

RÉSUMÉ

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EDUCATIONAL QUALIFICATION

2024 Awarded Doctor of Philosophy in Women's Studies for thesis title "Education, Gender and Public Policy in India".

2016 National Eligibility Test for Assistant Professor in Women's studies –University Grants Commission

2006 **Master of Population Studies**, International Institute for Population Sciences, Department of Extra Mural Studies & Distance Education, Mumbai, India
Term paper: Childlessness among women in a community study,
Stree Arogya Shodh in Goa. Guide: Dr. Sayeed Unisa, IIPS, Mumbai.
Grade: - B+

1998 **Master of Arts (MA) in Economics**, Goa University, Goa, India.
Grade: - B+

1996 **Bachelor of Arts (BA) in Psychology and Economics**,
St. Xavier's College, Mapusa, Goa, India.
Percentage of Marks:- 57.5%

Brief Summary: Worked in the capacity of researcher in various organizations with special focus on Reproductive Health, Gender and Environment for almost 15 years.

Fellow - Women Aloud Video Blogging and Empowerment (WAVE) in India. As a part of this project she produced an Educational film on Menstruation (screened at 3rd Women Deliver Conference in Malaysia in 2013) and Cultural Perspectives on Menstruation (screened at 7th APCRSH Conference in Manila, Philippines in 2014).

An Ecofemme Brand Ambassador in Goa -promoting eco-friendly sanitary napkins and conduct educational sessions on Awareness and Knowledge about Menstruation for adolescent girls in schools and for women in the villages.

Project partner of SANGAMITRA Project which was conducted by Centre for Women's Studies at Goa University.

Awarded with the Zilla Mahila Samman 2014 for North Goa District, Goa on 8th March 2015 on International Women's Day, by Ministry of Women and Child Development, Govt. of India.

Award of Excellence in the field of teaching and social contribution given by JCI Porvorim on the eve of International Women's Day 5th March 2017.

Voice of Teachers Award 2023 (2022-2023) presented by Goa University Teachers Association, Goa University on the occasion of 33rd Foundation Day on 16 January 2024

RESEARCH & TEACHING EXPERIENCE

From May 2020 to date **Assistant Professor Women's Studies, Women's Studies Programme, D.D. Kosambi School of Social Sciences and Behavioural Studies, Goa University**

From July 2017 till April 2020 **Asst. Professor, Women's Studies, Goa University. Delivering Lecture for M.A. Women's Studies Programme (Contract)**

From June 2016 till April 2017 **Asst. Professor in Economics on Lecture Basis at Vidya Probhodini College of Commerce, Education, Computer and Management, Porvorim, Goa.**

- *Delivering Lectures for S. Y. B.Com students – Indian Financial and Fiscal system and Economics of Resources.*

From August 2015 till April 2016 **Asst. Professor in Economics on Lecture Basis at Vidya Probhodini College of Commerce, Education, Computer and Management, Porvorim, Goa.**

- *Delivering Lectures for S. Y. B.Com students – Indian Financial and Fiscal system and Economics of Resources.*

From November 2014 till 31st January 2016 **Research Assistant, Department of Economics, Goa University on the Project, "Coastal and Marine Ecosystem in India: Economic Valuation of Goods and Services and Vulnerability Assessment". Funded by National Centre for Sustainable Coastal Management, Ministry of Environment and Forests, Government of India.**

- *To carry out research at Turtle nesting sites in Goa and Maharashtra.*
- *To develop the field questionnaire and train the field researchers.*
- *To monitor and supervise the data collection and data entry.*
- *To analyze the data and write the report.*

From August 2012 to April 2014

Asst. Professor in Economics on Lecture Basis at Mandre College of Commerce, Economics & Management, Mandrem, Goa .

- **Delivering Lectures for F.Y and S. Y. B.Com students - Managerial / Business Economics, Business Environment and Environmental Studies**
- **In charge of Student Council**
- NSS Programme Coordinator
- Convener of the Examination of the College.

From September 2011 to July 2012

Field Investigator at National Sample Survey Office , Panaji, Goa

- Data collection of Socio- Economic Survey 68th Round on Household Consumer Expenditure – identifying the given sample area and carrying out listing of households, conducting interviews of selected households and data entry of questionnaires .
- Data Collection of 69th Round
- Urban Frame Survey – identifying the block , village , area and mapping of area by listing the structures in the area.

From October 2005 to September 2011

Project Coordinator Project name “MANAshanti Sudhar Shodh (MANAS),

A project on managing stress related health problems in primary care conducted by SANGATH (NGO) , in Goa.

Funding body: WELLCOME TRUST, UK through London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine, UK .

- ◆ To be responsible for overall managerial aspects of the project including logistical requirements of various team members / clinics: Setting up clinic space, providing stock of materials to teams, managing leaves, etc.
- ◆ Co-ordinate all activities around networking with external and intramural personnel, as required by the project.
- ◆ Have responsibility for coordinating office requirements of the projects including correspondence with concerned stakeholders and collaborators.
- ◆ Be responsible for all human resource needs of the project in consultation with intervention team leader.
- ◆ Organizing and conducting training for various personnel as per requirement.
- ◆ Liaise with Voluntary Health Association of Goa (VHAG) for ensuring timely completion of research priorities.
- ◆ Organizing meetings for Primary Health Care (PHC) staff and officials etc.
- ◆ Contribute to regular appraisal process for team members.
- ◆ Provide regular update on activities to Principal Investigator and Managing Committee members.
- ◆ To chair the Project Management Committee (PMC) and call for

extraordinary PMC meetings if required.

