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Qualifications: MA (Economics), Doctor of Philosophy (Economics)

Position: Professor and Director, Institute for Human Development

Areas of expertise: Poverty, Livelihood, labour markets, employment and social protection

List of Major Projects completed:

- i) Co-Project Director, Research Programme on Inclusive Development in Bihar, a three year research programme based on longitudinal data (funded by several organisations).
- ii) Designing Implementation Modals for the Right to Work Programme in India: A Study of NREGA, sponsored by the Institute of Development Studies, University of Sussex.
- iii) NREGA and Decent Work Agenda: An Explanatory Study, Sponsored by International Centre for Inclusive Growth, Brasilia (Brazil).
- iv) India Labour and Employment Report, Institute for Human Development being planned to be brought out every two years (the first report to be published by OUP will be released in December 2010),
- v) Co-Project Director, Social Protection in Asia, A Research-cum-Advocacy Network Project (funded by Ford Foundation and IDRC) being conducted in partnership with Institute of Development Studies at the University of Sussex.
- vi) Impact of Kosi Floods on Livelihoods, sponsored by UNDP, 2009
- vii) Inequality and Human Development in Aceh, Indonesia, Background Paper for "Aceh Human Development Report", sponsored by UNDP (Indonesia) 2009.
- viii) Baseline Survey of Minority Concentration Districts of India, sponsored by the Ministry of Minority Affairs, Govt. of India, 2009

(Survey of 27 districts covering about 750 villages and 25000 households).

- ix) Labour Regulation and Industrial Development in India, sponsored by Institute for Studies in Industrial Development and European Commission, 2007.
- x) Implementation of National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme: A Preliminary Assessment of the Government of India, sponsored by Ministry of Rural Development and UNDP, 2006.
- xi) Globalisation, Labour Markets and Employment Security for Workers in the Unorganized Sector in India, (in collaboration with University of Amsterdam), Sponsored by Indo-Dutch Programme in Alternatives in Development (IDPAD), New Delhi, 2006.
- xii) Bihar Development Report, sponsored by Planning Commission, Government of India, 2006
- xiii) Agriculture Diversification in Eastern India, sponsored by the Indian Council of Agricultural Research, Government of India, 2005.
- xiv) Employment and Poverty Reduction in India: Policy Perspectives Based on Recent ILO Studies (jointly with T.S. Papola), sponsored by ILO, Geneva, 2004.
- xv) Globalisation and Social Exclusion (jointly with T.S. Papola), Sponsored by ILO, Geneva for World Commission on Globalisation, 2003
- xvi) Vulnerability to Debt Bondage Index, sponsored by the International Labour Organisation, Kathmandu, 2002.
- xvii) Gender and Poverty, sponsored by Dept. of Women and Child Development, Government of India, 2001.
- xviii) Women Workers in the Unorganised Sector, sponsored by The World Bank, Washington D.C., 2001.
- xix) Dynamics of Employment, Poverty and Human Development in Bihar, sponsored by ACTIONAID and NABARD, 2001
- xx) The Impact of Social Labelling on Child Labour in India's Carpet Industry, Sponsored by the International Labour Organisation, Geneva, 2000.
- xxi) Economic Liberalisation and Labour Market Flexibility, sponsored by Ministry of Planning, Government of India, 2000.

