

Curriculum Vitae

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AREAS OF SPECIALISATION

Gender and Decentralisation; Social Structure and Social Change among Marginalised Communities, Child Labour, Role of Civil Society Organizations in Development, & Unorganised Sector Workers.

Educational Qualification:

1989	Ph.D	Institute of Development Studies, Mysore, India, through the University of Mysore.
1973	M A (Masters)	Sociology, Bangalore University, Bangalore, India
1971	B A (Graduation)	Sociology (Hons) Bangalore University, Bangalore India

TEACHING AND RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

Teaching (total 8 years at UG & PG levels)

1. Lecturer in Sociology in the Post-Graduate Department of Studies in Sociology, Manasagangotri, Mysore University, Mysore (1976-1979) for 3 years
2. Lecturer in Sociology at undergraduate level in NMKRV College for Women and The National College, Jayanagar of Bangalore University and Teresian College of Mysore University for about 5 years (1979-80 and 1985-1989)_.

Research Experience (more than 25 years)

- Directed research work and consultancy projects for a range of external agencies like the World Bank, IFPRI, SDC, Ford Foundation and ActionAid on issues referred to above. Currently working on Gender and Environmental issues in development of urban and rural areas as an Associate faculty (equivalent to Professor) at the centre for Ecological Economics and Natural Resources, Institute for Social and Economic Change, Bangalore
- Associate Professor, Centre for Decentralisation and Development, Institute for Social and Economic Change, Bangalore (December 2002-07).
- Assistant Professor, Centre for the Study of Social Change and Development, Institute for Social and Economic Change, Bangalore (June 1994 - December 2002).

- Senior Research Officer (equivalent to Associate Professor), in the Collaborative research project funded by the Economic and Social Research Council, Glasgow, Scotland, undertaken jointly by the Department of Sociology, University of Glasgow and the Social Unit, ISEC titled 'Entrepreneurship and Social Mobility among the Scheduled Castes in Karnataka', (October 1993 – June 1996).
- Joint Director (equivalent to Associate Professor) in the Seri-2000 project, sponsored by the Swiss Agency for Development & Co-operation, Social Unit, ISEC, Bangalore, (1997-98).
- Assistant Director (equivalent to Assistant Professor), Decentralised Governance and Planning Project sponsored by the Ford Foundation in the states of Karnataka, Andhra Pradesh and Tamil Nadu (1996- 1997), ISEC, Bangalore.
- Assistant Project Director (equivalent to Assistant Professor), Beneficiary Assessment of National Sericulture Project (1989-1993), Sociology Unit, ISEC, Bangalore
- Research Consultant, Institute of Social Sciences, Southern regional branch, Bangalore 1988-89.

RESEARCH AREAS

As Project Director

Project Director, Status of Women in Karnataka, GoK, On-going. Engendering Governance, ISEC & TISS, 2010-2011 (Completed)

- 1) Status of Women in Karnataka, a Monograph, sponsored by the Department of Planning, GoK, 2011-12
- 2) Gender & Governance in Rural Service Delivery, Sponsored by the World Bank through the International Food Policy & Research Institute, Washington D C., and the Institute for Social & Economic Change, Centre for Environmental Economics and Natural Resources (CEENR), ISEC, Bangalore (2008-2010).
- 3) Fuelling Fire or Dampening the Flames? Conflict Management by Karnataka's Grama Panchayats, Centre for Decentralisation and Development (CDD), ISEC, Bangalore (2006-7).
- 4) Traditional Services in a Modern Setting: The Case of Safai Karmacharis in Urban Karnataka: A Study in two districts of Karnataka, ISEC, Bangalore (2000-02).
- 5) Decentralization, Governance and Women Heads of Grama Panchayats in Karnataka, CDD, ISEC, Bangalore (2004-05).
- 6) Evaluation of Credit-Linked Schemes for Women in Karnataka, sponsored by the Government of Karnataka, Centre for Study of Social Change & Development, ISEC, Bangalore (2001-2002).

As Co-Project Director

- 1) Engendering Governance: Study of Women Heads of Panchayats in Karnataka (broader study in 3 states), sponsored by Agaz Foundation, undertaken with Tata Institute of Social Sciences, Mumbai 2010-
- 2) Institutional Design for Eliminating Child Labor: A Study of State Initiatives of Eradication of Child Labor in Karnataka, Department of Labour, GoK, CDD, ISEC, Bangalore (2005-06) (with Professor D Rajasekhar and Dr.V Anil Kumar).

