

Curriculum Vitae

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Academic Background

- Pursuing Ph.D., Department of Public Administration, Panjab University (w.e.f. May 2017)
- M.Phil. in Public Administration (Gold Medal), Department of Public Administration, Panjab University, 2016
- M.A. (Public Administration), Panjab University, 2014
- Diploma in Statistics, University School of Open Learning (USOL), Panjab University, 2009
- M.A. (Economics), University School of Open Learning (USOL), Panjab University, 2005
- Bachelor of Arts, Hans Raj Mahila Maha Vidalya (HMV) College, Jalandhar 2002
- HSC, Hans Raj Mahila Maha Vidalya, Jalandhar (PSEB) in 1999
- ISC, M.G.N Public School, Jalandhar (CBSE) in 1997

Administrative/Academic Assignments

- Active Member, **Standing Committee of Persons with Disabilities** to oversee the effective implementation of policies and programs of Government of India for the Right of Persons with Disabilities Act 1995 and 2016 in Panjab University (w.e.f. Jan 2021)
- Active Member, **Executive Committee (four members)** constituted by the Syndicate to oversee the effective implementation of the Rights of Persons with Disabilities Act 2016 in Panjab University, Chandigarh (w.e.f. July 2019)
- Active team member of internal committees (**Technical, Student Executive, Academic & Administrative and Alumni**) formed by the Equal opportunity Cell for Person with Disabilities, Panjab University, Chandigarh (w.e.f. Jan 2018)
- Active organizing team member of various workshops/seminars/programs conducted by the **Equal Opportunities Cell of Persons with Disabilities, Panjab University** Chandigarh (w.e.f. Dec. 2018)

Extra-Curricular Engagements including Community Service

- Junior Project Coordinator, **UNICEF & UNESCAP** Projects on ‘Social Inclusion and Accessibility Audits’, **Samarthyam** (Disabled People Organization (DPO) in Special Consultative Status with the Economic & Social Council (ECOSOC) of UNITED NATIONS)
- General Secretary, Rotaract Positive Abilities Club, Chandigarh (w.e.f. July, 2021)
- Women Wing Incharge, Saksham Chandigarh (Ngo) (w.e.f. June 2021)

Research Interests

- Disability Studies; Gender Equality and Disability; Rehabilitation; Development and Society; Educational Administration and Inclusive Education; Human Rights Discourse, Sustainable Development; Participatory Development Research; Project Management; Social Work; Volunteer Sector; and Women Empowerment; Laws & Policy Analysis: Disability Sector (Education, Health and Employment); Non-Government Organization and Awareness Accessibility and Implementation Strategies.

Academic Honor

- **Fellowship-** Rajiv Gandhi National Fellowship for Students with Disabilities for M.Phil./Ph.D Government of India, India from October, 2014 to October, 2019.
- **First Position** for the best paper presentation titled, “Infrastructure Accessibility of Students with Disabilities in Higher Education: A Case Study of Panjab University”, Seventh Chandigarh Social Science Congress Conference, Panjab University, Chandigarh held on March 21-22, 2017
- **Gold Medal** for academic excellence in M.Phil (Public Administration) with distinction in 2017
- University Grants Commission-National Eligibility Test, 2016
- Accolade of ‘**House Prefect for Sports**’ in 1996

Other Honors, Awards and Fellowships

- Certificate of Appreciation as a team member for organizing Para Sports Meet for Persons with Disabilities held in Panjab University on December 2, 2021
- Best volunteer by the Equal Opportunity Cell for Persons with Disabilities, Panjab University, Chandigarh in December 2019
- Awarded for volunteering services to visually impaired people in the workshop titled “*Assistive Technology for Visually Impaired*” organized by the Drishti-Srishiti Foundation (Delhi) and Department of Sociology, Panjab University held on 3rd February, 2019
- ‘**Saksham Seva Award**’ for volunteering services to empower persons with disabilities by the Saksham Chandigarh (Ngo) on 3rd December, 2019

- Awarded for the contribution to the programme titled “*International Day of Persons with Disabilities*” observed by the Equal Opportunity Cell for Persons with disabilities in collaboration with the Department of Community Education & Disabilities Studies held on 3-4 December 2018

