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RICHA MINOCHA Curriculum Vitae

I am a conscientious teacher and researcher, and a citizen of institutional collaboration and mentoring. My pedagogy reflects my research strategy by engaging students in community service and collaboration, seeking to link them to the surroundings that nourish their academic lives. I also network with scholars, researchers, and the civil sector in collaborative work. My preferred areas of specialisation are A. Development Studies (including Rural Development, Village Surveys, Sustainable Cities, Rural Urban Interfaces), B. Gender Studies and gender gender-affirmative research, C. Environmental and Social Anthropology, D. Political Ecology; E. Travel and Tourism studies. F. Public Policy and Governance

EDUCATIONAL QUALIFICATIONS

- A. Post-Doctoral Fellowship: C.R. Parekh Fellow (2008-2009) at the London School of Economics and Political Science
- B. PhD and MPhil in Social Sciences and Development Studies from the Centre for the Study of Regional Development, Jawaharlal Nehru University (JNU), New Delhi
- C. Master's in Tourism Administration from Himachal Pradesh University, Simla.
- D. B.A pass course in Economics, Mathematics, English, and Hindi from Saint Bede's College, Simla, Himachal Pradesh.
- E. Qualified University Grants Commission - National Educational Testing (NET) in Economics.

EMPLOYMENT PROFILE

Associate Professor, Symbiosis School for Liberal Arts (SSLA), Symbiosis International University (SIU) (since 2018)

- A. Faculty In-charge of Women and Gender Studies

Courses offered/being taught include: Core Environment Studies: Our Common Earth; Introduction to Social Work; Women in India; Gender, Labour, and Work; Socialisation and Sexuality; Understanding Feminisms; Women and Environment: Ecofeminism; Politics of Ecology and the Environment in Developing Countries (Elective Course); Multi-cultural Worldviews; Introduction to Women & Gender Studies; Gender, Justice & Law

Seminar papers offered to 4th-year students: Towards Equality: Foregrounding & Contextualising Gender using a Disciplinary Approach (2025-2026); Quests for Identity: Gender in Context (2024-2025); Engendering Interpretations, Contexts, Singularity (2023-2024); Engendering Narratives, Spaces, Development: Making Sense of Our Present (2022-2023); Gender, Culture and Development (2020-2021 & 2021-2022); and Gender Geographies and Justice (2019-2020).

- B. Faculty Coordinator for Gender Champions (2019 onwards) and Ecology Committee (2019-2022)
- C. Faculty In charge, Student Affairs for Academic Integrity Committee
- D. Member Anti-Ragging Committee, Viman Nagar Campus, Symbiosis International University
- E. Member of the Gender Sensitisation Cell constituted by the Symbiosis International University
- F. Member Biodiversity Cell, Symbiosis International University
- G. Faculty advisor for a student-run SSLA Publication called "Zeitgast" which represents the LGBTQA+ concerns (2020-2023)
- H. Member, Symbiosis Centre for Climate Change and Sustainability

External University/Institute Partnerships: A. Global Learning Experience collaboration with DePaul University, Chicago (2019- Ongoing); Resource person for Gender Sensitisation and Inclusion of Gender in Curriculum at the Film and Television Institute for India (FTII); Collaboration with Savitribai Phule

Pune University (SPPU) for developing curriculum and pedagogy and promoting discussions among Gender Studies faculty of both SSLA and SPPU, as well as among undergraduate students of SSLA and Master's and doctoral programme students of SPPU (2019- ongoing);

Collaborating partner on behalf of Himachal Pradesh University with Uppsala University for a Swedish Research Council project entitled "Multimedia and GIS-supported language documentation of the Himalayas with the focus on ethno-biological terms." July 2008- June 2009.

Collaboration with the College of Saint Benedict, Saint John's University, Minnesota, USA.