- ◆ To take managerial responsibility for the organization of collaborator meetings, including meetings of the Trial Steering Committee (TSC) and Data Monitoring and Ethical Committee (DMEC), logistic arrangements, etc.
- ◆ Be responsible for overall financial accounting of the project, including quarterly, annual and total project period planning.
- ◆ Getting Institutional Review Board (IRB) approval and submitting report annually.
- ◆ To report directly to the Principal Investigator

From May 2003 to September 2005 **Project Coordinator** Project name “Stree Arogya Shodh (SAS), A Women’s Health Program conducted by SANGATH, Goa
Funding body: WELLCOME TRUST, UK through London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine, UK

- Networking and scheduling awareness meetings in the study area.
- Drawing up monthly schedule for timely data collection
- To draw monthly rotas /time-table for different teams – field team, laboratory team and Gynecological team
- To ensure acceptable achievement of targets set for the research team.
- Provide and organize for smooth functioning of the research team
- Take charge of the weekly project meetings and report on the progress made by the project
- Organize and conduct bi-monthly meetings.
- Handling emergency situations like equipment breakdown, accident etc.
- Other project related activities like checking of files for quality etc
- Handling of data collected and supervising data entry etc.
- Handling of server and computers at field centre.
- Provide regular update to Coordinators Group & Managing Committee.
- Maintenance of staff records, conduct timely appraisals, drawing up of Terms of Reference & issuing of contracts.
- Take charge of the general maintenance of the study clinic, keeping of records, equipment maintenance etc.
- To implement and monitor the project as per guidelines.
- Take charge of the weekly project meetings and report on the progress made by the project
- To ensure acceptable achievement of targets set for the research team.
- Providing regular update of the project activities to the Principal investigator.

- Monitoring and supervision of data management and analysis
- Planning of dissemination activities in the community
- Development of IEC material based on study finding in local languages (Posters, brochures, skit)
- Carrying out dissemination plan effectively –sending invites, etc.
- Networking and scheduling dissemination meetings.
- Organizing and conducting community meetings to disseminate study findings in the research areas using audio- visual aids.
- Supervision and monitoring for smooth functioning of the team
- Preparing final study report for the scientific community.

From 18th April 2001 to April 2003 **Research Assistant**, Project name “Stree Arogya Shodh (SAS)”, A Women’s Health Program conducted by SANGATH, Goa
Funding body: WELLCOME TRUST, UK through London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine, UK

- Carrying out enumeration for the health centre ,
- Development of questionnaire, Piloting of questionnaire and preparing final questionnaire
- Preparing IEC material like brochure for women and flip chart
- Networking with key informants such as health workers, anganwadi workers, and other local leaders,
- Conducting awareness meetings of the project in the community
- Locating houses of selected women and contacting families of subjects to obtain informed consent,
- Carrying out interviews in subjects home or in the clinic or in other settings,
- Collecting biological specimens for testing for reproductive tract infections and anemia.
- Setting up field clinics and assist in day to day functioning of the clinics.
- Development of code list and coding of qualitative interviews.
- Carry out follow up interviews and collecting of specimens for review interviews.
- Assist coordinator in drawing up schedule and take charge of the centre in the absence of coordinator.

From 15th March 2001 to 15th April 2001 **Research Assistant**, Project name “Monitoring and evaluation survey on Pulse Polio Immunization” conducted by UNICEF

- Organizing and Conducting focus group discussions (FGD’s) with mothers having children below 5 yrs. of age,
- In-depth interviews with professionals involved in Pulse Polio activities.
- Transcribing of data collected and analyzing the same as per the given guidelines.

October **Research Assistant**, Project name, “Measuring, Monitoring and Managing

2000 Sustainability: The Coastal Dimension”: Conducted by Tata Energy Research Institute (TERI), Goa.

- Locating the respondents in the given study area and
- Collecting data by administering the questionnaire.

From May 2000 to September 2000 **Research Assistant**, Project name “Rapid Assessment Survey on Drug Dependence in Goa” conducted by All India Institute of Medical Sciences, Dept. of Psychiatry, New Delhi, through Directorate of Health Services, Goa.

- Visiting the selected village and locating the area.
- Carrying out interviews as per the given guidelines and submitting the same to concerned authorities.

From March 2000 to April 2000 **Research Assistant**, Project name “The Multiple Indicator Cluster Survey II” conducted by Indian Market Research Bureau (IMRB), Mumbai.

- Visiting the given area, checking the boundaries.
- Enumeration of the selected cluster by house listing,
- Collecting household information,
- Information on children under 5 yrs. of age like immunization, breast feeding practices, information on children of 5 to 14 yrs. of age like education & labour
- Information on women between 15 to 49 yrs of age on her reproductive health and awareness about HIV
- Checking for Iodized Salt use, etc.

