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Profile

I have been working as an Assistant Professor at the Council for Social Development, New Delhi since 2019. I have more than eight years of research experience in agriculture and rural development, particularly on global value chains, contract farming and labour use in agriculture. I completed my Post Doctoral Fellowship from Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi and Ph.D. in Economics from Indian Institute of Technology, Roorkee. I was awarded a gold medal in Masters (Economics) from Panjab University, Chandigarh. During my research career, I have published my work in reputed journals, books and magazines. I have high research orientation and strong inclination towards teaching with dependable networking skills.

Work Experience

August, 2019- till date Assistant Professor at Council for Social Development, Lodi Estate, New Delhi.

May, 2018-Dec, 2018 Associate Fellow at Centres for International Projects Trust (Established by Columbia Water Center, Columbia University, USA), New Delhi

Jan 2016-Jan 2018 Post Doctoral Fellow at ICSSR, New Delhi

Sep 2014-Oct 2015 Consultant (September, 2014-December, 2014) & Executive & Senior Research Associate (January, 2015- October, 2015) at Council for Social Development, New Delhi

Academic Qualifications

Year	Degree	Board/University	Percentage	Remarks
Jan 2016-Jan 2018	ICSSR Post Doctoral Fellow	JNU	-	Completed
Jan 2010- July 2014	Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.) in Contract Farming in Punjab: Institutional	IIT Roorkee	-	Awarded

	Framework, Determinants and Efficiency			
2006-2008	M.A (Economics)	Panjab University, Chandigarh	76.0	First University Rank
2003-06	B. A. (Hons.)	Panjab University, Chandigarh	77.0	-
2002-03	XII	DAV Public School, Ludhiana	90.8	First rank in school
2000-01	X	DAV Public School, Ludhiana	87.6	-

Awards and Scholarships

- Awarded medal for first rank in class XII, CBSE Board at D.A.V. Public School, Ludhiana.
- Awarded gold medal for first rank in Masters in Economics at Panjab University, Chandigarh.
- Qualified the UGC- NET JRF in December 2008 in Economics.
- Awarded ICSSR Post Doctoral Fellowship for two years.

Paper(s) published in International and National Journals

1. Sharma, N. & Goyal, A. (2024). Prospects and challenges of farming in Delhi: Evidences form the field. *Journal of Rural Development*, 42(4), 277-287.
2. Sharma, N. & Singh, G. (2024). Book review: Ashok Pankaj, *Inclusive Development Through Guaranteed Employment: India's MGNREGA Experiences*. *Agrarian South: Journal of Political Economy*, 13(1), 146-151.
3. Sharma N. (2021). Role of policy innovations in sustainable development. Chapter in *Book Sustainable Development* by Dhameja, A. (Ed). IGNOU, New Delhi. ISBN-978-93-5568-160-7
4. Sharma N. (2021). Recognition of ecological limits of equity and justice. Chapter in *Book Sustainable Development* by Dhameja, A. (Ed). IGNOU, New Delhi. ISBN-978-93-5568-160-7
5. Sharma N. (2021). Alternative ways of resource generation and capacity enhancement. Chapter in *Book Sustainable Development* by Dhameja, A. (Ed). IGNOU, New Delhi. ISBN-978-93-5568-160-7
6. Sharma N. (2021). Role of non-stake holders in sustainable development. Chapter in *Book Sustainable Development* by Dhameja, A. (Ed). IGNOU, New Delhi. ISBN-978-93-5568-160-7
7. Jha, P., Sharma, N., Kumar, M., Singh, G., & Verma, S. (2021). Contours of contract farming in the Asian region in *Farming and Working Under Contract - Peasants and Workers in Global Agricultural Value Systems* by Praveen Jha et al., Tulika Books. (ISSN: 978-81-947175-0-8).
8. Jha, P., Singh, G. & Sharma, N. (2018). Modern agricultural practices in India: Impact on occupational safety, health and environment. Paper in book *Occupational health and safety in agriculture of the Global South* (Ismail Karatepe, Katja Radon, Christoph Scherre (eds.)), Hamp Verlag, Germany. (ISSN- 2196-5382).

