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EDUCATION AND ACADEMIC QUALIFICATIONS

PhD 2017	Department of Political Science University of Delhi	Topic: Caste, Dalits and Ecological Politics in India (Supervisors: Prof. Ujjwal Kumar Singh, Department of Political Science, University of Delhi & Prof. Pradip Kumar Datta, Center for Comparative Politics and Political Theory, Jawaharlal Nehru University, Delhi)
MPhil 1987	Department of Political Science University of Delhi	Topic: Land, Caste and Class: Trends since the 1960s First Division
MA 1984	Hindu College University of Delhi	Political Science First Division
BA (Hons) 1982	Hindu College University of Delhi	Political Science Second Division
Intermediate 1978	Bhagalpur University Bihar	Humanities First Division

PROFESSIONAL APPOINTMENTS AND WORK EXPERIENCE

Jan 2020-present Professor, Department of Environmental Studies, Ashoka University

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- Sep 2019-Dec 2019 Dean, Academics; Head, Department of Development Communication, Indian Institute of Mass Communication, New Delhi, India, www.iimc.nic.in
- Apr 2014-Aug 2019 Professor & Head, Department of Development Communication, Indian Institute of Mass Communication, New Delhi, India, www.iimc.nic.in
Taught various courses on Environment, Development, Media and Communication.
- Jan 2011-Mar 2014 South Asia Regional Director, Climate Parliament, United Kingdom, www.climateparl.net
Worked with Legislators on renewable energy and climate change.
- Jan 2010-Dec 2010 Executive Director, AIDS Society of Asia and the Pacific, Bangkok, Thailand, www.aidssocietyap.org
Developed programs with poor, marginal, youth, women and people living with HIV and AIDS.
- July 2006-June 2009 Country Director, Amnesty International-India, www.amnesty.org
Organized Amnesty India programs. Managed more than 10,000 Amnesty members. Alliance and Capacity Building on Human Rights.
- July 2004-June 2006 Asia Policy, Advocacy and Campaign Coordinator, ActionAid International Asia Regional Office, Bangkok, Thailand, www.actionaid.org
Visualized and managed advocacy, campaign and policy works, especially in the areas of Right to Food, Human Rights and Violence against Women in 16 Asian countries. Evolved program partnerships and grant making with NGOs.
- June 2001-June 2004 Director, Heinrich Boell Stiftung-India, a foundation affiliated with the Green Party of Germany and working mainly on environmental issues, www.boell.de
Developed programs in the fields of environment, sustainable development, education, women's rights and health.
- July 1998-May 2001 Media and Communication Advisor, Society for Participatory Research in Asia, New Delhi, www.pria.org
Planned media and communication strategies within and outside the organization for various programs on local self-governance, women's rights and education.
- July 1998-Dec 1999 Research Director and Editor, State of India's Labor Report, Centre for Education and Communication, New Delhi, www.cec-india.org
Conceived the research, writing and coordination of a project team on the impact of globalization on India's informal labor and social sector.
- July 1984-June 1998 Special Correspondent, Navbharat Times, The Times of India Newspaper Group, New Delhi.
Specialized in covering developmental, environmental, labor, social issues and movements and civil rights in India and south Asia.

FELLOWSHIPS/RESEARCH PROJECTS/GRANTS/AWARDS

Dec 2015	Foreign Travel Grant under the Scheme 'Data Collection Abroad' from the Indian Council of Social Science Research, New Delhi, to do archival research in London, for 10 days.
2011-12	Visiting Fellow, Center for the Study of Developing Societies (CSDS), Delhi. Topic: Environmentalism, Conservatism, Democracy and Peoples' Rights in India.
Mar 2010-Apr 2011	Research Fellow, Research Center of Health Economics, Mahidol University, Bangkok. Topic: Access to Treatment: HIV and AIDS in Asia.
Jan 2004-Dec 2006	Director, Research Project, ActionAid International. Topic: Positive Voices: Emerging Governance Issues on HIV and AIDS in Asia.
Dec 2004-Jun 2005	Coordinator, Research Project, ActionAid International and Institute of Human Development, New Delhi. Topic: Free Trade Agreements, Food Security and Development in Asia.
2001-2003	United States Institute of Peace (USIP), Washington, Research Grant. Topic: Towards a Peaceful Indian Ocean: A Study of Coastal Conflicts in South Asia.
1998-2001	SEPHIS Fellowship (South-South Exchange Program for Research on the History of Development, International Institute of Social History, Amsterdam). Topic: Green and Saffron: Environment & Communalism in India, c. 1950-1997.
2000	Research Fellow, Asia Center, London School of Economics and Political Science, London.
2000	Appan Menon Memorial Award for Journalism 2000.
1999	Award for Excellence in Asian Print Media Writing by Asian Media Information and Communication Centre, Singapore and Singapore Press Holdings.
1998	South Asia Visiting Scholar, Queen Elizabeth House, University of Oxford, Oxford.
1995	Reuter Fellow, Green College, University of Oxford.
1995	PUCL Award for Human Rights Journalism by Peoples' Union for Civil Liberties.
1991	The Statesman Award for Rural Writing 1991, First Prize by The Statesman newspaper.
1991	The Vineet Gupta Memorial Award 1991, for outstanding contribution to Media, New Delhi.
1990	The Statesman Award for Rural Writing 1990, First Prize by The Statesman newspaper.

