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**Present Designation:** Assistant Professor, G B Pant Social Science Institute, Jhusi, Allahabad

**Educational Qualification:** Ph. D in Philosophy

**Work Experience:**

- Working as Project Director in the Project 'Social Impact assessment of Protection for Aqua Life Projects' funded by Forest Department, UP from October 2018 to December 2018.
- Working as Project Director in the Project 'Rural Mind: Culture and Crowd' ( A Study of Kumbh) funded by Police Department , UP from August 2018 to March 2019
- Worked as Coordinator in the Project 'Understanding the socio-economic and political status of invisible castes among Scheduled Castes' funded by Action Aid , India from March 2017 to December 2017
- Worked as Assistant Project Director, in the project Culture of Democracy, funded by ICSSR, NRC, New Delhi from January 2017 to June 2017
- Worked as Project Director, in the project “Migration and cultural Traditions of the Bhojpuri Region: A Research and Documentation Programme” (Funded by Janset ji Tata Trust, Mumbai) at Dalit Resource Centre, Govind Ballabh Pant Social Science Institute, Jhusi, Allahabad from December, 2013 to March 31,2016.
- Worked as Assistant Project Director, in the project “Cultural resources and Forging a Democratic Order: Marginalised Groups in Northern India: A Research, Documentation and Dissemination Project” (Funded by Ford Foundation) at Dalit Resource Centre, Govind Ballabh Pant Social Science Institute, Jhusi, Allahabad from 6<sup>th</sup> April, 2012 to December, 2013.
- Worked as Research Officer, in the project “Cultural resources and Forging a Democratic Order: Marginalised Groups in Northern India: A Research, Documentation and Dissemination Project” (Funded by Ford Foundation) at Dalit Resource Centre, Govind Ballabh Pant Social Science Institute, Jhusi, Allahabad from 5<sup>th</sup> June, 2009 to 6<sup>th</sup> April, 2012.

- Worked as Research Officer in the Project “Dalit Popular Booklet, Democratic Participation and Dalit Public Sphere: A project for Research, Documentation and Advocacy “ (Funded by Ford Foundation), at Dalit Resource Centre, Govind Ballabh Pant Social Science Institute, Jhusi, Allahabad, Uttar Pradesh, India from 28<sup>th</sup> September 2006 to 31<sup>st</sup> March, 2009.
- Worked as Research officer in the project ‘Ethnographic Study of Loksabha Election2009’ from April 2009 to May 2009

### **Fellowship/ Awards:**

- Qualified UGC/ NET Examination University Grant Commission, New Delhi 1997
- Junior Research Fellowship by Indian Council of Philosophical Research New Delhi on the topic “An Inquiry into Consciousness in Husserl’s and Satre’s Philosophy” 2000
- General Research Fellowship by Indian Council of Philosophical Research, New Delhi on the topic “Ecofeminism- A War against Survival of the Fittest”2006

### **Coordinated:**

A one week programme on **Qualitative Methods in Social Sciences: Ethnography, Narratives and Social Stories** at Omeo Kumar Das Institute of Social Change and Development, Guwahati in collaboration with G B Pant Social Science Institute, Allahabad, Council for Social Development, Delhi & Anthropological Survey of India, Govt. of India  
on June 11-15, 2019

A one week programme on **Qualitative Methods in Social Sciences: Ethnography, Narratives and Social Stories** at Council; for Social Development, New Delhi, collaborated by Council for Social Development, New Delhi, in collaboration with G B Pant Social Science Institute, Allahabad, & Anthropological Survey of India, Govt. of India on March 11- 15, 2019

**A two days workshop ' How to write Social Stories II'** at G B Pant Social Science Institute, Allahabad on November 19-20,2018

**A two days workshop ' How to write Social Stories I'** at G B Pant Social Science Institute, Allahabad on May 19-20,2018

**A two day National Conference** on December 10-11,2016 . Theme : Creativity, Criticality and Social Sciences, Sponsored by ICSSR-NRC, New Delhi.

**A Four-Day Orientation Programme on March 31–April 3, 2016** for the Research Scholars and Faculty Members belonging to ST and Other Marginalized Groups. Sponsored by ICSSR-NRC, New Delhi.