September 1999 **Research Assistant**, Project name, “A Post election survey in Goa” conducted by National Development Council through Dept. of Political Science, Goa University.

- Locating selected respondents from different villages, and
- Conducting interviews.

INVITED CONFERENCE/SEMINAR PRESENTATIONS

- Resource person for conducting a session during, Purple Campaign for Gender Equality on 12 February 2025 organized by Department of Sociology and History at DPM’s Shree Mallikarjun College of Arts and Commerce, Canacona, Goa in collaboration with Women’s Studies Programme, Goa University.
- Resource person for conducting a session during, Purple Campaign for Gender Equality on 5 February 2025 at National Level Workshop on ‘Youth Exploring Gender Equality’ organized by Department of Political Science at Fr. Agnel College of Arts and Commerce, Pilar, Goa
- Resource person for conducting a session during, Purple Campaign for Gender

Equality on 30 January 2025 organized by Internal committee against Sexual Harassment at Workplace at SPES'S Goa Multi-Faculty College of Dharbandora, Goa in collaboration with Women's Studies Programme, Goa University.

- Resource person for conducting a session during, Purple Campaign for Gender Equality on 30 January 2025 organized by Internal committee against Sexual Harassment at Workplace at SPES'S Goa Multi-Faculty College of Dharbandora, Goa in collaboration with Women's Studies Programme, Goa University.
- Resource person for conducting a session during, Purple Campaign for Gender Equality on 22 January 2025 organized by Gender Sensitization and Gender Equity Cell and Counselling Cell at Sant Sohrobanath Ambiyee, Government College of Arts and Commerce, Pernem, Goa in collaboration with Women's Studies Programme, Goa University.
- Resource person for conducting a session during, Purple Campaign for Gender Equality on 13 January 2025 organized by Gender Champion cell at MES College Zauarinagar MES College in collaboration with Women's Studies Programme, Goa University.
- Presented (Poster presentation), co-authored by Desouza S. and Mukhopadhyay P. titled, Monitoring WASH and School Dropouts in India: Is there adequate data ? An Assessment of four national databases, at 6th Asian Population Association Conference Organized by APA and Tribhuvan University at Kathmandu, Nepal from 27 November 2024 to 30 November 2024.
- Presented paper titled, Impact of the Right to Education Act 2009 on School Infrastructure Facilities in India at the 14th Annual International CESI Conference Organized by Comparative Education Society of India and Panjab University, Chandigarh from 22 November 2024 to 24 November 2024
- Presented paper in the panel discussion on 'Oral Traditions, Gender and Folklore of Goa in India' titled *Dhalo* and *Fugdi* in Goa at 12th Symposium of International Council for Traditions of Music and Dance Study Group, on the theme Music, Gender and Sexuality from 27 August 2024 to 1st September 2024 at Sunway University , Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia
- Delivered a lecture on 'Ecological festivals of Goa' at Goa College of Home Science on 17 August 2024.
- Delivered lecture on 'Cycles of Change: Redefining Menstrual Health to create a Period Friendly World'. **Resource person- Webinar on the eve of World Menstrual Hygiene day.** Auxilium Nisarg Mitra of Auxilium Skills Academy, Mumbai. 28 May 2024.
- Conducted workshop on 'Gender and Social Equity on WASH'. *National Conference on WASH.* Auxilium Nisarg Mitra of Auxilium Skills Academy, Mumbai. 20-22 Mar 2024.

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- Presented paper titled, 'Awareness about Sustainable Menstrual Products and its Environmental Impact among Young Girls in Goa', at *XVII National Conference*. Indian Association for Women's Studies in collaboration with Government College for Women, Thiruvananthapuram, Kerala. 7-10 Sep 2023.
 - Conducted a session on 'Sustainable Women Empowerment' *Women's Rights and Empowerment: Nirbhar Bharat-Sashakt Nari*. Goa State Commission for Women in association with National Commission for Women. 30 Jun 2023.
 - Presented paper titled, 'Envisioning Sustainability through the Voices of Indigenous Communities in India' at the *6th International EcoSummit - Building a Sustainable and Desirable Future: Adapting to a changing Land and Sea-Scape*. Elsevier, Australia from 13-17 Jun 2023.
 - Presented paper titled, 'Environmental Protection Movements, Resistance and the Rights of Indigenous Communities in India' at *XLVI Indian Social Science Congress, Under Thematic panel on Ecological and Environmental Protection Movements*. Indian Social Science Academy, Allahabad & Bharathidasan University, Tiruchirappalli. 27-31 Jan 2023(Virtual).
 - Presented paper titled, 'Menstrual Health Management Needs of Adolescent Girls in Schools in India' at *XLVI Indian Social Science Congress, Gender Symposium*. Indian Social Science Academy, Allahabad & Bharathidasan University, Tiruchirappalli from 27-31 Jan 2023(Virtual).
 - Presented paper titled, 'Enabling factors for Sustainable Menstrual Hygiene Management Practices: A Rapid Review' under the theme *Role of Education in the Implementation of the UN Sustainable Development Goals at Future Earth Systems of Sustainable Consumption and Production Knowledge-Action Network Online Conference 2022 (SSCP-KAN Conference 2022)*. Global Sustainable Futures Progress through Partnerships Network (GSFN) in collaboration with Future Earth Global Secretariat Hub Japan (Research Institute for Humanity and Nature) and Future Earth Global Secretariat Hub Taipei (Academia Sinica). 7-18 Nov 2022(Virtual).
 - Presented paper titled, 'Envisioning Sustainability through the Voices of Indigenous Communities in India' at the *International Conference on Sustainable Goals 2022*. Indian Institute of Management, Bodh Gaya in collaboration with the Cambridge Centre for Environment, Energy and Natural Resource Governance, University of Cambridge. 16-17 Sep 2022(Virtual).
 - Conducted a session on the topic 'Introduction to Gender, Sensitization and Equity'. *30-hour certificate course on 'Gender Awareness, Sensitivity and Equity'*. Department of English, Dnyanprassarak Mandal's College and Research Centre, Assagao, Bardez, Goa. 2 May 2022.
 - Presented paper titled, 'Gender, Sanitation and Public Policy' at the *State Level Seminar on the theme 'Development Challenges in Contemporary India'*. Economics

