

Curriculum Vitae



1. Name: Ms. Avinu Veronica Richa

2. Nationality: Indian

3. Address for Communication:

Department of Sociology
Rajiv Gandhi National Institute of Youth Development (RGNIYD)
Institute of National Importance by an Act of Parliament No.35/2012
Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports, Government of India
Sriperumbudur - 602105, Tamil Nadu.

4. Academic Qualifications:

- Ph.D in Anthropology from the University of Madras (Thesis submitted)
- M.A. in Anthropology (Social) from the North-Eastern Hill University (2004)
- M.A. in Women's and Gender Studies from IGNOU (2021)
- B.Sc in Anthropology from Kohima Science College, Nagaland University, gold medallist (2002)
- UGC-NET (Anthropology)

5. Areas of Specialization: Social Anthropology, Women's and Gender Studies

6. Current Research Interest: Customary Law; Family, Marriage and Kinship; Youth Development; Tribal Development; Traditional Knowledge Systems; Social Entrepreneurship; Feminist Research Methodology; Gender Planning and Analysis; Youth and Risk Behaviour; Traditional Sports and Games

7. Present Position: Assistant Professor, Department of Sociology, RGNIYD

8. Immediate Past Position: Assistant Professor, Department of Gender Studies, RGNIYD

9. Other Important Academic and Administrative Assignments:

- I/c, Centre for Tribal and Northeastern Youth Development, RGNIYD (since 2014)
- Chairperson, Minority Cell, RGNIYD (2023)
- Member, Grievance Redressal Cell for Teaching Staff, RGNIYD (2016; 2023)
- Convener, Equal Opportunity Cell, RGNIYD (2023)
- Member, NAAC committee, RGNIYD (2023)
- Member, ST Cell, RGNIYD (since 2021)

- Member, Executive Council, RGNIYD (2019)
- Coordinator, Spic Macay, RGNIYD (2015-2017)
- Coordinator, Film Club, RGNIYD (2015-2020)
- Faculty coordinator for Department of Gender Studies, Placement Cell (2019-2020)
- Member, Admission Committee (2017)
- Warden/ Assistant Warden, Women's Hostel, RGNIYD (2011-2017)

10. Total Teaching Experience: PG-12 years

11. Total Research Experience: 12 years

12. Training Experience: 12 years

13. Invited Lectures Delivered in the Last Three Years:

- Delivered a session on *Gender Sensitization* during the 15-Day Induction Training for Newly Recruited District Youth Officers (DYOs) of Nehru Yuva Kendra Sangathan (NYKS), Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports, Govt of India, organized by CTOCB, RGNIYD, Sriperumbudur, 16-30.12.2022
- Delivered a session on *Gender Sensitization* during the 15-Day Induction Training for Newly Recruited District Youth Officers (DYOs) of Nehru Yuva Kendra Sangathan (NYKS), Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports, Govt of India, organized by CTOCB, RGNIYD, Sriperumbudur, 12-26.09.2022
- Delivered a session on *Gender Sensitization* for Newly Recruited District Youth Officers (DYOs) of NYKS organized by CTOCB, RGNIYD, Sriperumbudur, 30.08.2022
- Delivered a session on *Gender Concerns* during Youth Work Orientation Programme for Youth Organizers of the Government of Himachal Pradesh organized by Centre for Training, Orientation & Capacity Building, RGNIYD, 19.02.2022
- Delivered a lecture on *Young People, COVID19 and Way Forward* organized by the Department of Sociology, Sazolie College, Jotsoma, 30.11.2021
- Mentor for the yearlong *Publishing for Social Change: Supporting Emerging Writing on Social Work and Youth Work in India* organized by CDSS, RGNIYD & King's College, London, 2021-2022
- Delivered a session jointly on *Academic Writing Scholarship* during the Writing Workshop on Publishing for Social Change: Supporting Emerging Writing on Social Work and Youth Work in India organized by CDSS, RGNIYD & King's College, London, 28.05.2021
- Delivered a lecture on *Enriching Rural India: Involving Youth and Women* during online training programme on Strengthening Rural Community Governance organized by NIRD&PR, Hyderabad, 08.07.2021
- Delivered a webinar lecture on *A Historical Narrative of Inspiring Women* organised by eSheBee Enterprises, Dhaka, Bangladesh, 22.02.2021
- Delivered a lecture on *NEP: Role of Youth* at the ICSSR sponsored National Seminar on NEP: Challenges to the North East India organized by Dept. of Education, St. Joseph's University, Dimapur, Nagaland, 27.03.2021

