

Curriculum Vitae

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NATIONALITY: INDIAN

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ACADEMIC EDUCATION

Examination Passed	Board/ University	Year of Passing	Subject	% of marks obtained	Grade/ Div/ Class
Matriculation	B S E Board, Patna	1977	Phy, Chem., Math. etc.	60.2	1
Intermediate	University of Bihar, Muzaffarpur	1979	Phy, Chem., Bio. Pol. Sc	69.6	1
B.A. (Hons.)	University of Bihar, Muzaffarpur	1983	Political Science (Hons), History, etc.	60.0	I
M.A.	- do -	1986	Political Science	61.3	I
M.Phil.	CPS/SSS/ JNU New Delhi	1989	Political Science	73.7	A Minus (I Class)
Ph.D.	- do -	1996	(Political Science) Degree Awarded		

Diploma

Diploma of Quality Cum laude in *Federalism, Decentralization and Good Governance*, obtained from the Institute of Federalism, University of Fribourg (Switzerland), 2004.

Research Works

Thesis:

M. Phil: *A Study of the National Integration Council (of India)*

Ph.D.: *Socio Cultural Regionalism in India: A Study of the Maithili Movement in North Bihar*

Publications

Books

Co-author, *Pluralism, Minorities, National Integration: Problems and Prospects* (New Delhi: South Asian Publishers, 1997).

Note: Besides co-authoring introduction and concluding Notes, exclusively contributed two chapters: (i) **National Integration in India: Concepts and Problems** (pp.94-129) and (ii) **Evaluation of the Role and Working of National Integration Council** (pp. 130-154).

Monographs

- (i) Prepared a *Profile of Regional Movements in India* (mimeographed) for the Centre for Federal Studies.
- (ii) *Nation Building, Unity and Humanism: Affirmation of Eminent National Leaders (A Compilation from their writings and speeches)* for the Centre for Federal Studies, Jamia Hamdard, New Delhi.

Monographs Published in the Federal Studies Orientation Series

- (i) ***Union Model of Indian Federalism: Structural Features and Competence Dimension***, New Delhi: Centre for Federal Studies & Manak Publications, 2005.
- (ii) ***State, Nation and Sovereignty***, New Delhi: Centre for Federal Studies & Manak Publications, 2005.
- (iii) ***Mapping Panchayati Raj in India***, New Delhi: Centre for Federal Studies & Manak Publications, 2007

Chapters in the Edited Books

1. **Jharkhand Movement: Assertion of Sociocultural Identity and the Demand for a Separate State** in Rasheeduddin Khan, ed., *Rethinking of Indian Federalism*, Shimla: Inter-University Centre for Humanities and Social Sciences and Indian Institute of Advanced Study, 1997 pp. 241-252.
2. **From Federalism to Federal Nation Building: Perspective on Building Society and Polity**, in AP Vijapur, ed., *Dimensions of Federal Nation Building: Essays in Memory of Rasheeduddin Khan*, New Delhi: Manak Publications, 1998 pp.40-48.
3. **Role of Judiciary in the Protection and Promotion of Human Rights** in AP Vijapur & Kumar Suresh, ed, *Perspectives on Human Rights*, New Delhi: Centre For Federal Studies and Manak Publications, 1999 pp. 69-81.
4. **Social Bases, Electoral Configuration and Emerging Party System** in Akhtar Majeed, ed, *Coalition Politics and Power Sharing*, New Delhi: Centre for Federal Studies and Manak Publications, 2000 pp. 69-130.
5. **Sub-Regions and State Formation in India: Issues, Policies and Federal Options** in *Free India: Retrospect and Prospects*, Khuda Baksh Oriental Public Library, Patna, 2000 pp.203-222.
6. **Founding Fathers' Vision of the Indian Constitution** in Akhtar Majeed, ed., *Constitutional Nation Building: Half A Century of India's Success*, New Delhi: Manak Publications, 2001 pp. 06-33.
7. **Sub-Regions and State Formation** in Akhtar Majeed, ed., *Constitutional Nation Building: Half A Century of India's Success*, New Delhi: Manak Publications, 2001 pp. 121-159.
8. **Language, Nation and Minorities: Implications of the Official** in Akhtar Majeed Akhtar , ed., *Nation and Minorities*, New Delhi: Kanishka Publishers, 2002 pp.148-170.
9. **Federalism and State Formation: An Appraisal of Indian Practice** in B.D. Dua and M.P. Singh, eds., *Indian Federalism in the New Millennium*, New Delhi: Manohar Publishers, 2003 pp.85-108.
10. **Understanding Indian Federalism: A Reading into the Content, Intent and Working of the Distribution of Responsibilities** in Akhtar Majeed, ed., *Federalism within Union*, New Delhi: Manak Publications, 2004 pp.108-170.