- xxii) Youth Employment in India: Role of Government and Employers in Its Promotion, sponsored by International Labour Organisation, 2000
- xxiii) Voices of the Poor: Peoples' Perceptions of Poverty in India, sponsored by the Shastri-Indo Canadian Institute, 1999.
- xxiv) Economic Reforms, Employment, Poverty and Social Safety Nets, Sponsored by the Friedrich Ebert Stiftung, 1997.
- xxv) Trend and Pattern of Employment and Unemployment in India, Institute of Economic Growth, Delhi, 1997.
- xxvi) Structural Adjustment and Labour, National Labour Institute, NOIDA, 1996.
- xxvii) Poverty Syndrome and Anti-Poverty Strategy in Bihar, a study done for the larger project on 'Management of Poverty Alleviation Programme in Indian States', at A.N. Sinha Institute of Social Studies, Patna, 1994.
- xxviii) A Pilot Project on Urban Poverty in Patna, sponsored by the International Development Research Centre, ANS Institute of Social Studies, Patna, 1990.
- xxix) Internal Migration in Bihar, sponsored by the International Labour Organisation, ANS Institute of Social Studies, Patna, 1987.
- xxx) Dynamics of Employment and Poverty in Bihar (jointly with Pradhan H. Prasad, Gerry Rodgers and S. Gupta), sponsored by the International Labour Organisation, ANS Institute of Social Studies, Patna, 1979.
- xxxi) Evaluation of Study of Backward Regions Grant Fund (BRGF) (jointly with Dr. Ashok Pankaj), sponsored by Planning Commission, Government of India
- xxxii) India: State of Development Evaluation Report 2010 (jointly with Dr. Priyanca Mathur, Dr. S.P. Pal and Dr. Milindo Chakraborty, sponsored by IDRC
- xxxiii) Delhi Human Development Report 2013, sponsored by Delhi Government

List of major publications and research works:

Books Published (Authored/or edited/co-edited)

- i) Bihar: Stagnation or Growth (jointly edited with S. Gupta), Spectrum Publishing House, New Delhi, 1987.
- ii) Labour, Employment and Industrial Relations in India (jointly edited with T.S. Papola and P.P. Ghosh), Indian Society of Labour Economics/ B.R. Publishing Corporation, New Delhi, 1993.
- iii) Women and Work: Changing Scenario in India (jointly edited with Seema Singh), Indian Society of Labour Economics/ B.R. Publishing Corporation, New Delhi, 1993.
- iv) People on the Move: Nature and Implications of Migration in a Backward Economy, Vikas Publishing House, New Delhi, 1997.
- v) Growth, Employment and Povert : Change and Continuity in Rural India (edited with G.K. Chadha), Vikas Publishing House, New Delhi, 1997.
- vi) Empowering Rural Labour: Market, State and Unions (edited with R. Radhakrishna), Institute for Human Development, New Delhi, 1998.
- vii) Gender and Employment in India (edited with T.S. Papola), Vikas Publishing House Pvt. Ltd, New Delhi, 1999.
- viii) Informal Sector: Perspectives in Development (jointly edited with Amitabh Kundu), Institute for Human Development, New Delhi .
- ix) Liberalisation and Labour (jointly with Lalit k. Deshpande, Anup K. Karan and Sandip Sarkar), Institute for Human Development, New Delhi, 2004.
- x) Child Labour in Carpet Industry (jointly with Rajeev Sharma and Nikhil Raj), Institute for Human Development, New Delhi, 2004
- xi) Rural Transformation in India: The Role of Rural Non-farm Sector, (jointly edited with Rohini Nayyar), Institute for Human Development, New Delhi, 2004.
- xii) Challenges of Unemployment: Issues and Perspectives in Asia, jointly with ICSSR and Association of Social Science Research Council (jointly edited with R.P. Mamgain (forthcoming), Danish Books, New Delhi, 2009.
- xiii) Labour Markets in the Era of Globalisation in China and India (forthcoming)
- xiv) Accelerated Economic Growth and Regional Balance (jointly edited with T.S. Papola), Institute for Human Development and Manak Publishers, New Delhi, 2010
- xv) The Challenge of Inclusive Development in Rural Bihar (jointly with Gerry Rodgers, Amrita Datta, Janine Rodgers and Sunil K. Mishra

- xvi) Delhi Human Development Report 2013 (Team Leader and Editor), Academic Foundation, New Delhi, 2013
- xvii) India Labour and Employment Report 2013 (forthcoming)