Other Networks and Collaborations

1. Networking with Karunya Care Centre and Society of Christ Jesus for a Caregivers project and an Ecology Project (Ongoing)

2. Collaboration with Maher Ashram for Academic Service Learning and Community outreach. (Ongoing)

Work Profile before SSLA

Researcher with People's Science Institute (PSI), Dehradun. I researched Urbanisation, Climate Change, Agriculture, National Parks – Human-Animal Interaction, Benefit sharing, and the impacts of hydropower projects in Himachal Pradesh. Also, I participated in the preparation of an Eco village Plan for Himachal Pradesh. Other than research, I taught in a development practitioner's course, which was a Training Program to Develop Human Capital for the Non-Profit (Social) Sector (April 2017 – April 2018).

Core in-country faculty for Environment in a course "Agriculture, Ecology and Sustainable Futures" under the program of Rethinking Food Security: People, Agriculture and Politics, International Honors' Program (IHP), offered to American Universities' undergraduate level students, by the School of International Studies, World Learning, USA (Spring and Autumn 2017 and Spring 2018).

Taught Travel and Tourism Studies (add-on course) to undergraduate students of Saint Bede's College, Simla. (July 2015 – March 2017).

Conducted a Consultancy for ActionAid, involving analysis based on gender segregated data for their European Union project on securing rights and sustainable livelihoods through collective action and education for people dependent on the informal economy in India. (January 2016 – April 2016).

Team Leader (on behalf of Jan Abhiyan Sanstha (JAS)), for a Community-based Ecotourism project, Simla cluster, of the Department of Tourism, Himachal Pradesh. (December 2014-July 2015).

Consultancy for Butterflies Child Rights Organisation, New Delhi (18th September 2014-November 2014).

Researcher, Department of Humanities & Social Sciences (HSS), Jaypee University of Information Technology (JUIT), Solan, under a Research Project entitled "Consumer Selection for Alternative Energy Transport to Identify Issues on Consumer Preferences" sanctioned by the Swinburne University of Technology, Hawthorn, Australia. A collaborative project between JUIT, Himachal Pradesh, and Swinburne, Australia (February 2012- March 2013).

Member Secretary, Jan Abhiyan Sanstha (JAS), a grassroots-level organisation striving for the eradication of poverty and unequal power/gender relations, and promoting enterprise and concern for the environment. On behalf of JAS, I convened the Himachal chapter of Forum for Crèche and Child Care Services (FORCES) and was involved in the ADB-sponsored Community-based Ecotourism Project of the Department of Tourism in Simla.(July 2009-March 2017).

Institute of Integrated Himalayan Studies (IIHS) (UGC Centre of Excellence), Himachal Pradesh University (June 2005-June 2009).

Lecturer in Social Sciences; Editor of the “Himalayan Studies Journal” which was brought out biannually by IIHS.

- Coordinated a Gender affirmative project entitled “Development in the Himalayan villages-An Integrated Study” during 2006-2007.
- Resource person, Department of Vocational Studies, Himachal Pradesh University, Simla. Taught courses in Tourism Studies and Research Methodology to students undertaking their Master's programme (MA).

New Concept Information Systems (Research Associate from January 2005- May 2005)

SAMA Resource Group for Women and Health (Program officer from July-November 2004)

South Asian Network of Economic Research Institutes (SANEI) (October 2003 to February 2004).

Conducted a study on the prospects for developing Nature-Based Tourism in the Great Himalayan National Park, Himachal Pradesh. The study was completed for the South Asian Network of Economic Research Institutes in collaboration with Dr Santhakumar, of the Centre for Development Studies, Kerala.

Jan Sewa Ashram (1999-2001): The organisation worked on rural development and solid waste management.

Rural Centre for Human Interests -Women Development Organiser during 1998-99

1. Worked across projects such as “Ecology Oriented Development of Rural Poor in Himachal Pradesh” (sponsored by NORAD) and “Management of Natural Resources through Communities for Self-sustenance” (sponsored by Community Aid Abroad).
2. Constituted Women Self-Help Groups and got them connected to banks.
3. Conducted intensive field surveys for projects on Ecology and Natural Resource Management in which I was involved as Women Development Organiser.
4. Was a resource person for two workshops on micro-financing and micro-planning sponsored by NORAD and *Rashtriya Mahila Kosh*, respectively