9. Vatta, K., Singh, G., Sharma, N & Bhoi, P. (2018). Regional dimensions and determinants of income diversification in rural India. *Agricultural Economic Research Review*, 31, 33-46. (ISSN-0974-0279) (Doi: 10.5958/0974-0279.2018.00020.4) (Impact factor: 0.194)
10. Sharma, N. (2016). Determining growers' participation in contract farming: A case study from Punjab. *Economic & Political Weekly*, 51(2), 58-65. (DOI: <https://www.epw.in/journal/2016/2/special-articles/determining-growers-participation-contract-farming-punjab.html>) Impact factor: 0.37
11. Sharma, N. (2016). Does contract farming increase farm income and efficiency?: Case study from Punjab' *Economic and Political Weekly*, 51(40), 63-69 (ISSN: 2349-8846). (DOI: <https://www.epw.in/journal/2016/40/special-articles/does-contract-farming-improve-farmers-income-and-efficiency.html>) (Impact factor: 0.37).
12. Sharma, N. (2016). Agrarian Distress and Contract Farming: Implications for Small Farmers of Punjab. In T. Haque (ed.) *Agrarian Distress in India: Causes and Remedies*, Concept Publishers, New Delhi. (ISSN: 9789351252573)
13. Sharma, N. & Singh, S. P. (2015). Exploring Contractual Relationships in Punjab: A Case Study of Potato and Basmati Rice. *Journal of Land and Rural Studies*, Sage Publications, 3(2), 1-22. (ISSN: 2321-0249).
14. Sharma, N. & Singh, S. P. (2014). Agricultural diversification in Indian Punjab: An assessment of government intervention through contract farming. *Journal of Agricultural & Food Information* (Taylor and Francis), 15(3), 191-213. (ISSN: 1049-6505). (DOI: <https://doi.org/10.1080/10496505.2014.926814>) (IF: 0.78)
15. Sharma, N. & Singh, S. P. (2013). Agricultural diversification and contract farming in Punjab. *Journal of Economic & Social Development*, IX(1), 38-51. (ISSN 0973-886X)
16. Sharma, N. (2013). Contract farming practice in Indian Punjab: Farmers' perspective. *International Journal of Food and Agricultural Economics*, 2(1), 65-76. (ISSN 2147-8988)
17. Sharma, N. & Singh, S. P. (2013). Contract farming and farmer participation in Punjab. *Man and Development*. XXXV(4), 85-102. (ISSN 0258-0438).

Articles in Newspapers and Magazines

1. Nivedita Sharma & Gurpreet Singh (2024). The Unrelenting Struggles of Punjab's Kinnow Farmers Amidst a Bumper Crop This Year. *The Wire*. Available at <https://thewire.in/agriculture/why-punjabs-farmers-have-opted-for-paddy-over-kinnow-despite-a-bumper-crop-harvest>
2. Gurpreet Singh & Nivedita Sharma (2024, Feb 1). What promises should Budget 2024-25 hold for agriculture sector? *The Down to Earth*. Available at <https://www.downtoearth.org.in/test/blog/what-promises-should-budget-2024-25-hold-for-agriculture-sector--94196>
3. Gurpreet Singh & Nivedita Sharma (2024, Feb 2). The unabated paddy monoculture of Punjab. *India Development Review*. Available at <https://idronline.org/article/agriculture/the-unabated-paddy-monoculture-of-punjab/>

4. Nivedita Sharma & Gurpreet Singh (May, 2023). What does cluster development programme mean to India's small farmers? Down to earth. Available at <https://www.downtoearth.org.in/test/blog/what-does-cluster-development-programme-mean-to-india-s-small-farmers--89281>
5. Nivedita Sharma & Gurpreet Singh (2022). Contract farming is yet to make a mark in Punjab: here is why. Down to Earth. Available at <https://www.downtoearth.org.in/blog/agriculture/contract-farming-is-yet-to-make-a-mark-in-punjab-here-is-why-83454>
6. Nivedita Sharma & Ankita Goyal (2022). How absence of Govt Procurment agencies is shrinking Delhi's agrarian economy. Available at <https://thewire.in/agriculture/how-absence-of-govt-procurement-agencies-is-shrinking-delhis-agrarian-economy>
7. Gurpreet Singh & Nivedita Sharma (2020). Covid-19 crisis: How can India ensure that agricultural markets work in a socially distanced manner? The Scroll. Available at <https://scroll.in/article/958858/covid-19-crisis-to-prevent-india-from-starving-village-level-cooperatives-should-be-given-key-role>