- 1989 Best Asian Journalist for Environmental Reporting, 1989, by Asian Forum of Environmental Journalists and Friedrich Naumann Foundation, Germany.
- 1989 Environmental Consciousness Award, by Science Centre, Gwalior.
- 1988 Sanskriti Award for Journalism 1988, by Sanskriti Pratishthan.
- 1987 Journalist of the Year 1987, prize by Lions Delhi Kanishka.

SELECT PUBLICATIONS

Citations of Academic Writings: Google Scholar

<https://scholar.google.com/citations?user=hbckz3AAAAAJ&hl=en>

Books

Single-Authored

- 2024 *Dalit Ecologies: Caste and Environment Justice*, Cambridge University Press.
- Green and Saffron: The RSS, Modi, and Indian Environmental Politics*, revised and new edition, Permanent Black, Ranikhet and Ashoka University.
- 2020 *Dalit aur Prakriti: Jati aur Paryawaran Aandolan* (Dalit and Nature: Caste and Environment Movements, in Hindi), Vani Prakashan, Delhi.
- 2017 *Caste and Nature: Dalits and Indian Environmental Politics*, Oxford University Press, New Delhi.
- 2014 (first paperback printing). *Green & Saffron: Hindu Nationalism and Indian Environmental Politics*, Permanent Black, Ranikhet. First published in hardback 2012.
- 2010 *Human Rights in a Globalised World: An Indian Diary*, Sage, Delhi & London.
- 2006 *No Borders: Journeys of an Indian Journalist*, Daanish, Delhi, 2006.
- 2002 *Landscapes and Lives: Environmental Dispatches on Rural India*, Oxford University Press, Delhi.

Co-Authored

- 2008 (with Charu Gupta). *Contested Coastlines: Fisherfolk, Nations and Borders in South Asia*, Routledge, New Delhi and London. Reprint 2018.

Short Books

- 1992 *Against the Stream: India's Economic Crisis and Workers Alternatives*, Progress Printers, Delhi.
- 1992 (with Ann Ninan and Anil Padmanabhan). *An Untold Story: Textile Workers in Ahmedabad*, (also in Hindi), PRIA, Delhi.
- 1991 (with Anil Agarwal, et al.). *State of India's Environment, A Citizen's Report: Floods, Flood Plains and Environmental Myths*, Center for Science and Environment (CSE), Delhi.
- 1991 (with Usha Rai, et al.). *Call of the Commons: People vs. Corruption*, CSE, Delhi.
- 1991 (with Uday Prakash). *Ek Kasbe Ki Larai* (A Town in Search of Communal Harmony), (in Hindi), Udbhavna, Delhi.
- 1990 (with Charu). *Print Media and Communalism*, (also in Hindi), Progress Printers, Delhi.
- 1990 *Mazdoor Aur Sampradayikta* (Workers and Communalism, a study on Bhagalpur weavers), (in Hindi), Nishant Natya Manch, Delhi.
- 1989 *Steel Bartan Udyog* (Steel Utensil Industry, Problems of Health and Safety), (in Hindi), IFTU, Delhi.
- 1988 *An Endless Story: The Struggle for Housing Rights in Delhi*, (also in Hindi), Ashok Nagar Welfare Association, Delhi.
- 1998 *Diara Region of Bihar*, (also in Hindi), Bhagat Singh Research Committee, Ludhiana.

Edited Volumes

- 2021 (with Mahesh Rangarajan and Harini Nagendra) Future Environmentalisms: a symposium on contested and emerging forms of environmental concerns, *Seminar*, 744, August 2021, <https://www.india-seminar.com/semframe.html>
- 2005 (with Sana Das) *Defining Dignity: An Anthology of Dreams, Hopes and Struggles*, World Dignity Forum, Delhi.
- 2004 *Unquiet Worlds: Dalit Voices and Visions*, Heinrich Boell Foundation, Delhi.
- 2003 *Improving People's Lives: Lessons in Empowerment from Asia*, Sage Publications, New Delhi.

Select Research Papers/Articles

Published more than 500 special reports, articles, research papers and surveys in my specialized field of environment, labor and human rights, in journals, magazines and newspapers of national and international repute.