- Delivered a webinar lecture on *Customary Law and Political Participation of Naga Women* organized by the All India Women's Studies Students' Forum (AIWSSF), 27.01.2021
- Delivered a webinar lecture on *Gender Challenges and COVID19* during webinar on Researching on Youth: Topographies, Dynamics, Transitions and Linkages organized by RGNIYD, 18.06.2021
- Delivered a webinar lecture on *Menstrual Health and Hygiene*, and *Child Sexual Abuse* as part of International Workshop on Gender Sensitization using Puppetry for eSheBee associates organized by eSheBee Enterprises, Dhaka, Bangladesh, 12.01.2021
- Jury member for eNabling North East Award 2019-20 held during 09-12.06.2020
- Delivered a session on *Gender Sensitivity* during the One day Orientation Programme on Youth and Leadership for North-eastern Youth organized by Centre for Tribal & North Eastern Youth Development, RGNIYD, Sriperumbudur, 04.02.2020
- *Issues & Challenges of Women in the Contemporary Society*, during the Faculty Enrichment Programme and *National Seminar on Empowering Women through Gender Sensitization, prospects and Challenges*, Little Flower College, Guruvayoor, Thrissur, Kerala, 01.10.2019

14. Conference/Workshop/Seminar Attended in the Last Three/Five Years (provide a list):

- Participated and presented a paper on *Tobacco and alcohol use among youth in Nagaland: An overview* during the 1st National Conference on Youth and Well-being, organized by the Department of Sociology, RGNIYD, 28-29.03.2023
- Participated in the *National Conference on Youth in the 21st Century*, organized by the Department of Social Work and Department of Applied Psychology, RGNIYD, 24-25.03.2023
- E-Workshop on *Selection of Appropriate Statistics* organized by Yellow Pond International, 15.03.2023
- Participated and presented a paper on *A sociological analysis of substance abuse among the youth: Concerns and discourses in Indian context* at the Youth Global Summit: An International Conference, 15-17 March, 2022 jointly organized by RGNIYD, NIT Uttarkhand, UN Volunteers & Institute for School-based Family Counselling, USA, 15-17.03.2022
- Participated and presented a paper on *Social capital 'a capital within': An observational study of migrant youth from Assam* at the Youth Global Summit 2022: An International Conference, jointly organized by RGNIYD, NIT Uttarkhand, UN Volunteers & Institute for School-based Family Counselling, USA, 15-17.03.2022
- One month online *Induction Training/Orientation Programme for Faculty in Universities/ Colleges/ Institutions of Higher Education* conducted by Teaching Learning Centre, Ramanujan College, University of Delhi under Pandit Madan Mohan Malaviya National Mission on Teachers and Teaching, Ministry of Education, 20.01.2022-19.02.2022
- Two-week online Interdisciplinary Refresher Course on *Advanced Research Methodology* organized by Teaching Learning Centre, Ramanujan College, University of Delhi in collaboration with Academia International College, Nepal under the aegis of Ministry of Education, Pandit Madan Mohan Malaviya National Mission on Teachers and Teaching, 22.01.2022-05.02.2022

