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Educational Qualifications

- PhD candidate at International Institute of Social Studies (ISS), The Hague, Netherlands since March 2019
- M.Sc. in Gender and Development Studies, Asian Institute of Technology, Thailand, 2017
- Master of Social Work from Indira Gandhi National Open University, India, 2013
- Bachelor of Social Work from Indira Gandhi National Open University, India, 2009

Work Experience

Program Associate

Nirantar- A Centre for Gender and Education, New Delhi, India

January 2018- December 2018

- Developed adult literacy curriculum for Transgender literacy project funded by Amplify Change, UK.
- Conducted Textbook analysis, education related policies/programs and Act/Law analysis from queer and sexuality perspective funded by Amplify Change, UK
- Communication and coordination with beneficiaries (transgender persons), technical experts and partners of the project was integral to the responsibilities

Program Officer & Research Coordinator

Association for Stimulating Know How-(ASK) Gurgaon, India

April 2013 - December 2014

- Managed and supervised research associates and assistant program officers, as well as being a member of interdisciplinary teams in projects related to education, gender, sexuality, disaster management
- Involved fieldwork-based primary research, literature reviews, data analysis, monitoring, evaluation, program management and documentation in missions in India and Bangladesh
- Networked and developed strategic alliances with several national and grassroots development organizations, funded by multilateral agencies such as UN organizations and EC; as well as international NGOs such as MISEREOR and Cordaid
- Communication with national and international partners/clients was essential to the job description

Technical Officer & Project Associate
Partners in Development Initiatives (PDI), New Delhi, India
February 2010 - March 2013

- Conducted research, monitoring, evaluation and documentation independently as well as part of a team on projects related to HIV/AIDS, Sexual and Reproductive Health (SRH) and Gender in India
- Involved in project-coordination including regular communication (telephonic, emails, visits) and networking for development projects with government, NGOs, funding agencies such as UNDP, UNAIDS and DFID
- Led and assisted workshops/training programs on HIV awareness for National Cadet Corps which is a branch of Indian military cadet corps.
- Managed Sexual Health Information Center (SHIC) and bringing out two e-newsletters aimed for policy makers and youth disseminating HIV and Health related news

Other work

- 1. Editor in Chief for official blog (BLISS) of International Institute of Social Studies (ISS), The Hague, Netherlands** (May 2019-October 2019)
- 2. Preparation of annual reports, website content and editing related documents**
Working position: consultant (May-July, 2015)
Client: Green Future Foundation, New Delhi, India
- 3. To estimate the population of Transgenders/Hijras in Delhi and to gather information about their cultural practices, health seeking behavior and their social conditions**
Working Position: Senior Researcher (May-July, 2011)
Client: Delhi State AIDS Control Society (DSACS) & Kinnar Bharti (CBO) in partnership with UNAIDS, New Delhi, India
- 4. The SAFE Project to advance the protection of children and youth.** (July 2010)
Working Position: Research Assistant (consultant)
Client: Harvard School of Public Health, United States

Professional Skills

- Proven knowledge of effective communication, coordination, networking skills from over eight years of work experience in diverse social fields
- Proven experience in program and team management
- Experienced in proof-reading and editing in English and Hindi Languages
- Skilled in conducting gender analysis and gender sensitive M & E
- Skilled in conducting structured, semi-structured and unstructured interviews, FGDs and thematic debates

- Proven experience of transcription and translation from audio/video/paper documents in Hindi and English languages

Language proficiency

Languages	Read	Write	Speak
English	Fluent	Fluent	fluent
Hindi	Fluent	Fluent	fluent
Bengali	-	-	Fair
Punjabi	-	-	Fair
Urdu			Fair

Additional information

Trainings

- Conducted gender training for students of Urban Environment Management wherein the faculty also participated in year 2016.

Workshops, Seminar, Symposium, Conferences

- Paper presentation at international seminar organized by Asian Institute of Technology, Thailand on 29th September, 2017 having participants from Ochanamizo University, Japan; Nagoya University of Foreign Studies, Japan, AIT and two commentators from AIT and Rangsit University, Thailand
- Presented preliminary findings in workshop as part of the 'evidence in health policy research work' under EVAL-HEALTH Project in June 2013, in New-Delhi. Nine consortium members from Spain, UK, the Netherlands Portugal, South Africa, Nigeria, Thailand, India and Colombia were part of the workshop
- Presented draft findings from India of project 'role of evidence in health policy making' at an international workshop organized at Enugu, Nigeria in October 2013
- Participated in the Third Global Health Symposium on Health Systems Research held in Cape Town, South Africa from 29th September to 3rd October in 2014. Presented findings from India from EVAL-HEALTH project in Satellite session on "How do policy actors influence evidence-informed health policy development in different contexts? Lessons from six policies in India and Nigeria"
- Participated in a National Seminar on Transgender and the Law in 2011

Exchange Program

- Selected and participated in nine days academic exchange program at Ochanamizo University. This program was an academic exchange between Institute of Gender Studies, Ochanamizo University and Gender and Development Studies, Asian Institute of

Publications

- Accepted paper " *Unpacking Transgender Identity: Law, activism, and competing discourses in contemporary India*" at 70th Annual International Communication Association (ICA) Conference, 2020
- Accepted paper "*Gender, Law and Intimate Partner Violence in India: Challenges for Transgender Individuals in India*" at 69th Annual International Communication Association (ICA) Conference, 2019
- *Rawat, B., Khan, A. & Vashisht, C. (2013). Country report on assessing the role of evidence in health policy and strategy development in developing countries. Deliverable D5.6 (India). EVAL-HEALTH (developing and testing of new methodologies to monitor and evaluate health related EU-funded interventions in cooperation partner countries) project <https://cordis.europa.eu/project/id/261389/reporting>*