

## BIO-DATA

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**ACADEMIC QUALIFICATION:** M.A.  
(SET) Sociology

Ph. D

Passed the Viva-voce for Ph. D. exam in the month of December, 2016 and Conferred a Ph. D degree at the Annual Convocation at Goa University on 25 April, 2017. The topic of my thesis was 'Migration and Family Dynamics in Goa'.

### AWARD

- Best research paper award at the XII Karnataka Sociology Conference at Hampi, 2018, for the paper entitled 'Migration of Spouses and Coping Strategies of Stay Behind Women'.

### WORK EXPERIENCE:

January 1998 - till date

Teaching Sociology to undergraduate students at M.E.S College of Arts & Commerce, Zuarinagar, Goa.

**1996 – 1997**

Teaching Sociology at Shri. Mallikarjuna College, Canacona.

### MEMBERSHIP OF PROFESSIONAL BODIES

- Life member of All India Sociological Society
- Life member of Karnataka Sociological Association
- Life member of Mangalore Sociology Association
- Member of the Board of Studies in the subject of Sociology w.e.f. 31/03/2015 and a member of the Syllabus Drafting Committee for M.A and under-graduate CBCS.

### **ORIENTATION AND REFRESHER COURSES**

- Refresher Course (Social Sciences inter-disciplinary) secured 'A' Grade, at Academic Staff College, Goa University from 1 to 21 November, 2008.
- Refresher Course (Social Sciences) secured 'A' Grade, at Academic Staff College, Goa University from 9 to 30 March, 2005.
- Refresher Course in Sociology at Academic Staff College, Goa University from 8 to 28 February, 2000
- Orientation Course at Academic Staff College, Goa University from 5 May to 1 June, 1998.

### **NCC CARETAKER**

- Appointed as NCC Caretaker Officer for a period of three months from 22 June, 1999 to 21 September, 1999.

### **NSS PROGRAMME OFFICER**

- NSS Programme officer for a period of five years from June 2000 to April 2005.

### **NODAL OFFICER FOR PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES 30.06.2018**

### **GRIEVANCES REDRESSAL OFFICER FOR PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES 02.07.2018**

### **RESEARCH PUBLICATIONS**

- Presented (sent for publication) a paper 'Colonial Rule and Displacement of Goan Population' at a National Seminar 'Population, Displacement: Domestic, Regional and

International Dimensions’ organised by Department of Political Science, P.E.S’s RSN College of arts & Science, Farmagudi, Ponda from 27-28 July, 2018.

- ‘Trajectory of Goan Diaspora through the Ages’ in “Goan Diaspora through the Ages and Gramdevta Worship in Goa” published by the Government of Goa, Directorate of Archives and Archaeology, 2016.
- Published a research paper ‘Kudd System: A Support Structure for Goan Diaspora’ in an edited book ‘Displacement and Rehabilitation’. Latur: Vishwabharati Publishers. ISBN No. 978-93-83109, 2017.
- Research paper titled ‘Sex-ratio in India: Past Scenario and Present Trends’ published in an International Research Journal having ISSN NO. 2395 – 0544, Volume 2, Issue 1, 2016.
- Published a research paper titled ‘Overseas Migration from Goa – Past Trends and Present Scenario’ published in “Samajiki Sandarsh” – an International Research Refereed Journal having ISSN No. 2348 – 0076, Volume – II (Oct – Dec 2014).

### **RESEARCH PAPER PRESENTATIONS**

- Presented a paper ‘Migration of Spouses and Coping Strategies of Stay Behind Women’ at the XII Karnataka Sociology Conference at Hampi, Karnataka from 31 August to 1 September, 2018.
- Presented a paper ‘Colonial Rule and Displacement of Goan Population’ at a National Seminar ‘Population, Displacement: Domestic, Regional and International Dimensions’ organised by Department of Political Science, P.E.S’s RSN College of arts & Science, Farmagudi, Ponda from 27-28 July, 2018.

