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Position : Senior Lecturer

Qualifications : MA (Social Work) TISS, Mumbai; Diploma. in Journalism (New Delhi); Diploma. In French (Alliance Francaise , New Delhi); PG Dip. in Women's Studies, (University of Pune)

Key Areas of Expertise

Gender/feminist issues, rural & urban community work, panchayati raj, social movements & social action, research, skill training for enhancing professional competencies related to development work, writing and editorial work, curriculum development (social development & community work)

Experience

More than 30 years of professional experience - Community social work; research; mass mobilization and advocacy; training of functionaries; editorial & publication work; working at community level on issues of secularism, gender & human rights, women's health

Training

As resource person for training focusing on participatory approaches in development, gender issues & gender sensitivity, community work skills & attitudes

Research

Drought, Degenerated Agriculture & Alternatives; Women's Empowerment; Evaluation of Community Projects; Evaluation of Total Literacy Campaign

Consultancy

NGO's involved in rural development & women's empowerment – programme development; training for perspective building and skill development. Member of Institutional Ethics Committee for Research, Anusandhan Trust

Publications

- i. Contributed articles in **Towards Self Reliance: Income Generation for Women** (1979) Eds. Tellis-Nayak, Jessie and Costa-Pinto, Selena, New Delhi: Indian Social Institute
- ii. **Women and Girls in India** (mimeo, 1981), co-edited with Jessie Tellis-Nayak, New Delhi: Indian Social Institute
- iii. **Rural Women's Mobilisation: The Khanapur Taluka Experience** (1985) (co-authored with Dr. Gail Omvedt) in Report of the conference, "A Decade of Women's Movement in India: A Review of Achievements and Issues", Bombay: Research Unit for Women's Studies, SNDT University
- iv. **Caught in a Bind - The Ubiquitous CHV**, (1987) in "In Search of our Bodies: A Feminist View on Women, Health and Reproduction in India", Bombay : Shakti
- v. **The Great Sand Robbery and Impending Ecological Disaster in Yerla River Basin** (1988) co-authored with K J Joy, *Economic and Political Weekly*, 13 August, Bombay: Sameeksha Trust

- vi. **Baliraja Smruthi Dharan - The People's Dam** (1989) *Wasteland News*, Society for the Promotion of Wasteland Development, New Delhi
- vii. **Women and Health** (1992) in the Report of the seminar on "Women and Development" organized by the Department of Political Science and Public Administration, University of Poona
- viii. **From Isolation to Integration: The Mentally Handicapped** (1992) *FRCH Newsletter*, Vol. VI, No. 2, March-April
- ix. **Population Control and Women's Health** (1994) *FRCH Newsletter*, Vol. VI, No. 1, January-February
- x. **Motherhood: A Social Obligation?** (1994) *FRCH Newsletter*, Vol. VIII, No. 1, January-February
- xi. **Human Concern or Convenience? Debate on Hysterectomies of Mentally Handicapped** (1994) co-authored with Sarita Pungaliya, *Economic and Political Weekly*, 12 March Bombay: Sameeksha Trust
- xii. **Rural Women in Non-Party Struggles: Experiences from a Grassroots Organisation in Sangli District, Maharashtra** (1995) monograph published by Women's Studies Unit, Tata Institute of Social Sciences, Mumbai
- xiii. **Striking Roots: Parityakta Women Struggle for Property Rights** (1998) co-authored with Seema Kulkarni, presented at All India Women's Studies Conference, 30th May to 2nd June.
- xiv. **Social Justice, Minorities and the Fundamentalist Threat**, paper presented at the 13th IUCISD International Symposium on the theme, '**Towards Democratic Pluralism: Challenges for Social Development in the 21st Century**', Mumbai, December 29th, 2003 - January 2nd, 2004. Published in "*Vidya Samvardhan*" of University of Poona, May 2004. It has been peer reviewed for "*Social Development Issues*" published by Inter University Consortium for International Social Development and the Center for Social Development, George Warren School of Social Work, St. Louis, USA
- xv. **Activist Turned Academician** (2007) in Desai, Neera (Ed.) "Feminism: Narratives and Experiences", Mumbai : Sparrow Archives for Research and Documentation
- xvi. **Gender and Drought in South Asia: Dominant Constructions and Alternate Propositions** (2008) co-authored with Seema Kulkarni in Jairath, Jasveen, Ballabh, Vishwa (Eds) " Droughts and Integrated Water Resource Management in South Asia – Issues, Alternatives and Futures" , New Delhi : Sage
- xvii. **Developing Research Interests Among Social Work Trainees: Problems and Challenges** (2008) in Laldas, D.K. & Bhaskaran, Vanita (Eds.) "Research Methods for Social Work", Jaipur : Rawat
- xviii. **Project Report Manual – Practical Guidelines for Students** (2008) Pune : Karve Institute of Social Service

In the Pipeline

- i. **Skill Manual for Social Work Training and Practice** (Co-edited with Ruma Bawikar, Sudha Datar, Ujwala Masdekar, Geeta Rao) to be published by Sage, New Delhi
- ii. Paper (in Marathi) on **Social Work Education and Practice** (co-authored with Ruma Bawikar & Ujwala Masdekar) to be published by *Samaj Vignyan Kosh*
- iii. **Carrying out Evaluation Research : A Manual for Social Work Educators and Practitioners** (prepared with Vidya Vaidya, Ruma Bawikar) to be published by Karve Institute of Social Service