

Curriculum Vitae

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Academic Profile:

Dr. Bishnu Prasad Mohapatra has completed *PhD in Political Science from Centre for Economic and Social Studies (CESS), a leading social science research institution (An ICSSR Research Institute) located at Hyderabad* in India. I have also completed *M.Phil in Political Science* and *MA in Political Science* from Berhampur University, Odisha, India.

Dr. Bishnu Prasad Mohapatra's area of research includes Political Studies, Policy Studies, Local Governance, Decentralisation, Natural Resource Management, Forest Governance, Tribal Development and other issues of social studies. He has been associated with many professional academic associations such as International Public Policy Association (IPPA), Global South Public Policy Research Network (GSPPRN), Indian Political Science Association (IPSA), American Educational Research Association (AERA) and Asian Association for Social Science Research Councils (AASSREC).

Academic Qualifications:

Examination	Board/University	Year	Division	Main Subject(s)
BA	Utkal University, Bhubaneswar	1995	Second	Political Science
Master Degree (M.A)	Berhampur University	1997	First	Political Science
M.Phil	Berhampur University	2000	First	Political Science <i>(Thesis Title: Land Reforms in Odisha-A Study)</i>
Ph.D	Centre For Economic and Social Studies, Hyderabad.	2018	Awarded	Development Studies <i>(Specialisation-Political Science)</i> (Thesis Title: Decentralised Governance and Tribal Development in Scheduled Areas of Odisha-A Study)

Work Experience: I have 18 years (6 years Post Ph.D. and 12 years Pre-Ph.D) of Experience in Teaching, Research, Training, and Project Management. I have worked in different Academic Institutions (Research and Teaching Institutions), NGOs, and Government Departments as Assistant Professor, Research Associate, Research Assistant, Visiting Fellow, Research Supervisor, Field Investigator, Project Manager, Trainer and Visiting/Guest Faculty.

Institution	Designation	Period		Major Achievements
MIT-World Peace University, Pune	Assistant Professor	1st January, 2022-Continuing		Involved in Teaching Activities, Research Projects and Administrative Activities
Centre For Economic and Social Studies (CESS), Hyderabad	Assistant Professor	1 st August, 2018	31 st December, 2021	Involved in Research Projects, Imparting Teaching, and Preparation of Study Reports and Coordinating various field studies and imparting teaching and guiding PhD Students.
Centre For Economic and Social Studies (CESS), Hyderabad	Research Associate	15 th May, 2016	31 st July, 2018	Preparation of Research Proposal, Collection of primary and secondary data, preparation of research reports and publications
Centre For Economic and Social Studies (CESS), Hyderabad	ICSSR Doctoral Fellow	15 th May, 2013	14 th May, 2016	Data Collection and Preparation of thesis for PhD Research Work entitled "Decentralised Governance and Tribal Development in

				Scheduled Areas of Odisha-A Study”
Centre For Economic and Social Studies (CESS), Hyderabad	Visiting Fellow	1 st March,2012	February,2013	Study entitled Decentralised Forest Governance, Institutions and Livelihoods in Odisha-A Study of Evolution of Policy Process and Politics”
Centre for Youth and Social Development(CYSD) , Bhubaneswar	Senior Programme Associate & Programme Manager	1st April 2004	30th September, 2011	I was responsible for conducting training programmes and management of project works(staffs, accounts and administration)

Experience in Teaching:

- 1. Conducting Classes for BA and MA Students of Political Science at School of Liberal Arts and in School of Peace Studies in MIT-World Peace University, Pune, India.**
- 2. Guiding Students for Dissertations at the Under Graduate, Post-Graduate and Ph.D. Levels.**
- 3. Worked as an Assistant Professor and was involved in taking Classes for PhD Students at Centre for Economic and Social Studies (CESS), Hyderabad, India.**
- 4. Worked in various Colleges and University as Guest Faculty in Political Science, Public Administration and Social Science Research Methods.**

Research Project and Consultancy Experiences

- 1. Research Project under Implementation:** Exploring the Nexus of Traditional Institutions and Leadership in Maharashtra: Documenting Interactions between practices and knowledge, a project sponsored by the MIT-World Peace University, Pune (Seed Grants)
- 2. Research Project Applied:** Research Project titled “Economic Transformation of PVTGs through Housing Scheme of *Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana: A Case of Katkaris of Moharashtra*” submitted to Indian Council of Social Science Research (ICSSR), New Delhi.
- 3. Research Project Applied:** Research Project titled “Examining Potential and Effectiveness of Solar Energy in Promoting Green Transition in Bharat: A Study of Maharashtra and Gujarat States” to Indian Council of Social Science Research(ICSSR), New Delhi.