Research Papers in Refereed Journals

- 2025** 'Modi the "Solar Superman": Hindutva, Climate Change and Renewable Energy,' *India Review*, 24:1, 2025, pp. 55-86.
<https://doi.org/10.1080/14736489.2025.2454795>
- 2023** 'Hindu Nationalism and Right-wing Ecology: RSS, Modi and Motherland Post-2014,' *Studies in Indian Politics*, 11 (1), 2023, pp. 102-117.
<https://doi.org/10.1177/23210230231166197>
- 2022** 'Caste, Environment Justice, and Intersectionality of Dalit-Black Ecologies,' *Environment and Society: Advances in Research*, Vol. 13, 2022, pp. 78-97.
<https://doi.org/10.3167/ares.2022.130106>
- 'Caste of Labour: Dalits, the Industrial Ecosystem and Environmental Politics in Delhi', *Social Change*, Vol. 52, No. 1, March 2022, pp. 7-23.
<https://doi.org/10.1177/00490857221079467>
- 'Governing Sacred Groves: Religion, State, and Institutions in Indigenous Jharkhand', *Economic and Political Weekly*, Vol. LVII, No. 2, January 8, 2022, pp. 42-49.
<https://www.epw.in/journal/2022/2/special-articles/governing-sacred-groves.html>
- 2021** ' "God of Humans": Dina-Bhadri, Dalit Folktales and Environmental Movements', *South Asian History and Culture*, Vol. 12, No. 1, pp. 1-18.
<https://doi.org/10.1080/19472498.2020.1866365>
- 2020** 'Dalit on Earth: River Titash, Malo Commons and Cultural Affirmation', *Man in India*, Vol. 100, Nos. 3-4, 2020, pp. 209-228.
- 'The Killing of Maya in a Lake: Caste, Nature, and Culture', *MARG*, Vol. 71, No. 3, March 2020, pp. 28-35.
- 2019** 'My World Is a Different World': Caste and Dalit Eco-Literary Traditions', *South Asia: Journal of South Asian Studies*, Vol. XLII, No. 6, December 2019, pp. 1013-1030.
<https://doi.org/10.1080/00856401.2019.1667057>
- 'Ambedkar aur Paryavaran' (Ambedkar and Environment), (in Hindi), *Aalochana* (A Quarterly Journal in Hindi), No. 61, July-September 2019, pp. 102-124.
- 2018** 'Dalit Paryavaranvaad: Alag Swar aur Sapne', (Dalit Environmentalism: Different Voices & Visions), (in Hindi), *Tadbhav* (A Quarterly Journal on Modern Hindi creative writing), Year 6, No. 2, May 2018, pp. 39-66.
- 2017** 'Brahmanical Activism as Eco-Casteism: Reading the Life Narratives of Bindeshwar Pathak, Sulabh International, and "Liberated" Dalits', *Biography: An Interdisciplinary Quarterly*, Special Issue on Caste and Life Narratives, Vol. 40, No. 1, 2017, pp. 199-243.
DOI: [10.1353/bio.2017.0009](https://doi.org/10.1353/bio.2017.0009)
- 'Sulabh, Swachta, Dalit and Brahmani Paryavaranwad', (Sulabh, Cleanliness, Dalit and Brahmanical Environmentalism), (in Hindi), *Tadbhav* (A Quarterly Journal on Modern Hindi creative writing), Year 5, No. 2, November 2017, pp. 44-75.

- 2014** (with Charu Gupta). 'Speaking in Tongues', *Himal South Asia*, Vol. 27, No. 2, June 2014, pp. 172-87. Special Issue titled 'Growing Media, Shrinking Spaces?' edited by Sukumar Muralidharan, et al., 1996 [Also published in: *Himal South Asia*, Vol. 9, No. 6, pp. 18-23].
- 2012** 'Dalits and Indian Environmental Politics', *Economic and Political Weekly*, Vol. XLVII, No. 23, 9 June, pp. 46-52.
<https://www.epw.in/journal/2012/23/special-articles/dalits-and-indian-environmental-politics.html>
- 2010** 'The Vrindavan Conservation Project', *Economic and Political Weekly*, Vol. XLV, No. 36, 4 September, pp. 59-66.
<https://www.epw.in/journal/2010/36/special-articles/vrindavan-conservation-project.html>
- 2009** 'Passages from Nature to Nationalism: Sunderlal Bahuguna and Tehri Dam Opposition in Garhwal', *Economic and Political Weekly*, Vol. 44, No. 8, 21 February, pp. 35-42.
<https://www.epw.in/journal/2009/08/special-articles/passages-nature-nationalism-sunderlal-bahuguna-and-tehri-dam>
- 2006** 'The Making of Moral Authority: Anna Hazare and Watershed Management Programme in Ralegan Siddhi', *Economic and Political Weekly*, 41, 20, 20 May, pp. 1981-88.
<https://www.epw.in/journal/2006/20/special-articles/making-moral-authority.html>
- 2004** (with Charu Gupta). 'Blurred Borders: Coastal Conflicts between Indian and Pakistan', *Economic and Political Weekly*, 39, 27, 3 July, pp. 3005-15.
- 1999** 'The Untouchable Present: Everyday Life of Musahars in North Bihar', *Economic and Political Weekly*, 34, 49, 4 December, pp. 3465-70.
- 1997** 'Whose Forests? Owners Become Workers', *Labor File*, 3, 5 and 6, May and June, pp. 3-18.
- 1996** 'Communal Constructions: Media Reality vs. Real Reality', *Race and Class*, London. 38, 1, July-Sep, pp. 1-20.
- 1995** 'Clamping Down on Workers' Rights: Labor Laws Under the Tories in the 1980s', *Reuter Foundation Paper 25*, Green College, Oxford, pp. 1-21.
- 1993** 'Villages of Chipko Movement', *Economic and Political Weekly*, 28, 15, p. 617-22.
- 1993** (with Charu Gupta). 'The Muslim and the News'; 'Print Media and Communalism: The Killing of Secular Events'; 'From News Gathering to News Making: The Creation of Pseudo-Events', *Mainstream*, 13 February, pp. 15-19; 13 March, pp. 23-25; 12 June, pp. 27-32, respectively.

Select Research Papers in Books

- 2024** Folklore, Religion, Ecology: Dina-Bhadri and the Politics of Dalit Environmental Movements. In *Becoming Earthlings: Religion, Ecology, and Politics*, ed. Y. T. Vinayaraj, Christian Institute for the Study of Religion and Society (CISRS), 82-120.