- Presented a paper ‘Poverty and Pathological Migration in Colonial Goa’ at a National Seminar organised by Department of Sociology, Shivaji University, Kolhapur from 9-10 March, 2018.
- Presented a paper entitled ‘Kudd System: A Support Structure for Goan Diaspora’ at the XI Karnataka Sociology Conference at Kalaburagi, Gulbarga Karnataka from 30-31 October, 2017.
- Presented a paper entitled ‘Goan Migrants: A Paradox of Changing Aspirations’ at the 42nd All India Sociological Conference held at Tezpur Central University, Assam from 26 to 30 December, 2016.
- Presented a paper ‘Trajectory of Goan Diaspora through the Ages’ at the XIX Local History Seminar on the topic “Goan Diaspora through the Ages” organized by Directorate of Archives and Archaeology & Department of History, Goa University on 29th November, 2016.
- Presented a paper ‘Ramifications of Brexit on Goans and Goan Society’ Abstract published in the Conference Proceedings, at the X Karnataka Sociology Conference on ‘Development, State and Environment in Karnataka: Issues, Conflict and Concern’ at Mysuru, from 17-19 August, 2016.
- “Sex – Ratio in India: Past Scenario and Present Trends” at the International Conference on Women Studies & Social Sciences organized by the International Multidisciplinary Research Foundation at Carmel College, Nuvem, Goa, 03-05 March, 2016.
- “Decline in Sex – Ratio: Some Historical and Contemporary Issues” at the National Level Seminar on Different Faces of Violence Against Women, at Government First Grade College Nesargi at Belgavi, Karnataka, 20-21 February 2015.

- “Migration and Changing Role and Status of Women in Salcete Taluka of Goa” at the International Conference, at Sampurnanand Sanskriti Vishwavidyalay, Varanasi, 05 December 2014.
- “Overseas Migration from Goa – Past Trends and Present Scenario”, at the 40th All India Sociological Conference at Varanasi, 29 November to 1 December 2014.
- “Migration and its Impact on Family: The Goan Experience” Abstract published in the Conference Proceedings, at the 38th All India Sociological Conference at Udaipur, December 2012.
- “Ambedkar and Religion: Ideology, Movement and Conversion” at the National Level Conference on Religion: Functions and Dysfunctions, Abstract published in the Conference Proceedings, organized by St. Aloysius College and University of Mangalore, 6-8 February, 2009.
- “Migration and social conflict: An Analysis of Some Cases” at a Two Days National Level Seminar on Migration: Issues, Challenges and Implications organized by the School of Social Sciences of St. Xavier’s College, Mapusa, Goa, 1-2 April, 2008.
- “Social Reconstruction of Gender Identity” at the National Level Seminar organized by Vijaya College, Mulki, Karnataka, 8-9 December, 2006.
- “Gandhi – The Forgotten Mahatma” at the State Level Seminar on “Gandhi in the Contemporary World” at M.E.S College, Goa, 07 October, 2006.
- “Female Infanticide: The Colonial and Post Colonial Experience” at the State Level Seminar on “Gender in the Public Domain” at St. Xavier’s College, Mapusa, Goa, 8-9 March, 2006.

## **PARTICIPATION IN SEMINARS, CONFERENCES & WORKSHOPS**

- Participated in a Workshop ‘Intellectual Property Rights (IPR) Awareness Programme organised by ASSOCHAM, Goa University on 11 December, 2018.
- Participated in celebration of International Day for Persons with Disabilities, 2018, organised by Sangath and Colorcon Asia Pvt. Ltd., Verna in association with Ramnath Kare College of Law, Margao, held on 1st December, 2018 at Sanskruti Bhavan, Panaji.
- Participated in a workshop on ‘Intellectual Property Rights: Ethics in Academic Writing/Avoiding Plagiarism and Use of MS Word in Academic Writing’ organised by the Research Cell of M. E. S. College of Arts & Commerce, Zuarinagar on 16 October, 2018.
- Participated in a Faculty Development Workshop ‘Calculation and Documentation of API score for Promotion under CAS’ at M.E.S. College of Arts & Commerce, Zuarinagar – Goa on 10th April, 2018.
- Participated in a National Seminar ‘Quality Enhancement and Assurance in Higher Education Institutions in the Context of The Revised NAAC Assessment and Accreditation Framework’ at M.E.S. College of Arts & Commerce, Zuarinagar – Goa on 09th April, 2018.
- Participated in ‘Guru Srujan’ 2018 organised by MES College of Arts & Commerce, Zuarinagar, Goa in collaboration with Department of Art & Culture, Government of Goa, on 4th April, 2018.
- Participated in a National Seminar ‘Social Transformation through Collective Mobilisation: Theoretical Considerations and Empirical Elucidations’ organised by the Department of Sociology, Goa University on 12th March 2018.