Research Projects and Consultancies Completed

- 1. Advisor, Centre for Multi-Disciplinary Development Research(CMDR), Dharward, Karnataka** for a Research study on “Financial Devolution for Panchayati Raj Institutions of Karnataka” for **5th SFC, Karnataka.**
- 2. Research Project titled “Traditional Self-Governance System in Tribal Areas of India-A Study of Odisha and Telangana”** a project sponsored by the Indian Council of Social Science Research (ICSSR) New Delhi and Centre for Economic and Studies (CESS), Hyderabad (2022).
- 3. Research Project titled “Finances of the Local Governments and Inter-se Transfer Approaches-A Study of Chhattisgarh”** a project sponsored by Centre for Budget and Governance Accountability (CBGA), New Delhi, India. (2022).
- 4. Research Project titled “Exploring Social and Political Exclusion and Inclusion of Marginalised Communities in the Grassroots Political Institutions: A Study of Two Decades of Decentralised Rural Institutions in Andhra Pradesh, Telangana and Odisha,** a project sponsored by *ICSSR*, New Delhi, India (2019-21).
- 5. Research Project titled “An End Line Election Survey of Knowledge, Attitude and Practices (KAP) of Citizens in Andhra Pradesh”** a Research Study sponsored by Election Commission of India (2019)
- 6. Research Project titled “An End Line Election Survey of Knowledge, Attitude and Practices (KAP) of Citizens in Telangana State”** a Research Study sponsored by Election Commission of India (2019)
- 7. Research Project titled “Exploring Financial Position of Local Bodies (PRIs and ULBs) in Andhra Pradesh”** a Research Study sponsored by Andhra Pradesh State Finance Commission (2019)
- 8. Research Project titled “Exploring Financial Position of the Rural Local Bodies (PRIs) in Telangana State”** a Research Study sponsored by Telangana State Finance Commission, Telangana (2019-20)

9. A Baseline Survey of Knowledge, Attitude and Practices (KAP) of Citizens in Andhra Pradesh (2019), a a Research Study sponsored by Election Commission of India (2019)

10. Research Study on “Rural Local Bodies Finances, Service Delivery and Strategies for Strengthening PRIs in Chhattisgarh State” supported by State Finance Commission (SFC), Chhattisgarh. (2017-18)

11. Research Project titled “ A Decade Implementation of MGNREGA in India: A Study of Two States” a Collaborative Study between Centre for Wage Employment (NIRD&PR) and Centre for Economic and Social Studies (CESS), Hyderabad, India (2017-18)

12. Research Project on “Devolution Index Study” as part of “State of Panchayati Raj Report” (SoPR), 2017 by Ministry of Panchayati Raj, Government of India, New Delhi and Centre for Rural Management (CRM), Kotayam, Kerala. (As State Coordinator for Odisha)

13. Evaluation of Tribal-Sub Plan (TSP) in Andhra Pradesh, a study conducted by CESS, Hyderabad and sponsored by ICSSR, New Delhi, India.

14. Assessment of Non-Health Sector Policies and Programmes on the Health of the Communities, the study conducted by Centre for Economic and Social Studies (CESS) Hyderabad in three Indian States including Odisha, January and February, 2014.

15. Assessment and Implementation of PESA in Scheduled V Areas: A Study of Six States by Indian Council of Social Science Research, Ministry of HRD, Govt. of India, November, 2013 to December, 2013.

Administrative/Managerial Experience:

- Worked as Senior Programme Associate and Programme Manager (in charge) in Centre for Youth and Social Development (CYSD), Bhubaneswar, Odisha. (1st April 2004 to 30th September, 2011).
- Administrative responsibilities in various Research Institutions and Universities such as (i) Research Assistant, (ii) Coordinator for various programmes and events.

Institution	Designation	Period		Major Responsibility
Centre For Youth and Social Development, Bhubaneswar Odisha	Program Manager (Research and Training)	1 st April, 2004	30 th September, 2011	Managed Project Activities, Administration and Conducted study on different issues related to Local Self-

				Governance, Education, Livelihoods and Natural Resource Management
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Publications:

Books (as Single Author):

1. Decentralised Governance and Development in Tribal Areas in Odisha, India. Cambridge Scholars Publishing, London, UK, ISBN: 978-1-5275-2894-9, Page-1-345. [Decentralised Governance and Development in Tribal Areas in Odisha, India - Cambridge Scholars Publishing](#)
2. *Land Reforms Policies and Politics in India-A Study of Odisha*, ISBN: 978-3-659-34616-3, Lambert Academic Publishing, Germany. Page-1-127.