## **Publications:**

### **Chapter in edited books**

- Singh, Archana (2019). “Rural Dalit Women: Assertion for change” in A.K. Pankaj & A.K.Pandey (ed.) Dalits, Subalternity and Social Change in India. New Delhi, Rutledge Publication, pp.129-135.
- Singh, Archana (2019). “Invisible Lives: Denotified Tribes of Uttar Pradesh” in Joy T.SVD & George K. Angami (ed.) India’s Northeast A Celebration of Cultures. New Delhi, ISPCK, Publication, pp. 227-234.
- Chapter 'Understanding Hegemony through Caste' in Women Studies Section, E Pathshala , A Project of UGC
- A brief note on 'Simon De Beouveir' and 'Judith Butler' in Hindi Sahitya Gyankosh, Bhartiya Bhasha Parishad , Kolkata and Vani Prakashan, New Delhi
- Dalit Feminism: A Dissenting Subaltern Discourse in 'Sociology of Dalit Literature' (Ed. B .V. Bhosale) Pg52-66), ABD Publisher , Jaipur, 2014

### **Articles in Research Journals**

- Understanding the Potentialities: Ethnographic Study of Rural Dalit Women Leaders, December 31, 2016 vol LI no 53 , Economic & Political Weekly

### **Articles in Popular Magazines**

- ‘*Asmita ki Khoj evem Dalit Lekhan*’ published in Hindi Magazine ‘Sanket’ October 2009
- ‘*Sahitya aur Samaj: Pidiya Amne Samne*’ published in Hindi Magazine ‘Lamhi’ September 2008
- ‘*Rachnatmak abhivyaktiyo ka Sandarbh*’ published in Hindi Magazine ‘Nari Samarthya’ April 2008
- ‘*Samtamulak Samaj: Swapna ya Yathartha*’ published in Hindi Magazine ‘Bayan’ June 2007

### Books reviewed:

- [REDACTED], ([REDACTED]) [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED]: [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED], a review of the book Gendering Caste through Feminist Lens (Second Edition) by Uma Chakravorty), SAGE/ STRI 2019, Published in Samajik Vimarsh, Vol. 2-1, 2019, SAGE
- **A Retrospection Needed for RSS**, a review of the book- The Lost Years of RSS by Sanjeev Kelkar, New Delhi, Sage, 2011 published in the Journal of Intercultural Studies, vol. 33, No. 1, February 2012, Routledge
- **'Theology for Subaltern's Emancipation'** a review of the book- Margins of the Faith: Dalit and Tribal Christianity in India by Rowena Robinson, Joseph Marianus Kujur (ed.)New Delhi, Sage, 2010 published 2010 published in The Book Review, vol.XXXV, no. 5, May 2011

### Papers Presented in National / International Seminars:

- A two-day Interdisciplinary National Seminar on **"Subaltern Movements in India: Issues and Challenges"** organised by the Department of History, Ramnarain Ruia Autonomous College, Mumbai and Indian Council for Historical Research, New Delhi on the 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> January 2020 . Title of the Plenary Lecture: Mapping the Resistance: Ambedkar in the lives of Dalit Women
- A National Seminar on **"Society, Culture and the Making of Livelihood: The Symbiosis of Rivers and Nishads in Northern India"** at the IIAS, Shimla from 22-24 July 2019. Title of the Plenary Lecture: Interface of River with Femininity and Festivity: The Everyday Life of women in Kumbh
- International Conference on **'Forced Labour and Migration'**, July 15 to 17, 2019 at University of Fiji, Lautoka, Fiji, organised by Global Girit Institute and University of Fiji. Title of the Paper: **Bidesin : Forgotten Lives**
- A National Seminar on **" Revisiting Indian History through the lens of Art, Architecture and Aesthetics "** at Banasthali Vidyapeeth, Tonk, Rajasthan , organised by ICHR on March 30 and 31, 2019. Title of the paper: **Social Politics of Making Aesthetics: A discourse on Indian aesthetics**
- A National Seminar on **"Contextualizing Mahatma Gandhi's Philosophy in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century: Democracy, Justice, Equality and Non-Violence"** at Dr. Ram Manohar Lohiya National Law University, Lucknow on March 29, 2019. Title of the paper: **Gandhi as a feminist**