Special Lectures Delivered

1. Conducted a one-day Faculty Development Programme (FDP) on the theme of Environmental Science through Hands-On Learning, along with Prof. Margaret Workman of DePaul University, Chicago, on 7th August 2025.
2. Conducted sessions on Awareness of the Prevention of Sexual Harassment at the Workplace (Prevention, Prohibition, and Redressal) Act, 2013, on 8th July 2025 (batch 2025-2027), 31st July 2024 (batch 2024-2026) and 19th August 2023 (batch 2023-2025) for the induction of the respective batches of M.A.(International Studies) students at the Symbiosis School of International Studies (SSIS), campus.
3. Conducted a research colloquium on the theme *Towards Equality: Foregrounding Gender and Decolonising Ecology* on March 26, 2025, in the year of the 50th anniversary of the Towards Equality report, the report of the Committee on the Status of Women in India (CSWI).
4. Interacted with DePaul students on Gender, Livelihoods and Food Justice issues in India, on 22nd April 2025 and 23rd April 2024.
5. Interacted with faculty, staff, and students of Symbiosis College of Nursing (SCON) on the theme "Gender Equality and Equity" on 27th April 2024, and 4th May 2023 on the invitation of the Institute Director.

6. Invited by the Internal Committee of the Film and Television Institute of India (FTII) on 21st December 2023 to conduct a session on Gender Sensitisation for the students of the Film Wing, and spoke on the theme- 'Understanding Gender: Equity, Identity and Intersectionality'.
7. Delivered Global Learning Experience (GLE) lectures in hybrid mode on themes related to Gender and Food Justice as part of SSLA's collaboration with DePaul University, Chicago, in my course on Politics of Ecology and the Environment in Developing Countries and Prof Howard Rosing's courses on Geography, Food and Justice and Sustainable Cities and Food Justice (on 4th April 2023, 5th April 2022, 4th May 2021 and 21st April 2020).
8. Delivered a talk on "Understanding Gender and Development" at a seminar on Gender Sensitisation themed He or she? Time to change the mindset, Symbiosis College of Nursing (SCON), Senapati Bapat Road, Pune-411004, on 29th August 2019.
9. Delivered Lectures on Gender issues and concerns in Education & Environment; Gender discrimination and related issues, at the State Agricultural Management & Extension Training Institute (SAMETI), Himachal Pradesh, on 31st May 2018.
10. Delivered Lectures on Violence against Women- Gendered Concerns over a two-day workshop on "Sexual Harassment of Women at Workplace (Prevention, Prohibition and Redressal) Act 2013, 7th-8th May 2018, for officers/officials of the Excise and Taxation Department, Himachal Pradesh.
11. Delivered three Lectures at Symbiosis School of Liberal Arts: 1. Ecological and socio-cultural issues in development, livelihoods, and food security; 2. Urbanisation & Food Sustainability; 3. Commons, Cooperatives, and Community Participation; 2nd and 3rd April, 2018.
12. Delivered two Lectures at the Bombay University in the Ferozeshah Mehta Department of Political Science on Human Rights and Public Policy. (30th March, 4th April, 2018)
13. Delivered three Lectures under the International Honors Programme's (IHP) Rethinking Food Security Course (Spring), March 2018. These included lectures on pastoralism, on ecological adaptations in food production and on the Cooperative sector in Agriculture and Dairy.
14. Delivered Lectures on Pastoralism: Scenarios & Contexts in Specific Eco Zones in India (Himachal Pradesh and Gujarat), International Honors Programme's (IHP) Rethinking Food Security Course; Fall: 25th October 2017 and Spring: 20th March 2017.
15. Delivered Lectures on "Ecological Adaptations in Food Production – Small and Marginal Economies", International Honors Program – Rethinking Food Security Course, during Fall: 21st October 2017 and Spring: 14th March 2017.
16. Delivered lectures on "The Cooperative sector in Agriculture and Dairy: References from Gujarat"; 18th October 2017; International Honors Program – Rethinking Food Security, Fall: 18th October 2017 and Spring: 15th March 2017.
17. Delivered a Lecture on "Development projects and Special Economic Zones (SEZ)- Impacts in coastal and river-based ecologies with special reference to Gujarat and Himachal Pradesh", International Honors Program – Rethinking Food Security, Spring, 28th March 2017.
18. Delivered Lectures on Gender Concepts, Mainstreaming Gender in Disaster Risk Reduction; Gender Inequality, Needs, Issues & Concerns, on 20th January 2017, Himachal Pradesh Institute of Public Administration (HIPA), Simla.
19. Delivered Lectures on Gender Analysis through the Cause-Consequences-Solution Framework and the Step Framework of Gender Budgeting & Group Work on 12th October 2017, 28th October 2016 and 1st October 2016, Himachal Pradesh Institute of Public Administration (HIPA), Simla.
20. Delivered a Lecture on "Action Research in Himachal Pradesh" for Research Fellows (MPhil programme in Development Studies), Ambedkar University, Delhi, August 26th 2016.
21. Lectures on " Gender Issues and Concern in Education & Environment; and Five Step framework of Gender Budgeting (Group work) on 15th March 2016 at the Himachal Pradesh Institute of Public Administration (HIPA), Simla.