Doctoral thesis

“Impact of Price Changes on Cropping Pattern in Bihar during the First Two Decades of Planning (from 1950-51 to 1975-76)”

Some selected articles

- i) T.S. Papola and Alakh N. Sharma (2013), "Labour and Employment in a Fast Growing Country: Issues of Employment and Inclusiveness", in Barbosa, Alexandre de Freitas and Cacciamali, Maria Cristina (edited), **Economic Development and Inclusive Growth: The Challenges Ahead**, CEBRAP/Sao Paulo/2013.
- ii) “Crop Diversification in Eastern India: Status and Determinants” (with Anjani Kumar and Pramod Kumar), Indian Journal of Agricultural Economy, 67(4):600-16.
- iii) “Development and Poverty in Bihar: Emerging Pattern and Challenges”, IHD Working Paper
- iv) “Political Economy of Poverty: Nature, Dimensions and Linkages”, in Alakh N. Sharma (ed.), Poverty in India: Measurement, Identification and Strategies for Eradication (forthcoming), 2010.
- v) “Food and Nutrition Security in India”, in Agriculture, Food Security and Rural Development, Oxford University Press and Asian Development Bank, 2010.
- vi) “Flexibility, Employment and Labour Market Reforms in India”, Economic and Political Weekly, 27 May, 2006.
- vii) “Agrarian Relations and Socio-Economic Change in Bihar,” Economic and Political Weekly, 12 September 2005.
- viii) “Towards a Policy Agenda for Rural Non-Farm Sector” (with T.S. Papola) in Rohini Nayyar and Alakh N. Sharma (eds.), Rural Transformation in India: The Role of Rural Non-Farm Sector, Institute for Human Development, New Delhi, 2004.
- ix) “Labour and Employment: Down and Out” (with T.S. Papola), Seminar, May 2004.
- x) “Employment Generation Policy and Social Safety Nets in India”, in Ramgopal Agarwal, et al. (eds.), Reforms, Labour Markets and Social Security in India, Oxford University Press, New Delhi, 2004.

- xi) "Employment in a Globalising World", (with Piush Antony), in Reforms and Employment, Institute of Applied Manpower Research, New Delhi, 2003.
- xii) "Impact of Social Labelling on Child Labour in Carpet Industry", Economic and Political Weekly, Vol. 37, No. 52, 2002.
- xiii) "The Question of Employment Security", in Mahendra Dev et. al. eds), Social and Economic Security in India, Institute for Human Development, New Delhi., 2001.
- xiv) "Agricultural Development, Employment & Poverty in G.K Chadha and Alakh N. Sharma (eds.), Growth, Employment and Poverty: Change and Continuity in Rural India, Vikas, New Delhi, 1997.
- xv) "Economic Reforms and the Poor: in V.M. Rao (ed.), Economic Reforms and the Poor: Opportunities and Barriers, Indo- Dutch Programme in Alternatives for Development, ICSSR, 1997.
- xvi) "Structural Adjustment, Poverty, Employment and Safety Net: The Indian Experience" (with T.S. Papola), Indian Journal of Labour Economics, Vol. 39, No. 3, 1996 (Guest Editor: Rizwanul Islam).
- xvii) "Political Economy of Poverty in Bihar", Economic and Political Weekly, October 21, 1995.
- xviii) "Peasant Mobilisation in Bihar and Implications for Rural Labour Market", Indian Journal of Labour Economics, Vol. 38, No. 3, 1996 (Guest Editor: R. Radhakrishna).
- xix) "Rural Labour Migration", Labour and Development, Vol. 1, No. 1, 1996.
- xx) "Green Revolution and Regional Disparity in Agricultural Development", Journal of Social and Economic Studies, Vol. 9, 1993.
- xxi) "Agricultural Development and Eastern Region", Journal of Social and Economic Studies, Vol. 10, 1994.
- xxii) "Urban Labour Market Structure and Job Access", Indian Journal of Industrial Relations, Vol. 10, 1993.
- xxiii) "Nature and Extent of Migration in Bihar", in Population and Development in Bihar, edited by U.P. Sinha and R. P. Sinha , International Institute of Population Sciences , Bombay, 1994.
- xxiv) "Agrarian Structure, Underdevelopment and Rural Violence in Bihar", in K.K, Sharma et al (edited), Peasant Movement in Bihar, Syndicate Publications (India), New Delhi/ Patna, 1994.