- A one-day National Conference titled '**The Prescient Gandhi: Reviewing the Social, Political, Economic, Moral and Beyond**' at Nehru Memorial Museum and Library (NMML), New Delhi on **21 February 2019**. Title of the paper : **Re-defining Feminism through Gandhian Lens**
- A National Conference on 'Gandhi and Religion: Multidisciplinary Perspectives' at Hindu College, University of Delhi, sponsored by ISAR and ICSSR on February 8 & 9, 2019. Title of the paper : **Re-reading Feminism through Gandhian theory**
- A National Seminar on "**The Dalit Movement in North India: Theory, Praxis and Challenges**" at the IAS, Shimla from 26-28 November 2018. Title of the Paper: **(Un)revealed Stories : Mapping the Political Subjectivity of Rural Dalit women**
- A National Seminar "India's North-East: A Celebration of (Indigenous) Cultures: A Phenomenological Approach" at St. Joseph College , Jakhama, Nagaland organised by ICPR, New Delhi on 23-25 November 2018. Title of the Paper: **"Invisible Lives: De-notified tribes of UP"**
- A Collaborative Research Workshop between the Calcutta Research Group and the West Bengal State University, Barasat on "Popular Movements" at the Barasat University campus, Kolkata on Friday, June 22, 2018 organised by Rosa Luxembourg Stiftung–Mahanirban Calcutta Research Group ;Title of the Paper: **(Un)-told Stories: A study of Naxal women in Bihar (1970 -90)**
- A consultation workshop on "**Validation and Documentation process of Best Practices for Study Partners**" for "Documentation of Antyodaya Based Best Practices as propounded by Pt. Deen Dayal Upadhyay" on 14<sup>th</sup> June 2018 at Gyan Nipun Kendra, Rambhau Mhalgi Prabodhini, Thane, Maharashtra, organised by Indian Social Responsibility Network.
- A two days seminar '**Challenges of Cyclical Inequality and sustainable rising of Marginals with logic of Ambedkar and vision of Brauss**' on April 14-15,2018 at BRAUSS Mhow. Title of the Paper: '**Dialogical relationship of Dr. Ambedkar with Dalit women**'.
- International Conference on **Reclaiming Social Justice, Revisiting Ambedkar** , July 21-23,2017 at GKVK University, Bengaluru . Title of the Paper: **Interacting with Ambedkar: Dalit women and their everyday struggle**
- International Conference on **Marginalities, Minor(ity) cultures and identities** Jan 16-17, 2017 at CSDE, JNU, New Delhi. Title of the Paper: **Deconstructing Stereotypes of Marginality**

- International Conference on **Evil Women: Women and Evil**, 23rd September to 25th September 2016 at Mansfield College, Oxford, U.K. Title of the Paper: **Understanding the Misrepresentations: A Study of Counter-discourse of Rural Dalit Women**
- National Seminar on '**Ethnography of the marginalized**' on 27 and 28 April, 2016 at CSDE, JNU, New Delhi. Title of the Paper: **Documenting Intricacies: ethnography of Gendered Subalterns**
- National Seminar on "**Archiving Marginalities: Documenting Narratives of the Oppressed**" on March 16-17, 2016 at JNU, sponsored by ICSSR. Title of the Paper: '**Introducing a Dalit Archive: forging new meanings**'.
- International seminar on **Life-world and Consciousness** at Loyola College, Chennai on 3, 4 and 5 March 2016 sponsored by ICPR. Title of the Paper: **Lifeworld of Dalit Women - an Emerging Counterpublic**
- National seminar on the theme "**Elusive Equality: Mapping Social Hegemony in India**" on 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> of February 2016, organised by Department of Sociology, University of Hyderabad under UGC-SAP. Title of the Paper: **Deconstructing the Language of Hegemony**
- National seminar on '**Affirmative Action and Social Inclusion of Marginalized**' organized by ICSSR, New Delhi at Ujjain on December 17-18, 2015. Title of the Paper: **Struggling for Social Inclusion: Narratives of Dalit women**
- National seminar on **Dalits in India: Debating Subalternity and Exclusion**. organized by ICSSR, New Delhi at BHU, Varanasi on September 30 –October 1, 2015. Title of the Paper: **Deconstructing Marginality**
- International Conference on '**Gender Studies and Expanding the Horizons: Inter/Trans Culturality**' organized by CSPILAS, JNU, New Delhi in collaboration with ICSSR, New Delhi on March 7-8, 2013. Title of the Paper: **Performing Resistance**
- National Conference on '**Recapturing the thoughts of Ambedkar on Democracy and Dialogic Subject : A comparative Perspective**' organized by Baba Saheb Bhimrao Ambedkar University Lucknow in collaboration with ICPR,