22. Invited to talk on “Gender, Environment and Social Transformation”, Workshop on *Promoting Gender Equality: Issues and Challenges*, co-organised by Centre for Women Studies and Development, Himachal Pradesh University, and Nehru Yuva Kendra, Simla, 30th Nov. 2015.
23. Delivered a Lecture on Gender Issues in Agriculture & Environment – Case Study of Hilly Areas, at the Himachal Pradesh Institute of Public Administration, Simla, on 19th May 2014.
24. Delivered an Invited Lecture on *Interpersonal Relationships* on 26th August 2013 at an Orientation Training Programme organised by Nehru Yuva Kendra Simla (an organisation of the Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports, Govt. of India) for National Youth Corps (NYC). The workshop took place from August 23, 2013, to September 1, 2013, at Panchayat Bhawan, Simla. NYCs are field-level youth volunteers associated with District Nehru Yuva Kendra.
25. Delivered an Invited Lecture on “Environment” at a Teachers Orientation Programme organised by the Academic Staff College, Himachal Pradesh University in April 2007.
26. Delivered Lectures on "Eco Tourism" and “Social Marketing” in March 2007 at a Nehru Yuva Kendra orientation programme at the Academic Staff College, Himachal Pradesh University.

PUBLICATIONS

Books

- Richa (2008). *Environment, Agriculture and Community in Himachal Pradesh*, Himalaya Publishing House, Mumbai. ISBN: 978-81-8488-134-9.

Book Reviews in Journals

1. Review of Nitya Rao’s Quest for Identity: Gender, Land and Migration in Contemporary Jharkhand, June 2025, *Indian Journal of Gender Studies* 32(2), pp.235-239.
2. Book Review of Moving with the Times: Gender, Status and Migration of Nurses in India” by Sreelekha Nair, Routledge, New Delhi, in *Migration and Development*, Journal by Routledge, Taylor & Francis Group, 2012; pp. 184-186.
3. Book review of Ronnie Vernooy’s book “Social and gender analysis in Natural Resource Management – Learning Studies and Lessons from Asia”, Sage India, CAP, IDRC, January 2006. ISBN: 0-76193-463-4, e-ISBN: 1-55250-218-X 2, in *Indian Journal of Gender Studies*, Vol. 17, Issue. 2, 2010, pp. 307-311. Sage Publications, New Delhi, 2010, ISSN: 0971-5215.
4. Book Review of “Challenge of Sustainable Development - The Indian Dynamics”. Eds. Ramprasad Sengupta and Anup K. Sinha, Centre for Development and Environment Policy, IIM, Calcutta; in *The Indian Journal of Labour Economics*, Vol. 47, No.2, April-June, 2004:419-421. ISSN: 0019-5308.

