

## **RESUME**

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### **CURRENT POSITION**

Senior Research Associate, Council for Social Development, New Delhi, India, since 16 April 2013.

### **Responsibilities**

Involved in research activities as a team member for conducting projects, writing proposals, coordinating seminars, workshops, and training sessions, as well as supporting various other research-related tasks.

### **Work done:**

Working as a Senior Research Associate with over 20 years of experience at CSD. I have been involved in literature review, field surveys, essentially primary and secondary data collection and collation. Worked as a team member in several projects in rural and urban areas of across States in India. A few of the projects include, Equitable Education for a Viksit Bharat: Exploring School Dropout and Exclusion of Vulnerable Sections for Policy Suggestions (Ongoing), Land Governance in North-East States: Status and Impact of policy Reforms and Regional Initiatives on Customary and Indigenous Laws (VI-th Schedule Areas): Assam (Ongoing), Comprehensive Research Study on pattern of Farming and to assess the costing and income from cultivation of major crops, Impact Assessment Study of the Assam State Initiative: Addressing concerns of Out of School Children in Assam, Status and Pathways of Portability of Cash and In-Kind Transfers in India (sponsored by KFW - German Financial Corporation with the Republic of India), Effect of Natural Disasters on Children's Health, Education and Protection (sponsored by TATA Trust), Impact Assessment of Stree Swabhiman Initiative in Rural India (sponsored by CSC e-Governance Services India Ltd.), Strategy for Enhancing Women's Nutritional Status Via Programmatic Interventions (sponsored by Nutrition International and Care India), A Study of Employment, Earnings and Inclusion and Financial inclusion of Rural Citizens Assessing the Impacts of Investor awareness Programme on Potential Investors in Rural India (sponsored by CSC e-Governance Services India Ltd.) and National Secretariat for the INDIA LGAF project for 6 states (sponsored by World Bank)

Also coordinated many research events – Seminar, Workshops, Research Methodology Course with senior faculty members of CSD

## **Seminar / Workshops / Trainings Organised**

1. Worked as a co-coordinator for 3 Research Methodology courses in 2023 and 2024.
2. National Seminar on Universalization of Secondary Education with Prof. J.B.G. Tilak (July 2018)
3. Workshops on “Democracy and Minority Rights” (29<sup>th</sup> August – 2<sup>nd</sup> Sept, 2016)
4. Seminar on “Liberating the Farmers from Debt Trap: Challenges of Policy Reforms in India” (14<sup>th</sup> June, 2016)
5. Seminar on “Private Sector Participation in Public Services” (28 – 30, March, 2016)
6. Consultation Workshop on Agricultural Administration and Governance Structure in India (22<sup>nd</sup> February, 2016)
7. Release of Study on the Potential of Community Forest Resource Rights under the Forest Rights Act (22-23 July, 2015)
8. National Workshop on Best Practices in Food and Livelihood Security in India: Lessons for Upscaling and Future Agricultural Policy Direction in India ( 14-15 July, 2015)
9. National Seminar on Strategy for Elimination of Poverty in Jharkhand” (20 March, 2015)
10. Seminar on “National Seminar on Resilient Future for Small Farmers” (10-12 March, 2015)
11. Seminar on “Trade Facilitation Agreement and Its Implications for Agriculture and Food Security in India” (23<sup>rd</sup> December, 2014)
12. Seminar on “Agrarian Distress in India” (11-12, November, 2014)
13. Discussion on Challenges of Poverty Reduction, Food Security and Social Inclusion in SAARC Countries RPP- 2009-10 (7<sup>th</sup> October, 2013)
14. International Summit on Empowering Rural Women (2-3<sup>RD</sup> September, 2013)
15. Worked as a coordinator at the National Secretariat for the INDIA LGAF project for 6 states. The works included coordinating with State Coordinators, TAG members and the World Bank LGAF team and organised a series of workshops.
  - 3<sup>rd</sup> Land Governance Assessment Framework (LGAF) Workshop at NIRD, Hyderabad on 6-9<sup>th</sup> January, 2014
  - 4<sup>th</sup> Land Governance Assessment Framework (LGAF) Workshop at IIC, New Delhi on 14<sup>th</sup> February, 2014
  - 5<sup>th</sup> Land Governance Assessment Framework (LGAF) Workshop at IIC, New Delhi on 18-19<sup>th</sup> June, 2014
  - National Workshop on Land Governance Assessment Framework (LGAF) at IIC, New Delhi on 9<sup>th</sup> September, 2014

## **PREVIOUS EXPERIENCE**

### **Research Coordinator**

*Landesa / Rural Development Institute (RDI), New Delhi, India*

*April 16, 2010 – April 15, 2013*

Worked as a team member in different research programmes conducted across different states of India, with responsibilities that included coordinating seminars and workshops focused on land-related issues and policies

### **Research Assistant**

*Council for Social Development (CSD), New Delhi, India*

*February 2004 – April 15, 2010*

- Data management, analysis and website management.
- Coordinated workshops, conferences, and research support for the research .

### **Research Assistant**

*Indicus Analytics, New Delhi, India*

*January 2003 – May 2003*

- Analyzed social indicators and managed databases for research projects.
- Assisted in organizing seminars and workshops.

### **Research Assistant**

*Chintan, New Delhi, India*

*January 2002 – August 2002*

Supported data analysis and seminar/workshop coordination.

### **Post-Graduate Teacher (Physics)**

*Kendriya Vidyalaya School, New Delhi, India*

*July 2000 – January 2001*

Taught Physics at the PGT level and Mathematics and Chemistry at the TGT level.

### **Computer Trainer**

*Atlanta Computers, Alleppey, Kerala*

*June 1999 – May 2000*

Taking classes on MS Office applications.

## **EDUCATION**

- Master of Science (M.Sc.) in Physics (Specialization in Electronics), University of Kerala, Kerala, 1993 – 1995
- Bachelor of Science (B.Sc.) in Physics, University of Kerala, Kerala, 1990 – 1993
- Bachelor of Education (B.Ed.) in Physical Sciences, University of Kerala, Kerala, 1995 – 1996

## RESEARCH PUBLICATIONS

1. Poornima M & Nair Jaya Lekshmi (2019). Universalisation of Secondary Education. *Social Change*, 49(3).
2. Co-authored a paper with Dr. T. Haque titled "*Ensuring and Protecting the Land Leasing Rights of Poor Women in India*," presented at the World Bank's Land and Poverty Seminar, 2014, Washington, D.C.
3. Contributed to the book "*Agrarian Distress in India*" and "*Empowerment of Rural Women in Developing Countries*" edited by Dr. T. Haque.
4. Co-authored a paper titled "*Lease Farming as a Livelihood Option for Rural Landless Women – A Case Study in Kerala*," published in *Empowerment of Rural Women in Developing Countries – Challenges and Pathways* (Concept Publication).
5. Sanghi, R., M.K.K. Pillai, J. Lekshmi, and A. Nair (2003). "*Organochlorine and Organophosphorous Pesticide Residues in Human Milk from Bhopal, MP.*" *Human & Experimental Toxicology*, Vol. 22; 73-75 Macmillan Press.