

## CURRICULUM VITAE

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### Career Objective

To work for an organization which provides me the opportunity to improve my skills and knowledge to growth along with the organization objective.

### Profile Summary

I am pursuing Ph.D on, “Power, Market, Knowledge : The Political Economy Of Medicinal Plants in India” from the Department of Political Science, University of Delhi under the supervision of Professor Madhulika Banerjee. In my Ph.D Research work I intend to focus on the market for medicinal plants, intending to map the supply chain of these Medicinal Plants from the source to the wholesale Market. I have selected Khari Baoli market of Delhi as a point of entry and plan to demonstrate its linkages backwards toward the source by tracing the existing intermediaries which actively involved in the larger supply chain of this market all the way to the source of raw drugs. My intention behind this research is to explore the Power structure of the market of these herbs, particularly identifying the collectors and their position in this system.

The area of my Research Interest Includes the Themes like- "Emergence of Capitalist Modernity and Politics Of Knowledge", "Debates on Modernity and the Critiques of Dominant Science and Epistemology", "modern Development and its Critics", "Environment and ecology", "Politics of Alternative Vision of Development", "Commodification and commercialisation of Traditional Medicines and its Social ,economic,ecological and Epistemic dimensions", " Modern Agriculture and Politics of Green Revolution", Modern Capitalist Farming and its Social, Economic, Epistemic and ecological consequences".

### Personal Qualities

- ❖ I am calm and composed, sincere and hard working
- ❖ Eager to learn theoretical and practical dimension of any issues
- ❖ Curious to learn new methodology and innovative skills in my academic discipline.
- ❖ Ability to work as individual as well as in group.

### Academia

- Pursuing **Ph.D** at the Department of Political Science, University of Delhi( Registered From June 2017) on the Topic : “ Power, Market, Knowledge : The Political Economy Of Medicinal Plants in India”.

- Qualified **M.Phil.** (June 2017) Course work and dissertation, submitted to the Department of Political Science, University of Delhi with 1<sup>st</sup> Division(64.8% marks). The dissertation was entitled “ Knowledge, Market and Medicinal Plants : Understanding the Impact of Commercialisation of Traditional Medicines.
- Qualified **UGC-NET**(Political Science) Exam in the year 2013.
- **M.A** in Political Science from Kirori Mal College, University of Delhi with 1<sup>st</sup> Division(60.62% Marks) in the year 2014.
- **B.A (HONS)** Political Science from Kirori Mal College, University of Delhi with 1<sup>st</sup> Division(63.45% Marks) in the year 2012.
- **12th (10+2)** Passed from CBSE Board with 84.2 % Marks(With Humanities stream) in the year 2009 .
- **10<sup>th</sup>** Passed from CBSE Board in the year 2005.

### Awards and Achievements

- ❖ Presented Research Paper Entitled: “The Rapid Commercialisation of Traditional Medicines in India: Policy, Markets and Lives of Collector Communities” in the 3rd International Graduate Seminar\_Fostering Change- Public Policies :Impacting State, Markets and Society at the TISS(Hyderabad) dated 16<sup>th</sup> march 2017.
- ❖ Obtain Award for 1st Position in M.A Political Science(Final Year) In Kirori Mal College, University Of Delhi In 2015 Annual Day Function.
- ❖ 3rd Position in Delhi University in M.A. Political Science
- ❖ Participated in the Five Day Workshop on “Politics Of Health” from April 24 to April 28 2017 at Sambhavna Institute(Palampur,Himachal Pradesh)
- ❖ Participated in the International Conference and One day Methodology Workshop on “Scenarios and Models in Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services” being jointly organized by the Centre for Economic and Social Studies (CESS), Hyderabad,the Indo-German Biodiversity Programme, GIZ. Centre for Economics, Environment, and Society (CEES), Bangalore and the Indian Society for Ecological Economics (INSEE) ,held at CESS, Hyderabad during 14<sup>th</sup> to 16<sup>th</sup> February 2017.
- ❖ Successfully Participated as a Field Investigator in the Post-Poll 2015 Delhi Assembly Election Survey Conducted By Lokniti, CSDS.
- ❖ 1st prize in debate competition held in Kirori Mal College in 2011(Debate on Electoral Reforms)
- ❖ Subject Topper in (Hindi) Delhi District in CBSE Board Exam in 2009 (Indira Award)
- ❖ District Topper in Humanities in CBSE Board Exams held in 2009 (Indira Award)

❖ Achieve the Merit Certificate from CBSE Board Exams in 2009 for being Top Ten Subject Topper in Hindi.

### Extra Curricular Activities

- ❖ Reading Books
- ❖ Listening Music
- ❖ Watching Movies
- ❖ Cooking
- ❖ Traveling to various places.

### Personal Details

<b>Languages Known</b>	:	Hindi, English, Punjabi
<b>Mother's Name</b>	:	Satya Rani
<b>Father's Name</b>	:	Satish Kumar Handa
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