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**TRACING MODES OF GENDERED THINKING:
IDEATION AND PHILOSOPHY FROM
THE GLOBAL SOUTH**

(With Special Reference To India)

DECEMBER 04-06, 2024

BANARAS HINDU UNIVERSITY, VARANASI, INDIA

Day-1 | December 4, 2024 | K N Udupa Auditorium, Banaras Hindu University, Varanasi, India

Setting the Agenda
2:00 pm – 2:30 pm

- **Dr. Priyanka Jha**, Assistant Professor, Department of Political Science, Banaras Hindu University
- **Dr. Divya Rani**, Assistant Professor, Department of Political Science, Banaras Hindu University
- **Dr. Bindu K C**, Assistant Professor, School of Human Studies, Dr. B.R.Ambedkar University

Welcome Address
2:30 pm – 3:15 pm

- **Prof. Binda D. Paranjape**, Dean, Faculty of Social Science, Banaras Hindu University
- **Prof. Amarnath Mohanty**, Head, Department of Political Science, Banaras Hindu University
- **Prof. Dhananjay Singh**, Member Secretary, ICSSR

Tea/Coffee break 3:15 pm – 3:30 pm

Keynote Panel
3:30 pm - 5:30 pm

Chair : Prof. Krishna Menon, Professor, Dr. B.R. Ambedkar University, Delhi

- **Prof. Ruth Hagenruber**, Professor, Director of Centre for the History of Women Philosophers and Scientists, University of Paderborn, Germany
- **Ms. V Geetha**, Independent Scholar, India
- **Prof. Manisha Priyam**, Sir Louis Matheson Distinguished Visiting Professorship and Professor, NIEPA

High Tea 5:30 pm - 6:30 pm

Cultural Performance
6.30 pm – 7:30 pm

Tabla Solo Performance by
Dr. Neelu Sharma, Professor, Department of Music, Dayalbagh Educational Institute, Agra
Accompanied by **Shri Mohit Sahani** (Harmonium)

Indian Classical Guitar Rendition by
Vidushi Dr. Kamala Shankar, Indian Classical Guitar Player (Inventor of Shankar Slide Guitar)
Accompanied by **Shri Siddharth Chakraborty** (Tabla)

Dinner 8:00 pm – 9:00 pm

Day-2 | December 5, 2024 | Vedic Vigyan Kendra, Banaras Hindu University, Varanasi, India

Session - 1

9:00 am – 11:00 am

Gender and the Shaping of the Public(s) and the Personal

Panel Speakers:

Chairperson: Prof. Manisha Priyam, Sir Louis Matheson Distinguished Visiting Professorship and Professor, NIEPA

- **Dr. Achyut Chetan**, Associate Professor, Sido Kanhu Murmu University
Reconfiguring the Political: Indian Feminist Thought and the Making of the Indian Constitution
- **Dr. Meena Gopal**, Associate Professor, Pondicherry University
Queering feminism within the academy
- **Dr. Mallarika Sinha Roy**, Assistant Professor, Jawaharlal Nehru University
Romantic Dis-Entanglements: Exploring Love, Politics, and Gender in Postcolonial India

Tea/Coffee break

11:00 am- 11:15 am

Session - 2

11: 15 am – 1:15 pm

Intersectional Feminist Epistemology

Panel Speakers:

Chairperson: Prof. Rakhee Kalita Moral, Professor, Cotton University, Assam

- **Dr. Rahee Soren**, Assistant Professor, Jadavpur University
Women and Santali Intellectual Traditions of the 19th Century: Remembering Sona Murmu
- **Dr. Manaswini Sen**, Assistant Professor, SRM University
(Re)Inventing Feminism within the Discourse of Class Struggle: a Gendered Intellectual History of Trade Unionism in Late Colonial Bengal
- **Dr. Sunaina Arya**, Assistant Professor, Woxsen University
Gender and Culture in South Asia
- **Dr. Ravi Dutt Bajpai**, Visiting Researcher, University of Gothenburg, Sweden
Ila Bhatt: A woman pioneer of intersectional theory and praxis in India
- **Tehmeena Rizvi**, Consultant-Jr (Research), Indian Council of Social Science Research
Negotiating Power: The Dual Roles of Women in Militancy and Positive Nation-Building