- 2023 Homeland, cows and climate change: the visualisation of environmental issues by the far right in India. In *Visualising Far-Right Environments: Communication and the politics of nature*, ed. Bernhard Forchtner, Manchester University Press, Manchester, 206-228.
- 2022 'Come Let us all Play': Sacred Groves, *Sarna*, and 'Green' Politics in Jharkhand, India. In *Sacred Forests of Asia: Spiritual Ecology and the Politics of Nature Conservation*, eds. Chris Coggins and Bixia Chen, Routledge, Oxon & New York, 36-49.
- 2021 (with Mahesh Rangarajan and Harini Nagendra) 'The Problem': Future Environmentalisms: a symposium on contested and emerging forms of environmental concerns', *Seminar*, 744, August 2021, <https://www.india-seminar.com/semframe.html>
- 2019 Brahmanical Activism as Eco-Casteism: Reading the Life Narratives of Bindeshwar Pathak, Sulabh International, and 'Liberated' Dalits. In *Caste and Life Narratives*, eds. S. Shankar, Charu Gupta, Delhi, Primus Books, 205-227.
- 2015 Rashtriya Swamsewak Sangh, VHP aur Tehri Bandh, (RSS, VHP and Tehri Dam), (In Hindi), in *Hamara Sabse Bada Dushman*, ed. Ajay Kumar, Delhi, Udhbhavana, 170-79.
- 2012 The Untouchable Present. In *Village Society*, ed. Surinder Jodhka, New Delhi, Orient Blackswan, 93-102.
- 2012 The Making of an Authority: Anna Hazare in Ralegan Siddhi. In *Anna Hazare Upsurge: A Critical Appraisal*, eds. Asghar Ali Engineer, Ram Puniyani, Delhi, Sahitya Path.
- 2010 Diara Diary. In *Bharat Main Paryavaran ke Mudde* [in Hindi], ed. Mahesh Rangarajan, 173-184, Delhi, Pearson [Also published in: *Environmental Issues in India: A Reader*, ed. Mahesh Rangarajan, Delhi, Pearson, 2007, 275-287; *Waterlines*, ed. Amita Baviskar, New Delhi, Penguin, 2003, 103-110].
- 2010 Mirrors of Militarization. In *Art as Witness*, ed. Parthiv Shah and Sana Das, 175-180, Delhi, Tulika Books, 175-180.
- 2008 Hare se Kesaria tak ki yatra. In *Barbarta ki Chunauti*, ed. Rajendra Sharma, Delhi, Sahmat, 48-67.
- 2004 Fisherfolk and Coastal Conflicts. In *Media Crossing Borders*, ed. Rita Manchanda, Nepal, South Asia Forum for Human Rights, 145-151.
- 2002 The Untouchable Present: Everyday Life of the Musahars in North Bihar. In *Asserting Voices: Changing Culture, Identity and Livelihood of the Musahars in the Gangetic Plains*, eds Hemant Joshi and Sanjay Kumar, Delhi, Deshkal, 19-41.

Select Articles, Interviews and Podcasts in Journals, Magazines & Websites

- 2024 'Promoting Yoga or Vegetarianism ignores the culture and perspective of lower caste,' Crossroads Podcast series, in Czech and English, Prague, 13 December, <https://denikalarm.cz/2024/12/propagace-jogy-nebo-vegetarianstvi-ignoruje-kulturu-a-perspektivu-nejnizsich-kast-rika-mukul-sharma/>; <https://share.transistor.fm/s/bfbb85d0>

- 2023 'Green Pioneers', Book Review, OPEN, 31 October 2024, <https://openthemagazine.com/lounge/books/green-pioneers/>
- 2023 'Dalit aur Prakriti', Indian Cultural Forum, 25 June, <https://indianculturalforum.in/2023/06/25/dalit-aur-prakriti/>
- 'BAR Book Forum: Interview with Mukul Sharma,' *Black Agenda Report*, 7 June, <https://www.blackagendareport.com/bar-book-forum-interview-mukul-sharma>
- 'Environment Justice and Caste after Liberalisation,' *Economic and Political Weekly (Engage)*, Vol. 58, Issue 13, 1 April, <https://www.epw.in/engage/article/environment-justice-and-caste-after-liberalisation>
- 'Dalits and the Environmental Movement in India,' *Economic and Political Weekly Podcast*, 13 March, <https://www.epw.in/podcasts>
- 2014 'Sacred Groves and Local Gods,' Review of Eliza F. Kent's book, *The Journal of Asian Studies*, August, pp. 836-7.
- 2012 'Restoring Agency to Stone Quarry Workers', *The Book Review*, January.
- 2012 'Iss Saal le Aasmaan Vikas ka Hisab', *Outlook*, January.
- 2011 'Paryavaranwadi Rastrawad Khatarnak Hai', *Sukravar*, 23-29 December.
- 2011 'Anna Hazare ke Ralegan Siddhi ki Hakikat', *Sukravar*, 30 September-6 October.
- 2011 'Khoji Patrakarita ki Dasha aur Disha', *Kathan*, July-September.
- 2011 'Lok Samaj ki Rajniti', *Sablog*, August.
- 2010 'Anishchitata ki sthiti ka Moolgami Roopantaran', *Kathan*, October-December.
- 2007 'Seeking the "Truth" in Truth Commissions', *Economic and Political Weekly*, December, pp. 16-19.
- 2007 'Bangladesh's Repressive Regime', *Economic and Political Weekly*, 11 August, pp. 3294-95.
- 2006 (with Charu Gupta). 'India Social Forum: Another World or Yet Another Event?' *Mainstream*, 44, 49, pp. 3-5.
- 2006 (with Charu Gupta). 'Search for Answers at India Social Forum', *Economic and Political Weekly*, 41, 48, pp. 4937-39.
- 2004 (with Charu Gupta). 'Livelihood Issues: Deep-Rooted Trouble', *Frontline*, 21, 1, pp. 42-46.
- 2004 'USA: Struggle against Toxic Water', *Economic and Political Weekly*, 22 May, pp. 2099-100.
- 2003 'A Bitter Harvest: Indonesia's Huge Oil Palm Plantations', *Frontline*, 6 June, pp. 62-64.