Chapters in Books

1. “Loss of Livelihoods and Displacement in Himachal Pradesh: Case Studies of Selected Development Sites” in *The Other Side of Development: Displacement, Involuntary Resettlement and Rehabilitation*, Routledge India. **Forthcoming**
2. Minocha, Richa (2022). “Women’s Spirituality as a Measure of Deep Time and Social Ecology” in *Science, Religion and Deep Time*, Routledge India, ISBN 9781032188614.
3. Minocha, Richa (2021). “Gender, Development, Social Transformation, and Growing Gender Inequality: A Comparative Study of Himachal Pradesh and Gujarat” in Sumita Sarkar (ed.) *Gender Inequality and Discrimination in India: Discourse and Dilemmas*, Jaipur: Rawat Publications, ISBN: 9788131611500
4. Minocha, Richa (2018). “Development at What Cost? A Study of Migration, Loss of Livelihood Security and Development-induced Displacement in Himachal Pradesh”. In *Displacement, Impoverishment and Exclusion: Political Economy of Development in India*, eds. Sujit Kumar Mishra and R Siva Prasad, Aakar Publications, ISBN 978-93-5002-531-4.
5. Minocha, Richa (2007). “Sustainable Nature Based Tourism: A Case Study of Kerala, Sikkim and Himachal Pradesh” in S.P. Bansal, Sonia Khan & Sushma (eds.), *Cutting Edge Research in Tourism-Emerging Issues and Challenges*, Vol. I & II, Abhishek Publications, Chandigarh. ISBN: 81-8247-152-4

Research Papers in Journals

1. Minocha, Richa, Aishi Mitra, and Neha Dadke. (2023) Social Singularities in Cosmic Environments: Engendering Big History. *Journal of Big History*, VI (2): 1–10. <https://jbh.journals.villanova.edu/index.php/JBH/article/view/2902/2733>
2. Minocha, Richa (2020). India's Unabated Urbanization. *Toward Freedom*, A Progressive Perspective on World Events since 1952, Vermont, United States of America, July 31st. <https://towardfreedom.org/story/indias-unabated-urbanization/>
- Minocha, Richa (2015). Gender, Environment and Social Transformation: A Case of Selected Villages in Himachal Pradesh. *Indian Journal of Gender Studies*, 22(3) 335–357, CWDS, New Delhi: Sage Publications. DOI: 10.1177/0971521515594274.
- Minocha, Richa (2006). “A Case for Dispersal of Tourism in Himachal Pradesh”, *Tourism Development Journal*, Vol. No. 4, No. 1, Himachal Pradesh University, Simla. ISSN No. 09757376.
- Minocha, Richa (2005). “A Case for Nature-Based Tourism in Himachal Pradesh- The Great Himalayan National Park”, *The Green Portal Tourism Journal*, Vol 2, No.2, Kerala Institute of Tourism and Travel Studies, Trivandrum.
- Minocha, Richa (2003). “Anthropological Reflections on Imaging of Women in Folkart and Folklore - An Analysis of Himachal Pradesh”- in *Man in India*, 83 (3 & 4), July-December 2003: 419-431. ISSN: 0025-1569.
- Richa (2002). Sita in Himachal Pradesh in *Manushi*, A Journal of Women and Society, New Delhi, India, No.133:25-27, 2002. ISSN: 0257-7305.
- Minocha, Richa (2002). *Himachal Pradesh Mein Sita Ke Swaroop*, translating to “Images of Sita in Himachal Pradesh”, in *Somsi*, No.3, July-December 2002:83-92, Journal of the Art, Culture, and Languages Academy, Himachal Pradesh. No. 1117ACD

Creative Pieces in Journals

- Richa (2009). Communities and Diversity in Himachal Pradesh, *Himalayan Studies Journal*, Vol 2, No.1, June, pp. 81-85, Simla.
- Richa & Chatopadhyay G.P. (2007). “Malana: Then and Now”, in *Himalayan Studies Journal*, Vol 1, No.1, June, pp. 83-85, Simla.

Editorials

1. Richa (2009). Editorial note, *Himalayan Studies Journal*, Vol 2, No.1, June.
2. Richa (2007). Editorial note, *Himalayan Studies Journal*, Vol 1, No.1, June.