Reviewer of Journals

- Millennial Asia (Sage) (Scopus indexed)
- Research on World Agriculture Economy (Scopus indexed)

Research Projects Completed

1. Completed a research project titled-Status and pathways for portability of cash and in-kind transfers in India. Project report submitted to KFW, Germany and Department of Economic Affairs, Government of India in 2022.
2. Completed a research project titled-Comprehensive research study on pattern of farming and to assess the costing and income from cultivation of major crops in 2021. Project report was submitted to Planning Department, Government of National Capital Territory of Delhi.
3. Completed a research project titled-Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes in Rural Labour Markets: A Study of Employment, Earnings and Inclusion as principal investigator in 2020. Project report was submitted to National Institute of Rural Development and Panchayati Raj, Hyderabad.
4. Completed a project titled-Financial Inclusion of Rural Citizens: Assessing the Impact of Investor Awareness Program on Potential Investors in Rural India as principal investigator in 2020. Project report was submitted to CSC e-Governance Services India Limited, Ministry of Electronics & Information Technology, New Delhi.

Conferences and Workshops

- Presented a paper titled-Legacy of Employment Challenges and the Role of Public Policy in India at two days international conference at Phranakhon Rajabhat University Bangkok from 27-28 January 2024.
- Presented a paper at two days conference-Political Economy of Agricultural Value Systems in India: regional Perspective and Policy Implications Labour and Agri-business at JNU from 29-30 September, 2023.

- Presented a paper titled- Regional dimensions and determinants of income diversification in rural India at 26th Annual conference-Agricultural and sustainable development goals, NDRI, Karnal, 15-17 November, 2018.
- Presented a paper at Agrarian summer school at African Institute of Agrarian Studies, Harare (Zimbabwe) from 16 January, 2017 to 20 January, 2017.
- Rapporteur at National consultation on legal frameworks to regulate working conditions and extend social security and welfare benefits to domestic workers organised by International Labour Organisation from 2-3 April, 2016 at India Habitat Centre, New Delhi.
- Presented a paper (some aspects of agrarian crisis in Indian state of Punjab) at Agrarian summer school at African Institute of Agrarian Studies, Harare (Zimbabwe) from 18 January, 2016 to 22 January, 2016.
- Rapporteur at seminar 'Discussion on future agricultural policy direction in India' on July 15, 2015.
- Rapporteur at seminar 'National Workshop on Best Practices in Food and Livelihood Security in India: Lessons for Upscaling' on July 14, 2015.
- Presented a paper titled-Agrarian Distress and Contract Farming: Implications for Small Farmers of Punjab at national conference 'Agrarian Distress in India: Causes and Remedies' organised by Council for Social Development, New Delhi in November, 2014.
- Presented a paper titled-Prospects and challenges for Rural Non-Farm Employment in contemporary India: An Exploration from NSSO Data at International Conference 'Emerging Challenges And Prospects Of Indian Economy' during 18th -19th OCTOBER 2013 at Goa University, Goa.
- Attended a one day workshop on 'Panel Data Regression Analysis' organized by QIP at IIT Roorkee from March 7-8, 2013.
- One of the organizing member of 16th Annual Conference of Indian Political Economy Association organized by Department of Humanities and Social Sciences from October 26-27, 2012.
- Attended workshop on 'Econometrics for Time Series Analysis using Statistical Software' on November 15, 2011.
- Attended a QIP workshop on 'Empowering Teachers: Effective Pedagogy and Learner Profiles' at IIT Roorkee on 18-19 Jan., 2010.

Events Organised

- Convener of the forthcoming international conference titled- Agriculture through the lens of small and marginal farmers: challenges and pathways scheduled for 15-16 July at IIC, New Delhi.
- Organised SDF discussion at CSD on Indian Universities under Neoliberalism: Re-examining Issues of Autonomy and Accountability on 12 March 2024 at CSD with Chetna Trivedi, Scholar from JNU as a speaker.
- Organised SDF discussion at CSD on School Leadership in Improving the Public Schools on 22 February 2024 with Dr. Poornima M as a speaker.
- Organized a discussion under SDF at CSD on Implications of COP28 on the Indian Economy on 18 January 2024 with Dr. Manish Kumar Srivastava, TERI as a speaker.