- 2002 'Saffronizing Green', *Seminar*, August, pp. 26-30.
- 2002 'Brazil: Lands of Conflict', *Frontline*, 5 July, pp. 62-64.
- 2002 'Media and Governance', *Seminar*, June, pp. 41-47.
- 2001 'Making of a Panchayat Election', *Economic and Political Weekly*, 36, 19, pp. 1577-1581.
- 2001 'Nature and Nationalism', *Frontline*, 16 February, pp. 94-96.
- 2001 'Sonmanki Mela: Preventing Erosion', *Economic and Political Weekly*, 23 June, pp. 2223-24.
- 1997 'An End and a Beginning' (mine workers in UK), *Seminar*, 452, April, pp. 34-38.
- 1996 'Private Ganga: Ghats under Zamindari Control in Bihar', *Frontline*, 19 April, pp. 79-82.
- 1994 'Aquaculture Boom: Who Pays?', *Economic and Political Weekly*, 29, 49, pp. 3075-78.
- 1994 'A question of Right: Syrian Christian Women and Property Succession', *Frontline*, 11 March, pp. 84-87.
- 1992 'To Save the Wetlands: Struggle by a Fishermen's Cooperative in Calcutta', *Frontline*, 20 November, pp. 76-84.
- 1990 (with Charu). 'Hindi Language Press and Bhagalpur Riots', *Mainstream*, 28, 20, pp. 18-20.

Select Articles in Newspapers and Blogs

- 2025 'Grassroot Warriors,' Book Review, *Open*, 25 February, <https://openthemagazine.com/lounge/books/grassroot-warriors/>
- 2024 'Green Pioneers', Book Review, *Open*, 31 October, <https://openthemagazine.com/lounge/books/green-pioneers/>
- 2020 'Caste, Nature and their Presence in a New India', *Indian Express*, 19 April 2020. <https://indianexpress.com/article/opinion/columns/dalits-casete-savarnas-india-swachh-bharat-misson-6368655/>
- 2019 'Alternative Futures: India Unshackled', *Kafila.online*, 15 June. <https://kafila.online/2019/07/15/alternative-futures-india-unshackled/>
- 2017 'Observing Water Day on Ambedkar's Birthday is a Hollow Exercise if his Legacy on Water is Ignored', *Scroll.in*, 14 April. <https://scroll.in/article/834435/observing-water-day-on-ambedkars-birthday-is-a-hollow-exercise-if-his-legacy-on-water-is-ignored>
- 2016 'Ambedkar and the Environmental Tradition', *Kafila.org*, 1 October. <https://kafila.online/2016/10/01/ambedkar-and-the-environmental-tradition/>

- 2011 'Deep-etched poverty lines' (co-authored with Jeremy Seabrook), *The Hindu*, 4 October.
- 2010 'Labour conferences and protection of workers' rights', *The Hindu*, 16 February.
- 2010 'Bagram, the other Guantanamo', *The Hindu*, 6 January.
- 2009 'Working of shareholder democracy', *The Hindu*, 25 November.
- 2009 'Need for Coastal Integration in South Asia', *The Hindu*, 22 October.
- 2009 'Companies Bill & Social Accountability', *The Hindu*, 3 October.
- 2009 'Towards Evolving a Collective Coastal Community', *The Hindu*, 12 August.
- 2009 (with Charu Gupta). 'Need for Coastal Integration in South Asia', *The Hindu*, 22 October, p. 10.
- 2008 (with Charu Gupta). 'Towards Evolving a Collective Coastal Community', *The Hindu*, 12 August, p. 10.
- 1992 'Special Reports on Earth Summit from Rio' (in Hindi), *Navbharat Times*, 6-16 June.

Write in English and Hindi on environmental, social, labor and human rights issues in *The Hindu*, *Economic and Political Weekly*, *HIMAL*, *Info Change*, *Kafila*, *Culture Unplugged*, *Amar Ujala*, *Navbharat Times*, *Sablog* and *Kathan*.

SELECT SEMINARS/LECTURES/CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

- 2025 'Dalit Ecologies: Caste and Environment Justice,' The Scholar's Study Circle, Govind Ballabh Pant Social Science Institute, Prayagraj, 5 February
- 'Imagining a Hindu Nation through Climate Change: RSS, Modi and BJP Government in India,' Workshop on 'Between mainstreaming and inaction: the centre-right politics of environment', Johns Hopkins University – UPF Public Policy Centre & Social and Political Theory Research Group, 4 February
- 2024 'Touch, Smell, Taste in Its Environmental and Justice Aspect,' Keynote Lecture, International Conference on 'Climate Crisis and the Question of Justice,' 14-15 November, Institute of Philosophy, Czech Academy of Sciences, Prague, 15 November.
- 'Dalit Ecologies: Caste and Environment Justice,' Book Talk, International Dalit Solidarity Network, Oslo, 28 October
- 'Green and Saffron,' Book Discussion, Shanghvi Library, Ashoka University, 19 September
- 'Dalit Ecologies: My World is a Different World,' Book Talk, Department of Environmental Studies, Ashoka University, 17 September

'Dalit Ecologies: Caste and Environment Justice,' Book Talk, School of Liberal Studies, BML Munjal University, Gurgaon, 11 September

'Conceptualising Dalitbahujan Anthropocene: Nek Chand, Displacement, Waste, and Rocks for Environmental Imaginations,' Book Workshop on Transformations and the Politics of Environmental Change in India: A Critical Engagement of the Anthropocene, A Volume in the Routledge Explorations in Environmental Studies (REES), Routledge UK, 17 May.

