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### EDUCATION

Year	Percentage- Course	Institute
2017	Ph.D. in Anthropology (Awarded) Dissertation titled, ' <i>Social Organization among the Newars: An Ethnographic Study of Jyapu Community of Lalitpur District, Nepal.</i> ' [Field work in Nepal for 13 months]	Department of Anthropology, University of Hyderabad, Hyderabad.
2011	M.Phil Degree in Anthropology. Dissertation: ' <i>Kinship and Marriage among the Newars of Nepal</i> ' CGPA of 8.19 [Field work in Nepal for two months]	Department of Anthropology, University of Hyderabad, Hyderabad.
2010	Master of Arts in Anthropology. CGPA of 8.67. Masters Dissertation: ' <i>Natural Resource Management among the Chenchus of Narlapur Mandal, Mehboob Nagar District.</i> ' [Field work for one month]	Department of Anthropology, University of Hyderabad, Hyderabad.
2019	Master of Arts in Public Administration Percentage- 56.38%	Indira Gandhi National Open University
2007	Bachelor of Science [Microbiology, Zoology, and Chemistry] Percentage – 63%	Sri Venkateswara University, Tirupathi.
2004	Board of Intermediate Education Percentage – 65%	Bhavana Junior College, Proddatur.
2002	Board of Secondary Education Percentage – 83%	Royalaseema Public High School, Proddatur.

- Qualified UGC National Eligibility Test (NET) in 15 June 2015.

## PAPER PUBLICATIONS

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- Published paper titled '**Indian Television Soap Opera as an Ideological State Apparatus: Re-Invigorating the Regressiveness of Indian Society**' in *Explorations*, ISS E-Journal, Vol. 8(3) December 2024, PP. 170-196 (Published by Indian Sociological Society)
- Published paper titled '**Women's Labour Market Outcomes and Contours of Sub-nationalism: A Comparison Across Four States in India**' in *Economic and Political Weekly* (EPW) June 8, 2024 Vol LIX No 23.
- Published a paper titled '**Process of Community Building Through Baja Khalas Among the Newars of Nepal**' in the UGC-Care listed Journal (UGC Serial Number- 777)- *The Eastern Anthropologist* 73: 2 (2020), ISSN- 0012-8686 (Care Listed Journal)
- Paper titled "**Categorization and Emergence of Differential Citizenship within Neoliberal Context- A Case Study of the Chenchu**" published in the book titled, "Citizenship and Place", 2018 by Rowman and Littlefield International Limited, London. With (ISBN-HB 978-1-7866-0583-2 PB 978-1-7866-0584-9) (Published) P: 169-188
- Published a paper titled, "**Battle for Equal Rights in Patriarchal Society- Issues Challenges of Women Journalists in their Work Place,**" in an edited book titled, "Women in Differential Fields: Issues and Challenges," 2016, published by Archers and Elevators Publishing house, Bangalore. P: 254-267 (ISBN No. 978-93-85640-49-0) (Published)
- Published a paper titled, "**Housing Pattern as a Reflection of Social Organization among Newars of Nepal,**" 2016, published by Academicia journal, Vol. 6 Issue 12, December. P: 42-52 (ISSN: 2249-7137) (Published)
- Published a paper titled '**Concept of Development for the Ethnic Communities: A Boon or Bane? Field Experiences from the Chenchus/Savara (in India) and Newars (in Nepal)**' in the book titled Current Dynamics in Transforming Nepal, 2018, P: 249-264, published by Adroit Publishers, New Delhi, (ISBN: 978-81-87393-57-3) (Published)
- Sarveswar, S., & Shakya, S. (2021). **Role of Guthis in Self-Governance among the Newars of Nepal.** *Society and Culture Development in India*, 1(1), 97-116. ISSN: 2583-0694 (Peer Reviewed)
- Published chapter titled '**Re-examining Governance in India in Comparison to the Newah of Nepal**' in the edited book *Nepal, A Shangri-La? Narratives of Culture Contact and Memory* (2022) published by Mandala book point, Kathmandu ISBN: 978-99933-42-58-8, P: 351-360.