- 3) Freedom Mortgaged and Future Abandoned: Bonded Child Labour in Karnataka's Silk Industry, National Human Rights Commission, New Delhi, (with Professors G K Karanth, D Rajashekar & S Madheswaran), CSSC & D, ISEC, Bangalore.
- 4) A Comprehensive Study on the Status of Beedi Industry in Karnataka, Department of Labour, GoK, Bangalore with Professor S Madheswaran and Professor D Rajasekhar, Centre for Economic Studies and Policy (CESP), ISEC, Bangalore (2004-05).
- 5) Role of Rural Local Organisations in Development – Women's Empowerment and Development Sector, sponsored by the World Bank, CDD, ISEC, (2002-2003) with D Rajashekar and others.
- 6) Joint Director, Seri-2000 project, sponsored by the Swiss Agency for Development & Co-operation, CSSC& D, ISEC, Bangalore, (1997-98).
- 7) Assistant Director, Decentralised Governance and Planning Project sponsored by the Ford Foundation in the states of Karnataka, Andhra Pradesh and Tamil Nadu (1996- 1997) with Professor Abdul Aziz as Project Director.
- 8) Collaborative research project funded by the Economic and Social Research Council, Glasgow, Scotland entitled 'Entrepreneurship and Social Mobility among SCs in Karnataka', Sociology Unit, ISEC (1993-1996) with Dr.Simon R Charsley & G K Karanth
- 9) Assistant Project Director, Beneficiary Assessment of National Sericulture Project, Sociology Unit, ISEC, Bangalore (1989-98).

Other Projects

- 1) Research Fellow, Sociology Department, University of Glasgow, Glasgow, Scotland 1995.
- 2) Research Consultant, Institute of Social Sciences, New Delhi in its southern regional branch at Bangalore for the project '1987 Panchayat Elections and Working of Panchayati Raj Institutions in Karnataka', (1988-1989).
- 3) Research Assistant in the Sociology Unit, ISEC, in its projects: (a) 'Sociological Study of Bagalkot City (in the wake of its submersion and need for rehabilitation), (b) Chakrabhavi village study and (c) Socio-economic status of SC Women in Karnataka, (1986-87).
- 4) Research Assistant in the project 'Socio-Economic Study of SCs and STs in Karnataka', Department of PG Studies in Sociology, Manasagangothri, Mysore University, Mysore, (1973-76).

Training Courses

- Co-ordinated a number of training and capacity building courses for the state and central ministries and the World Bank, Nordic Centre in India, ActionAid etc
- Participated in many capacity building courses as resource person on themes like Panchayati Raj, Gender and Research methodology at several research institutions & University Colleges.
- Research Methodology Courses at ISEC
- Social Science Talent Search Scheme at ISEC

Organisational Membership

Life Member in a number of academic and professional organisations like the Indian Sociological Society, National Association of Women's Studies, Board of Studies in many universities and Centres for Women's and developmental studies.

Publications

5 books and several research papers in academic journals and edited books and working papers on issues referred to above

Resource Person to a number of academic Institutions/Government Commissions/Study Groups

Consultant to KfW and GTZ, on watershed projects in Maharashtra and Andhra Pradesh 2000; Action-Aid India, Bangalore, in its studies on Disability Management and Rehabilitation, 1999-2000; GoI, in M & E of Swashakthi Project's Baseline Studies, Karnataka, Madhya Pradesh, Bihar and Uttar Pradesh, Agricultural Finance Commission, 1999; GoK, in its Third Backward Classes Commission, 1989-90 (fixing criteria for Backwardness); World Bank, on Gender Issues in Social and Environmental Assessment of Tank Rehabilitation in Karnataka, 2001; SDC sponsored Participatory Impact Assessment of PIDOW project in Karnataka, May 2001; ILO on child labour projects (2005-06) and collaborated with a few NGOs such as MYRADA & Gram Vikas, on poverty and empowerment Issues.

Visits Abroad

- a) Research Fellow, Department of Sociology, University of Glasgow, Glasgow, Scotland, June-September 1995.
- b) Visiting Scholar, University of Economics and Business Administration, Vienna, October, 1995. Special Lectures on (a) 'Participation of Women in Decentralised Governance and Planning in Karnataka, India', and (b) 'Mobilization and Change among Caste Groups in Karnataka' at the Institute of Urban and Regional Studies, University of Economics and Business Administration, Vienna, October 5 & 6, 1995. These lectures were organised under the auspices of Austro-Indian Association and the University of Vienna.
- c) Visiting Fellow, International Food Policy research Institute, Washington D C (April 2009 & Jan-February 2010).
- d) August 2011 to Sweden to participate in international Meet on Water Resources.
- e) September 2011, Department of Sociology, Iowa State University, Iowa, upon invitation from Prof.R Indira, Visiting Professor, Gender and Development (participated as panellist in paper presentations).
- f) October 2011, paper presentation in the conference 'Development on the Margin', at Bonn University (TROPENTAG 2011), Germany.