

## **Biodata**

1. **Name** : **Dr. Shweta Prasad**  
2. **Designation** : *Professor of Sociology,  
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### **3. Latest assignment**

- **Visiting Fellow, Michigan State University, Oct., 2022-** Delivered two Public Talks. The first talk was organized by the College of Agriculture and Natural Resources on the topic **“Women in Agriculture: Experiences from India”**. The second talk was organized by the Asian Studies Centre under its series **“Global Speaker Program”** on the theme **“Femicide in Colonial and Post-colonial India: A Study of Varanasi”**

### **4. Current Positions**

- **Director, Centre for the Study of Social Exclusion and Inclusive Policy, BHU, Varanasi**
  - **Member, Managing Committee, Indian Sociological Society**
  - **Review Editor, Frontiers in Tropical Disease**
  - **Member, Advisory Board, Centre for Study of Social Exclusion & Inclusive Policy, Pondicherry University, Pondicherry**
5. **First Course Coordinator, PG in Gender Studies: The Course proposed by me under the Institution of Eminence, BHU, started with the Academic session 2022-2023.**

### **6. Publications: 03 Books and 22 papers/chapters**

#### **i. Recent publications:**

- *Gender, Environment and Development: Contributions of Indian Feminist Environmentalists, Mainstream Weekly, 11 June, 2022*
- *Book Review: Practical Spirituality and Human Development by Anant K. Giri published by Macmillan in Sociological Bulletin, Sage Publications, April, 2022*
- *“Mainstreaming Gender In Climate Change: Discourse and Actions” in Manish K. Verma (ed.) Environment and Sustainable Development: Perspectives and Issues, Routledge, UK, 2021*
- *Women at COPs: Journey so far, Mainstream Weekly, 6 Nov., 2021*
- *When Stepping Out of Home was Impossible: Recalling Fieldwork Experience during the times of pandemic (co-authored), Journal of Studies in Social Sciences and Humanities*

**ii. Forthcoming**

- *Book on Gender, Environment and Sustainable Development (Forthcoming from Routledge)*
- *Role of Women in Adaptation to Climate Change in B. K. Nagla and Kameshwar Chaudhary (eds.) Modernity, Postmodernity and Social Stratification: Some Glimpses of Indian Scenario, Jaipur: Rawat Publications (in print)*
- *From Infanticide to Feticide: A Study of Femicide in Varanasi, Journal of Social & Economic Development (Special Issue), Springer*

**iii. Occasional Paper**

- *Gendering Climate Change, Occasional paper Series 11, Shivaji University, Kolhapur*

**iv. Monographs**

- *Female Feticide: A Study of Varanasi, Centre for Women's Studies and Development, BHU*
- *Domestic Violence: A Study of the Slums of Varanasi, Centre for Women's Studies and Development, BHU*

**v. Reports**

- *Constraints to Cereal and Animal Production and Technology Adoption in Resource-poor Villages of India and Bangladesh, Huelgas et. al. (Pede, Ganeshamoorthy, Anurag Kumar, Raman Sharma, Alamgir Chowdhury, Kamala Gurung and Shweta Prasad) for Bill & Melinda Gates, IRRI, USAID*
- *11 report as Chairperson under LARR Act*
- *4 research project reports*
- *1 research award report*

**7. Consultancies**

- *Consultant, PATH, Seattle, USA along with University of Washington for Rapid Group Ethnography for Varanasi and Chitrakoot districts in Uttar Pradesh for a Govt. of India Programme*
- *Consultant, GAIL India Ltd. for a Baseline Study on the Support for Conversion of Diesel Boat to CNG in Varanasi*

- i. ***Direct Impact:** on the basis of the above studies, the diesel boats in river Ganges in Varanasi has been replaced with CNG boats for environmental protection. And, gaps in the implementation of Mass Drug Administration program of the GOI, to eliminate filaria has been identified, to initiate actions on govt. level*

