

Resume

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Countries Visited : Belgium, Britain, Denmark, France, Germany,
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Professional Experience :

I For the last four years (since March 2001) working with Centre de Science Humaines; during November -December 2003, I was a Visiting Professor at Picardie University, France.

II Did consultancy projects for several national and international agencies as well as for Government of India (February 2001-September 1997); as a Consultant also served National Institute of Rural Development (NIRD), Hyderabad, for six months during 1999.

III Senior Research Officer (equivalent to Associate Professor) LBS National Academy of Administration, Mussoorie, (August 1997-September 1996).

IV With Institute of Social Sciences (ISS) New Delhi (Aug.1996 –December 1987); joined as Research Officer later in 1992 promoted as Senior Coordinator; prior to that I was a Visiting Fellow (May 1992- March 1992) at European Institute for Asian Studies, Brussels.

V ICSSR doctoral fellow with Centre for the Study of Developing Societies (CSDS), Delhi (1986-1982).

VI Research Assistant with Institutes based in Bihar and New Delhi including Xavier Institute of Social Service, Ranchi (Bihar) and CSDS, (1982 -1979)

Field Experience

In states of Andhra Pradesh, Bihar, Gujarat, Haryana, Jammu & Kashmir including Ladakh, Karnataka, Madhya Pradesh, Maharashtra, Orissa, Rajasthan, Uttar Pradesh and West Bengal in connection with several research projects including those mentioned below:

Publications:

[On Democratic Decentralisation / Rural Local Government (Panchayats)]

Books

1. *State Politics and Panchayats in India* (New Delhi: Manohar, 2003).
2. *West Bengal Panchayat Election 1993: A Study in Participation* (New Delhi: Concept, 1996), both co-authored with Buddhadeb Ghosh.
3. *Desires without Matching Deeds: Interpreting Democratic Decentralisation in India*, forthcoming.

Academic Papers / Reports

1. "Looking Beyond Despair, Reinterpreting the 73rd (Amendment) Act" in Surat Singh (ed.) *Decentralised Governance in India: Myth and Reality* (New Delhi: Deep & Deep, 2004)
2. "Constitutionalising Panchayats: The Response of State Legislatures," CSH Occasional Paper, Centre de Sciences Humaines, No. 4, 2002.
3. "Women and Gram Sabha," (co-edited with Bidyut Mohanty), a monograph published under the Women's Political Empowerment series, Institute of Social Sciences, 2002.
4. "Bihar Panchayat Elections: Overcoming State Resistance," *Economic and Political Weekly*, Vol. XXXVI, No. 20, May 19, 2001.
5. "Tribal Panchayats in Andhra Pradesh: A Study of Post-1996 Act Status", A report prepared for the Union Ministry of Rural Development, New Delhi, September, 1999.
6. "Dialogue on Panchayat: A Summary of Four Regional Tripartite Interface Interactive Workshop", Rajiv Gandhi Foundation (RGF), April 1999.
7. "Road Blocks to the Institutions of Self Governments: A Thematic Presentation of the Debate in the National Conference on Panchayats," Monograph for (RGF), March 1999.
8. "Postponement of Panchayat Election in Tamil Nadu: Centre's role," *Economic and Political Weekly* (EPW), Vol. XXX, No. 36, September 9, 1995.
9. "Empowerment of Women through Panchayats: Evidences from West Bengal and other States", Monograph prepared for Friedrich Ebert Stiftung (FES, New Delhi) 1995.
10. "A Brief Analysis of State Panchayat Acts: Rajasthan, Goa, Tamil Nadu and Arunachal Pradesh", *Panchayati Raj Update* (ISS: 1994-1995).
11. "Political Parties and Panchayats with special reference to role of the Left Front in West

Bengal Panchayats”, paper presented at Eastern Region workshop on Panchayats, A. N. S. Institute of Social Studies, Patna, December 7-9, 1993.

12. Prepared theme papers for discussion on “Status of Panchayats in Eight States in India”, as part of a major project on the subject and coordinated the study in cooperation with State level Institutions/Universities (1992-1996).

On Health

1. “Promoting Public-Private Partnership in Health Services”, *Economic and Political Weekly*, Vol. XXXVII, No. 29, July 19, 2003.
2. “Public Hospital Reforms in Madhya Pradesh: Perception and Trends”, a paper presented in the 18th European Conference on Modern South Asia in July (6-9) 2004.
3. *Health Sector Reforms in India*, an edited book [comprising papers presented in a CSH-ICSSR organised national seminar on the subject in August 2004], under revision.

On Children, Women and Environment

1. “Non-enrolled and Drop-out children: A study in Jalore & Jaipur, (Jaipur: UNICEF, 1998), co-authored with Vimala Ramakrishnan.
2. “A Progress Report on PEEP,” (New Delhi: UNICEF, 1997).
3. “A Report on Ladakh Ecological Development Group (Le DEG), Leh: Evaluation and Project Appraisal”, (Copenhagen: Asia Development Department, DanChurch Aid, 1991), co-authored with Frands Dolberg and Christian Sorensen.
4. “Expertise in Industrial Pollution Management and Control. A Directory,” (New Delhi: DANIDA, 1991), co-authored with Priti Anand.
5. “State of Environment: A Position Paper for Orissa, Madhya Pradesh and Rajasthan,” (New Delhi: NORAD, 1990), co-authored with Priti Anand.
6. “A Situation Analysis of Children and Women in Jammu and Kashmir,” (New Delhi: UNICEF, 1989).

Other Studies / Reports

1. “Civil Society Building: A Case Study of Two NGOs – PRIA and SPWD,” prepared for Directorate General of Development Cooperation, Amsterdam, August 2000.
2. “Approaches to Land Reforms in Five Year Plans: A Review of an unfinished task,” *Update Quarterly* (New Delhi), Vol. 1, No. 1, April-June 1997, 45-70.
3. “SAARC and its Relationship with the European Community” (Brussels: European Institute for Asian Studies, 1994).
4. “La democratie inachevee,” trans., “India: Unfinished Task of Democratic

Institutionalization,” *Defis-Sud* (Brussels), April 1992.

5. “The Patterns of Urban Politics and the urban Basic Services in India with Special reference to Vadodara (Gujarat)” (New Delhi: Friedrich Ebert Stiftung, FES, 1991),
6. “Administrative Procedures in India: Working Paper (Ed.) Proceeding of Orientation Programme conducted for International Development Agencies (New Delhi: DANIDA, 1990), co-edited with Priti Anand.

Have contributed more than sixty articles / papers on domestic and foreign affairs to periodicals and newspapers: Economic and Political Weekly, Frontier, Mainstream, Sunday Observer, Surya India, Pioneer; In Hindi - *PTI Feature, Dinman, Ravivar, Jansatta, Sancha, Samkaleen Teesri Duniya etc.*