Reviewer: Submissions in Journals, Fellowship Applications, Projects, and Book Proposals

1. Enrolled as a Reviewer in the *Journal of Human Values*, Sage Journal, IIM Calcutta.
2. In December 2025, I reviewed a book proposal for Peter Lang International. The proposed book delves deeply into the complex relationship between reproductive rights and gender-based violence, offering a critical analysis from the perspectives of two authors who bring together expertise in law, gender studies, and human rights.
3. On the request of the Director, Centre for Women's Development Studies (CWDS), New Delhi, I conducted a detailed review of their project on – The Life of Migrant Women in Yamuna Floodplain, in August 2024
4. Acknowledged as a reviewer of fellowship applications by the Netherlands Institute for Advanced Study in the Humanities & Social Sciences (NIAS) in January 2022.

Participation in Conferences, Workshops, and Training Programmes/Faculty Development Programmes Conducted

- Presented a paper *Ecological Communities and their Gendered Contexts: Anthropology at Crossroads* at the Symbiosis School for Liberal Arts (SSLA) panel, 'Anthropology for the Future,' in the United India Anthropology Forum (UIAF) World Anthropology Pre-Congress, 2023 organised by the Department of Anthropology, Savitribai Phule Pune University (SPPU) in association with Symbiosis School for Liberal Arts (SSLA) Pune, Deccan College Post Graduate and Research Institute Pune, and Tribal Research and Training Institute (TRTI) Pune on 26th - 27th July 2023.
- Organised and moderated a panel on Sustainability and Gender: Priorities within SDGs (4th March 2023) at the International Gender Conference (IGC 2023) organised by SSLA in collaboration with DePaul University, Chicago.
- Participated in an International Conference "Beyond Access and Parity: Complicating the Narrative of Gender Equality in Higher Education in India" organised by the Savitribai Phule Pune University (SPPU) in association with Brunel University, UK, 23rd to 25th February 2023, SPPU Campus.
- Conducted a Management Development Programme (MDP) for staff and housekeeping at SSLA on the Sexual Harassment of Women at Workplace Act and Rule 2013, on 7th December 2022.
- Participated in the International Virtual Exchange Conference (IVEC), Valencia, Spain, October 26th to 28th, 2022.
- Invited as a resource person every month (ongoing since March 2022) by the Society of Christ Jesus and Karunya Care at their training programme for Caregivers. The theme of my interaction is *Interlinkages between Ecological Consciousness, Health, Humanity, and Care Giving*.
- Delivered the opening remarks on "Why promote sustainable lifestyles among youth", Online Youth Dialogue organised on 08 Nov 2021 by EU-Switch Asia in association with UNEP and TERI School of Advanced Studies (TERI SAS) with support from SSLA Community Outreach Cell and SCOPE.
- Organised and spoke in Universal Panel I "Engendering Big History and Envisioning Common Futures" at the International Conference on *Changing the World: Community, Science, and Engagement with Big History*. Conference organised by The International Big History Association in collaboration with Symbiosis School for Liberal Arts, Symbiosis International University, from the 1st to the 4th of August 2021.
- Moderated a panel on *Managing Crisis in the World* at the International Conference on Changing the World: Community, Science, and Engagement with Big History. Conference organised jointly by The International Big History Association in collaboration with Symbiosis School for Liberal Arts, Symbiosis International University, from the 1st to the 4th of August 2021.
- Panellist at a Webinar on "Women in Leadership: Achieving an Equal Future in a Covid-19 World" organised by Vishwa Yuvak Kendra on 8th March, International Women's Day 2021
- Presented a Research Paper, "Marginalisation of Women in Urban, Peri-urban, and Rural Areas: A Case Study of Simla in Himachal Pradesh", International Gender Conference organised by Symbiosis School for Liberal Arts, in collaboration with DePaul University, Chicago, 8th February 2020
- Panellist at a discussion on "Marginalised Women Making Place in the Urban Jungle", Mumbai Press Club, Maharashtra, India; 16th September 2019.
- Organised workshops with Prof. Uma Chakravarti, well-known Feminist historian and Prof Lata Singh, of the Centre for Women's Studies, Jawaharlal Nehru University at the Symbiosis School for Liberal Arts, Pune, on 12th and 13th April 2019.