11. **Policy Governance: Significance of the Federal Design** in Akhtar Majeed, ed., *Federal India: A Design for Good Governance*, New Delhi: Manak Publications, 2005 pp.15-25.
12. **Federalism and Multiculturalism: The Indian Experience, published** in the series on *Federalism, Constitutionalism and Good Governance in Multicultural Societies*, Institute of Federalism, Fribourg, Switzerland, 2004. Pp65-78

Research Papers Published in Journals

1. **Regionalism and Federal Nation Building in India**, *Indian Journal of Federal Studies*, Vol.1, No.1, 2000 pp. 100-114.
2. **Self-determination: Contested Claims**, *Indian Journal of Federal Studies*, Vol.2 No.1, 2001 pp. 58-70.
3. **States' Reorganization in India: A Critical Note**, *Indian Journal of Federal Studies*, Vol.2, No.2, 2001 pp. 96-110.
4. **Coordinating Centre State Relations: Role and Relevance of Inter-State Council in India**, *Indian Journal of Federal Studies*, Vol.3, No.2, 2002 pp. 155-175.
5. **Configuring Nation Space: An Analysis of Gujarat Assembly Election 2002**, in *Journal of Objective Studies*, Vol.14, Nos.1&2, pp. 149-161.
6. **Divergence of Perception but Convergence of Conclusion --- How Federal India Perceives itself**, in *Indian Journal of Federal Studies*, No. 1/2004, pp.118-134.

Articles Published in the Periodical

1. **Regionalism and National Integration**, *Mainstream*, volXXVI, No.46, August 27, 1988.
2. **Centre-State Relations and Sarkaria Commission**, *Third Concept*, No21, November 1988
3. **The Concept and Practice of Secularism in India**, *Third Concept*, No25, March 1989
4. **Nehru and the Philosophy of Secularism**, *Third Concept*, No33, November 1989
5. **Nation Building and Regionalism** *Third Concept*, Nos 50-51Apr-May 1991
6. **Regionalization Process and the Changing Party System of India**. *The Radical Humanist* (special Issue on Democracy and the Party System), Vol.62, No.2, May 1998.

Book Review

1. *The Uttarakhand Movement: Construction of a Regional Identity* by Pradeep Kumar, New Delhi: Kanishka Publishers, 2000. Reviewed in *Indian Journal of Federal Studies*, Vol.2, No.2, 2001.
2. *The Success of India's Democracy*, Edited by Atul Kohli, Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2001). Reviewed in *Indian Journal of Federal Studies*, Vol.3, No.1, 2002.
3. *Parties and Party Politics in India* by Zoya Hasan (ed) published by Oxford University Press, 2002, reviewed in *Journal of Objectives Studies*.
4. *Mapping Canadian Federalism* by Rekha Saxena reviewed in *Contemporary India* published by Nehru Memorial & Museum Library, Teen Murti, New Delhi.

Select Seminar Papers

1. "Jharkhand Movement: Assertion of Socio-Cultural Identity and the Demand for a Separate State". Presented at a study week on *Federalism in India* (from 1st Nov.93 to 5 November 1993) at Indian Institute of Advanced Study, Shimla.
2. "Regionalism and Federal Nation-Building in a plural society". Presented at India International Centre, New Delhi, April 1994.
3. "Regional Movements and Federal Nation Building: A synoptic View". At a Seminar on *The Federal System - A Fresh Look: Need for Smaller States*, organized jointly by DEFCOM study circle and Centre for Federal Studies at India International Centre, New Delhi, on 2 December 1994.
4. "A Synoptic Study of Changing Party system in India in Recent Decade (1985-95)". Presented in a Seminar on *The Changing Pattern on India's Party System in the Last Decade*, organized jointly by the Planning Group on Polity and Society, India International Centre and Centre for Federal Studies, New Delhi, at IIC on 9 December 1995.
5. "From Federalism to Federal Nation Building: Perspective on Building Society and Polity". Presented in a National Seminar on *Dimensions of Federal Nation Building*, organized by Centre for Federal Studies, Jamia Hamdard, New Delhi from 7-9 March 1997.
6. "Changing Party System in India". Presented in the CFS Lecture Series, Jamia Hamdard, New Delhi on November 01 1997.