- Organized a discussion under SDF at CSD on -Quality of Drinking Water in Urban Areas: A Case Study of Delhi on 14 December 2023 with Dr. Mehebab Rahaman, UNICEF as a speaker.
- Organized a lecture under Social Development Forum (SDF) on-Japanese Employment Practices in Japanese Manufacturing Firms in India: Results of the 2021 Questionnaire Survey with Prof. Takahiro Sato, Kobe University, Japan on 16th November, 2023 at DDML, CSD, New Delhi.
- Organized a lecture under SDF on- Can Universal Health Coverage achieve the goal of health for All in India: A theoretical and empirical exploration with Dr. Sourendra Ghosh, Assistant Professor, CSD as the speaker on 2nd November, 2023 at DDML, CSD, New Delhi.
- Organized a lecture under SDF on- Agricultural Marketing in India and Africa: Some Reflections, with Dr. Toendepi Shone, Lecturer at Marondera University of Agricultural Sciences and Technology (MUAAT), Zimbabwe and Dr. Nivedita Sharma as the speakers, on 11th October, 2023 at DDML, CSD, New Delhi.
- Organized a lecture under SDF on- Discussion on Biological Diversity (Amendment) Bill 2023 and Biological Diversity Act 2002: A Comparison, with Prof. Biswajit Dhar (Vice President, CSD) as the speaker, on 18th August, 2023 at DDML, CSD, New Delhi.
- Organized a lecture under SDF on- Galvanising the Ship of the Indian State: An Agenda for Research and Dialogue, with Prof. Saurabh Kumar (Visiting Prof. CSD) as the speaker, on 31st July, 2023 at DDML, CSD, New Delhi.
- Organized a lecture under SDF on-Academic Autonomy: Needed A Holistic Perspective, with Prof. Arun Kumar (retd. Prof. JNU) as the speaker, on 27th June, 2023 at Durgabai Deshmukh Memorial Hall (DDML), Council for Social Development (CSD), New Delhi.
- Organized a workshop on Capacity Building for Resettlement and Rehabilitation of Project Displaced People from 27th -28th February 2023 at India International Centre, New Delhi.
- One of the organizing member of 16th Annual Conference of Indian Political Economy Association organized by Department of Humanities and Social Sciences, IIT Rorkee from October 26-27, 2012.

Lectures Delivered

- Delivered a lecture on Sampling techniques at Research methodology workshop organised by CSD sponsored by ICCSR on 2 March 2024.
- Delivered a special lecture at Phranakhon Rajabhat University Bangkok, Thailand on Challenges of farmers in India: From Smallholders' Perspective on 26 January 2024.
- Chaired a session "gender empowerment" at Winter School 2023 from December 14-16 at Delhi University.
- Discussant at one of the sessions- Labour Rights and Agri Value Chains at two days conference-Political Economy of Agricultural Value Systems in India: regional Perspective and Policy Implications Labour and Agri-business at JNU from 29-30 September, 2023.
- Delivered a lecture on Sampling methods and techniques in a research methodology workshop organised by GB Pant Social Science Institute, Prayagraj on 14 July, 2023.
- Delivered a lecture on Sampling methods and techniques in a research methodology workshop organised by Council for Social Development on 13 April, 2023.
- Delivered a lecture on Sampling techniques in a research methodology workshop organised by Council for Social Development in April 2021.
- Delivered a lecture on systematic literature review in a workshop organized by Department of Economics & Sociology, Punjab Agricultural University, Ludhiana in 2019.

Administrative Responsibilities

- Member of Research Advisory Committee at Council for Social Development since November 2023.
- Convener of Social Development Forum since June 2023 in which seminars/lectures are organised every month.
- Faculty member of Research and Publication Committee at Council for Social Development since November 2022.
- Chairperson of Purchase Committee at Council for Social development from October 2021 to October 2023.

Professional References

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