- xxv) “Demographic Characteristics and Poverty among Households in Rural Bihar” (joint), in Gerry Rodgers (edited), Population Growth and Poverty in Rural South Asia, Sage Publications, New Delhi, 1989.
- xxvi) “Activity Pattern of Women in Rural Areas”, The Indian Journal of Labour Economics, Vol. 31, No.3, April-July, 1988.
- xxvii) “Migration and Urban Labour Market”, The Indian Journal of Labour Economics, Vol. 31, No. 1-2, 1988.

Unpublished seminar & working papers

Have over forty unpublished papers which were either presented in various seminars, workshops or were prepared as working papers/monographs.

Consultancy and membership of various bodies/ policy oriented groups

Have been involved in various capacities with a number of government organisations, research institutes and Universities. These include advising on various issues, on research projects, and serving as member of the Board of Governors, Editors, etc. Some of them are:

- i) Member of the Advisory Committee of Centre for Development Studies, Rajiv Gandhi University, Itanagar, Arunachal Pradesh
- ii) Member of the Working Group on Employment, Planning & Policy for the Twelfth Five Year Plan (2012-17) of Labour, Employment & Manpower Division of Planning Commission
- iii) Member of Consultancy Evaluation-cum-Monitoring Committee (CEMC) of Planning Commission Programme Evaluation Organisation
- iv) Member of the Assessment & Monitoring Authority (AMA) of Social Welfare & Social Justice Division of Planning Commission
- v) Member of Working Group on Social Security for the Twelfth Five Year Plan (2012-17) by Labour, Employment & Manpower Division of Planning Commission and Ministry of Labour and Employment
- vi) Member of the Committee on Crime Statistics (to review the Crime Statistics of India) of Central Statistics Office, Social Statistics Division of Ministry of Statistics & PI
- vii) Member of the Expert Committee for Identification of the Urban Poor (Chaired by Professor S.R. Hashim), constituted by the Planning Commission.
- viii) Member of the Syndicate of the Gandhi Gram University, India.
- ix) Member of the Core Committees, constituted by the Planning Commission of India, for preparation of the State Development Reports of Bihar, U.P., Uttaranchal and Delhi.

- x) Member of the Steering Group (chaired by Professor V.S.Vyas) for preparing Vision for Agricultural Development in Bihar (Constituted by the Government of Bihar).
- xi) Member of the National Statistics Commission (NSC) on Social Sector Statistics of Ministry of Statistics & Programme Implementation, GoI
- xii) Member of the National Statistics Commission Committee on Unorganised Sector Statistics of Survey Design and Research Division, NSSO, Ministry of Statistics & Programme Implementation
- xiii) Member of the Expert Group of Third Annual Employment-Unemployment Survey (EUS) 2012-13 of Labour Bureau of Ministry of Labour and Employment, GoI
- xiv) Member of the Board of Studies of Central University of Bihar
- xv) Member of the Editorial Board, Regional Development and Planning, Dept. of Economics of University of Burdwan
- xvi) Member of the Expert Committee to Evaluate Applications for Travel Grant for National and International Seminars of Indian Council of Social Science Research
- xvii) Karnataka State Unorganised Worker's Social Security Board of Department of Labour of Government of Karnataka
- xviii) Vice-President of Indian Water Partnership
- xix) Member of the Advisory Committee of SR Sankaran Chair, NIRD, Hyderabad