## Reports; Study Material and Digital media

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- Contributed for the report ‘Walk a Mile in their shoes: Workers’ Rights Violations in the Indian Leather and Footwear Industry, 2016’ funded by European Union, Research project ‘**Change your shoes**’ carried out by, the Society for Labour and Development, Delhi.  
<https://www.slideshare.net/DanishAnwar15/india-shoes-global-supply-chain-report-2016>
- Submitted a report to ‘**Hyderabad Runners**’ after carrying out fieldwork for more than six months. The report ‘An Anthropological Study Towards an Active Lifestyle: A Study in Community Fitness, The case of Hyderabad Runners’ was written in collaboration with other researcher and supervised by Prof. (Retd). N Sudhakar Rao (Dept of Anthropology, UoH).
- Contributed four chapters for the BA Sociology (Social Anthropology course material) offered by **Dr. BR Ambedkar Open University**, Hyderabad. (Unit IV: Concept, Definition and Characteristics of Culture; Unit V: Cultural Traits, Ethos and Cultural Processes; Unit VI: Theories of Culture; unit 12: Research Report Writing-Qualitative).
- Contributed Three chapters for B.Sc., Honors in Anthropology course material offered by **IGNOU** (New Delhi). (Unit I: Understanding India Society; Unit 16: Contributions of Pioneering Anthropologists; Unit 4: Anthropology and Tribes of India).
- Contributed 15 units for BA Anthropology course material offered by **Sree Narayanguru Open University** in Kerala.

**Unit 10:** Contemporary Relevance of Anthropology

Unit 05: Culture and Personality

**Unit 07:** Neo Evolutionism

Unit 08: Regionalism, Communalism and Ethnic Movements

Unit 08: Cultural Materialism

Unit 01: Genesis of Applied Anthropology- Anthropology of Colonialism, Nation Building

Unit 10: Understanding Tradition, Modernity and Post Modernity

Unit 02: Action Anthropology, Engaged Anthropology, Public Anthropology

Unit 07: Contributions of Sherry Ortner, Lila Abu-Lughod

Unit 03: Anthropology of Policy and People

Unit 05: Origin of State, Characteristics of State

Unit 01: Ethnography- Participant Observation and Interviewing

Unit 06: Concept of Civil Society

Unit 02: Survey, Schedule and Questionnaire

Unit 07: Tribal and Village Panchayats

- A public article titled *Thappad: A Slap to patriarchy but not class inequality* published in The News Minute (05.03.2020) <https://www.thenewsminute.com/article/thappad-slap-patriarchy-not-class-inequality-119551>
- A public article titled *Karnan: How caste politics, social movements influence names* published in The News Minute (28.05.2021)

<https://www.thenewsminute.com/article/karnan-how-caste-politics-social-movements-influence-names-149672>

- A public article titled *What the Terms for 'Rainbow' in Different Languages Tell Us About Religious Politics* published in The Wire (12.06.2021) <https://m.thewire.in/article/culture/rainbow-different-languages-religious-politics>
- A public article titled 'Academic Distress' and Student Suicides in India: A Crisis That Needs to be Acknowledged published in The Wire (02.06.2022) <https://thewire.in/rights/academic-distress-and-student-suicides-in-india>
- A public article titled *How India's blind admiration for sages hurts our democracy* published in Scroll.in (22.06.2022) <https://scroll.in/article/1026247/how-indias-blind-admiration-for-sages-hurts-our-democracy>
- A public article titled *Behold the universe: What draws Bengalis to visit Visva-Bharati-Rabindranath Tagore's world* published in Scroll.in (20.11.2022) <https://scroll.in/article/1034145/behold-the-universe-what-draws-bengalis-to-visit-visva-bharati-rabindranath-tagores-world>
- A public article titled *What Hindutva Politics and the Belief in 'Evil Eye' Have in Common* published in The Wire (31.10.2023) <https://m.thewire.in/article/politics/hindutva-politics-evil-eye-daily-culture-masses>
- A public article titled *Goddesses tamed: Is a unified religious identity recasting female deities in a passive mould?* published in Scroll.in (10.11.2023) <https://scroll.in/article/1058659/goddesses-tamed-is-a-unified-religious-identity-recasting-female-deities-in-a-passive-mould>
- A public article titled *Why We Need to Speak of caste in Bengal* published The Wire (24.04.2024) <https://m.thewire.in/article/caste/caste-bengal-ambedkar-tagore-visva-bharati-university>
- A public article titled *Political manifestos ignore the labour class* published in The News Minute (07.05.2024) <https://www.thenewsminute.com/news/political-manifestos-ignore-the-labour-class>

