

CURRICULUM VITAE

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PERSONAL DETAILS

- Date of Birth: 02 August 1991
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ACADEMIC QUALIFICATIONS

- Ph.D. (Pursuing): Panjab University, Chandigarh
- M.A. Political Science: Department of Political Science, Panjab University, Chandigarh (2012-14)
- B.A. (Hons. in Political Science): Post Graduate Government College, Sector 11, Panjab University, Chandigarh (2009-2012)

PROFESSIONAL QUALIFICATIONS

- Assistant Professor, Department of Higher Education, Government of Himachal Pradesh (2017–Present)
- Qualified 'National Eligibility Test (UGC-NET)'
- Qualified 'Himachal Pradesh State Eligibility Test (HP-SET)'

RESEARCH & WORK EXPERIENCE

- Ph.D. Research (Ongoing): Nepalese immigrants in Himachal Pradesh; focus on migration governance and ground realities.
- Project Fellow (UGC-CAS): Department of Political Science, Panjab University, Chandigarh (2015–2017)
- Field Investigator: CSDS–Lokniti–ABP News Survey, Punjab Assembly Elections (2017)
- Organising Committee Member: National Seminar “Asian Century: Domestic Dilemmas and International Context” (March 2017)
- Teaching Experience: 9 Years

RESEARCH INTEREST

- Human Migration and Mobility
- Migration Policies, Governance and Management
- Migration, Development and Social Transformation
- Western Himalayas: Society and Culture

WORKSHOPS, TRAINING & FACULTY DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMMES

- ICSSR Sponsored One-Week Research Methodology Workshops, Panjab University, Chandigarh (2015 & 2016)
- National Seminar “Study of Political Leadership – Focus on NW States”, Panjab University (March 2015)
- One-Week Induction Programme, SCERT Solan (2018)
- Four-Week Orientation Programme, MMTTC–Ranchi University, Jharkhand (February 2024)
- One-Week Faculty Induction Programme, Government College Palampur, H.P. (2024)
- Two-Week Refresher Course, MMTTC–Himachal Pradesh University, Shimla (March 2025)
- Two-Day Workshop “Open Knowledge and the Himalayas” organised by Highland Histories Lab, IIIT Hyderabad, Open Knowledge Initiative, Wikimedia & State Museum, Shimla (25–26 September 2025)

PAPERS PRESENTED & PUBLICATIONS

- Presented a paper titled “The Evolution of Ladakh’s Autonomy Movement: A Historical and Contemporary Assessment” at the National Seminar on “Ethnicity, Multiculturalism and Democracy: Understanding from India’s North-East”, organised by Dr. B.K.B. College, Assam, on 16–17 August 2024.
- Presented a paper titled “Warriors of Growth, Victims of Neglect: Nepalese Immigrants in Shimla” at the ICSSR-sponsored National Seminar on “Marginality and Social Inclusion: Pathway to Equitable Development in Contemporary India”, held at Panjab University, Chandigarh, on 21–22 August 2025.
- Presented a paper titled “Apple Economy and Migration Paradox: Out-Migration and In-Migration in Shimla” at the National Conference on “Modernisation and Social Transformation: Pathways, Challenges, Futures”, organised by HCSR and Government College Banjar, Kullu, Himachal Pradesh, on 27 December 2025.
- Published an article titled “The Other Side of Himachal’s Apple Economy: A Story of State Failure and Human Folly” in Hill Post on 28 July 2025.
- Presented a paper titled “From Knowledge Sharing to Knowledge Commercialisation: Rethinking Horticultural Practices in Shimla” at the ICSSR-sponsored Two-Day National Conference on “Indian Knowledge Systems:

Multidisciplinary Perspective for Sustainable Futures”, held at S.C.V.B. Government College, Palampur, Himachal Pradesh, on 7–8 May 2026.

LANGUAGES KNOWN

- English
- Hindi
- Pahari