Chapters in Edited Books:

1. **Bishnu Prasad Mohapatra and MG Reddy (2024)**, Political Inclusion of the Marginalised Communities in Panchayats in India: Case Studies of Andhra Pradesh and Telengana, in the Book “The Indian Social Sphere: Institutions and Social Transformations” Tayler and Francies (Routledge/Scopus), [Political Inclusion of the Marginalised Communities in Panchayats in I \(taylorfrancis.com\)](#) [10.4324/9781003490418-13](#)
2. **Bishnu Prasad Mohapatra and MG Reddy (2024)**, Governance of Welfare and Welfare Schemes in Andhra Pradesh and Karnataka States-An Assessment, in the Book ‘Governance and Development in Karnataka’ Writers Choice Publications Pvt.Ltd. New Delhi, pp: 182-199, ISBN: 978-93-93082-89-3.
3. **Bishnu Prasad Mohapatra (2023)**, Decentralised Planning and Role of Panchayats in Scheduled Areas of India-A Study of Odisha, in the Book ‘Decentralised Governance and Planning in India’ (Eds) N.Sivanna, Narayan Billava and Nayantara S Nayak, 2023, ISBN: 578-93-5594-208-1, Concept Publishing Company Pvt. Ltd. New Delhi. Pp-138-159.
4. **Reddy M.G and BP Mohapatra (2021)**,”Issues in Fiscal Decentralisation in Chhattisgarh State” in the Book ‘Decentralisation in Contemporary India: Status, Issues and the Way Forward’. **Rutledge Publications** (Eds) D.Rajsekhar, M.Devendra Babu and R.Manjula, 2021. <https://www.routledge.com/Decentralisation-in-Contemporary-India-Status-Issues->

[and-the-Way-Forward/Rajasekhar-Manjula-Babu/p/book/9780367545956](https://doi.org/10.4324/9781003094357-5).

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10.4324/9781003094357-5.

5. **Mohapatra.BP (2019) Panchayats and Tribal Development in Scheduled Areas of Odisha- A Study of Two Districts**, in “Tribal Economy, Culture and Society in India” (Ed) Concept Publishing, New Delhi, ISBN: 13:978-93-86682-94-9.PP:78-102.
6. **Mohapatra, B.P. (2018) Participation of Tribal Women in Decision-Making Processes and Rural Development: A Study of Two Tribal Districts** in “Rural Development in India-Concepts, Philosophy and Approaches(Ed), ISBN: 978-93-82823-95-7, PP: 21-42, Satyam Law International, New Delhi.
7. **Mohapatra.B.P (2014) Democratic Decentralisation and Functioning of Local Governments in Tribal Areas of India-Possibilities and Constraints in era of Globalisation** as edited book chapter in “Comparative Studies and Regionally Focused Cases Examining Local Governments (Sadioglu U & Dede K (eds))” ISBN: 9781522503217, pp-390-404 by IGI Global, USA. (Scopus Indexed) DOI:[10.4018/978-1-5225-0320-0.ch018](https://doi.org/10.4018/978-1-5225-0320-0.ch018)
8. **Mohapatra, B.P (2014) Decentralised Governance in Tribal Areas** as edited book chapter in “Democratic Decentralization in India-Retrospect, Challenges and Ways Ahead” (Nalin Singh Panwar (ed))” ISBN: 978-81-8329-808-7, pp-89-102 by Shree Publishers and Distributors, New Delhi.
9. **Mohapatra B.P. (2013) Forest Policies, Environmental Issues and Politics of Sustainability in India-A Study of Odisha** as edited book Chapter in “Ecotourism Economics and Environment (eds.) ISBN: 978-1-61813-456-1, PP-19-30, Educreation Publishing: New Delhi.