- Participated in, chaired a session and helped in organising PAHAAD Consultation on ‘Securing Rights of Women Farmers: Developing a Roadmap for Action’, on 2-3 August 2017 at Rural Litigation and Entitlement Kendra, Dehradun, Uttarakhand. MAKAAAM organised the PAHAAD Consultation in Dehradun in collaboration with the People’s Science Institute (PSI).
- Presented a paper, “Gender, loss of livelihoods and displacement induced by development projects - A study of selected project impacted areas in Himachal Pradesh” in an International Conference on Development-induced Displacement and Migration, Land Acquisition and Resettlement, 3rd-4th March 2016, organised by IDRC and Centre for Development Studies, Thiruvananthapuram.
- Participated in Civil Society Seminar on “Sustainable Cities”, organised by ActionAid, October 15th to 17th, 2015, YMCA International House, Mumbai Central. I was also asked to write a report, compiling the seminar proceedings
- Organised a Cluster-level Workshop in Simla on 16th April 2015 under the Asian Development Bank-sponsored Community-Based Ecotourism (Simla Cluster) Project of the Department of Tourism.
- Invited paper presenter at a Workshop on the theme “Promoting Equality Issues and Challenges”. Organised by the Centre for Women’s Studies and Development, Himachal Pradesh University, on 30th November 2015. Presented a paper on “Gender and the Environment in Himachal Pradesh”.
- Co-organised a workshop with the YWCA of Simla on Gender Sensitisation at Chaili Panchayat, Simla district, under the Community-based Ecotourism Project Simla (11th April 2015).
- Co-organised a workshop on Gender Sensitisation at Rashtriya Kanya Maha Vidyalaya (RKMV), Simla (30th March 2015).
- Presented a paper, "Male Dominance and Women", in a seminar organised at the YWCA of Simla on the occasion of the One Billion Rising Campaign, 14th February 2015.
- Presented a paper, "Myths of Male Dominance: Contexts for Women", in a seminar organised at the YWCA of Simla on the theme Engaging Men for Gender Justice, 1st and 2nd November 2014.
- Presented a paper “Gender, Displacement, and Governance: A Case of Himachal Pradesh” at an International Conference on Public Policy, Governance and Democracy-Experiences from Canada & India, 28–29th March 2014, organised by the Centre for Canadian Studies, H.P. University, Simla.
- “Gender and Violence”, opening address at the One Billion Rising Campaign in Simla, organised jointly by YWCA of Simla and Jan Abhiyan Sanstha, 14th February 2014.
- Invited paper presenter in an International Conference on Women Empowerment: Transforming Lives, Milestones, and Challenges organised by the Department of Home Science, St. Bede’s College, Simla, 23-24 August 2013. Paper presented: *Gender and Environment in Himachal Pradesh: Role of Civil Society Organisations*.
- Participated in a Workshop on Policy Analyses and Environmental Economics, organised by the South Asian Network for Development and Environmental Economics (SANDEE) at Swutel Hotel, Srinakharinwirot University, Bangkok, from 19th – 22nd May, 2013.
- Chaired a session at the International Conference on Voices from the Margin: Society, Culture, and Exclusion, organised by the School of Languages, Central University of Jharkhand, Ranchi, 20th- 22nd February 2013. Also presented a paper, “Ecological and Cultural Dimensions in Development: A Study of Communities in Himachal Pradesh”.
- Presented a paper, “Development at what cost? A study of migration, loss of livelihood security and development-induced resettlement in Himachal Pradesh” at a National Seminar on Impoverishment Vs. Reconstruction in Development-Induced Displacement: Approaches and Issues, organised by Council for Social Development (CSD), Hyderabad, 18-19 February 2011.