- Special Lecture on *Artificial Intelligence* can make India leader in the world, organized by the Department of Computer Science and Mathematics, RGNIYD, 13.08.2022
- Three-day *International Conference on Buddhist Philosophy and its Role in Inculcating Values Among the Youth* jointly organized by RGNIYD & International Council for Cultural Relations, MoEA, GoI, 17-19.02.2021
- Commemorative webinar on *The Contributions of Kamla Bhasin to Women's Studies and Women's Movement* jointly with Dept of Women's Studies, University of Madras & Regional Association of Women's Studies, 06.10.2021
- Online Training Programme on *Research Methods on Gender, Poverty and the Informal Economy* organised by the V. V. Giri National Labour Institute in collaboration with Avinashilingam Institute for Home Science and Higher Education for Women, Coimbatore, Tamil Nadu, 16-18.06.2021
- Participated and presented a paper on *Political participation of Angami women: A gender lens* at the 46th All India Sociological Conference, Constitution, Citizenship and Minority Mapping seventy five years of Indian Republic Indian Sociological Society & Dept. of Sociology, University of Mumbai, 08-10.12.2021
- Participated and presented a paper on *Customary law and inheritance of property among Angami Nagas: A gender lens* at the International Conference on Gender Mainstreaming hosted by Bombay Teachers training College, Mumbai, 02-03.02.2021
- One day online *Seminar on Conservation of Environment for Sustainable Development* to commemorate Swatchh Bharat Mission organized by Department of Social Work, RGNIYD, 26.02.2021
- *Teaching the Next Gen*, a 12-part webinar series, organized by the Centre of Excellence in Science and Mathematics Education, organized by the Indian Institute of Science Education and Research, Pune in collaboration with the Royal Society of Chemistry, September - December 2020
- Participated and presented a paper on *Customary law, Angami women and political participation*, at the XVI IAWS National Conference on Women's Studies, at National Law University, Delhi, 28-31.01.2020
- *Essentials of Research Writing & Using Mendeley Reference Manager* organized by Jawaharlal Nehru University, 20.11.2020
- Online lecture series on *Anthropological Theories* organized by the Anthropological Survey of India (ASI), Southern Regional Centre, Mysore, 05-13.10.2020
- Webinar on *Women's Rights in India: Dr. Ambedkar's Perspective* organized by UGC-Women's Studies Centre, Mizoram University in collaboration with IIPA: Mizoram Regional Branch, 15.09.2020
- Panel Discussion on *National Education Policy (NEP) 2020* by Quest Socio-legal Review & Centre for Educational Research and Training, 13.09.2020
- Webinar on *Telling Feminism through theory, experiences and Judgment writing in India* organized by The Quest Socio-legal Review in collaboration with Oxfam India and Centre for Human Rights, Symbiosis Law School, Hyderabad, 06.09.2020
- *Strengthening Research Planning using Elsevier Tools-Scopus & Science Direct* organized by Pondicherry University, 26.08.2020
- Webinar on *Labour Law in Post COVID- Era* organized by Dr. Ram Manohar Lohiya National Law University, Lucknow, 22.08.2020

- National level webinar on *Ecofeminism: A Panoramic View*, organized by The Ark India, 15.08.2020
- One week webinar on *Online Educational Resources for Effective Remote Teaching* organized by Department of Computer Science, School of Engineering and Technology, Pondicherry University, Puducherry, 10-14.08.2020
- Short term *Training Programme on Learning Management System: MOODLE* organized by Department of Mechanical Engineering, NIT, Warangal, 10-14.08.2020
- National Webinar on *Peace Building in India: Role of Northeast Women* organized by UGC-Women's Studies Centre, Mizoram University, 30.07.2020
- Three day workshop on *The Craft of Research Methodology: Application and Advances* organized by the Department of Anthropology, University of Delhi, 27-29.07.2020
- Webinar on *Well-being of Women and Children in the time of COVID19* organized by National Institute of Disaster Management, New Delhi & Department of Women's Studies, Madras University, 25.07.2020
- National webinar on *Anthropological Understanding of COVID19* organized by IQAC, Nandalal Borgohain City College, Dibrugarh & Dept. of Anthropology, Nandalal Borgohain City College, Dibrugarh, 16.07.2020
- National level virtual training on *ICT Competency for Higher Education Teachers* organized by Dwaraka Doss Goverdhan Doss Vaishnav College, 13-15.07.2020
- International seminar (a series of web-talks) on *Gendered Sites, Everyday Lives* organized by the Centre for Women's Studies (CWS), in association with the Internal Quality Assurance Cell (IQAC), Cotton University, Guwahati, 12.07.2020
- Two day national level e-workshop on *Understanding OBS Studio and Streamyard for E-Content Creation and Live Streaming* organized by Dr. MGR Educational and Research Institute, Adayalampattu Phase - II Campus, Chennai, 10-11.07.2020
- Five day national level *Faculty Development Programme on Gender Equality* organized by Institute of Advanced Study in Education (Autonomous), Saidapet, Chennai, 06-10.07.2020
- International webinar on *Leveraging Technology to make Data Driven Decisions* organized by Department of Bank Management, Ethiraj College for Women, Chennai in association with International Skill Development Corporation, 01.07.2020
- Webinar on *Beyond Bias: Empowering Women for Sustainable Growth* organized by Birla Global University, 27.06.2020
- Workshop on *Academic Writing* organized by RGNIYD, 22-25.06.2020
- National webinar on *Tech Fiesta Project Methodology* organized by Institute of Management Study, West Bengal, 22.06.2020
- Faculty Development Programme on *Active Learning and Advanced Scientific Computing Methods* (ALASCM-2020) conducted by Loyola College, Chennai, 15-19.06.2020
- Faculty Development Programme on *The Unlock Down* organized by the Department of Bank Management, Ethiraj College for Women, Chennai in association with BetaMONKS Technology Pvt Ltd, 01-08.06.2020
- National webinar on *Gender Issues and Impact of Covid-19 on Women* organized by UGC-Women's Studies Centre, Mizoram University in collaboration with UGC, 30.05.2020