7. "Judicial Activism and Human Rights in India: A Synoptic View." Presented in the National Seminar *on Human Rights in India: Problems and Prospects* organized by the Centre for Federal Studies, Jamia Hamdard, New Delhi from 27 to 28 April 1998.
8. "Regionalism and State Formation in India: Issues, Policies and Federal Options". Presented in the National Seminar on *Free India: Retrospect and Prospects* "organized jointly by the Khuda Baksh Oriental Public Library, Patna and Jamia Hamdard, New Delhi, 29-31 August 1998.
9. "Role of Judiciary in the Protection and Promotion of Human Rights: The Indian Experience". Presented in the UGC - sponsored *National Seminar on Human Rights: Fifty Years After the Universal Declaration*, organized by the Centre for Federal Studies, Jamia Hamdard, New Delhi, 8-10 December 1998.
10. "Regionalism and Federal Nation Building". Presented at National Seminar on *Federal Polity in India: Issues and Challenges* organised by the Centre for Federal Studies, Jamia Hamdard, 29-30 October, 1999.
11. 'Founding Fathers' Vision of Indian Constitution'. Presented in the International Round Table on *Mobilization, Participation and Development: Trends and Issues And Fifty Years of India's Constitution*, Organized jointly by the Indira Gandhi National Open University and Jamia Hamdard, New Delhi, 13-15 March 2000.
12. "Federal Nation Building and State Formation - Issues and Options" presented in a Seminar on *The Challenge of New States: Democracy, Ethnicity and Governance*, organized by the Centre for the Study of Developing Societies, (CSDS), New Delhi, at Academy of Administration Shahpura, Bhopal from 13 December to 15 December 2000.
13. "Federalism And State Formation: The Indian Experience" Presented at a Seminar on *Rethinking Indian Federalism*, organized by the Department of Political Science, Punjab University, Chandigarh, 25 January, 2002.
14. Rapporteur, Center for the Advance Study of India, University of Pennsylvania's *Workshop on Federalism 2003*, organized at India International Centre, New Delhi on 19th February 2002.
15. *Workshop On Distribution of power and Responsibilities in Indian federalism*, Institute of Social Sciences, New Delhi, Sept.14-15, 2003.

16. International Conference on *Distribution of Responsibilities*, Organized by the Forum of Federation, Canada and Centre for federal studies, New Delhi, November 13-17, 2003.
17. Presented paper on *Social Constituency, Regionalization Process and the Changing Party System: A Study in the Critical Co relationship*, 17-18 March 2004, at a national seminar on "State Politics", Department of Political science, Punjab University, Chandigarh.
18. Presented Paper on *Policy Governance: Significance of the Federal Framework*, at a seminar on "Federalism and Public Policy", Organized by Centre for Federal Studies, and ISC, Ministry of Home Affairs, New Delhi, March 2004
19. Presented Paper on *Deconstructing the Official of State's Reorganization* at a National Seminar on "Formation of New Smaller States", 22-23 August 2004, Constitution Club, New Delhi
20. Delivered Lecture on "Critical Appraisal of the Working of PRIs in India," Organized by the Foundation for Community Transformation, Colombo and Sri Lanka Foundation Institute, Colombo, 3rd April 2006.
21. Presented Paper on, "Judicial Construction of Indian Federalism: Content Analysis of Select Supreme Court Cases," in the conference on 'Indian Federalism at Work' 25-27 August 06, Sher-I- Kashmir international Conference Centre, Srinagar, Organised by Institute of Social Sciences in collaboration with University of Kashmir, University of Jammu, and Centre for Federal Studies, Hamdard University.
22. Roundtable on the Implementation of Directive Principles , organized by the CFS, 03 March 2007.s

Oral Presentation and Participation in Select Seminars:

1. Environment Law and Management: A Federal View (August 2001) organized by Centre for Federal Studies, Jamia Hamdard.
2. Federalism and Power-Sharing (September 2001) organized by Centre for Federal Studies, Jamia Hamdard.
3. Symposium on Indian Federalism (September 2001) at the Institute of Social Sciences, New Delhi
4. Nation and Minorities (October 2001) organized by Centre for Federal Studies, Jamia Hamdard.