Working Paper

1. Decentralised Forest Governance, Institutions and Livelihoods in Odisha- A study of Evolution of Policy Process and Politics, (Working Paper No.127/RULNR Working Paper.21,July,2013) Research Unit for Livelihoods and Natural Resources (RULNR), Centre for Economic and Social Studies (CESS), Hyderabad. (www.cess.ac.in/rulnr/working_papers)

Research Monographs

- 1.Reddy, M.G, N.Sreedevi and BP Mohapatra(2021), **Exploring Finances of Panchayati Raj Institutions in Telangana State-A Study**, Centre for Economic and Social Studies, Hyderabad .ISBN 978-81-954323-4-9.pp: 1-78. [CESS Monograph 49 Front Gopinath Reddy.pmd](#)

2 Reddy, MG, N.Sreedevi and BP Mohapatra (2020), Finances of Rural Local Bodies in Chhatisgarh State-A Study, Centre for Economic and Social Studies, Hyderabad.ISBN 978-81-939917-0-1. https://cess.ac.in/wp-content/uploads/2020/04/CESS-Mono-48-Final-for-web_Gopinath-et-al-22-4-2020.pdf.pp: 1-78.

3.Bishnu Prasad Mohapatra (2014); Decentralised Forest Governance, Institutions and Livelihoods in Odisha-A Study of Evolution of Policy Process and Politics, Research Unit for Livelihoods and Natural Resources(RULNR), Centre for Economic and Social Studies(CESS),Hyderabad, CESS Monograph-33, June,2014 (www.cess.ac.in/publications/monographs), pp:1-128.

Journal Articles (Scopus Indexed/UGC-CARE/Peer Reviewed Journals with ISBN/ISSN)

1.Bishnu Prasad Mohapatra (2025); “How Inclusive is the Local Government in India? Examining the Inclusive Practices of Panchayats in Odisha” in Commonwealth Journal of Local Governance (*Forthcoming,SCI/Web of Science*).

2.Bishnu Prasad Mohapatra and Brajaraja Mishra (2025); “Empowering Local Governments: Role of Union Finance Commissions”, Economic and Political Weekly(EPW), Vol.60, Issue.8, 22 February 2025, pp:30-38, ISSN: 0012-9976 (*ABDC (B), Scopus Index-C*), <https://doi.org/10.71279/epw.v60i8.38772>

3. Bishnu Prasad Mohapatra (2024); “Do Local Democratic Institutions Promote Citizens’ Participation?- A Case Study of Gram Sabhas in Odisha”, Journal of Rural Development, Vol.43, No.4(October-December), pp:432-444, ISSN:0970-3357, (*Scopus Index, SJR QA*). <https://doi.org/10.25175/jrd/2024/v43/i4/172824>

4.Bishnu Prasad Mohapatra (2024): “After Three Decades of Democratic Decentralisation: Finances of the Urban Local Bodies in Andhra Pradesh”, Preprint. <https://doi.org/10.21203/rs.3.rs-3992848/v1>

5. Bishnu Prasad Mohapatra and Sakshi Nivalkar (2024) Local Democratic Institutions and Participatory Budgeting in Tribal Areas in India: Cases of Two States, SAMRIDHI-Journal of Dr. MCR HRD Institute of Telangana, Hyderabad. Vol.1, No.1, ISSN:2584-1033, pp:1-16. <https://www.mcrhrdi.gov.in/download/Samriddhi.02.Jan.2024.pdf>.

6. Bishnu Prasad Mohapatra (2023) Does Gender Based Representation Matters in Fostering Political Inclusion of Women in Local Governments? A Case of India. *SocioEconomic Challenges*, Vol.7, Issue.3, ISSN 2520-6621, pp: 63-75. [https://doi.org/10.61093/sec.7\(3\).63-75.2023](https://doi.org/10.61093/sec.7(3).63-75.2023) (*ABDC-C*)

7. Reddy MG and Bishnu Prasad Mohapatra (2023); Fiscal Devolution and Finances of the Urban Local Bodies in Telangana-A Review, Economic and Political Weekly (EPW), Vol.58,

No-39,pp: 44-50, [Fiscal Devolution and Finances of the Urban Local Bodies in Telangana : A Review | Economic and Political Weekly \(epw.in\)](#). (*ABDC(B), Scopus Indexed-C*) 0012-9976.

8. Bishnu Prasad Mohapatra and Santosh Kumar (2023), Does Participation Improve Access to Services by Women in the Panchayats in Tribal Belt of Odisha? South Asian Journal of Socio-Political Studies, Vol. XXIII, No.2, January-June. *UGC-CARE Listed Journals*.