- Two-Day *E-FDP on Virtual Teaching- Learning MOODLE the Efficient Way* organized by Dr. MGR Educational and Research Institute, Faculty of Humanities and Science, Adayalampattu Phase II campus, in association with the Institution of Engineers, Thiruvallur Local Centre, 29-30.05.2020
- Webinar on *COVID-19: Teaching Learning Challenges & Opportunities in Indian Education System* organized by Center for Continuing Education, Dr. B.R Ambedkar National Institute of Technology, Jalandhar, 29.05.2020
- One week national level *E-FDP on Mastering the Art of Handling Post COVID Challenges for Sustainable Development* organized by Dr. M.G.R. Educational and Research Institute, Adayalampattu Phase -II Campus, 19-23.05.2020
- Online webinar on *Coping With Covid-19 Stress: Way Forward* organized by the Department of English, Vinayaka Mission's Research Foundation, Salem, Tamil Nadu, 11.05.2020
- Three day national online *FDP on Quality Enhancement in Higher Education Institutions - Future Vision* organized by IQAC, St. Ann's College for Women, Hyderabad, 4-6.05.2020
- Two-day *National Conference on Youth Development* (ICSSR sponsored) jointly organized by the Department of Social Work and the Department of Applied Psychology, RGNIYD in collaboration with ICMR-NIRT, Chennai, 24-25.03.2023
- Four-day online *Workshop on Academic Writing* organized by RGNIYD, 22-25.06.2020
- *Workshop on Research Data Analysis Using 'R'* organized by RGNIYD, Sriperumbudur, Tamil Nadu, 06-07.03.2020
- *Workshop on Qualitative Research Methods* organized by RGNIYD, Sriperumbudur, Tamil Nadu, 27-28.02.2020
- Participated and presented a paper on *Issues & Challenges of Women in the Contemporary Society*, at Faculty Enrichment Programme and National Seminar on Empowering Women through Gender Sensitization, prospects and Challenges, Little Flower College, Guruvayoor, Thrissur, Kerala, 01.10.2019
- *Workshop on Academic Writing* organized by the Dept of Humanities and Social Sciences, IIT, Tirupati, Andhra Pradesh in collaboration with the Office of the US Consulate General, Hyderabad at IIT, Tirupati, 10-12.12.2019
- *Faculty Development Programme on Recent Trends in Higher Education and Innovative Teaching Learning Pedagogy* organized by RGNIYD at RGNIYD, Sriperumbudur, Tamil Nadu, 08-14.07.2019
- Participated and rapporteur for *Gender & Health* during National Conference on Gender and Development organized by Dept. of Gender Studies, RGNIYD, Sriperumbudur, Tamil Nadu, 08-09.03.2018
- *Research Methods Workshop: Challenges in Field Research* organised by the Canada Research Chair in Gender, Justice and Development, University of Guelph, Ontario, Canada & Gujarat Institute of Development Research (GIDR), Ahmedabad at GIDR, Ahmedabad, 26-27.02.2018
- *Research Methodology Workshop on Gender Issues in Social Science Research* organized by SRC ICSSR, Osmania University, Hyderabad, 23.07.2017–01.08.2017
- *Workshop on Project Management* organized by Dept. of Gender Studies, RGNIYD, Sriperumbudur, Tamil Nadu, 10-11.03.2017

- *Workshop on Gender Mainstreaming* organized by Dept. of Gender Studies, RGNIYD, Sriperumbudur, Tamil Nadu, 14.03.2017
- *Workshop on Gender Analysis* organized by Dept. of Gender Studies, RGNIYD, Sriperumbudur, 03-04.03.2017
- Two day *National Women's Parliament* organized by the Govt., of Andhra Pradesh, Amravati, Andhra Pradesh, 11-12.02.2017
- Participated and presented a paper on *Interplay of Caste and Gender in Higher Education: A reflection* at the XV National Conference of Women's Studies organized by Indian Association of Women's Studies (IAWS) at University of Madras, Chennai, 22-25.01.2017
- *Workshop on Feminist Research Methodology* organized by Dept. of Gender Studies, RGNIYD, Sriperumbudur, Tamil Nadu, 17-19.01.2017