'Ambedkar Relevance in Indian Environmental Thought,' in conversation with Ashish Kothari, in 'From Yesterday towards Tomorrow series,' VIKALP Sangam, 30 March. <https://www.youtube.com/live/DbBXk6As9-g?si=ZomrM71sDPg9hYFz&t=133>

'Modi, Hindu Nationalism and Climate Politics,' Panelist on 'Saffron Energy? Hindu Nationalism and Low-carbon Energy Development in India,' in 'Political Ecologies of the Far Right' Conference, 11-13 January, 2024, Uppsala University, Sweden, 11 January.

'Homeland, Cows and Climate Change: the Visualisation of Environmental Issues by the Far Right in India,' Panelist on 'Visualising Far-Right Environments: Communication and the Politics of Nature,' in 'Political Ecologies of the Far Right' Conference, 11-13 January, 2024, Uppsala University, Sweden, 12 January.

2023 'Dalit Ecologies: Caste and Environment Justice.' Department of History, University of Delhi, 22 November

'Castescapes, Dalit Labour and Environmental Inequality.' International Workshop on 'Environmental Studies for the Anthropocene,' Oxford Studies in Contemporary Indian Society Series, Department of Sociology, University of Delhi, 21 November

'Dalit Ecologies.' Keynote Lecture. Shared Ecologies, Delhi, <https://sharedecologies.org/>, <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dmMi59VXDAQ&t=1355s>, 30 September

'Towards a Resilient South Asia: Enhancing Regional Energy Cooperation.' Regional Climate Summit, Earth Society, Dhaka, 10 September

'Climate Change, Caste, and Dalits in India'. Virtual Earth Work Symposium. Global Political Ecology, Bard College at Simon's Rock/Open Society University Network, 5 May.

'God of the First Class: Politics of Sacred Groves and Sarna in Jharkhand,' The Unquiet Woods Book Project Online Conference, 13-14 July.

2022 'Landscapes of Purity and Pollution: Caste, Labour and Environment'. Panel Discussion on Toxic States. Goethe Institut and Max Mueller Bhavan, Mumbai, 19 November.

'Caste, Environment and Conservation'. Panel Discussion. Nature Conservation Foundation, Mysore, 15 September.

'Caste and Environmental Justice'. In conjunction with Many Acts of Reading: Critical Reflections on the Agrarian, Foundation for Indian Contemporary Art, Vadehra Art Gallery, Delhi, 3 August.

'Come Let Us All Play: Sacred Groves, Sarna, and 'Green Politics' in Jharkhand, India. Conference on 'Sacred Forests of Asia: Spiritual Ecology and the Politics of Nature Conservation', 22-24 April, Bard College at Simon's Rock, USA, 22 April.

'Ambedkar and Environmental Thought'. Ambedkar Study Circle, Atma Ram Sanatan Dharma College, University of Delhi, 12 April.

'Environment, Dalit, Religion and Caste'. Skidmore College, Saratoga Springs, New York, 11 March.

'Climate Change, Caste and Dalits'. Krea Lecture Series. Environmental Studies. KREA University, Sri City, 8 March.

'Interwoven Questions of Ecology, Labour, Livelihood'. Panel on 'Livelihoods: Endangered/Shifting Occupations' in State of Nature Dialogues: An Interdisciplinary Conference, Goethe-Institut/ Max Mueller Bhavan, Mumbai, 12 February.

2021 'Awaaj in Focus: The Dalit Critique of Environmentalism in India: In Conversation with Mukul Sharma', Nickled and Dimed, <https://nickledanddimed.com/2021/07/14/awaaz-in-focus-the-dalit-critique-of-environmentalism-in-india>, https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Q1Y_v7Ck5I, 14 July.

'Caste, Dalits and Indian Environmentalism'. Refresher course, Department of Political Science & Ramanujan College, University of Delhi, <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=bAfW2d0yreo>, 6 May.

'The Chipko Movement: A People's History'. In Conversation with Shekhar Pathak, Ramachandra Guha and Manisha Chaudhry, Jaipur Literature Festival's Words are Bridges, <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7r--RtO6XsA>, 27 February.

'Caste, Dalit and Environmental Politics'. Talk in Hindi, Indian Languages Programme, Centre for the Study of Developing Societies, Delhi, <https://www.youtube.com/embed/0cHbwQtPGI4>, 5 February.

'Presidential Address'. Lecture in 'Anti-Caste Politics and Environmental Justice' – Part 5, Seshadripuram Evening Degree College, Bengaluru, Ambedkar Study Center, Antiracist Research and Policy Center, American University, Washington DC & Ashoka University, <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=W5ctBp2gAKo>, 19 January.

2020 'Dalit Ecologies Series: Towards an Anthology of Folklore'. Lecture in 'Anti-Caste Politics and Environmental Justice' – Part 2, Seshadripuram Evening Degree College, Bengaluru, Ambedkar Study Center, Antiracist Research and Policy Center, American University, Washington DC & Ashoka University, <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=v9jvEs-Wy3M>, 19 October.

'Jotiba Phule, Anti-Caste Movements and Environmental Justice'. Lecture in 'National Webinar on L.G. Havanur and Backward Classes Today', Lohia Samata Vidyalaya, Bengaluru, <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7422uZNRoeY>, 10 October.