9. Bishnu Prasad Mohapatra (2022), State Finance Commission and Devolution to Panchayati Raj Institutions in Odisha-A Critique. Review of Development and Change, Vol. 27, Issue-1, <https://doi.org/10.1177/09722661221087979>. ISSN: 0972-2661.pp:61-82

10. Reddy M.G. and B.P.Mohapatra (2022), Finances of Panchayats and Status of Own Revenues in Telangana-A Critique. Indian Journal of Public Administration, SAGE, Vol.68, No.1, pp. 100-115. <https://doi.org/10.1177/00195561211052112>. 0019-5561.

11. Ramaiah T.G. and B.P.Mohapatra (2020), Decentralised Planning and Role of Panchayats in India: A Study of Andhra Pradesh and Odisha in, Madhya Pradesh Journal of Social Sciences, Vol.25, No.2, ISSN: 0973-855X, pp.93-118. *UGC-CARE Listed Journals*.

12. Bishnu Prasad Mohapatra (2020), Decentralised Planning for Tribal Development and Role of Panchayats- A Study of two Districts of Odisha in Journal of Land and Rural Studies. Vol.8, Issue.2, ISSN: 2321-0249, pp-166-184, SAGE <https://doi.org/10.1177/2321024920914764>.

13. Reddy, M.G, B.P.Mohapatra & J.Naik (2019) Current Implementation and Impact of MGNREGS in Rural Odisha: Does this solve the Problems of Unemployment and Migration in IASSI Quarterly, Contributions to Indian Social Science, Vol.38, No.3, ISSN: 0970-9061, pp-506-526, July-September.*UGC-CARE Listed Journals*

14. Bishnu Prasad Mohapatra & M. Gopinath Reddy (2019) Panchayats and Tribal Development in Odisha- A Study of Two Districts in Man & Development, Vol. XLI, No.1, ISSN: 0258-0438, pp: 27-46, *UGC-CARE Listed Journals*

15. Bishnu Prasad Mohapatra (2018), Panchayat under the PESA Act in Odisha- A Study of Two Gram Panchayats in Journal of Governance and Public Policy, Vol.8, No.2, ISSN: 2231-0924, pp: 46-58.

16. Bishnu Prasad Mohapatra(2018) PESA Act and Its Implications for Development in Tribal Areas of Odisha in Madhya Pradesh Journal of Social Sciences, Vol.23, No.1, ISSN: 0973-855X,pp: 89-110. *UGC-CARE Listed Journals*.

17. Mohapatra Bishnu Prasad (2018), Participation of Tribal Women in Decision Making Processes of Panchayats- A Study of Two Districts in Journal of Social and Economic Studies, Vol. XXVIII, No-1, ISSN: 0377-0508, pp:58-76.

- 18. Reddy M.G & Bishnu Prasad Mohapatra (2017)** Decentralised Governance and Devolution of Funds to the Panchayats in India- A Critical Analysis of Two States, in Studies in Indian Politics, Vol.5, No.1, ISBN-2321-0230, pp: 1-13. SAGE. Scopus Indexed. journals.sagepub.com/doi/abs/10.1177/2321023017698259.
<https://www.scopus.com/sourceid/21100805792>.
- 19. Mohapatra Bishnu Prasad (2016);** Traditional Governance in Practice-Findings from Two Tribal Districts of Odisha, in Journal of Political Studies, Vol.12, March-October, 2016, ISSN: 2278-4093, pp: 38-44, Department of Political Science, University of North Bengal.
- 20. Mohapatra, Bishnu Prasad (2016),** Good Governance, Public Institutions and Grievance Redressal Mechanism in India- Can Citizen Grievance Mechanism be Able to Enhance the Performance of Public Institutions? in Journal of Governance and Public Policy, Vol.6, No.1, ISSN: 2231-0924, pp: 59-68.
- 21. Mishra AK and Mohapatra, BP (2015),** Decentralised Governance and Devolution of Funds to Panchayats in Odisha-A Critical Review in Madhya Pradesh Journal of Social Sciences, Vol. 20, No-1, ISSN: 0973-8555X, pp:70-82.
- 22. Mohapatra Bishnu Prasad (2015),** Decentralised Governance and Planning in India-Case Study of a Tribal District, in Commonwealth Journal of Local Governance, Issue 16/17, June 2015, ISSN: 1836-0934, pp. 83-104 (<http://epress.lib.uts.edu.au/ojs/index.php/cjlg>) University of Technology, Sydney.
- 23. Mohapatra Bishnu Prasad (2015),** Decentralised Forest Governance and Politics of Environment in India-A Study of Odisha, in KILA Journal of Local Governance, Kerala Institute of Local Administration(KILA), Thrissur, Vol.2, No 1, ISSN: 2319-930X, January-June, 2015 pp. 51-56.
- 24. Mohapatra, Bishnu Prasad (2014),** Democratic Decentralisation and Legal Provisions for Scheduled Areas of Odisha-A Review, in Journal of Social and Economic Studies, Vol. XXIV, No-1-2, 2014, ISSN: 0377-0508, pp:86-102.
- 25. Mohapatra, Bishnu Prasad (2014),** Local Governments and Decentralised Planning in Scheduled Areas of Odisha-Case study of a Tribal District, in Journal of Public Affairs and Governance, Vol.2, No 1, ISSN 2231-2128(print), ISSN: 2321-2136(online) March, 2014, pp 47-70.
- 26. Mohapatra Bishnu Prasad (2014),** Decentralised Forest Governance, Institutions and Livelihood Policies in Odisha-Does Politics Matter? In Journal of Governance and Public Policy, Vol.4, No 1, ISSN 2231-0924, PP:28-39.