Speaker/Delegate

- Speaker (Motivational) in the program “*National IT Challenge Youth with Disabilities*” organized by the National Institute of Technology, Kurukshetra in June, 2018.
- Delegate in the celebration of International Day of Persons with Disabilities observed by the Equal Opportunity Cell of Persons with disabilities in collaboration with the Department of Community Education & Disabilities Studies held on 3-4 December, 2018
- Delegate in the seminar titled *Sharing Experiences and findings of PhD research work on “Sexual and Reproductive Health needs of Women with Disabilities”*, PGIMER, Chandigarh held on 21st November, 2017
- Delegate in the seminar titled “*Sharing Experiences of research to make Obstetrics and Gynecology services friendly to Sexual and Reproductive Health needs of Women with Disabilities*”, PGIMER, Chandigarh held on 22nd December, 2016

Events Organized:

- Organized **Award Event on International Day of Persons with Disabilities** on December 3, 2021 in PGIMER, Chandigarh.
- Organized **PARA Sports Meet for Persons with Disabilities** as a team member of the Equal Opportunity Cell for Persons with Disabilities of Panjab University (PU) in association with Saksham Chandigarh, Department of Community Education & Disability Studies (PU) and PGI Differently-Abled Employees Union on 2nd December, 2021
- Organized one day **Camp for Free Eye Check-up, UDID Card Registration and Divyagjan Survey for Persons with Disabilities** as a team member of Saksham Chandigarh in collaboration with Advanced Eye Centre, PGIMER, Chandigarh on 14th November, 2021
- Organized **Two-day Training Workshop titled “Gender equality and mainstreaming women with disabilities for disability-inclusive and gender-responsive SHGs”**, as a team member of the ‘Samarthyam’ under the project “*Protecting and empowering persons with disabilities in the context of the COVID-19 pandemic*”, supported by UNESCAP
- Organized one day program on ‘**Personality Development for Students with Visual Impairment**’ held by the Equal Opportunity Cell for Persons with Disabilities, Panjab University in collaboration with the Rotaract Positive Abilities Club, Chandigarh on 9th November 2019

- Organized a program on “***Divya Nayan- A Personal Device for Visually Impaired***” as a team member of the Equal Opportunity Cell of Persons with Disabilities, Panjab University in collaboration with Central Scientific Instruments Organisation (CSIO), Chandigarh’ on 2nd November, 2018
- Organized a **seminar titled “Sharing Experiences of research on Sexual and Reproductive Health needs of Women with Disabilities”**, PGIMER, Chandigarh held on 22 November 2017

Teaching Experience

- One year-‘Educational Administration’, Department of Public Administration, Panjab University, Chandigarh

Significant Papers Presented/Lectures Delivered

- Paper titled “*Factors Affecting Educational Outcomes of Students with Disabilities in Panjab University, Chandigarh: A Case Study*” presented at the **International Spring School on Public Policy, University of Colorado, Denver-U.S.A.** from May 21-25, 2018
- Paper titled “*Governance in Education: A Tool to improve Access to Education in India*” presented at the **International Conference on Good Governance: Initiatives, Challenges and Prospects** at **Punjabi University, Patiala** on 13th November, 2017
- Paper titled “*Higher Education Scholarships for Students with Disabilities in India with Special Reference to Panjab University, Chandigarh: An Assessment*” presented at the **International Conference on Challenging Exclusion (ICCE-2018), SRM Institute of Science and Technology in Chennai** from 30th January 2018 to 2nd February 2018.
- Lecture delivered titled “Status of Persons with Disabilities in Panjab University”, on the celebration of International Day of Persons with Disabilities at **Panjab University** on December 3, 2018
- Paper titled “*Access of Students with Disabilities (SWDs) to Higher Education in India with Special Reference to Panjab University, Chandigarh, India*” presented as co-author at the **3rd International Conference on Public Policy (ICPP-3), Lee Kuan Yew School of Public Policy (NUS), Singapore** from 28th June to 30th June 2017
- Paper titled “*E-Governance for Better Service Delivery- A Case of Punjab*”, **Chandigarh Social Science Congress (National) held, Panjab University, Chandigarh** on February 20-21, 2015