- Delivered a lecture on ‘Sustainable Menstrual Products and Health and Hygiene for Women. **Awareness session.** *Eve of International women's day celebration.* Chalice Goa in collaboration with the Sanitation and Hygiene Sub-committee of Social Entrepreneurship Swachhata and Rural Engagement Cell (SES-REC) of Goa University at Holy Cross High School, Siolim, Goa. 13 Mar 2022.
- Delivered lecture and conducted workshop on "Behaviour Change and Sustainable Environment" for Third Year B.Sc. students of Behaviour Change Communication course. . Goa College of Home Science, Government of Goa, Campal, Panaji, Goa. 21 Dec 2021.
- Presented paper titled, ‘Does school infrastructure facilities matter in girls education?’ at *two Day International Virtual Conference on Gender Gap and Sustainable Development Goals: Opportunities and Strategies.* Department and Centre for Women's Studies and Department of Sociology, Mother Teresa Women’s University, Kodaikanal, Tamil Nadu. 29-30 Oct 2021.
- Delivered a lecture on, ‘Women's role in protecting environment’ during the *Short Term Course on Women Empowerment.* UGC-HRDC, Goa University. 9 Oct 2021.
- Delivered a lecture on, ‘Health as a means of Empowerment’ during the *Short Term Course on Women Empowerment.* UGC-HRDC, Goa University. 6 Oct 2021.
- Presented paper titled, ‘Gender, Sanitation and Public Policy in India’ at the *5th Asian Population Conference 2021, Jakarta, Indonesia.* Asian Population Association, BKKBN, and CPPS-UGM. 3-5 Aug 2021(Virtual).
- Delivered a lecture on , ‘Menstruation and myths’ at the Ganpat Parsekar College of Education, Harmal, Pernem, Goa. 22 Feb 2020.
- Presented paper titled, ‘Right to education act and universal access to education in India’ at the *16. Nat. Conf. on Women's Studies on Constitutional Principles in 21st Century Indian: Vision for Emancipation.* . 28-31 Jan 2020.
- Conducted a session on ‘Understanding Gender Equality, Challenging Stereotypes and Discrimination’ at the Navodaya Leadership Institute, Canacona, Goa. 18 Dec 2019.
- Presented a paper titled, ‘Right to education act and universal access to education in India’ at the seminar organized on the occasion of *Statistics Day.* NSSO, Panaji, Goa. 29 Jun 2019.
- *Training Programme on Gender, Work and Development (Resource person).* Dept. of Women’s Studies and V.V. Giri National Labour Institute, Goa. 6-10 May 2019.
- *Menstrual Exclusion Culture and Menstrual Hygiene Management. Short-term course on Gender Sensitization.* HRDC, Goa University. 20 Mar 2019.

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- Right to Education Act and universal access to education in India. 2. *Int. Conf. on Growth, Development and Sustainability*. FLAME University, Pune. 1-2 Mar 2019.
 - Gender and Violence. Dyanprassarak Mandal's College of Commerce, Assagao. 24 Feb 2019.
 - Conducted training session on Menstrual Hygiene Management for School Teachers, Directorate of Education and Rotary Club, Panaji from 17-19 Jan 2019.
 - Presented paper title, School Infrastructure and Health Rights: A Gender Perspective at a National Seminar title Gender and SRH Rights organized by Department of Women's Studies, Calicut University, Kerala from 5th to 7th December 2018.
 - Presented paper title, Gender Empowerment and Right to Education Act in Goa, India at National Conference on Women Empowerment and Rural Development organized by Institute of Development Studies, University of Mysore, Karnataka on 15th and 16th March 2018.
 - Presented paper title, Eco-tourism under Different Institutional Framework – Comparison of Turtle Nesting Sites in Goa and Maharashtra at 9th Biennial International Conference of Indian Society for Ecological Economics on Sustainability, Institutions, Incentives: Voices, Policies and Commitments at Kerala Institute of Local Administration, Kerala, from 8th to 10th November 2017.
 - Presented paper title, Eco-Tourism for Sustaining Tourist Destinations: Case Study from Goa and Velas Maharashtra, India at International Tourism Conference on Sustaining Tourist Destinations: Implications for Developing Countries from 3rd to 5th November 2017.
 - Presented paper title, Human Capital and Gender Empowerment: Education Policy and Inclusiveness at International Conference on “Transforming India 2030: Strategies for Sustainable Development Goals” at Symbiosis International University, Pune from 15th to 17th February 2017.
 - Presented paper “Turtle Conservation sustainable livelihood for coastal villages: study findings from Goa and Velas, Maharashtra” at National Conference on “Gender, Environment and Sustainable Development” at Shree Mallikarjun College Canacona on 23rd and 24th September 2016
 - Presented paper on “Menstrual Health Management Practices: Dilemmas for Women's Empowerment and Environment” at National Conference on “Gender, Environment and Sustainable Development” at Shree Mallikarjun College Canacona on 23rd and 24th September 2016 (Co-author)
 - Presented a paper on Community Initiatives Towards Green Goa at State Level Seminar on “Towards A Green Goa: Economic Growth and Environmental Concerns”, on 11th March 2016 at Saraswat college , Mapusa, Goa