27. Bishnu Prasad Mohapatra (2013), Decentralised Governance and Fiscal Devolution in India, Review of Development and Change, Vol. 18, No. 2, ISSN: 0972-2661, pp:191-208. *SAGE, UGC-CARE LIST of Journals*. <https://doi.org/10.1177%2F0972266120130207>

28. Bishnu Prasad Mohapatra (2012), Local Self-Governing Institutions and Issues of Fiscal Decentralisation in India, Is there a need for policy reform? in Madhya Pradesh Journal of Social Sciences, Vol.17, No-2, ISSN: 0973-855X, pp-47-61.

Conference Proceedings

1. Reddy M.G and Mohapatra, B.P. (2020), *Finances of Rural Local Bodies (Panchayats) in Telangana State-A Study* in Book of the Conference Papers, Telangana Economic Association, Fourth Annual Conference, 15-16 February, 2020, ISBN: 978-81-940369-1-3.
2. *Working of Panchayats in PESA Areas of Odisha-A Study of Two Districts* in Resource, Governance and Institutions: The interface of PESA & FRA in contemporary Tribal India, SR Sankaran Chair, NIRD and PR, Hyderabad. 18th-19th November, 2016.
3. Management of Common Property Resources for Ensuring Sustainable Livelihoods in Odisha-A Case Study, *Conference Proceeding of Institute of Rural Management (IRMA), Anand, India, October, 2010 & December, 2010*
4. Decentralised Forest Governance, Institutions and Livelihood Policies in Odisha: A Study in *Conference proceeding of IIPS, Mumbai and IIFM, Bhopal*.

PhD Thesis Publication

1. <https://www.icas.asia/ibp-2021-thesis/decentralised-governance-and-tribal-development-scheduled-areas-odisha-study>

Case Studies

1. Commendable Practices by MLAs on Constituency Development: Ideas Worth Replicating, School of Government, MIT-WPU, Pune, June 2023.

Selected Research Reports

1. **Rural Local Bodies Finances, Service Delivery and Strategies for Strengthening PRIs in Chhattisgarh State**. Report Submitted to the *Chhattisgarh State Finance Commission*, Raipur on December, 2017.
2. **One Decade of Implementation of MGNREGS in India-A Study of Odisha**. Report submitted to National Institute of Rural Development and Panchayati Raj (NIRD&PR), Hyderabad on October, 2018.

3. **Exploring Financial Position of the Rural Local Bodies (PRIs) in Telangana State.** Report Submitted to the *Telangana State Finance Commission, Hyderabad on September, 2019.*
4. **Exploring Social and Political Exclusion and Inclusion of Marginalised Communities in Grassroots Political Institutions in India: A Study of Three States,** Report Submitted to the ICSSR, New Delhi.
5. **Fiscal Decentralisation and Inter-se Transfers in Chhattisgarh State-A Study,** Report submitted to Centre for Budget and Governance Accountability(CBGA), New Delhi.