## PAPER PRESENTATIONS

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- Presented paper titled, '*Breaking the Spine and Giving a Walking Stick*' at ICSSR International Conference on the theme: Ethnicity, Discrimination and Social Exclusion of Minorities and Margins: Post-Colonial Debates, University of Mysore (December 2014).
- Presented paper titled, '*Concept of Development for the Ethnic Communities: A Boon or Bane?*' at SASON International Conference, Kathmandu (December 2013).
- Presented paper titled, '*Enforcing Culture Vs. Preserving Culture*' at International Symposium on Anthropology of Global Issues, Delhi (April 2012).
- Presented paper titled, '*Indigenous way of Interpreting Religion among The Newars of Nepal*' in the National Conference '**Unfolding Indigenous Knowledge System: Arts,**

**Humanities and Social Sciences'** at Asian Centre for Cross-Cultural Studies, Chennai (August 2012).

- Presented paper titled, '*Battle for Equal Rights in Patriarchal Society: Issues and Challenges of Women Journalists in Their Work Place*' Tirupati, Department of social work (March 2015)
- Presented paper titled, '*Understanding 'Double Burden of work' from the lens of Economics: A study of Women Adda Coolies in informal Sector*' at National Seminar on Women in Informal Sector- Issues and Challenges, organized by ISEC and ICSSR. (October 2015)
- Presented paper titled, '*Running for Health in Urban Space: A Case Study of Hyderabad Runners*' at National Seminar on Genomic and Cultural Variation of Indian Populations: An appraisal of Health and Disease Susceptibility, organized by Sri Venkateswara University, Tirupati, Andhra Pradesh (dated: 23-24 February-2017)
- Presented Paper titled, *Traditional Caste Occupation and Modern Social Resistance in Livelihoods: A Case Study of Newar Caste System in Nepal* in the international seminar '**Work, Identity and Livelihood in Nepal: Theoretical Challenges and Contemporary Practices for South Asia**' organized by South Asian University, New Delhi on 22-23 July 2017.
- Presented Paper titled, '*We Needed Semi-Permanent Structure to Face the Monsoons, all we got were tarpaulin sheets: An Anthropological Intervention in Earthquake Relief Management*' in the 3<sup>rd</sup> World Congress on Disaster Management (3<sup>rd</sup> WCDM) (7-10 November 2017) organized in Vishakhapatnam.
- Presented Paper titled, '*Highlighting the Invisible Crisis of Heat waves: An Urgent Need for Policy Level Intervention*' in the 3<sup>rd</sup> World Congress on Disaster Management (3<sup>rd</sup> WCDM) (7-10 November 2017) organized in Vishakhapatnam.
- Presented a paper titled "*Understanding Guthis among Newars of Nepal from the slant of Quasi-Kinship*" at the International Conference on '**Examining the "new" in Kinship and Family in South Asia**' organized at IIT Hyderabad from 1-2 February 2018.
- Presented paper titled '**Distortion of Tribal Identity through Formal Education**' in the National Conference on '*Tribal Identity and Tribal Integration: Issues of Nation Building*' organized at the Department of Anthropology, University of Hyderabad on 31<sup>st</sup> July- 1<sup>st</sup> August 2018.
- Presented paper titled '*Purity and Pollution in Art form: Anthropological Enquiry of Nachni Dancers in West Bengal*' in the two days National Seminar on '**Decadal celebration of Anthropology in Sikkim University: Challenges and Way Forward**' Organized by the Department of Anthropology, Sikkim University, Gangtok on 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> march 2024.
- Presented paper titled '*Homeland, Host-land and Belongingness: Essentializing the Transnationalist Nepali Identity*' in the two days National Seminar on '**Decadal celebration of Anthropology in Sikkim University: Challenges and Way Forward**' Organized by the Department of Anthropology, Sikkim University, Gangtok on 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> march 2024.