- New Delhi on December 27, 2012, Title of the Paper: **Ambedkarite Revolution and Dalit Women: Making of a Counter- public**
- International seminar on ‘**Democracy, Governance and Political Parties**’ organized by University of Hyderabad in collaboration with Deakin University, Australia on December 1-3, 2012. Title of the Paper: **Mayawati: A Critical Exposition of the Trajectory of Her Image Making**
  - National seminar on ‘**Sociology of Dalit Literature**’ organized by **Department of Sociology, University of Mumbai**, on February 15-16, 2012. Title of the Paper: **Dalit Feminism: A Dissenting Subaltern Discourse**
  - National seminar on ‘**Uttarshati ka Vimarsha evam Hashiye ka Samaj**’ organized by **Shyama Prasad Mukherjee Mahavidyalaya**, University of Allahabad on February 18-19, 2012. Title of the Paper: **Dalit Stri Vimarsha evam Lekhan**
  - National seminar on ‘**Mahasangram me Daliton ki Bhagidari**’ organized by Madhya Pradesh Dalit Sahitya Academy, Ujjain on February 27-28, 2010. Title of the Paper: **Sawantrata Sangram ki Upekshit Dalit Netriyan**
  - National seminar on ‘**Celestial Love: Bhakti in the Indian Tradition**’ organized by Indian Council of Philosophical Research at Tirupati on December 6-9, 2007. Title of the Paper: “*Kabir who Associated Social Reform with Spirituality*”
  - **National Fellow’s Meet** organized by Indian Council of Philosophical Research at Lucknow on March 27-30, 2002. Topic of the Paper: “*Phenomenological Epoche: an Appraisal*”.
  - **World Philosophy Congress** organized by Indian Council of Philosophical Research at Delhi on December 28- January 1, 2001. Topic of the Paper: **Transition from Existentialism to Phenomenology**

#### **Special Lectures, Oration etc. Delivered**

- Delivered special invited lecture on ' Mapping the Everyday Resistance of Rural Dalit Women ' in Krithi International Literary and Book Fest at Kochi February 6-16, 2020

- Delivered special invited lecture on ' Sahitya me Stri Partirodh ki Saidhhantiki' in Samaj Shashtra Parishad of 72nd Annual Session of Hindi Sahitya Sammelan Prayagraj at Solan, HP from February 28 to March 1, 2020
- Conducted a series of workshop for Uttar Pradesh Police at Police training centre, Police headquarters, Allahabad in December-January 2020
- Delivered a lecture on the topic 'Understanding Silence in the field' at TEN DAYS TRAINING COURSE ON RESEARCH METHODOLOGY IN SOCIAL SCIENCES in Department of Sociology, BHU, Varanasi on from 18th April, 2018 to 28th April, 2018
- Delivered special invited lecture on 'Samay , Samaj aur Stri' at Wardha Centre , Allahabad on March 8, 2018
- Delivered Plenary speech on the topic 'Deconstructing the Life-world : Narratives of Rural Dalit Women' on January 19, 2018 at Institute of Advance Studies, Christ Academy, Bangalore.
- Delivered lecture on the topic 'exploring the dimensions of qualitative research methodology' at GBPSSI on 28<sup>th</sup> September 2013 in the PhD Interaction Programme organized by the Academic Staff College, Allahabad University from 9 march to 28 march, 2015
- Conducted 1 Gender Workshops for Judicial Magistrates at Institute for Judicial training and research, lucknow with Prof. Pradeep Bhargava on February 14,2015
- Delivered lecture on the topic 'understanding caste and gender in field study' at BHU on 22<sup>nd</sup>September 2014 in the Refresher Course organized by the Department of Sociology, Banaras Hindu University, Varanasi from 19th September to 28th September 2014
- Delivered lecture on the topic 'Introducing the Museum' at GBPSSI on 28<sup>th</sup> September 2013 in the PhD Interaction Programme organized by the Academic Staff College, Allahabad University from 13 September to 3 October 2013.
- Conducted 3 Gender Workshops at the Centre for Women Studies, University of Allahabad with Prof. Pradeep Bhargava
- Conducted 2 Gender Workshops at GBPSSI , Allahabad for MBA students with Prof. Pradeep Bhargava
- Coordinated Gender Training for MBA (Rural Development)
- Delivered a talk on 'Role of Women in Conservation of Environment' at Jagat Taran Degree College, Allahabad under UGC -SAP