5. Issues in Indian Federalism (March 2002) organized by Centre for Federal Studies, Jamia Hamdard.
6. Role of Local Governments in Promoting National development, Round Table organized by Forum of Federation, Canada, and Institute of Social sciences, New Delhi, 27 January 2004.
7. International conference on Civil society, State and the Police in India and France, organized by Centre for Public Affairs, New Delhi, and Centre de Recherches Sociologiques sur le droit et les Institutions Penales, Paris, 9-11 February 2004.
8. National seminar on Good Governance for a federal Nation, Centre for Federal Studies, New Delhi, 12-14 March, 2004
9. International Work Shop on Cooperative Federalism and the Management of Diversity, Organized by Observer Research Foundation, New Delhi, and Forum of Federation, Canada, 2-3 November, 2004.
10. Participated in the Round Table Discussion Bihar---The Next Five Years: Major Challenges, March 14, 2005, organized by the Observer research Foundation, New Delhi.
11. Seminar on Identity Formation, Nationhood and Women, Organized by the Centre for Women's Studies, September 15-17, 2005, New Delhi.

PROFESSIONAL DETAILS (POSITION)

Research Fellow: Indian Institute of Federal Studies (now Centre for Federal Studies), 1990-1992.

Part Time Research Fellow: Indian Institute of Federal Studies (now Centre for Federal Studies), 1992-1993.

Research Assistant: Research Division Lok Sabha Secretariat, Parliament of India, 1992-1995

Assistant Professor: Centre for Federal Studies, Jamia Hamdard, 1995-1999.

Senior Assistant Professor: Centre for Federal Studies, Jamia Hamdard, 1999- Nov. 2004

Associate Professor: Centre for Federal Studies, Jamia Hamdard, Nov. 2004-----Continuing

Note: In the Research Division of Lok Sabha, I specifically worked on the following research project:

- (i) Ensuring parliamentary accountability*
- (ii) Raising the standard of debates in parliament*
- (iii) Departmentally related standing committees*
- (iv) Role and contribution of women parliamentarians*
- (v) Speeches of Indira Gandhi*
- (vi) Procedural innovations in Indian Parliament*
- (vii) Electoral Reforms in India*

RESOURCE PERSON

(i) Indira Gandhi National Open University, New Delhi

- (a) Prepared UNIT –11 on Regional Movements for MPSE-007: Social Movements and Politics in India (Published in June 2005)
- (b) Prepared UNIT –11 on Federalism for MPSE-003:India: Democracy and Development (Published in April 2004)
- (c) Unit 14 on Globalization, WTO and European Union : Block 5: MPSE: Course Title: The European Union in the World Affairs (published in OCT., 2006)
- (d) Unit 12: EU, USA, Russia, China and Japan :Block 5: MPSE: Course Title: The European Union in the World Affairs (Published in 2007)
- (e) Evaluator/ Examiner for MPSE 03 & 07) for the term exam held in June 2007.

(ii) CEC, University Grants Commission, New Delhi

- (a) Reviewed and submitted Report on 188 Units on Political Science of University Video Lecture Course Series, 02-22 Jan 2004.
- (b) Video Conferencing on examination Preparation and Critical Content of Political Science, 29 March 2005

(iii) Inter State Council, Union Ministry of Home Affairs, New Delhi

- (a) Prepared Draft on the Management of Intergovernmental Relations in Select Federal Countries, August 2004.
- (b) Worked on the Project on Directive Principles, 2007.
- (c) Attended Appraisal and Evaluation Meeting of the Council on Directive Principles on 21 March 2007.