- Presented paper titled '*Constitutional Inclusion and Social Exclusion of Nepali Citizens of India: Lived Reality and Ordeal of the Minority Ethnic Community*' in the International Seminar on '**Dr. B. R. Ambedkar & 75 Years of Indian Constitution & Democracy**' organized by the Department of Marathi, Bhasha-Bhavan, Visva-Bharati & SC, ST, OBC Employees Welfare Association of the Visva-Bharati on 13<sup>th</sup> – 14<sup>th</sup> April 2024.
- Presented paper titled '*Understanding Purity Pollution in Caste System: A Critical Analysis of Untouchability in 75 years of Independent India*' in the International Seminar on '**Dr. B. R. Ambedkar & 75 Years of Indian Constitution & Democracy**' organized by the Department of Marathi, Bhasha-Bhavan, Visva-Bharati & SC, ST, OBC Employees Welfare Association of the Visva-Bharati on 13<sup>th</sup> – 14<sup>th</sup> April 2024.
- Presented paper titled '*To Be or Not to Be Tribal in India: A Critical Review of Tribal Policy, Governance and Perceptions of Non-Tribals in Independent India*' in the International Seminar on '**Dr. B. R. Ambedkar & 75 Years of Indian Constitution & Democracy**' organized by the Department of Marathi, Bhasha-Bhavan, Visva-Bharati & SC, ST, OBC Employees Welfare Association of the Visva-Bharati on 13<sup>th</sup> – 14<sup>th</sup> April 2024.
- Presented paper titled '*Discerning Caste as 'Community' through Social Media: Analysis of Brahmin and Dalit Facebook groups to understand the discourse of caste and privilege*' in the international seminar on '**Ambedkar & Community: Minor Figurations & Comparative Mediations**' held from 17-20<sup>th</sup> September 2024 at the Centre for Comparative Literature (CCL), University of Hyderabad.
- Presented a paper titled '*Work as Means of Women's Empowerment: Revisiting the Theories of Feminism in Neo-liberal Context*' in the national seminar '**Challenges of Women Empowerment in India's Informal Sector: Challenges and Potential Strategies for Achieving the Goals of Vision Viksit Bharat @ 2047 and the Sustainable Developmental Goals**' organized by Department of Anthropology and Social work, Visva-Bharati on 11-12<sup>th</sup> February 2025.

#### Workshop participated:

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Participated in the teaching and learning workshop at the University of Exeter, Cornwall, on '**Decolonizing the Classroom: experiences from India and the UK**' dated 22-23 June 2023.

