

## CURRICULUM VITAE

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### Professional Qualification and Work Experience:

Worked with a wide spectrum of Asian society -- government agencies, media, research organizations and international agencies. Have worked extensively as a writer, researcher and journalist on issues of poverty, environment, health, education, civil society and social issues. Received several national and international awards for writing and research on rural, environmental, health and labour issues. Fluent in English and Hindi.

- 1) Fellow: **Centre for the Study of Developing Societies, Delhi**, a premier research institute in India. Working on 'Environmental Movements, Democracy and Governance'.
- 2) *August 2001 to June 2004: India Director of Heinrich Boell Foundation*, a German foundation headquartered in Berlin, with regional and country offices in more than 15 countries. Program, office and finance management. Developed programs in the field of sustainable development, environment, health and social justice. Evolving partnerships with government bodies and organizations.
- 3) *May 1998 to July 2001: Media and Communication Advisor, Society for Participatory Research in Asia, New Delhi*. Planned media and communication strategies within and outside the organization for various programs on local self-governance, workers' health and safety, education, civil society and governance.
- 4) *June 1998 to December 1999: Project Director and Editor, State of India's Labor Report*. Conceived the research, writing and coordination of a team on the impact of globalization on India's informal labor.
- 5) *July 1983 to May 1998: Special Correspondent, The Times of India Newspaper Group, New Delhi*. Specialized in covering developmental, environmental, health, social issues and civil rights in India and south Asia.
- 6) *October 1995 to April 1999: Co-Editor of Labor File and Shramjivi*, monthly non-commercial journals on developmental, economic and labor issues in English and Hindi.

### Education and Fellowships:

- 1) Research Fellow, Asia Center, London School of Economics and Political Science, London, January to March 2000, Research and Training on Poverty-related issues in South Asia.
- 2) Reuter Fellowship Program, University of Oxford, Oxford, January to April 1995.
- 3) South Asia Visiting Scholar, Queen Elizabeth House, University of Oxford, Oxford, October to December 1998, Research & Publication on South Asian Labor Issues.
- 4) Master of Philosophy in Political Science, University of Delhi in 1987 with 68%.
- 5) Master of Arts in Political Science from Hindu College, University of Delhi in 1984 with 60%.

### Publications:

Published many books and more than 5,000 special reports, articles and surveys in my specialized field, in newspapers, magazines and journals of national and international repute.

### Books:

- 1) (In Press, publication expected in April 2010) *Human Rights Footprints: Asian Crossovers in a Globalized World*, Contract signed with Sage.
- 2) (Under Preparation) *Environmental Movements, Democracy and Governance in India*.
- 3) *Contested Coastlines: Fisherfolk, Nations and Borders in South Asia*, Routledge, London and Delhi, 2008.
- 4) *No Borders: Journeys of an Indian Journalist*, Daanish, Delhi, 2006.
- 5) *Landscapes and Lives: Environmental Dispatches on Rural India*, Oxford University Press, Delhi, 2002.
- 6) (Ed.), *Defining Dignity: An Anthology of Dreams, Hopes and Struggles*, World Dignity Forum, Delhi, 2005.
- 7) (Ed.), *Unquiet Worlds: Dalit Voices and Visions*, Heinrich Boell Foundation, Delhi, 2004.
- 8) (Ed.), *Improving People's Lives: Lessons in Empowerment from Asia*, Sage Publications, New Delhi, 2003.

### Booklets:

1. *Against the Stream: India's Economic Crisis and Workers Alternatives*, Delhi, 1992.
2. Ann Ninan, Anil Padmanabhan and Mukul Sharma, *An Untold Story: Textile Workers in Ahmedabad*, (also in Hindi), PRIA, Delhi, 1992.
3. Anil Agarwal, Neeraj Labh, V. A. Nambi, Mukul Sharma, et. al., *State of India's Environment, A Citizen's Report: Floods, Flood Plains and Environmental Myths*, Center for Science and Environment (CSE), Delhi, 1991.
4. Usha Rai, Mukul, et. al., *Call of the Commons: People vs. Corruption*, CSE, Delhi, 1991.
5. Mukul and Uday Prakash, *Ek Kasbe Ki Larai* (A Town in Search of Communal Harmony), (in Hindi), Udbhavna, Delhi, 1991.
6. Charu and Mukul, *Print Media and Communalism*, (also in Hindi), Progress Printers, Delhi, 1990.
7. *Mazdoor Aur Sampradayikta* (Workers and Communalism, a study on Bhagalpur weavers), (in Hindi), Nishant Natya Manch, Delhi, 1990.
8. *Steel Bartan Udyog* (Steel Utensil Industry, Problems of Health and Safety), (in Hindi), IFTU, Delhi, 1989.
9. *An Endless Story: The Struggle for Housing Rights in Delhi*, (also in Hindi), Ashok Nagar Welfare Association, Delhi, 1988.
10. *Diara Region of Bihar*, (also in Hindi), Bhagat Singh Research Committee, Ludhiana, 1988.