- Organised a Workshop on the functioning of ICDS and issues concerning children of migrant labour, displacement due to development projects, and implementation of the Right to Education bill in Himachal Pradesh. This was organised and conducted in collaboration with the Forum for Crèche and Child Care Services (FORCES) National Secretariat (10th June 2010).
- Presentation on “Current concerns of the young child in Himachal Pradesh” at the Forum for Crèche and Child Care Services (FORCES) Policy Committee Meeting and Review Workshop held from 3rd to 5th April, 2010 at Bhubaneshwar, Orissa.
- Presentation on “Integrating Education with Ecology, Culture and Livelihoods in Himachal Pradesh” in a seminar organised by the National Alliance for the Fundamental Right to Education and Equity-People’s Movement (NAFRE-PM) on the occasion of Right to Education Day on 27th November 2009.
- Presentation on “Environment, Industry, and Migration” in Himachal Pradesh in a Seminar on “Gender and Migration” organised by the Centre for Women’s Development Studies, New Delhi, at the National Institute of Health and Family Welfare, New Delhi, 22nd to 24th September 2009.
- Co-organised a Workshop with Prof. Anju Saxena of Uppsala University on Ecology, Culture, Languages and the threats to diversity in the Himachal Himalayan Region” on the 16th of October 2008 at the IIHS (Institute of Integrated Himalayan Studies, Himachal Pradesh University Committee Room, Simla, India.
- Organised a Workshop on “Status of the Young Child in Himachal Pradesh” in association with Forum for Crèche and Child Care Services (FORCES) Network Coordinator- Centre for Women’s Development Studies, New Delhi, at the Agricultural Co-operative State Training Institute, Simla, India, on the 22nd of June 2008.
- Presentation on “The Young Child in Himachal Pradesh: Nutritional and Educational Status and Traditional Health Care Practices” at a two-day Forum for Crèche and Child Care Services (FORCES) Regional Consultation on the Status of the Young Child in Lucknow, India, 18th & 19th February 2008.
- Presentation on “Female Deficits in Urban India”, National Seminar on Female Infanticide to Foeticide to Contemporary Scenario: Issues and Challenges, organised by the Centre for Women’s Studies and Development, Himachal Pradesh University, Simla, India, during March 2007.
- Presentation on the *Scope for Research in Women and Gender Studies* at a workshop organised by the Centre for Women’s Studies and Development, Himachal Pradesh University, Simla, February 2007.
- Presentation on “Himalayas and Sustainable Development: Women’s Perception(s)” in a seminar on *Development Perspectives in the Himalayan Region in the midst of Globalisation*, organised by the Institute of Integrated Himalayan Studies on the occasion of the visit of thirty non-resident Indian youth from nine countries to Himachal Pradesh University. The group of Indians from the Diaspora visited Delhi and Himachal Pradesh as part of the Know India Programme in April 2006.
- “A Case for Nature-Based Tourism in Himachal Pradesh- The Great Himalayan National Park” Paper presented in a seminar organised by the Kerala Institute of Tourism and Travel Studies, Trivandrum, Kerala, India, on *Issues and Trends in Eco-tourism Development in India*, January 2006.
- Participated in an International Workshop on Conserving Hill and Mountain Ecology organised by The United States Educational Foundation of India in collaboration with the Institute of Integrated Himalayan Studies, August 24th -26th, 2005.
- Participated in a Workshop on “Assisted Reproductive Technologies-Social and Medical Implications on Women” organised by SAMA Resource Group for Women and Health, New Delhi, India, on 1st & 2nd December 2004.
- Resource person for a training of trainers’ programme on “Micro Financing” organised by Rural Centre for Human Interests (RUCHI), Himachal Pradesh, in collaboration with NABARD (National Bank for Agricultural and Rural Development), 1999.

- “Extending the Limit: Women, Work and Family” Paper presented at the 8th National Conference of the Indian Association of Women’s Studies (IAWS), SNDT Women’s University, Pune, India, in 1998.

Research Projects

1. Food Security in the Pune development area: Implications and Impacts of commercialisation, improper waste management, urbanisation and industrialisation, Research project under Politics of Ecology Course (2019).
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