#### Invited Lectures:

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- Invited to Deliver a Lecture on **‘Research in Anthropology: Reflections from the ethnographic fieldwork among the Newah of Nepal’** organized by School of Livelihoods and Development, Tata Institute of Social Sciences, Hyderabad held on 17<sup>th</sup> February 2022.
- Invited to Deliver a Lecture on **‘Socio-Political Implication of Language Movement in India: An Anthropological Analysis of Tamil Language Politics’** on the Eve of *Bhasha Andolon Dibos* organized by Sri Sri Centre for Translation and Interpreting Studies, Sri Sri University & Calcutta Comparatists 1999 held on 21<sup>st</sup> February 2023.
- Invited to deliver a lecture on **‘Intersectionality of Language and Culture: Linguistics-Anthropological Analysis of Indian Terms for Rainbow and Group Formation’** organized by Carca: Exercise in Compartivisms, by Centre of Comparative Literature, Bhasha Bhavana, on 30.03.2023.
- Invited to Deliver a Lecture on **‘Neo-Kinship: Understanding the Transcendancy of Group Formation in the Urbanity’** as a part of ‘NIAS Urban Lecture Series 2023’ organized by National Institute of Advanced Studies, Indian Institute of Science Campus, Bengaluru held on 30<sup>th</sup> May 2023.
- Invited to Deliver a Lecture on **‘Understanding Caste and Its Impact on the Social Organization in India’** for HUM<sub>1104</sub> Exploration of Social Inequalities and LIB<sub>1001</sub> Anthropology: An Introduction Organized by VIT-AP School of Social Science & Humanities (VISH) held on 30<sup>th</sup> September 2023.
- Invited to deliver a lecture on **‘Introduction to Qualitative Research Methods’** for the Seven Days National Workshop on ‘Research Methodology in Humanities Subject’ organized by Department of Marathi, Bhasha Bhavana, Visva-Bharati, 2-8<sup>th</sup> January 2024.
- Invited to be part of Indian Anthropology congress roundtable discussion, the theme for the discussion was **‘India’s Tangible Cultural Heritage and Anthropology: Conversation, Technology and Methodology’** organized by INCAA at Indira Gandhi Rashtriya Manav Sangrahalaya, Bhopal, held on 21<sup>st</sup>-23<sup>rd</sup> February 2024.
- Invited to Deliver a Lecture on **‘Patriarchising the Matriarchal Myths: Understanding the Implications of Changing Social Ideologies’** as a part of a *teachers’ seminar* organized by the Department of Philosophy and Comparative Religion Visva-Bharati held on 20<sup>th</sup> march 2024.
- Invited to deliver a lecture on **‘Writing Publishable Academic Paper Using Qualitative Methods’** as a part of online short-term course on ‘Qualitative Research Methods in Social Science’ organized by IIT Kharagpur, held on 3<sup>rd</sup> – 11<sup>th</sup> June 2024.
- Invited to deliver a series of lectures as part of ‘A Week long Workshop on Academic Writing for the PhD Students’ organized by Centre for Journalism and Mass Communication, Visva Bharati from 6-13<sup>th</sup> September 2024.

- Invited to deliver a lecture on “**What’s in a Name”? The intersectionality of Social Identity and Capital in India** organized by Gitam School of Humanities and Social Sciences, Gitam (Deemed to be university) Bengaluru on 15.10.2024
- Invited to deliver a lecture on ‘**Fieldwork Tradition in Social Science: Emerging Trends and Convolutions**’ organized by Department of Economics, SRM University, AP on 24.10.2024

## WORK EXPERIENCES

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- **Customer Support Engineer**, Wipro Ltd., Daman & Diu & Dadra & Nagar Haveli.  
Project: Capacity Building for Panchayat Functionaries and Elected Representatives in Daman & Diu. (Under the Supervision of Mr. Satyajith and Ms. Hetal Shah)  
Duration of the project (December 2011- February 2012)
- **Research Assistant**, Sustainable Hyderabad (under the megacities project funded by the German education ministry and others)  
Project: Sustainable Hyderabad Project, learned the ‘Discourse Analysis Method’ and also helped in organizing two international conferences. (Under the supervision of Dr. Srinivas Sirigiri and Dr. Raghu Chaliganti, Humboldt University, Germany)  
Duration of the project (November 2012- February 2013)
- **Field Investigator**, University Grants Commission Project.  
Project: Sexuality, Sexual Conflict, and Folk Medicine: A Study among the Savara and the Chenchus of Andhra Pradesh (under the supervision of Prof. B.V. Sharma and Dr. Pushpesh Kumar)  
Duration: Three Months (March-May 2013)
- **Research Assistant**, Sarva Sisksha Abhiyan, Telangana State.  
Project: A Study on children and parent’s opinions on corporal punishment and child rights at the elementary level. (Under the supervision of Dr. C. Raghava Reddy)  
Duration: Two months (May-June 2015)
- **Field Researcher**: Society for Labour and Development, Delhi.  
Project: ‘Change your Shoes’ Project funded by European Union, resulted in Walk a Mile in their shoes: Workers’ Rights Violations in the Indian Leather and Footwear Industry, 2016  
Duration: Three Months (August to October 2015)
- **Qualitative Researcher**, Pratham organization (New Delhi)  
Project: India Early Childhood Education Impact (IECEI) Study (Under the supervision of Suman Bhattacharjea)  
Duration: Four months (February to May 2016)
- **Research Associate**- ‘An Anthropological Study Towards Better Lifestyle, The Story of Hyderabad Runners’  
Project: Understanding other dimensions involved in the success of the Hyderabad Runners (a voluntary association). The study was supervised by Prof. N Sudhakar Rao, Department