Selected Research Presentations in Conferences and Seminars

International Conference/Seminars

1. **Does Gender based Representation Affects Political Participation of Women in Local Governments? A Case of Rural Local Governments in Odisha, India,** at International Conference on Gender Perspectives and Representations: Breaking Barriers and Building Bridges, VIT-AP, 20-22 June, 2023.
2. **Participatory Governance and Grassroots Political Institutions in India-A Study of Village Assemblies (Gram Sabhas) in India,** at Annual Conference of the Political Studies Association, London, UK. 2020.
3. International Conference on Sustainable Development and Growth organized by Centre for Economic and Social Studies(CESS), Hyderabad from 8th-10th October, 2018 *as participant and organizing committee member.*
4. *Decentralised Governance and Devolution of Funds to the Panchayats in India-A Critical Analysis of Two States* in **Second International Conference on Gandhi, Gram Swaraj and Democratic Decentralisation at Kerala Institute of Local Administration (KILA).Thrissur India** from 27th -29th November, 2014.
5. Silver Jubilee Conference on Human Development, Indira Gandhi Institute of Development Research (IGIDR), Mumbai, 26th-28th September, 2013.
6. *Local Self-Governing Institutions and Decentralised Planning in Scheduled Areas of Odisha-Case Study of a Tribal District* in International Conference on **Democratic Decentralisation and People's Participation at Kerala Institute of Local Administration (KILA). Thrissur India** from 20th -23rd December,2012.
7. *Management of Common Land Property Resources for Ensuring Sustainable Livelihoods-A case study of Odisha* in 13th Biennial Conference of **International Association of Study of Commons (IASC) in Hyderabad, 2011.**

National Seminars

1. *Does One Size Fit All; A Review of Policy Process and Implementation of Social Policies for Elderly Persons in India* in National Conference on Preserving the Dignity of Elderly organised by School of Economics and Commerce, MIT-World Peace University, Pune on 13th-14th February, 2025.
2. *Local Governance and Climate Change Action Plan in India-A Case of Pune City* in 23rd IASSI Conference, organized by Indian Association of Social Science Institution(IASSI) on 25th-27th October, 2024.
3. *How Inclusive is the Local Governments in India? Examining the Inclusive Practices of Panchayats in Odisha*, at National Conference on “**Local Governance in India @ 75: Issues, Challenges and Contemporary Development**”, organized by Centre for the Study of Law and Governance, JNU, New Delhi and Rajiv Gandhi National Institute of Youth Development, Tamil Nadu on 25th-26th March, 2023.
4. *Impact of Covid-19 Pandemic on Livelihoods of Migrant Workers in Meghalaya- An Empirical Analysis*, at National Conference on “SEC Golden Jubilee National Conference on Transformations Due to Covid-19 Pandemic-Exploring the Possibilities of a Better Tomorrow” organized by Institute of Social and Economic Change(ISEC), Bengaluru on 26th-27th July, 2022.
5. *Finances of Rural Local Bodies (Panchayats)in Telangana State* in 4th Annual Conference of **Telangana Economic Association** at Department of Economics, Kakatiya University, Warangal, Telangana on 15th-16th February, 2020.
6. *Panchayats and Implementation of Social Security Schemes in Two Tribal Districts of Odisha* in National Seminar on “**Policies and Programmes of Social Security in India: Challenges, Opportunities and Possibilities**” at MP Institute of Social Science Research (MPISSR), Ujjain on 5th -6th February, 2020.
7. *Panchayats in Scheduled Areas and Planning for Socio-Economic Development-A Study of Odisha in National Seminar on “Decentralised Governance and Planning and its impact on Economic Development and Social Justice” at Centre for Multi-Disciplinary Development Research(CMDR), Dharward, Karnataka* 28th-29th March, 2019.
8. *Current Implementation and Impacts of MGNREGS in Rural Odisha: Does this Solve the Problem of Unemployment and Migration* “**19th IASSI Annual Conference**” 11-13 January, 2019, NIRD & PR, Hyderabad.
9. *Issues in Rural Fiscal Decentralisation in Chhattisgarh State- A Study in National Seminar on “Twenty Five Years of Decentralised Governance in India-Status, Issues and the Way Forward”* organized by Institute of Social and Economic Change(ISEC), Bengaluru on 28th-30th August, 2018.

