshop** on "Women's Nutritional, Legal and Gender-related Issues" organized by Women Development Cell, Aditi Mahavidyalaya on 23rd and 24th Jan.2007.
- Participated in the **Two-Day Orientation Workshop** on "Qualitative Research in Social Sciences" organized by the Department of Social Work, the University of Delhi, from 30th to 31st March 2005.
- Participated in the **Five-Day Workshop** on "Intervention Research in Social Science" organized by the Department of Adult and Continuing Education & Extension, the University of Delhi, in collaboration with ICSSR, Delhi, from 27th to 01st May 2004.

INVOLVEMENT IN /COMMITTEES/ SOCIETIES/ AWARDS

- **Life member**-NAPSWI (National Association of Professional Social Workers in India), Membership No-NAPSWI/WB/LIFE/21223
- **Member**- ICSD (International Consortium for Social Development)
- **Member**-OPSWA (Odisha Professional Social Workers Association)

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