(IV) Berghof Foundation for Conflict Studies, Colombo, Sri Lanka

- (A)** Served as Coordinator in the Summer Schools on the Competence Development Programme on Federal Governance in Multicultural Society, 2005, 2006 , 2007 organized by the Centre For Federal Studies, Jamia Hamdard for Senior Civil Servants from Sri Lanka. Also delivered lectures on many micro aspects of Indian Federalism .
- (B)** Delivered Lecture on the Critical Appraisal of the Working of PRIS in India, Organised by the Foundation for Community Transformation , Colombo and Sri Lanka Foundation Institute , Colombo, 3rd April 2006.
- (C)** Participated on the Work Shop Sri Lanka's Conflicts and Peace Process, Organised by the Berghof Foundation for Conflict Studies, 01-03 April 2006.
- (D)** Interactive Sessions on Different Dimensions of the Working of Indian federalism With Chairman , National Finance Commission, Sri Lanka, Mayor, City of Candy, Chief Minister, Western Province, and the Senior Officials of this Province, 26-30 March 2007. The Programme was sponsored by the Berghof Foundation.
- (E)** Attended Brainstorming session on strategic partnership and future Organization of Advance Course on Federalism for the University Teachers from SAARC countries, and the Future Organization of the Summer Schools. 05-09 June 2007.
- (F)** Delivered Two Special Lectures as Mentioned under heading special lectures, 05-09 June 2007.

SPECIAL LECTURES

1. Delivered Lecture on ***Making of States in India*** ,55thOrientation Course, **Academic Staff College, JNU**, New Delhi, 14 SEPTEMBER 2006.
2. Delivered Lecture on ***State Formation*** ,56thOrientation Course, **Academic Staff College, JNU**, New Delhi, 22 NOVEMBER 2006.
3. Delivered Lecture on ***Language, Nation and State Formation, 57th Orientation Course Academic Staff College, JNU***, New Delhi, 09 January, 2007.

- 4 Delivered Lecture on “**Critical Appraisal of the Working of PRIs in India,**” Organized by the Foundation for Community Transformation, Colombo and Sri Lanka Foundation Institute, Colombo, 3rd April 2006.
- 5 Special Address to **Civil Society Groups of Sri Lanka at Berghof Foundation for Conflict Studies, Colombo, 06-06-07 on *Asymmetry within Indian Federalism with Special Emphasis on Jammu and Kashmir and Pondicherry.***
- 6 Special Address to **Sri Lankan Civil Servants on the Significance of the Unit of Devolution with special reference to India, Kalutara, Sri Lanka , Organised by the Berghof Foundation on 07-06-07.**

PROJECT WORK

(I) Worked on the Project on **APPRAISAL OF MEASURES TAKEN TO IMPLEMENT THE DIRECTIVE PRINCIPLES OF THE STATE POLICY BY THE UNION AND THE STATE GOVERNMENTS.** 2007. The project was granted to the Centre by the Inter State Council Secretariat , Ministry of Home Affairs, Government of India.

Besides Editing of the Report Especially Prepared:

1. **Introduction**
2. **Chapter on Village Panchayats**
3. **Chapter on Environment**

PROJECT EVALUATION

Expert Member to review the UNDP Project on Strengthened Access to justice in India (SAJI-D): Review of the Criminal Justice Study in Haryana By MARG, dated 05-04-07

THESIS EVALUATION

(1) M.Phil Dissertation on Democracy and the Rise of Demagogues: A case Against Democratic leadership Trait (University of Delhi) , 2007

PROFESSIONALCOURSES (ORIENTATION & REFRESHER)

Attended Appreciation Course in **Parliamentary Procedures and Practices** for Professors/Lecturers of Universities/Colleges, 25-29 October, 1999, Bureau of Parliamentary Studies and Training, Lok Sabha Secretariat, Parliament House, New Delhi, **Grade Obtained: A**

Attended the 36th Orientation Course (Social Sciences), 16October-10 November, 2000, Academic Staff College, JNU, New Delhi

Attended 29th Refresher Course in Political Science, October 06-31 2003, Academic Staff College, JNU, New Delhi (Paper Title: Regional Identity and State Formation in India: An Appraisal of the *Official*) GRADE AWARDED: 'A' (75 percent and above)

Attended 16th Session of Summer University 2004 on *Federalism, Decentralization and Good Governance*, Three Week Duration(30 August-17September), Institute of Federalism, University Fribourg, Switzerland. **Obtained Diploma of Quality cum Laude.**

Attended on the basis of nomination from the University the Technical *Workshop on The Right to Information Act, 2005*, at Hotel Connaught, New Delhi, 18-19 Jan 2007, Organized by the Institute of Socio Economic Research & Action (ISERA), New Delhi.

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