**8. Evaluation Projects: Completed (Govt. of Uttar Pradesh Projects)**

- **Chairperson, Multi-disciplinary committee** to review the Social Impact Assessment Report under the Land Acquisition, Rehabilitation & Resettlement Act for Karaila- Shaktinagar Railway Line Doubling Project, Singarauli
  - **Chairperson, Multi-disciplinary committee** to review the Social Impact Assessment Report under the Land Acquisition, Rehabilitation & Resettlement Act for Two Lane Rail Bridge construction on Mughalsarai- Allahabad section of North Central Railway, Mirzapur
  - **Chairperson, Multi-disciplinary committee** to review the Social Impact Assessment Report under the Land Acquisition, Rehabilitation & Resettlement Act for HPCL LPG plant work in Sewapuri, Varanasi
  - **Chairperson, Multi-disciplinary committee** to review the Social Impact Assessment Report under the Land Acquisition, Rehabilitation & Resettlement Act for Dedicated Corridor, ROB no.78 C in Chandauli
  - **Chairperson, Multi-disciplinary committee** to review the Social Impact Assessment Report under the Land Acquisition, Rehabilitation & Resettlement Act for Dedicated Corridor, ROB no.71 C in Chandauli
  - **Chairperson, Multi-disciplinary committee** to review the Social Impact Assessment Report under the Land Acquisition, Rehabilitation & Resettlement Act for Dedicated Corridor, ROB no.76 C in Chandauli
  - **Chairperson, Multi-disciplinary committee** to review the Social Impact Assessment Report under the Land Acquisition, Rehabilitation & Resettlement Act for Dedicated Corridor, ROB no.75 C in Chandauli
  - **Chairperson, Multi-disciplinary committee** to review the Social Impact Assessment Report under the Land Acquisition, Rehabilitation & Resettlement Act for Dedicated Corridor, ROB no.74 C in Chandauli
  - **Chairperson, Multi-disciplinary committee** to review the Social Impact Assessment Report under the Land Acquisition, Rehabilitation & Resettlement Act for Dedicated Corridor, ROB no.70 C in Chandauli
  - **Chairperson, Multi-disciplinary committee** to review the Social Impact Assessment Report under the Land Acquisition, Rehabilitation & Resettlement Act for District and Sessions Court, Chandauli
  - **Chairperson, Multi-disciplinary committee** to review the Social Impact Assessment Report under the Land Acquisition, Rehabilitation & Resettlement Act for Freight Village, Chandauli
- i. **Direct Impact:** these projects had huge developmental value. Our reports paved the way for many developmental activities such as railways, port, gas cylinder bottling plant, expressways etc. in Uttar Pradesh, India

## 9. Research Projects

### i. Ongoing

- **New Kind of Agriculture: Interrogating Structural Transformations along the axis of Class and Gender**, a collaborative project with the faculties from Michigan State University and colleagues from India **funded by the Asian Studies Centre, Michigan State University, USA**

### ii. Completed

- ***'The Cereal Systems Initiative for South Asia'***, BHU-International Rice Research Institute, Philippines collaborative project (funded by Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation, World Bank and the USAID), Nov., 2009-2011- worked as Coordinator for the Eastern UP Hub for removing the social constraints towards (agricultural) technology adoption
- ***Modern Sati: A Study of Burning Out of Women Employees in Call Centres***, major research project funded by the University Grants Commission
- ***Female Foeticide- A Study of Sex-Determination Tests in Varanasi***, Centre for Women's Studies & Development, BHU, Varanasi
- ***Wife-Battering: A Study based on the Slums of Varanasi***, Centre for Women's Studies & Development, BHU, Varanasi

#### **10. Professional Assignments**

- ***Member, Managing Committee, Indian Sociological Society, New Delhi (Jan., 2018- Dec., 2023)***
- ***Convenor, Research Committee on Gender Studies, (RC-10) Indian Sociological Society (Jan., 2015- Dec., 2017)***
- ***Nominated Member, RUSA Research Evaluation Committee, Utkal University, Odisha***
- ***External Expert Member, Board of Studies of Sociology, Patliputra University, Patna***
- ***Reviewer for some reputed journals including Sage, Journal of refugee Studies, Oxford University Press, Routledge***
- ***Member, Editor Board, Journal of General management Research, SCMS, NOIDA***
- ***Reviewer, various funding programmes of Govt. of India as well as International funding agencies***
- ***Advisor, Board of Kalinga Journal of Arts & Humanities, Kalinga University, Raipur***
- ***Expert Member, Various PSCs and Universities***
- ***Member, Internal Complaints Committee, BHU***
- ***Member, Women's Grievance Cell, BHU***
- ***Member, NAAC Committee, Faculty of Social Sciences, BHU***