10. *Participation of Tribal Women in Decision Making Processes of Panchayats: A Study of Two Tribal Districts* in National Seminar on “**Rural Women Empowerment and Inclusive Development in Indian Scenario-Challenges and Possibilities**” organised by **MP Institute of Social Science Research(MPISSR), Ujjain** on 6th and 7th February,2018.
11. *Working of Panchayats in PESA Areas of Odisha- A Study of Two Districts* in National Seminar on “**Governance, Resources and Livelihoods of Adivasis in India: Implementation of PESA and FRA, Organised by S.R Sankaran Chair (Rural Labour) , National Institute of Rural Development and Panchayati Raj (NIRD & PR), Hyderabad** on 18th and 19th November, 2016.
12. Participated in 98th Annual Conference of the Indian Economic Association held from 27th-29th December, 2015 at Hyderabad, India.
13. *PESA Act and Functioning of Panchayats in Tribal Areas of Odisha- A Study of Two Gram Panchayats* in **National Seminar on Tribal Governance and Tribal Development, Organised by National University of Study and Research in Law(NUSRL) Ranchi** on 4th-5th September, 2015.
14. *Decentralised Governance in Tribal Areas of Odisha-A Critical Analysis* in **National Seminar on Democratic Decentralisation in India-Retrospect, Challenges and Ways Ahead, organized by School of Studies in Political Science and Public Administration, Vikram University, Ujjain** from 26th-27th September, 2014, at Vikram University.
15. *Decentralised Forest Governance, Institutions and Livelihood Policies in Odisha-A Study in National Seminar on Population, Health and Environment jointly organised by IIPS, Mumbai and IIFM Bhopal* from 21st-23rd March, 2013 at IIFM Bhopal.
16. *Decentralized Planning and Development, Challenges Faced by PRIs (Local Self-Governments) in Orissa- A reflection* in National Seminar on Democratic Governance and Human Development-Stock Taking and Future Strategies organized by **Madhya Pradesh Institute of Social Science Research (MPISSR), Ujjain** in January, 2010.
17. *Local Self-Governance in Tribal Areas of Odisha* in International Conference on Citizenship and Governance-Challenges for Social Inclusion organized by **North Bengal University, Siliguri West Bengal** in February,2008.

Awards/Recognitions/Fellowships

1. **ICSSR Institutional Doctoral Fellowship** for the years from 2012-13(16th May, 2013) to 2015-16 (15th May, 2016) (3 years) at Centre for Economic and Social Studies (CESS), Hyderabad, India for carrying out Ph.D Research Work.

2. **Visiting Fellowship** at Research Unit for Livelihood and Natural Resources (RULNR) in Centre for Economic and Social Studies (CESS), Hyderabad for conducting a research study entitled “Decentralised Forest Governance, Institutions and Livelihoods in Odisha- A Study of Evolution of Policy Process and Politics.

Financial Grants/Publications Grants

1. Examining the Effectiveness of Representative Democracy in Making Liberal Arts and Science Education Policies Effective-A Case of India, Central European University and Parimi University, Myanmar.

Faculty Development Programmes (FDPs) Attended:

- ◆ Understanding Human Agency: A Confluence of Humanities, Social and Behavioural Sciences, Department of Liberal Arts, MIT-WPU, Pune, 11th-15th November, 2024
- ◆ Training of Trainers (TOT) on Social Mobilization for self-employment under SGSY, NIRD, Hyderabad (2005).
- ◆ Participatory Training Organized by PRIA, New Delhi in Collaboration with DFID, Konark, Orissa (2007).
- ◆ Using Internet for Applied Development Research version 6.0, Centre For Development Studies (CDS), Trivandrum, Kerala.(2009)
- ◆ Training on Research Methodology organized by Centre for Economic & Social Studies(CESS), Hyderabad, India(2011)

Membership/Participation in International Bodies

1. **Mentor**, Midwest Political Science Association(MPSA), USA
2. **Editorial Advisory Board Member** (Early Career Researcher Group), Policy & Politics, a Journal of the Bristol University Press(BUP), [Policy & Politics | Bristol University Press \(bristoluniversitypressdigital.com\)](http://Policy & Politics | Bristol University Press (bristoluniversitypressdigital.com))
3. **Member of Grants Review Committee**, Asian Association for Social Science Research Councils (AASSREC).
4. **Co-Chair, Executive Committee**, Global South Policy Process Research Network(GSPPRN), IPPA - Global South Policy Process Research Network
5. **Associate Editor, Indian Journal of Management and Language (IJML)**, Lattice Science Publications, www.latticescipub.com. <https://www.ijml.latticescipub.com/editorial-board/>
6. Member-India Chapter, Global Alliance for Ministries and Infrastructure for Peace (GAMIP), United Kingdom, London.
7. Member, American Educational Research Association, USA.

8. Standing Group Members of various Standing Groups in European Consortium for Political Research (ECPR).

9. Member, International Association for the Study of Commons (IASC).

10. Country Expert for India, State of Democracy Report, 2020, 2021, 2022, 2023 and 2024, V-Dem Institute, University of Gothenburg, Sweden.

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