'Dalit Ecologies Series: Seeing through History'. Lecture in 'Anti-Caste Politics and Environmental Justice' – Part 1, Seshadripuram Evening Degree College, Bengaluru, Ambedkar Study Center, Antiracist Research and Policy Center, American University, Washington DC & Ashoka University, <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=k0ThOza1IRQ>, 14 September.

'Anti-Caste Ecological Politics', *DIALOGICS*, <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4julc0B9OsA>, 13 May.

2019 'Castes of Environment: Dalit & Green Politics'. Lecture in The State of Nature in India Lecture Series, Goethe Institut/Max Mueller Bhavan, Mumbai, 7 November.

'Enclosed by Caste Politics: Nature, Dalit and Indian Environmentalism'. Plenary Lecture, Department of Humanities and Social Sciences, Indian Institute of Technology, Gandhinagar, Gujarat, 11 October.

'Sacred Groves: Environment, Religion & Politics in Tribal India'. Guest Session, Department of Environmental Studies, Ashoka University, India, 9 August.

'Caste, Dalit and Indian Environmentalism'. Third Lecture of the Interdisciplinary Lecture Series 'From the Margins', Department of History, Ashoka University, India, 31 July.

'The Castes of Nature: Dalit and Ecological Politics in India'. Talk in SOAS South Asia Institute, University of London, UK, 27 March.

'God of the First Class': Politics of Sacred Groves and *Sarnaism* in Jharkhand'. Lecture in South Asia Studies Council Colloquium Series, Yale MacMillan Center, Yale University, UK, 28 February.

'Sacred Groves, Profane Worlds: Environment, Religion & Tribal Politics in India'. Lecture in Fisher Science Center – Clark Auditorium, Bard College at SIMON'S ROCK, Great Barrington, Massachusetts, USA, 26 February.

2018 'Governing the Sacred Groves: Religion, Politics, Institutions'. Talk in Research Seminar Series, School of Arts and Sciences, Ahmedabad University, Gujarat, 18 December.

'Come Let Us All Play': *Sarna*, Sacred Groves and 'Green' Governance in Jharkhand, India'. Paper presented in the Workshop 'Sacred Forests and Political Ecology: Cosmological Properties and Environmentality', International Conference on InterAsian Connections VI: Hanoi, Vietnam Academy of Social Sciences, Duke University, National University of Singapore, Yale University & Others, Hanoi, 5 December.

'Green and Blue: Caste, Dalits and Indian Environmentalism'. Public Lecture in the Changing India Series, National Institute of Advanced Studies, Bengaluru, 16 November.

'Caste and Nature'. Paper presented at an interdisciplinary Conference on 'State of Nature in India', Goethe Institut/Max Muller Bhavan, Mumbai, 23-25 August.

'Environmental Movements in India: Past, Present and Future: In conversation with Madhav Gadgil and Shekhar Pathak', Ashoka University, Delhi, 5 April.

- 2017 Dalit Environmentalism and Dashrath Manjhi: Commons in a Caste Society. Paper presented at an Environment Studies Seminar on 'Environment from the Margins', Ashoka University, Haryana, India, 18 November.
- Eco-Casteism, Dalits and New Commons in India. Paper presented at an International Conference on Environmental Humanities in Asia: Environmental Justice and Sustainable Citizenship, Duke Kunshan University, China, 22-24 May.
- 2016 A Brahmin Mind in a Dalit World: Bindeshwar Pathak, Sulabh and Eco-Casteism. Paper presented at an International Workshop on 'Caste and Life Narratives', University of Hawai'i at Manoa, 31 Aug-2 Sep.
- Caste and Life Narratives: An Evening of Poetry and Prose. Reading at the Center for South Asian Studies and the Center for Biographical Research, Hawaii, 1 Sep.
- Parliamentary Actions in South Asia on Climate Change Adaptation: Successes and Challenges. Presentation at Rotterdam, The Netherlands, 10-13 May.
- 2012 Conservation and Community Engagement: Critical Questions from India. Paper presented at the research node Mind and Nature & Forum for Africa Studies, Uppsala University, 4 October.
- Nature, Conservation and Democracy. Paper presented at the research node Mind and Nature & Forum for South Asia Studies, Uppsala University, Sweden, 3 October.
- Caste, Dalits and Indian Environmentalism. Department of Social Anthropology, Stockholm University, Sweden, 1 October.
- Nature for Nationalism: Environmental Politics and Hindu Religious Identities in India. NIES Research Symposium VII, University of Oslo, Norway, 28 September.
- Hindu Nationalism and the Environment: Elements and Themes in Contemporary India. Jawaharlal Nehru University, Delhi, 9 April.
- Dalits and Indian Environmental Politics. Paper presented at an International Workshop on 'Environment, Equality and Conflict', University of Oslo & Indian Statistical Institute, Delhi, 28-29 March.
- Nature for Nationalism: Conservative Environment Politics in Contemporary India. India International Centre, Delhi, 20 January.
- 2011 Ecological Authoritarianism: Anna Hazare, Ralegan Sidhi and Watershed Management Program. History Department, Ramjas College, University of Delhi, 23 September.
- Environment, Democracy, Authority: Anna Hazare in Ralegan Sidhi. Nehru Memorial Museum and Library, New Delhi, 13 September.
- Fairness in a Fragile World: India and Climate Change Debates. LEAD International, London, 26 June.