Publications

- Paper titled “*Rights and Entitlements of Persons with Disabilities in India: An Evaluation*” published in the Journal of Human Rights Law and Practice, Vol. (3), Issue (1), 2020

- Paper titled “*Access of Students with Disabilities (SWDs) to Higher Education in India with Special Reference to Panjab University, Chandigarh, India* ” in the Indian Journal of Public Administration (in process for publication)

Report Writing

- Prepared Report on Two-day Training Workshop Report titled “***Gender equality and mainstreaming women with disabilities for disability-inclusive and gender-responsive SHGs***”, as **a team member of Samarthyam** under the project “Protecting and empowering persons with disabilities in the context of the COVID-19 pandemic”, supported by UNESCAP
- Prepared Access Audit Reports under the **UNICEF & UNESCAP** Projects on “*Social Inclusion and Accessibility Audit*”, as **a team member of Samarthyam** (Disabled People Organization (DPO)- in Special Consultative Status with the Economic & Social Council (ECOSOC) of UNITED NATIONS)
- Prepared a Report on ‘***Amendment of Rules and Regulations of Panjab University***’ for the implementation of the RPWD ACT, 2016 in Panjab University as **an active member of Executive Committee** constituted by SYNDICATE, Panjab University for making the campus disabled-friendly

Volunteer Work

- Associated with CSIR-CSIO Chandigarh on the CSIO Project titled “Divya Nayan- A Personal Device for Visually Impaired” (w.e.f. 2017)
- Associated with Rotary Chandigarh Shivalik for assisting visually-impaired persons in the signature fund raising event “Dinner in the Dark”, conducted twice a year (w.e.f. 2018)
- Disability Rights Advocate, Student Council of the Equal Opportunity Cell for Persons with Disabilities in Panjab University, Chandigarh
- Scribe Facility for Students with Disabilities during examinations in and around Chandigarh
- Guidance/Consultations services on disability facilities and other schemes related to persons with disabilities

Trainings

- Four days Training Workshop on Disability Inclusion & Rights for the Donor Agency, held by Samartyam in Jaipur, funded by UNESCAP from 31August-3 September, 2021
- Two-days Training Workshop on “Gender equality and mainstreaming women with disabilities for disability-inclusive and gender-responsive SHGs”, held by Samarthyam with the support of the United Nations Economic Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (UNESCAP) on 27-28 July, 2021

- The ‘AYUDH INDIA LEADERS’ Training Summit 2018 held at Amrita Vishwa Vidyapeetham, Amritapuri Campus, Kollam, Kerala from 22-25 December 2018
- Training workshop on Universal Accessibility, held at Centre for Human Rights and Duties, Panjab University, Chandigarh on February 24, 2020
- State level training program on ‘Audit of Accessibility for Persons with Disability; A Campaign for making Chandigarh Disable Friendly’ organized with GRIID in collaboration with Government Medical College & Hospital (GMCH)-32, Chandigarh and State National Service Scheme(NSS) cell, Education department, UT, Chandigarh