- Delivered a talk in the Symposium on 'Communal Consciousness and Everyday life' at G B Pant Social Science Institute, Allahabad

### **Workshops Attended**

- A five days workshop on '**Gender and Sexuality Studies**' GIAN Course organised by the Krantijyoti Savitribai Phule Women's Studies Centre, Savitribai Phule Pune University, Pune from January 8-12, 2018
- **International Cultural Studies workshop** on ' The Sacred in Contemporary Culture organized by Centre for Studies in Social Sciences, Kolkata at Shantiniketan from January 30- February 4,2010
- **A workshop on Heidegger** organized by Indian Council of Philosophical Research , at Lucknow from October 30- November 9, 2001

### **Summer Course Attended:**

- **Participated in a summer course on Phenomenology** organized by Centre for Advance Research in Phenomenology , Florida Atlanta University, USA in Collaboration with Pondicherry University at Chennai , India from June 1 -21, 2001
- **Participated in a summer course on Phenomenology** organized by Centre for Advance Research in Phenomenology , Florida Atlanta University, USA in Collaboration with Pondicherry University at Pondicherry June 3- 22, 2000

### **Seminar/ Conferences coordinated under research projects :-**

- A two day academic and cultural meet '**Migrant Literature, Culture and Society: a Discourse on Homeland and Destination**', on January 3-4, 2016 in collaboration with Gujarat National Law University, Ahmadabad, under the project 'Migration and Cultural Traditions of Bhojpuri Region: A Research and Documentation Programme', funded by The Sir Jamsetji Tata Trust, Mumbai

- A two day academic and cultural meet ‘Amrai II’ at A N Sinha Institute of Social Studies, Patna, on December 16, 2014, and at J P University, Chhapra, on December 18, 2014, under the project ‘Migration and Cultural Traditions of Bhojpuri Region – A Research and Documentation Programme’, funded by Sir Jamsetji Tata Trust, Mumbai.
- A two day academic and cultural meet ‘Lokdhvani: Popular Culture in the Chawls of Mumbai’, on November 18-19, 2014 in collaboration with Tata Institute of Social Sciences (TISS), Mumbai, at the TISS campus, Mumbai under the project ‘Migration and Cultural Traditions of Bhojpuri Region: A Research and Documentation Programme’, funded by The Sir Jamsetji Tata Trust, Mumbai
- A two day academic and cultural meet on **Migration and Bhojpuri Folk Tradition ‘Amrai I’** in collaboration with Banaras Hindu University, Varanasi at Varanasi on June 3-4, 2014 under the project ‘Migration and Cultural Traditions of Bhojpuri Region: A Research and Documentation Programme’, funded by The Sir Jamsetji Tata Trust, Mumbai
- A two day Brainstorming Workshop on “**Democracy, Culture and Marginality: A Concluding Interface**” December 13 - 14, 2013 at GBPSSI, under the project ‘Cultural Resources and Forging a Democratic Order: Marginalized Groups in Northern India: A Research, Documentation and Dissemination Project’ funded by the Ford Foundation, New Delhi
- A two day brainstorming session on '**Folklore and Migration** with special reference to Bhojpuri Society and Culture', **December 10-11, 2013** at GBPSSI, under the project ‘Migration and Cultural Traditions of Bhojpuri Region – A Research and Documentation Programme’ funded by the Sir Jamsetji Tata Trust, Mumbai
- A two-day National seminar on the theme ‘Being a Women: Identity and Struggle’ on September 11-12, 2012 at GBPSSI, funded by UGC
- A one day Lokgyani Conference on the theme ‘Democracy and Dreams of the Marginals’ on 1 August 2012 at the GBPSSI campus, at GBPSSI, under the project ‘Cultural Resources and Forging a Democratic Order: Marginalized Groups in Northern India: A Research, Documentation and Dissemination Project’ funded by the Ford Foundation, New Delhi
- A two day workshop on the theme ‘Alternative Religion and Democracy: Its Relation with Religion, Culture and Society’ on July 6