- Participated in a program ‘Access to Success for Persons with Disability” organised by Disability Rights Association of Goa (DRAG), held at Goa University on 1st March, 2018.
- Participated in a One Day National Conference on ‘Understanding Revised Assessment & Accreditation Methodology of NAAC” organised by MahavirMahavidyalaya, Kolhapur on 13th December, 2017.
- Participated in a workshop ‘Usage of E Sources’ at M.E.S. College on 12th October, 2017.
- Participated in Programme on ‘Human Rights and Child Rights organized by Goa Institute of Public Administration and Rural Development, Ela, Old Goa from 12th to 14th September, 2017.
- Participated in a Stress Management Professional Certification Workshop jointly organized by M. E. S. College and International Stress Management Association in collaboration with International Council of Stress Management Professional, Sydney, Australia, held at MES College from 4-6, October 2016.
- Participated in the State - Level Seminar on ‘Euthanasia’ at Govind Ramnath Kare College of Law, Margao, in association with ‘Sanjeevan’ – Society for Youth and Development held on 30th July, 2016.
- Participated in one day National Level Seminar on ‘Interdisciplinary Approaches of Commerce, Management and Social Sciences’ at Government First Grade College, Khanapur district, Belagavi on 9th August, 2016.
- Participated in a two day ‘Research Methodology Workshop’ organized by M.E.S College of Arts & Commerce, Zuarinagar on 29-30 March, 2016.

- Attended a three day ‘Scientific Writing Workshop’ organized by Tata Institute of Social Sciences, Mumbai from 27 to 29 April 2015.
- Participated in the Data Dissemination Workshop on “Data on Disability of Goa State from Census of India – 2011” organized by Directorate of Census Operations Goa on 4 March, 2014.
- Participated in the Data Dissemination Workshop on “Primary Census Abstract, Slum PCA and Age Data of 2011 Census” organized by Directorate of Census Operations Goa on 17 December, 2013.
- Participated in an International Conference on “Human Migration in South Asia: Patterns, Development and Challenges” at Parvatibai Chowgule College, Margao, Goa on 22nd and 23rd February 2013.
- Participated in a National Level Seminar on “Social Exclusion Discourse in the Thoughts of Phule, Ambedkar, Gandhi and Nehru”, organized by the Centre for the Study of Social Exclusion and Inclusive Policy (CSSEIP), Goa University on 12th and 13th March 2012.
- Participated in a State Level Seminar “GoenchemDaiz” at M.E.S. College, Goa, on 13th September 2011.
- Participated in a training programme “The Internet and Researchers: An Introduction” at Xavier Centre of Historical Research, Goa on 6th August 2011.
- Participated in an ICSSR sponsored National Seminar “Caste and Census: Colonial Practices and Post-Independence Debates” held at MES College, Zuarinagar, on 29 and 30 April, 2011.



- Participated in a Workshop on “Finalization of Basic Trilingual Dictionary in Gujarati – Konkani – English”, organized by the Indian Institute of Indian Languages, Govt. of India at Panaji, Goa from 28th August to 6th September, 2010.
- Participated in a Workshop on “Assessing Knowledge, Text Translations and Originals in Konkani Language at Fr. Agnel College, Pilar, Goa on 24th January, 2010.
- Attended a Workshop on TYBA Syllabi at St. Xavier’s College, Mapusa on 8th October 2009.
- Attended a Workshop on The Scope of TYBA Syllabi at Rosary College, Navelim on 6th August 2009.
- Participated in a State Level Seminar “The Child: A Vulnerable Section of Society” held at MES College, Zuarinagar, on 5 March, 2008.
- Participated in a State Level Seminar “Konkani Sahitya, SansrutaiAniSamaz” held at MES College, Zuarinagar, on 21 February, 2008.
- Participated in the XXXIII All India Sociological Conference held at Dharwad, Karnataka, on 29-30 November and 1 December, 2007.
- Participated in a Student Workshop on “Youth and Democracy” organized by Educational Resources Trust New Delhi and funded by Fredrich Ebert Stiftung held at New Delhi from 3-6 August, 2007.
- Participated in a Workshop on “Curriculum Module” organized by Educational Resources Trust New Delhi and funded by Fredrich Ebert Stiftung held at Hyderabad from 10-12 May, 2007.
- Participated in a State Level Workshop on ‘Statistical Techniques’ held at MES College, Zuarinagar, from 14-17 March, 2007.