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- Invited to present paper on, “Role of Community Media in Monitoring Maternal Health in India” at 8th ASIA PACIFIC Conference on Reproductive and Sexual Health and Rights from February 23rd to 26th, 2016 at the Myanmar Convention Centre, Nay Pyi Taw, Myanmar.
 - Invited to present paper on, “Role of Community Media in Monitoring Maternal Health in India” at 1st Global Maternal Newborn Health Conference from 18th to 21st October 2015 at Mexico City, Mexico.
 - Invited to do product presentation on eco-friendly sanitary napkins by WASH – UNITED at National Stakeholder workshop on Menstrual Hygiene Management organized by Ministry of Drinking Water and Sanitation in New Delhi 11th June 2015.
 - Invited to conduct workshop on Mobile Video Technologies, Documentary Advocacy and Emerging Challenges: Vernacular Practices in India – as a community Correspondent for Video Volunteers, **21st Visible Evidence Conference 2014** at India International Centre, New Delhi from 11th Dec- to 14th Dec’14 .
 - **Pednekar,S.,** Pereira B., Gupte S., Patel v., Infertility observed in a community Study “STREE AROGYA SHODH” a women’s health program in Goa, India .
- 2014 - **7th Asia Pacific Conference on Reproductive and Sexual Health and Rights** at Manila, Philippines.
- 2013- E-poster World Health Summit Regional Meeting –Asia in Singapore.
- 2012 -**18th International Congress of Rural Health and Medicine**, Kala Academy, Panaji, Goa, India.
- 2010 -**1st Global Maternal Health Conference**, New Delhi, India
- **Pednekar,S.,**Rodrigues M.,Pereira B., Fernandes J., Upadhye M., Mhambrey C.,Patel v. On being a research participant: experiences of a community cohort study of women’s health in Goa, India- presented at **4th Asia Pacific Conference on Reproductive and Sexual Health and Rights** , 29th to 31st October 2007 , Hyderabad, India.
 - Patel, V., **Pednekar, S.,** Weiss, H., Rodrigues, M., Barros, P., Nayak, B., Tanksale, V., West, B., Nevrekar,P., Kirkwood, B., Mabey, D. (2005) Why Do Women Complain Of Vaginal Discharge? A Population Survey Of Infectious And Psychosocial Risk Factors In A South Asian Community- presented at **10th International Women and Health Meeting 2005**, New Delhi.

TRAININGS /WORKSHOPS/ SEMINARS ATTENDED

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- 2021 Attended and participated in the online Short course on Gender, Justice and Health from 29 October to 20 November 2021 organized by International Peoples Health University in association with Women's Global Network for Reproductive Rights , SAMA and Peoples Health Movement
- 2018 EGO128 Imagining women : Representation in Literature and Cinema , VRPP course by Professor Vrinda Nabar, Kavivarya Bakibab Borkar Chair in Comparative Literature from 24th September 2018 to 6th Oct 2018
- 2017 Attended the “ Reading and Writing Workshop for Social Science Researchers” conducted by Dr. Rammanohar Rsdyy, VRP, D.B. Banodkar Chair in Political Economy and assisted by Dr. Aniket Alam, IIIT Hyderabad from 15th December to 17th December 2017.
- 2017 Attended and participated in International Research Symposium “Other ways of Knowing and Doing”: Globalizing Social Science Knowledge in Higher Education Organized by Centre for Comparative and Global Education and International Institute for Higher Education Research and Capacity Building on 11-12th December 2017 at O.P. Jindal Global University.
- 2017 Attended course HSO -158 Nation, Gender and Politics in India by Ishita Banerjee
- 2017 Attended and Participated in a One day sensitization workshop on Rehabilitation of Persons with Disabilities, AYJNUSHD on 15th November 2017 organized by Ali Yavar Jung National Institute for Speech and Hearing Disabilities (Divyangjan), Mumbai (DEPwD, Ministry of Social Justice & Empowerment, Govt. of India) in collaboration with Sanjay Centre for Special Education, Goa.
- 2017 Attended Course EGO126 The Gender of Literatures and the Literatures of Gender by Professor Vrinda Nabar, Kavivarya Bakibab Borkar Chair in Comparative Literature from 25th September to 4th October 2017.
- 2017 Attended Gender Sensitization programme on “ The prevention, Prohibition and Redressal of Sexual Harassment of Women at Workplace” organized by Goa University on 18th September 2017.
- 2017 Attended and participated in the National Seminar on Results of Surveys of NSS 70th and 71st rounds organized by CPD,MOSPI, New Delhi hosted by Goa University, Goa on 11th and 12th September 2017.
- 2017 Attended and participated in People's convention for Regional Comprehensive Economic Partnership from 22nd July to 27th July 2017 in Hyderabad – APWLD
- 2017 Participated in a Research Skills Practicum for Research Scholars in Humanities, Social Sciences and Management Faculties from 3rd June 2017 to 7th June 2017 organized by Goa University as a part of Visiting Research Professors Programme, Shri Dayanand Bandodkar Chair in Political Economy.
- 2017 Attended Digital Empowerment Foundation – Prayag Mela on 25th February 2017