and 7, 2013 in Kasauli, Himachal Pradesh , under the project ‘Cultural Resources and Forging a Democratic Order: Marginalized Groups in Northern India: A Research, Documentation and Dissemination Project’ funded by the Ford Foundation, New Delhi

- A two-day interdisciplinary national seminar on ‘Power and Word (*Satta aur Shabda*): Forging a Democratic Order,’ at Mussoorie, on April 23 & 24, 2011.
- A Lokgyani Conference on the theme “Mahima Dharma, Marginal groups and Dissenting vision: A discussion” on August 7-8, 2010 at Puri, Orissa.
- A Lokdhuni Conference on the theme “Shabd, Sant Vani evam Kavita Ki Duniya: Sanskriti, Samaj evam Upekshit Samudayon ke Antarsambhandon par ek sanskritik vimarsh” on May 22-23, 2010 at Pachamarhi, MP.
- A Lokgyani Conference on the theme “Lok Jeevan evam Sant Kavya: Kabir evam Ravidas ke sandharbh mein” on March 9-10, 2010 at Varanasi, UP.
- A workshop on Cultural Resources & Forging a Democratic order: Marginalised groups in Northern India” on November 3-4, 2009 at GBPSSI, Allahabad.
- A national meet of Dalit popular writers on the theme “Marginality and Creativity” at GBPSSI, Allahabad on 20-21 March, 2009.
- A village conference around the theme “Folk Culture and written culture: In Context of Dalit Public Sphere” at Jaunpur, UP on 24-25 December, 2008.
- A Multilingual Poetry meet on “Social Justice and Indian Poetry’ on 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> October 2008 in Bharat Bhawan, Bhopal
- A village conference around the theme “Dalit Popular Writing, Emerging Leadership and Social Revolution” in Shravasti, UP on 3-4 May, 2008.
- A workshop on the theme “Dalit Women and Question of Liberation-in context of Literary Expression” on 25-26 January, 2008.

- A regional conference around the theme “Dalit Public Sphere, Popular Literature and Social Change” at GBPSSI, Allahabad on 29-30 December, 2007.
- A village conference on the theme “Expression of Social Equality in Popular Traditions” at Chhavani Naurangabad, Aligarh, UP from November 18-19, 2007.
- A village conference on the theme “Voice against Humiliation” at Duari, Kanpur Dehat, UP from January 27-28, 2007.

**Administrative Experience:**

- Coordinator, Kumbh Study Centre, GBPSSI, Allahabad
- Member, Board of Governors, GBPSSI, Allahabad
- Member, University Court, University of Allahabad, Prayagraj
- Member, Executive council , University of Allahabad, Prayagraj
- Coordinator Manav Vikas Sangrahalaya
- Coordinator, Dalit Resource Centre

**Titles of the Papers/courses taught in the institution**

- 2 Optional Papers in M Phil (Development Studies)- Dalit Literature and Culture; Identity and Exclusion
- In M Phil (Development Studies) : Qualitative research methodology
- MBA (RD) Paper "Management of Social Empowerment" 2 units
- MBA (RD) Paper "Rural Institutions" Full paper
- MBA (RD) Paper "Intervention in Rural Settings" Full paper
- MBA (RD) Paper "Action Research" 3 units