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AREAS OF INTEREST

India-Pakistan and Sino-India border issues; tribal studies; rural sociology and sociology of environment in the Himalayan regions in Ladakh

CURRENT RESEARCH PROJECTS

Engaged in the Sino-India border incursions and trade in the western sector of Ladakh

EDUCATION

Ph.D. in Sociology, Center for the Study of Social Systems, School of Social Sciences, Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi, India (2014).

Thesis: Exploring Society, Culture and Politics: A Sociological Study of Border Villages in Ladakh

M.Phil. in Sociology, Center for the Study of Social Systems, School of Social Sciences, Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi, India (2009).

Dissertation: Tribes in Transition: A Study of the Boto Tribe of Ladakh

M.A. in Sociology, Jammu University, Jammu and Kashmir, India (2006).

Graduation in Arts, Maulana Azad Memorial College, Jammu, India (2004).

AWARD OF PARTICIPATIONS, PRESENTATIONS AND FELLOWSHIPS

'Borderland Nationalism, Economy and Identity: A Study of Turtuk Villages on Indo-Pak Border in Ladakh', organized by International Association for Ladakh Studies (IALS) and South Asia Institute (SAI), 17-20 April 2013, Heidelberg University Germany.

'Border, Economy and Partition: A Study of Turtuk Villages in Ladakh', organized by Institute of Peace and Conflict Studies (IPCS) in collaboration with India International Center (IIC) 1 February 2013, New Delhi, India.

'Narratives of Border Crossing, Culture and Communication', organized by 39th All India Sociological Conference at Mysore Karnataka State Open University (KSOU) 26-29 December 2013.

Senior Research Fellowship (SRF) and National Eligibility Test (NET), by University Grant Commission, (June & December, 2006) India.

Award with the certificate in recognition of successful completion of 'Course on Sociology of Labour and Globalization', 19-30 January 2015 organized by the V.V. Giri National Labour Institute, Noida, India.

Award with the certificate for the successful participation in Ten Days Workshop on 'Climate Change, Cryosphere, Habitat and Changing Livelihood pattern of Ladakh Region: An interdisciplinary Approach towards Developing Adaptive Strategies', organized by National Institute of Hydrology and University of Jammu, 17-26 September 2013 in Ladakh, India.

A certificate was awarded for one week short term course on 'Research Methodology and Quantitative Analysis through SPSS', organized by Department of Humanities and Sciences, Motilal Nehru National Institute of Technology (MNIIT), Allahabad 15-21 December 2014.

A certification for participation in national seminar, 'Social Research on North East India: Issues and Challenges', organized by North-East India Studies Programmes (NEISP), Jawaharlal Nehru University, 25-26 February 2010, New Delhi.

A certificate of attendance the Author Workshop on 'How to Write and Get Published in Academic Journals', conducted by Emerald in collaboration with Jawaharlal Nehru University, Central Library, 10 January 2013, New Delhi.

A certification for participation in 'Asia Youth Leaders' Summit', 18-21 September 2012, New Delhi.

FIELDWORK

India-Pakistan border in Ladakh: June 2010, October 2011 and June 2012

Sino-India border in Ladakh: May 2010, October 2014

SEMI-ACADAMIC

'Causes of Stagnation in Higher Studies' published in Ladakh Drayangs, bilingual annual magazine, 2008.

'Political Transition in Ladakh' published in Ladakh Drayangs, bilingual annual magazine, 2009.

'An Interview with Kacho Mohammad Khan from Turtuk' published in Ladakh Drayangs, bilingual annual magazine, 2012.

CO-EDITOR

Ladakh Drayangs, bilingual annual magazine, 2009-2012 and 2014, J&K, India.

FOUNDING MEMBER & PAST POSITION

President (since June 2007 to July 2011) Ladakh Drayangs association Leh, Ladakh.

EXTRA-CURRICULAR

Participated in the 'Most Trees Planted Simultaneously' for Guinness World Records breaking attempt on 29 October 2012, Hemis, Ladakh.

Winner of 2nd Prize in the final debate competition for English language levels 2B, 3A & 3B organized by Inlingua International School of Languages, 24 October 2008, New Delhi.

A certificate was awarded for having successfully completed, 'Computer Fundamental Course', conducted by Academy of Computer Education and Research, Jammu, 1 November 2003 to 1 January 2004 New Delhi.

LANGUAGES SPOKEN

Hindi, English, Urdu, Bhoti.