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Academic Positions

Chairman, ICSSR since April 2011

Chairman, UGC from February 2006 to February 2011.

Faculty Member, Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi.

Visiting Faculty at Department of Economics, Iowa State University, USA during 1989-1991.

Director, Indian Institute of Dalit Studies, New Delhi from January 2003 to February 2006.

Lecturer, Vasantrya Naik College, Aurangabad during 1973-80.

Research Associate of International Food Policy Research Institute, Washington DC, U.S.A. since 1992.

Areas of Research: Agricultural Development, Rural Poverty, Institution and Economic Growth, Problems of Marginalized Groups, Economics of Caste System, Caste Discrimination and Poverty, Human Development, Human Rights Issue, Thoughts of Ambedkar, Slums, Education etc.

Publications

Books published and under publication-21, Papers published and presented-81

Research Projects completed and ongoing – 28

Countries visited for participation in Conferences, Lectures and Research Collaboration

USA, Poland, Sweden, Denmark, Germany, Netherlands, UK, Italy, China, Iran, Nepal, Finland, South Africa, Japan, Ethiopia, Thailand, Philippines, Sri Lanka, France, Northern Ireland, Canada and Czech.

Honor and Awards received

Padamshree award from the Government of India in 2008.

Vidyalankara (Lifetime Achievement Award) by Purbanchal Academy of Oriental Studies in association with Ministry of HRD, Govt. of India in 2008

P.K. Patil Purushottam Award in 2007

Awarded Bharat Shiromani Award 2006 by Shiromani Institute.

Ambedkar Chetna Award in 2001.