Surajkund, Faridabad, Delhi.

- 2017 Attended Difficult dialogue on Is India's Health a Grand Challenge? Organized at International Centre Goa from 10th to 12th February 2017
- 2016 Attended Course on ONB 102 A Perspective on Globalization : Combining Theories, Evidence and Indian Experience by Prof Prabhat Patnaik, Professor Emeritus Jawaharlal Nehru University and Shri D.B. Bandodkar Chair in Political Economy, Goa University from 13th October 2016 to 21st October 2016 conducted by Department of Economics, Goa University.
- 2016 Participated in the Sanitation Action Summit on 18th November 2016 at Mumbai organized by The Water Supply and Sanitation Collaborative Council (WSSCC) in association with Government of India, Government of Maharashtra and Global Citizen.
- 2016 Attended and presented a paper on "Community Initiatives Towards Green Goa" at State Level Seminar on "Towards A Green Goa: Economic Growth and Environmental Concerns", on 11th March 2016
- 2016 Attended the course "SOO-17 Caste Today: Ideals and Realities" by Prof. Satish Deshpande, Shri. D.B. Bandodkar Chair in Political Economy from 1st February to 19th February 2016.
- 2016 Attended "Difficult Dialogues LSE India Summit 2016" in Cidade de Goa and The International Centre Goa 28-30 January 2016
- 2015 Attended six day workshop on Audio-visual Media as a Tool in Research for SocialScience Researchers from November 16-21,2015, at Institute for Studies in Industrial Development, Organized by ICSSR, New Delhi.
- 2015 State level workshop on , "Writing Effective Research Proposal in Commerce and Management for Ph.D Registration and for Research Projects" on 9th October 2015 at Vidya Prabhodini College of Commerce, Education, Computer and Management, Porvorim, Goa.
- 2015 Attended Gender training sessions at National Meet of Video Volunteers from 28th September 2015 to 4th October 2015 at Alor Grande, Candolim ,Goa
- 2015 Public Panel Discussion on " Violence Against Women – Role and Responses From State and Civil Society"Organized by International Centre Goa on 4th August 2015.
- 2015 State Level Workshop on Strategies in Prevention and Regulation of Child Labour, Organized by Goa State Commission for Protection of Child Rights in Association with V.M. Salgaonkar College of Law, Panaji, Goa on 25th June 2015.
- 2015 National stakeholder workshop on Menstrual Hygiene Management at New Delhi Organized by Ministry of Drinking water and sanitation, on 11th June

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2015. Presented at Workshop on Product presentation.
- 2014 Training in Photography and Video Editing sponsored by Department of Science and Technology, Govt. of India.
- 2013 Workshop attended on Climate Change – organized by 350.org at Bangalore, India
- 2011 Training course on Community Journalism organized and conducted by Video Volunteers in Goa.
- 2009 Training course on “The role of NGO’s in National Rural Health Mission”, conducted by National institute of Health and Family Welfare, Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, Govt. of India, New Delhi.
- 2009 Training in Video Production as a part of WAVE (Women Aloud Videoblogging for Empowerment) program funded by MacArthur Foundation, Chicago, USA.
- 2006 Training attended on “Interpersonal Psychotherapy” conducted by Dr. Lena Verdeli of Columbia University, USA and Kathleen Clougherty of Yale University School of Medicine, USA organized by Sangath, Goa
- 2006 Workshop attended on “Stress management for women”, organized by Goa Institute of rural development and administration, Ela, Old Goa, Goa.
- 2004 Organized and attended a state level workshop on Women friendly interventions in reproductive and sexual health rights
- 2004 Workshop attended on Endangering Health Policy: conducted by Bailancho Saad, NGO, Goa , India
- 2004 Training course attended on “Health, Rights and Women’s Empowerment” conducted by Indian Institute of Management, Bangalore for Mac Arthur Fellows and Institutional Grantees.
- 2004 Workshop attended on “STI/RTI Research Methods in India: Problems and Solutions” jointly organized by Sangath , Goa and Population Council, New Delhi, India
- 2004 Residential Course attended on “Gender and Mental Health” supported by Mac Arthur Fund for Leadership Development, 2001.
- 2003 Training attended on “Researching Adolescent Health” organized by Resource Centre for Adolescent and Child Health, Sangath, Goa, India.
- 2002 Workshop attended on “Qualitative Research Methods” organized by NIMHANS, Bangalore, India.