of Anthropology, University of Hyderabad and the findings were compiled as a report, and the same was submitted to Hyderabad Runners organization.

Duration: Six Months (February to July 2017)

- **Project Research Associate** for nine months and promoted to **Project Officer** at **Center for Innovations in Public Systems (CIPS)** (An Autonomous centre of **Administrative Staff College of India (ASCI)** established by Government of India), (Hyderabad).

Project: Handled various projects funded by the Tribal Welfare Department, GoAP. In charge of replicating the best practices/innovations in public systems pertaining to the Urban Governance sector.

Duration: March 2017 to November 2018

- **Assistant Professor (Adhoc)** at Department of Anthropology, University of Hyderabad

Duration: (January 2019-July 2021)

Courses Taught:

- \* Anthropology of Complex Societies (Masters Students- IV Sem) (Jan- May 2019) & (Jan- June 2021)
- \* Anthropology of Marginalized Communities (Integrated Masters Students- IV sem) (Jan- May 2019) (Jan-May 2020)
- \* Theories of Social Structure (Masters Students- III Sem) (July-Dec 2019)
- \* Indian Society (Masters Students-I sem) (July-Dec 2019 & Aug-Dec 2020)
- \* Quantitative Research Methods (Masters Students- II Sem) (Jan-May 2020)
- \* Anthropological Theories of Human Society (Integrated Masters Students- V sem) (Aug-Dec 2020)
- \* Approaches to the Socio-Cultural Change (IMA VI Semester Jan- June 2021)
- \* Theories of Culture (MA II Semester Jan- June 2021)
- **Assistant Professor** at Department of Anthropology, Vidya Bhavan, Visva Bharati (A Central University, GoI)

Duration: (From September 2021)

## SKILLS

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- Proficiency in Microsoft Word, Microsoft Excel
- Certified proficiency in typing with a speed of 60 words per minute.
- Excellent Communication Skills: Ability to relate to people in the workspace.
- Interpersonal Skills: Effective Verbal Communication with clarity. Natural tendency to make friends and adapt to the new environment.
- Positive Work Ethics.
- Team Oriented Skills.

## LANGUAGE AND TRAVEL

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- Language Proficiency: English, Hindi, Tamil and Telugu
- Extensive Travel in India, Nepal, and Bhutan

## INTERESTS

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- Photography: Capturing different cultures, arts, and architecture.

## REFERENCES

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- \* Prof. P. Venkat Rao; Former Dean, School of Social Sciences, University of Hyderabad, Ph: +91 9440937293; Email: [pvrao2001@yahoo.com](mailto:pvrao2001@yahoo.com)
- \* Prof. BV Sharma; Head, Department of Anthropology, University of Hyderabad. Ph: +91 9391010651; Email: [sharmabhallamudi@gmail.com](mailto:sharmabhallamudi@gmail.com).
- \* Dr. George Tharakan C. Associate Professor, Department of Anthropology, University of Hyderabad. Ph: +91 9652748326; Email: [georgetharakan@rediffmail.com](mailto:georgetharakan@rediffmail.com).
- \* Mr. V Ch Veerabhadru, Advisor, CIPS-ASCI, Hyderabad Ph: +91 9490957129, Email: [chinaveera@gmail.com](mailto:chinaveera@gmail.com)

Yours Sincerely

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