15. Award Received (indicate the name of the Institute):

16. Experience of Supervision of Doctoral Thesis:

- Pursuing
- Completed

17. Research Projects (On-going and Completed):

18. Consultancy Services:

19. Member of any Academic Body:

- Life Member, Indian Anthropological Association (IAA)
- Life Member, Indian Association of Women's Studies (IAWS)
- Life Member, Regional Association of Women's Studies (RAWS)
- Member, Indian Sociological Society (ISS)
- Member, Board of Studies (Dept. of Sociology; Dept. of Social Work; Dept. of Gender Studies, RGNIYD)

20. Book (Edited and Written):

21. List of Publication in the Recognised Journals (last five years):

Richa, A.V. & Sumathi, S. (2021). Customary law and political participation of Angami women. *Dogo Rangsang Research Journal*, 8(13), 321-332. ISSN 2347-7180. (UGC-Care listed)

22. Any Other Relevant Information:

a. Training/ Programmes- Regional/ National/ International:

- Coordinated/organized ToT on Gender Equity/ gender training for youth functionaries of NSS, NYKS, Police, Prison Officers, NDRF, youth, women
- Coordinated/organized capacity building programmes for women academicians on Women Managers in Higher Education/ Women Connect for Leadership and Change across the country
- Coordinated/organized Youth-led development programmes for North-eastern youth in association with various universities/ colleges in the North-east
- Coordinated/organized training/ workshops/ special lectures/ conferences/ programmes of the Department/ Institute/ Centre on various thematic areas

- Participated in the *10th Meeting Youth Council of the Shanghai Cooperation Organization* as a member delegate held in Astana, Kazakhstan, under the aegis of the Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports, International Co-operation Cell, Govt. of India, 07-11.06.2017
- Coordinated/organized *Workshop on ICT-enabled Young Women Entrepreneurship Development Programme on eSheBee model, Bangladesh* by the Centre for Tribal and North Eastern Youth Development, RGNIYD in association with the Centre on Integrated Rural Development for Asia and the Pacific (CIRDAP), Dhaka, Bangladesh in Guwahati, Assam, 2016
- Core Committee member deputed to National Institute of Design (NID), Ahmedabad, Gujarat for RGNIYD Exhibition Centre and Gallery, 26-28.10.2016
- Undergone the British Council's *Management Development Programme on Young Women Social Entrepreneurship Development Programme* and coordinated/organized similar workshops for women entrepreneurs: Young Women Social Entrepreneurship Development Programme organized by the Dept of Gender Studies, RGNIYD in collaboration and funded by British Council at RGNIYD, 2015; Social Entrepreneurship Development Programme organized by the Dept of Gender Studies, RGNIYD in collaboration and funded by British Council at RGNIYD, 2014

c. Professional development:

- Completed four months course on *Feminism: Concepts and Theories* conducted by IIT, Madras, 2021 (NPTEL/ SWAYAM)

d. ICT material:

- Documentary on 'Gokulam Thinnai - The Festival of Transgenders, Koovagam, Tamil Nadu' as an outcome of a study tour to Koovagam Festival, Villupuram, undertaken by the Department of Gender Studies, RGNIYD, Sriperumbudur, Tamil Nadu
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dt54sOEG8uQ>
- About RGNIYD, <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=b8sFYvGsiF4&t=1s>
- MoIB & MoYAS visit to RGNIYD <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kJoaxh6Zb30>
- 76th Independence Day Celebration RGNIYD, <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=k1EpERN96Dg>
- Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav TRIBE FEST – Celebrating Indigenous Art and Culture at RGNIYD, <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=gpHG4gs6jd4>
- Voluntary Blood Donation Camp, <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=P3U0Sxgni0Y>
- Workshop on Tax Deduction/ Collection at Source under Corporate Connect Programme, <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=S0WP9nmszoM>
- Child Protection, <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=uz9qgOZ9TW4&t=56s>
- National Unity Day Celebration, <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZX9mRKmVMV4>
- Induction Training for the District Youth Officers of NYKS, <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=b1H61CiNzOc>
- RGNIYD Annual Sports Week, https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-T_z1AS8OZE&t=3s
- 74th Republic Day Celebration 26th January 2023