Webinars

- Five-day International Webinar on “*Why Does Disability Research Matter*” which was organized by the Centre for Disability Research and Training Kirori Mal College in collaboration with Saksham from 4th to 8th of October, 2021.
- Webinar on “*Effective Implementation Strategies on 4% Job Reservation for Persons with Benchmark Disabilities (PwBDs)*” organized by Department of Adult Independent Living, national Institute For Empowerment of Persons with Multiple Disabilities- NIEPMD (DIVYANGJAN), Chennai on September 9, 2021
- Webinar on “*International Sickle Cell Day-2021*” held by the Composite Regional Centre for Skill Development, Rehabilitation & Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities (Divyangjan) (Under the Administrative Control of NIEPID, Secunderabad) and Department of Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities (Divyangjan), MSJ&E, Govt. of India on June 19, 2021
- Webinar on “*Universities at the Forefront of Digital Inclusion*”.
- Two-day National Level Webinar on “*INCLUSION HUDDLE 2.0- Roadmap for Disability Inclusion in Higher Education and Employment*” organized by Youth4Jobs Foundation in collaboration with Alkesh Dinesh Mody Institute for Financial and Management Studies- University of Mumbai, Wilson College- Mumbai and K J Somaiya College of Engineering, Mumbai, held on 18th & 19th December 2020
- National Webinar on “*Recent Trends in Inclusive Education*” organized by Madonna College for the Deaf & Madonna Comprehensive Resource Centre for Persons with Disabilities, A.P. India in Collaboration with Higher Education for Persons with Special Needs (HEPSN)- Andhra Loyola College, Vijayawada & Youth4Jobs Foundation, Hyderabad, held on 8 & 9 December 2020
- National Webinar Series titled “*Conversation around NEP 2020: The Road Map*” held by the Department of Special Education, SNTD Women’s University (DSE, SNTD WU) from October 28 to 31, 2020
- National Webinar on Apprenticeship through “*National Apprenticeship Promotion Scheme (NAPS) for Persons with Disabilities*” organized by Leonard Cheshire - SARO, Bengaluru in partnership with National Institute for Empowerment of Persons with Multiple Disabilities (Divyangjan), DEPwD, MSJ&E, Govt. of India, Chennai, supported

by Department for International Development, Govt. of United Kingdom held on 28th August 2020

- National Webinar on “*Understanding National Education Policy 2020: Inclusive Perspective*” organized by West Bengal Forum of Rehab Professionals (WBFRP) on 14th August, 2020
- National Webinar on “*Best Practices in Empowering Individuals with Developmental Disabilities - Skilling/ Vocational Training/ Placement - during COVID-19*” organized by Department of Adult Independent Living (DIAL), NIEPMD, Chennai on July 30, 2020
- Online Quiz on “**RESEARCH METHODOLOGY**” Organized by School of Education, Vels Institute of Science and Technology and Advanced Studies (VISTAS), Pallavaram, Chennai held in June-2020

Workshops/Seminars/Conferences

- Participated in five day workshop on the theme of “*Differently-abled Persons and Society*” organized by the Department of Lifelong Learning & Extension, Panjab University, Chandigarh from 30th Jan to 3rd Feb 2017
- Participated in Chandigarh Social Science Congress-VIII on “Achieving Sustainable Development Goals: Opportunities, Challenges and Strategies”, Panjab University, Chandigarh on March 21-22, 2017
- Participated in one day workshop titled “*Research Design for the Research Scholar*” organized by the Department of Lifelong Learning & Extension, Panjab University, Chandigarh on 31st October, 2017
- Participated in the seminar titled “Sharing Experiences of research on Sexual and Reproductive Health needs of Women with Disabilities”, PGIMER, Chandigarh held on 22 November, 2017
- Participated in Workshop on Statistical Product and Service Solutions (SPSS) organised by Department of Statistics from December 3-11, 2015 in Panjab University
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- Participated in the N.S.S. camp organized by the Panjab University in connecting with the theme “Education and Literacy Including Legal Awareness” launched by Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports, Government of India, at village Buterla from 14/12/2010 to 20/12/2010
- Participated in 9th Peace Trainers Training Programme from 26-27 Nov, 2010
- Participated in the painting competition/slogan competition held during “National Fortnight on Eye Donation from 25/08/2010 to 8/09/2010
- Participated in Currency Exhibition in H.R.M.V College held on 5th Feb, 1999

Sports

- 3rd position in Long Jump group ‘A’ at School Sports Day in 1996

- 1st position in "JALANDHAR SAHODYA COMPLEX" Badminton Inter-School Tournament held in 1995
- 2nd position in "JALANDHAR SAHODYA COMPLEX" Handball Inter-school Tournament in 1995
- 2nd position in "CBSE SCHOOLS SAHODYA CLUSTER JALANDHAR" Basketball Inter School Tournament in 1995
- 2nd position in 400mts girls group 'A' at School Sports Day in 1995
- Accomplish 2nd position in CBSE SCHOOLS SAHODYA CLUSTER JALANDHAR" Basketball Inter-School Tournament in 1995
- 1st position in "CBSE SCHOOLS SAHODYA CLUSTER JALANDHAR" Handball (junior & Senior) inter-school tournament in 1994