Saffronizing Green: Tehri Dam Opposition in Garhwal. The Ecology and Society Network, WWF India Auditorium, New Delhi. 9 April.

Sustainable Development and Alternative Technologies. Auroville Institute, Pondicherry, 20 March.

From Troubled Waters to Boiling Blood: Holy Mother Ganga and the Tehri Dam. Department of Sociology, University of Delhi, 6 December.

SELECT SEMINARS/CONFERENCES/WORKSHOPS ATTENDED/ORGANISED

- 2020 Tenth Session of the IRENA (International Renewable Energy Agency) Assembly, Abu Dhabi, IRENA, 10-12 January.
- ‘Energy Futures: Green Grids, Electric Cooking and the Global Energy Transition’, Abu Dhabi, Climate Parliament and Wilton Park, 8-9 January.
- 2017 ‘Energy Transition and Renewable Energy: Towards Parliamentary Actions’, Berlin, RENAC and Climate Parliament, 15-17 May.
- 2016 ‘Legislators’ Capacity Building on German Climate and Energy Policies and Indo-German Energy Cooperation’, Berlin, RENAC and Climate Parliament, 7-10 November.
- 2015 ‘Green Growth and Large Scale Renewable Energy’, Paris, Climate Parliament, 6-7 December.
- 2014 ‘Parliamentary Actions on Renewable Energy: Learning from Success’, Amman, Jordan, UNDP and Climate Parliament, 7-8 November.
- 2013 ‘International Cooperation for the Energy Revolution’, European Parliament and Climate Parliament, Brussels, 7-9 March.
- 2012 ‘Policy for the Renewable Energy Revolution’, Wadduwa, Sri Lanka, UNDP and Climate Parliament, 16-18 November.
- 2011 ‘Renewable Energy and Climate Policy in Bangladesh’, Dhaka, UNDP and Climate Parliament, 15 March.
- 2010 ‘Mobility with Dignity: Travel Restrictions, Discrimination and People with HIV and AIDS’, International AIDS Conference, Vienna, 20 July.
- 2009 ‘Poverty and Human Rights: Indian Pathways and Regional Cooperation’, Delhi, Amnesty International India, 17 October.
- 2008 ‘World without Torture: Indian Policies, Laws and Implementation’, Delhi, Amnesty International India, 26 June.

- 2007 'Casteism, Religion, Discrimination: The Future of Democracy in Asia', Kathmandu, Nepal, Dalit Welfare Organisation and World Dignity Forum, 10 August.
- 2006 'Food Security, Exclusion and Discrimination: Asian-African Challenges', Delhi, ActionAid International, 7-8 November.
- 2005 '2nd World Dignity Forum: Dignity Everywhere', World Social Forum 2005, Porto Alegre (Brazil), 28 January.
- 2004 'Dignity as a Global Concern', World Social Forum 2004, Mumbai (India), World Dignity Forum, 19 January.
- 2003 'Dalits in a Global World', Asia-Pacific Week, Berlin, Asia-Pacific Forum, 20 September.
- 2002 'Sustainable Development in South Asia: Cultural Perspectives', Heinrich Boell Foundation, World summit on Sustainable Development, Johannesburg, 30 August.

OTHER PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

Editorial Advisory Board Member, *Worldviews: Global Religions, Culture, and Ecology*, published by Brill, 2024 – 2026, <https://brill.com/view/journals/wo/wo-overview.xml>

Senior Advisor, South Asia, Climate Parliament, 2014-present, www.climateparl.net

Board Member, OneWorld South Asia, 2015-present, www.southasia.oneworld.net

Member, Task Force on 'Communication in the Age of Globalisation', National Communication Association, Washington DC, www.natcom.org

Board Member, ANKUR, NGO, Delhi, 2006-10.

Program Coordinator, Organizing Committee, World Social Forum – India; Member, Organizing Committee, World Social Forum – South Asia; Member, Organizing Committee, World Social Forum – Asia; Member, International Committee, World Social Forum; Program Facilitator, India Social Forum, 2003-08.

Co-Founder & Co-Convener, World Dignity Forum, a Forum for Dignity, Rights and Action of Discriminated and Dalits, 2005.

Blogger, Kafila and Culture Unplugged.

Member, Coordination Committee, APPACHA (Asia Pacific Peoples' Alliance on HIV and AIDS), 2004-2008.

Co-editor, *Labor File*, a bi-monthly journal on labor and economic affairs, Delhi, 1995-2000.

Worked and coordinated with various groups, organizations and social initiatives. For example, National Alliance of Peoples' Movements; National Forum for Forest People and Forest Workers; Pakistan

Institute for Labour, Education and Research; South Asia Partnership International; Migrant Forum in Asia; All Nepal Peasants' Association; National Coalition against Bonded Labour, Pakistan; All India Pasmada Muslim Mahaz; Focus on the Global South; Alliance for the Protection of Natural Resources and Human Rights, Sri Lanka; National Fisheries Solidarity, Sri Lanka; Women's Action for Social Justice; Hong Kong Peoples' Alliance on WTO; La Via Campesina; Brazilian Landless Workers Rural Movement, Criola; Inter-American Platform for Economic, Social and Cultural Rights; Arab NGO Network; African Social Forum; African Anti-Debt Network; National Federation for Dalit Women, India; Forum for Social Justice, UK; Rede Social de Justica e Direitos Humanos, Brazil; APACHA, Asian Network of Positive People; Dalit NGOs Federation, Nepal; Dalit Welfare Organization, Nepal; GCAP; World Health Movement.

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