#### **11. Awards**

- ***UGC Research Award for Sociology, 2014- 2016 on "Women Empowerment through Corporate Social Responsibility"***
- ***Leadership Training Award for the Asian Women in Agriculture Research & Development, International Rice Research Institute, Philippines, 2009***

**12. Invited Lecture: Delivered nearly 120 lectures in different Universities across India such as Jawaharlal Nehru University; Madras University; Hyderabad University; Manipur University; Delhi University; Banaras Hindu University; Kolkata University; Sikkim University; Mother Teresa Women's University; Bangalore University; University of Gaur Banga; Tezpur University; Meghalaya University; Pune University; Ravenshaw University; Utkal University; West Bengal State University; University of Kerala; Lucknow University; Shivaji University, Kolhapur;**

*IIT, BHU; Jammu University; Amity University; Symbiosis International University, Noida; Meerut University; Mahatma Gandhi Kashi Vidyapeeth, Varanasi; Ram Manohar Lohia University, Ayodhya; Gorakhpur University; Maulana Abul Kalam Azad Institute of Asian Studies; Veer Narmad South Gujarat University; Ambedkar University; Lucknow University; Allahabad University to name some as **Chief Guest, Special Guest, Keynote Speaker, Guest of Honour and plenary speaker***

***Beside delivered few lectures for ministries of Govt. of India and Uttar Pradesh.***

### **13. Organization of Conferences/ Seminars/ Workshop**

- i. National Seminar on “The Forgotten Heroes of the Indian Freedom Struggle” organized by the CSSEIP, BHU, Varanasi on 26-27 March, 2022*
- ii. **Organized** a Workshop on Gender Sensitization at the FSS, BHU on behalf of the Women’s Grievance Cell, BHU on 10 Aug., 2018*
- iii. **Convener**, 43<sup>rd</sup> Indian Sociological Society Conference, Research Committee on Gender Studies, Lucknow University, Lucknow, 9-12 Nov., 2017*
- iv. **Convener**, National Conference on “Gender and Law: A Challenge to Safe world Order” Mother Teresa Women’s University, Kodaikanal, Tamil Nadu, 20-21 September, 2017*
- v. **Convener**, 42<sup>nd</sup> Indian Sociological Society Conference, Research Committee on Gender Studies, Tezpur University, Assam, 27-30, December, 2016*
- vi. **Convener and Organizing Secretary**, National Seminar on “Globalization & Women”, 14-15 September, 2016 at BHU*
- vii. **Convener**, 41<sup>st</sup> Indian Sociological Society Conference, Research Committee on Gender Studies, KIIT University, Bhubaneswar, 27-29 December, 2015*
- viii. **Convener**, National Conference on “Understanding Women Empowerment: Journey so far & the Path Ahead” Surat, Gujarat, 27-28 October, 2015*
- ix. **Co-Convener**, National Seminar on Gender Disparity & Women’s Security, Centre for Women’s Studies, FSS, BHU, March, 2015*
- x. **Coordinator**, Workshop for Proposing the Syllabus of PG Degree Programme in Women's Studies, BHU, 29 March, 2017*

### **14. Research Guidance as Supervisor:**

- i. D.Lit.:** One (Ongoing)
- ii. Post- Doctoral**  
Completed: Two
- iii. Doctoral theses**  
Awarded: Ten  
Submitted: Nil  
Ongoing: Eleven
- iv. M. Phil Dissertation**  
Completed: 15

***15. Life Member/Member***

- International Sociological Association
- Indian Sociological Society, New Delhi.
- Indian Association for Women's Studies, New Delhi.

***16. Areas of Specialization***

- Sociology of Gender with special reference to Violence against Women, Gender and Environment, Gender and Development, Globalization and Women etc.

***17. Administrative Experience***

- Warden, International Girls Hostel, BHU (2012-15)
- Programme Officer, NSS, BHU (2007-11)
- Observer, University Examinations, BHU

**18. Educational Qualification : Ph. D. and M. Phil in Sociology**

**19. Qualified JRF /NET of UGC, New Delhi and first class in MA, BA, XII, X.**

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