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- 1998 Attended seminar on “Economic Crisis in East Asia” organized by Dept. of Economics, Goa University, Goa, India.

AREAS OF RESEARCH INTEREST

Global Health with special emphasis on Reproductive health of Women, Adolescent health, WASH and Environment.

SCHOLARSHIP/ FELLOWSHIP/ AWARD

- 2024 Received complementary funding to present paper at 12th Symposium at ICTMD on Music, Gender and Sexuality at Sunway University, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia from 27 August 2024 to 1 September 2024
- 2016 Full scholarship awarded to attend 8th Asia Pacific Conference on Reproductive and Sexual Health and Rights at Myanmar from February 23rd to 26th 2016.
- 2015 Full scholarship awarded to attend Global Maternal Newborn Health Conference In Mexico City ,October 18 – 21, 2015 by Maternal Health Task Force, Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation etc.
- 2015 Received an award for Best Video on Environment at National meet of Video volunteers from 28th September 2015 to 4th October 2015.
- 2015 Awarded with “Zilla Mahila Samman 2014” by Ministry of Women and Child Development, Government of India , on the eve of International Women’s day on 8th March 2015, Goa Secretariat, Porvorim, Goa (Rs.20,000/- cash prize and Certificate)
- 2014 Full fellowship to attend 21st Visible Evidence Conference 2014 at India International Centre , New Delhi from 11th Dec- to 14th Dec’14 .
- 2014 Full Scholarship received to attend 7th Asia Pacific Conference on Reproductive and Sexual Health and Rights, January 21-24, 2014 at Phillipine International

Convention Center, Manila, Philippine.

- 2010 Full scholarship received to attend 1st Global Maternal Health Conference, August 30 - September 1 2010. New Delhi, India hosted by Maternal Health Task Force, Engender Health, USA and Public Health Foundation of India, India.
- 2007 Full Fellowship awarded by London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine, UK to attend Scientific meeting of Wellcome Trust Bloomsbury centre, UK at Uganda.
- 2007 Travel award received for attending 4th Asia Pacific Conference on Reproductive and Sexual Health and Rights, October 29th-31st, 2007, Hyderabad, India.
- 2005 Full scholarship to attend 10th International Women and Health Meeting 2005, New Delhi, September 21-25, 2005.
- 2005 Full scholarship to attend 10th International Women and Health Meeting 2005, Western regional Zonal meeting, Ahmadabad, Gujarat, India March 1- 2, 2005.

RESEARCH PROJECTS AND COLLABORATIONS:

- Served as a PI and consultant for University of Lancashire, UK on INFUSE Project in collaboration with Goa University.
- Principal Investigator for the Project on Goa Water Stories funded by Living Waters Museum, Indian Institute of Science Education and Research (IISER), Pune.
- Co-PI of ICSSR Project on ‘Evaluation of Beti Bachao Beti Padhao Scheme of Govt. of India.’
- Living Histories of Land –Mobile Museum of Goa
- Supervised Project of U.S. Fulbright Scholar on Goan Fishing community

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FILM SCREENING AT CONFERENCE

- Recycling Goa video, positive story on waste management was shortlisted for All India Journalism Competition 2014 organized by Indo-German Environment partnership (IGEP) Programme.
- Digital Story on Garbage Dump selected for screening at Bangladesh Summit on Sustainable Development, August 17-19, 2014, Senate Bhaban, University of Dhaka, Dhaka, Bangladesh.
- Cultural Perspectives on Menstruation – Produced as a part of WAVE Program was screened in Film centre at 7th Asia Pacific conference on reproductive and sexual health and rights at Manila, Philippines, 2014 .
- Educational video on Menstrual Hygiene – Produced as a part of WAVE Program was screened in Cinema corner at 3rd **Women Deliver Conference in Malaysia, 2013** .

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- Both the Films were also screened by Chota Cinema Centre at International Film Festival of India , Goa, India 2011