- Participated in the One Day Late Shri. Suhas B. Mulay Memorial Students Seminar on “Creating Social Awareness-Women and Child Issues”, held at Damodar College, Margao on 7 February, 2007.
- Participated in a Seminar sponsored by V.M. Salgaoncar College of Law and conducted by The Vasco Free Legal Aid Cell in Collaboration with The Concerned Citizen on “Right to Information” held on 26 January, 2007.
- Participated in a National Seminar on “Socio-Cultural Diversities and Globalisation: Issues and Perspectives” organized by Indian Institute of Advanced Study, Shimla, held at the International Centre, Goa, from 3-5 April, 2006.
- Participated in the XXXII All India Sociological Conference organized by Loyola College and University of Madras, held on 27-29 December, 2006.
- Participated in a State Level Seminar “Depression and Suicide in Adolescents” held at MES College, Zuarinagar, on 23 March, 2006.
- Participated in a National Level Seminar “A World Wide Perspective of Human Rights: Issues of Woman and the Child” held at MES College, Zuarinagar, on 24-25 October, 2005.
- Participated in a ICHR co-sponsored National Level Seminar “Goa in the 20th Century – Its History and Culture” organized by Government College Quepem, held at Goa University, from 27-29 July, 2005.
- Participated in State Level Workshop “Family Laws in Goa” organized by Goa State Women’s Commission, held at Fr, Agnel College, Pilar, on 27 November, 2004.

- Participated in a National Level Seminar “Social Movements and Social Transformations: Issues, Perspectives and Agenda” held at MES College, Zuarinagar, on 30-31 October, 2004.
- Participated in a Faculty Training Programme – National Workshop on “Strengthening Democratic Values” organized by Educational Resources Trust New Delhi and funded by Fredrich Ebert Stiftung held at North Maharashtra University, Jalgaon, from 7-9 October, 2004.
- Participated in a National Level Seminar “Conservation and Sustainable Growth of Fisheries” held at MES College, Zuarinagar, on 4-5 October, 2004.
- Participated in a Workshop on Research Methodology held at St. Xavier’s College Mapusa, on 16-17 August, 2004.
- Participated in a State Level Workshop on “Promoting Art and Crafts of Goa” organized by Government College Khandola and Botanical Society of Goa, held on 5 December, 2003.
- Participated in AIFUCTO XXIII National Academic Conference on “The Need to Protect and Strengthen Public Funded Education System” organized by UCTAG, held at Kala Academy, Panaji, from 25-27 October, 2002.
- Participated in a State Level Seminar “Human Rights” sponsored by UGC and organized by Dhempe College of Arts and Science, Panaji, on 8 March, 2001.
- Participated in the PHIL Academy programme on “Presentation Techniques” organized jointly with MES Institute of Management Studies and Research, on 30 January, 2000.
- Participated in a State Level Seminar “Duties and Rights of a Teacher” organized by UCTAG, held at Carmel College for Women, on 22 February, 1998.j

### **SHORT TERM CERTIFICATE COURSES**

- Participated in a Ten Days ‘Research Methodology Course for Ph. D Students’ organized by the Centre for Educational Studies, Indian Institute of Education, Pune held from 27th January to 5th February 2014.
- Participated in a Twelve Days ‘Capacity Building Workshop for Researchers, organized by the Western Regional Centre ICSSR, at Panaji, Goa from 15th June to 26th June 2013.
- Participated in a Seven Days Faculty Training Programme – National Workshop on “Teaching Democratic Values” organized by Educational Resources Trust New Delhi and funded by Fredrich Ebert Stiftung held at Bangalore from 29 September to 5 October, 2005.

### **COORDINATOR FOR STUDY TRIP UNDER SIP**

- Visited New Delhi, Agra and Jaipur, along with Japanese students from Nihon University under the Study India Programme from 22-29 November, 2017.
- Visited Infosys Bangalore, Mysore, Namdroling Monastery at Bylakuppe and Coorg, along with Japanese students from Nihon University under the Study India Programme from 13-19 January, 2011.
- Visited the Centre for East Asian Studies, JNU, New Delhi, along with Japanese students from Nihon University under the Study India Programme in January, 2009.

### **COORDINATOR FOR CERTIFICATE COURSE**

Co-ordinator for a Certificate Course for students titled “Youth and Democracy” designed by Educational Resources Trust New Delhi and funded by Fredrich Ebert Stiftung, conducted at MES College, Zuarinagar, during the academic years 2006-07 and 2007-2008.