### Some Special Reports and Articles:

1. 'Passages from Nature to Nationalism: Sunderlal Bahuguna and Tehri Dam Opposition in Garhwal', *Economic and Political Weekly (EPW)*, 8, 2009, pp 35-42
2. 'The Making of Moral Authority', *EPW*, 41, 20, 2006, pp. 3002-3010.
3. 'Blurred Borders', *EPW*, 39, 27, 2004, pp. 2116-2124.
4. 'A Bitter Harvest: Indonesia's Huge Oil Palm Plantations', *Frontline*, 6 June 2003, pp. 62-64.
5. 'Saffronizing Green', *Seminar*, August 2002, pp. 26-30.
6. 'Brazil: Lands of Conflict', *Frontline*, 5 July 2002, pp. 62-64.
7. 'Media and Governance', *Seminar*, June 2002, pp. 41-47.
8. 'Making of a Panchayat Election', *EPW*, 36, 19, 2001, pp. 1577-1581.
9. 'Nature and Nationalism', *Frontline*, 16 February 2001, pp. 94-96.
10. 'The Untouchable Present: Everyday Life of Musahars in North Bihar', *EPW*, 34, 49, 1999, pp. 3465-70.
11. 'An End and a Beginning' (mine workers in UK), *Seminar*, 452, April 1997, pp. 34-38.
12. 'Whose Forests? Owners Become Workers', *Labor File*, 3, 5 and 6, May and June 1997, pp. 3-18.
13. Charu Gupta and Mukul Sharma, 'Communal Constructions: Media Reality vs. Real Reality', *Race and Class*, London. 38, 1, July-Sep 1996, pp. 1-20.
14. 'Clamping Down on Workers' Rights: Labor Laws Under The Tories in the 1980s', *Reuter Foundation Paper 25*, Green College, Oxford, 1995, pp. 1-21.
15. 'Aquaculture Boom: Who Pays?', *EPW*, 29, 49, 1994, pp. 3075-78.

16. 'A question of Right: Syrian Christian Women and Property Succession', *Frontline*, 11 March 1994, pp. 84-87.
17. 'Villages of Chipko Movement', *EPW*, 28, 15, 1993, p. 617-22.
18. Charu Gupta and M. K. S, 'The Muslim and the News', 'Print Media and Communalism: The Killing of Secular Events', 'From News Gathering to News Making: The Creation of Pseudo-Events', *Mainstream*, 13 February 1993, pp. 15-19, 13 March 1993, pp. 23-25, 12 June 1993, pp. 27-32, respectively.
19. 'To save the wetlands: Struggle by a Fishermen's Cooperative in Calcutta', *Frontline*, 20 November 1992, pp. 76-84.
20. 'Special Reports on Earth Summit from Rio' (in Hindi), *Navbharat Times*, 6-16 June 1992.

### **Awards:**

Received various prestigious national and international awards for writing and journalism on issues of poor and marginal people.

1. *Appan Menon Memorial Award for Journalism 2000*.
2. *1999 Awards for Excellence in Asian Print Media Writing* by Asian Media Information and Communication Centre, Singapore and Singapore Press Holdings.
3. *The Statesman Award for Rural Writing 1991*, First Prize.
4. *The Statesman Award for Rural Writing 1990*, First Prize.
5. *Best Asian Journalist for Environmental Reporting*, 1989, by Asian Forum of Environmental Journalists and Friedrich Naumann Foundation, Germany.
6. *Environmental Consciousness Award 1989*, by Science Centre, Gwalior.
7. *Sanskriti Award for Journalism 1988*, by Sanskriti Pratishthan.
8. *Journalist of the Year 1987*, prize by Lions Delhi Kanishka.

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