ADVOCACY AT COMMUNITY LEVEL

COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES

- ◆ Fellow at **Video Volunteers, Human Rights, NGO** – Work as a community correspondent from March 2011 till date. Independently research on issues concerning community and produce videos to bring about change in the community. The videos produced on different issues can be watched at www.videovolunteers.org .
- ◆ Delivered Lectures on Menstruation and Menstrual Hygiene :-
 - St. Thomas Girls High School , Aldona, March 2015
 - Goa College of HOME SCIENCE , Panaji
 - Saraswat College , Mapusa
 - Friday Balcao , Organized by GOA CAN
 - Addressed Anganwadi workers of Pernem Block At Agarwada – on Beti Bachao, Beti Padao of Directorate of Women and Child Development, Panaji, Goa.
 - Tribal girls at rural village in Saquelim
 - Adolescent girls in Slums in beach area in Candolim and Calangute –CRG
 - Session on Menstrual Health for B.A. B.ED and S.Y. B. COM students at Vidya Prabhodini College, Porvorim, Goa.
- ◆ ECO FEMME – Brand ambassador for promoting eco-friendly Cloth sanitary napkins in Goa.
- ◆ Menstrual education talk was delivered at St. Thomas Girls School , April 2016
- ◆ Project partner – SANGAMITRA Project – FRIENDS of Adolescents- Project of Centre for Women studies, Goa University - All Goa State Adolescent Convention on 24th April 2015 at Taleigao Community Centre , Taleigao , Goa.
- ◆ Campaign on Menstrual Hygiene Day 2015 on 28th May 2015.
- ◆ Presented on “RTE Act” at a Panel discussion on RTE ACT IN GOA, Organized by Sangamitra project of Centre for Women’s Studies , Goa University on 31st July 2015.
- ◆ Talk was given at Rosary College Navelim on Sustainable Menstrual options to the women’s cell group on 20th September 2016.
- ◆ Field Trip was organized for M.A. Students of Department of Women’s studies at Nirankal, Ponda for interaction with Wanarmare tribe. 1st March 2017
- ◆ Session on Menstrual Education was conducted for F.Y.B.A B.Ed students of Vidya Prabhodini College on 25th March 2017.
- ◆ Talk was given at Narayan Zantye college for women from Vathadev , Bicholim as a part of Women Development Cell of Narayan Zantye College , Bicholim, Goa on 1st April 2017.
- ◆ Conducted video training workshop and Educational session at Nirmala Institute of Education on 27th January 2018 and 3rd March 2018 as a contribution to Aboleache Fest 2018 through Video Volunteers.

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- ◆ Resource person at D.M's College and Research Centre on the topic, 'People's Movement in India' on 24th February 2018.
 - ◆ Conducted educational session for Wanarmare Community at Nirankal Bethoda, 27th May 2018 and provided them eco-friendly cloth sanitary napkins on the eve of Menstrual Hygiene Day by joining #NoMoreLimits Campaign.

PROFESSIONAL ENGAGEMENT

- Committee member of the Directorate of Health Services, Goa on Goa Population Policy.
- Member of Women's Global Network for Reproductive Rights, Netherland (WGNRR)
- Member of Water Supply & Sanitation Collaborative Council (WSSCC)
- Project partner – SANGAMITRA Project – FRIENDS of Adolescents- Project of Centre for Women studies, Goa University - All Goa State Adolescent Convention on 24th April 2015 at Taleigao Community Centre , Taleigao , Goa.
- Organizing Member of Living Histories of Land in Goa, Mobile Museum from 21st to 25th May 2018, in Goa.

COMPUTER PROGRAMMING SKILLS

- Statistical Package for Social Sciences (SPSS)
- Atlas-ti – used for qualitative analysis
- Epi-Info - Database and statistics program for public health professionals.
- Stata
- R-software

OTHER ACTIVITIES

- Resource person for workshop conducted by Sangath on Research Methods in Community Health in August 2004, October 2005, November 2006 & October 2007.
- Anchor team member for 10th International Women's Health Meeting, September 2005, representing Sangath, Goa- was involved in preparatory meeting at State and regional level.
- Fellow of Women aloud video blogging and empowerment team (WAVE Team). www.waveindia.org – produced 4 videos – Cultural perspectives on Menstruation, Educational video on Menstruation, Global Maternal Health conference & Mental Health Day -2009 to 2010 links: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?reload=9&v=ylo3hlhf2PY>
- https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=P_eRA_eP1Dw Menstruation and Feminine Hygiene
- Resource person for Training of Trainers workshop on Psycho-education from 8th August to 12th August 2011.

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- Organizing member of 18th International Congress of Rural Health and Medicine from 10th Dec'2012 to 12th Dec'2012.
 - Organizing and Programme committee member for the All Goa State Adolescent Convention which was held on 24th April 2015 at Taleigao Community Centre and was attended by 1000 adolescents from all over Goa.
 - Organizing member of Difficult Dialogues 2017 – Is India's Health a Grand Challenge?
 - Member of Goa University Organizing Committee for Difficult Dialogues 2018 – Gender Equality for Everyone's Benefit?
 - Member of Asian Population Association
 - Member of Indian Association of Women's Studies
 - Member of WGNRR and WSSCC

OTHER QUALIFICATION

- Awarded Distinction in a Certificate Course – Brazilian Culture & Portuguese Language, Goa University.
- 'B' & 'C' Certificate of NCC – Ministry of Defense, Govt. of India.

My Work Documented: by 52 parindey <http://52parindey.in/project/eradicating-the-taboo-around-menstruation/>
<http://www.thebetterindia.com/112054/sulochana-pendekar-fight-against-menstruation/>
<http://swachhindia.ndtv.com/woman-aims-shatter-menstrual-taboos-educating-girls-india-hygiene-eco-friendly-sanitary-napkins-13106/>
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A documentary titled “Life of a Community Correspondent” made by Polish filmmaker, Ania Domanska on work related to environment.

Biography being first women documentary filmmaker/ Community Correspondent taking community issues on the forefront is documented by Fatima da Silva Gracias in her book titled “Trail Blazers” documenting the work of First Goan Women Achievers in various fields.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Countries visited (academic): Uganda, Philippine, Mexico, Myanmar, Australia, Malaysia, Nepal

Language proficiency: English, Hindi, Marathi, Konkani, Brazilian Portuguese