Lunch

1:15 pm – 2:00 pm

Session - 3

2:00 pm – 3:30 pm

Knowledge Production and Dissemination and the Challenges from Global South

Panel Speakers:

Chairperson: Prof. Sonali Singh, Professor, Department of Political Science, BHU

Co-Chair: Prof. H K Malviya, Professor, Department of Political Science, BHU

- **Prof. Swati Parashar**, Professor, University of Gothenburg, Sweden
Mapping Epistemic Silences: A Postcolonial-Feminist Critique of Knowledge Hierarchies
- **Dr. Louise Fabian**, Associate Professor, Aarhus University, Denmark
The politics of knowledge production in gender movements and feminist theory.

- **Ms. Manushi Bhattarai**, Independent Scholar, Nepal
- **Dr. Preety Choudhari**, Assistant Professor, BBAU
Feminist Voices in Contemporary Hindi Poetry: Universal Values of Indigenous Consciousness.

Tea/Coffee Break 3:30 pm – 4:00 pm

Session - 4

4:00 pm – 6:30 pm

Networks of Knowledge Making

- Chair:** Prof. T P Singh, Professor, Department of Political Science, BHU.
Co-Chair: Prof. Abhinav Shrama, Professor, Department of Political Science, BHU.
Co-Chair: Dr. Bindu K C, Assistant Professor, Dr. B.R. Ambedkar University, Delhi.
- **Dr. Shefali Jha**, Assistant Professor, HSS, DA-IICT, Gandhinagar
And
 - **Dr. Navaneetha Mokkil**, Assistant Professor, Jawaharlal Nehru University
Feminist Becoming: On the Making of a Reader
 - **Dr. Sreejata Paul**, Assistant professor, Shiv Nadar University
The Beneficiaries of Suffrage: Gender, Life Writing, and Public Office in the twentieth-Century Indian Subcontinent
 - **Dr. Aakriti Mandhwani**, Associate Professor, Shiv Nadar University
Middlebrow magazines' ephemeral women: Vimla Luthra and Pushpa Bharti
 - **Dr. Ruchika Sharma**, Assistant Professor, Department of History, Mata Sundri College for Women, University of Delhi
As She Bequeaths in her Will: Gendering Legal Colonial Archive

Day-3 | December 6, 2024 | Vedic Vigyan Kendra, Banaras Hindu University, Varanasi, India

Session - 1

9:00 am – 1:00 pm

Selected Presentations Parallel Sessions 1, 2, 3

- Panel 1: Feminist Movements : New and Old Concerns**
Venue: Seminar Hall, Third Floor, Vedic Vigyan Kendra, BHU
Chair: Dr. Mallarika Sinha Roy and Dr. Manaswini Sen
- **Prof. V.M. Ravi Kumar**, Professor, Dept. of History, BBAU, Lucknow
Conceptualization of Dalit Ecological Feminism in India
 - **Dr. Rajeev Dubey**, Associate Professor, Banaras Hindu University
And
 - **Synem Hrangkhawl**, Research Scholar & Guest Faculty, Tripura University
Women in New Religious Movements: Indigenous Feminism of the Brahma Kumaris.
 - **Dr. Niharika Tiwari**, Associate Professor, University of Allahabad
And
 - **Dr. Samanta Sahu**, Associate Professors, G B Pant Social Science Institute
Understanding Gender Discourse and LGBTQIA+ Debate in India with a Special Reference to the Indian Knowledge System (IKS)
 - **Dr. Akash Kumar Rawat**, Assistant Professor, Amity University Uttar Pradesh
Gender Discourse in Subaltern Studies Project: A Perspective from Dalit Women

- **Dr. Anagha Babu**, Assistant Professor, Christ University, Bangalore
From Colonialism to Democracy: Women's Movements in India and South Africa
- **Dr. Deeksha Sharma**, Assistant Professor, Dr. Ambedkar Government P.G. College Unchahar-Raebareli
Women through the Lens: Reading Advertisements as Discourse
- **Dr. Reshma Suresh**, Assistant Professor, VIT, Chennai
And
- **Dr. Arjun Shaji**, Assistant Professor, VIT, Chennai
Unpacking Gendered threads of Insanity law in India: An exploration through the judicial lens
- **Dr. Saroj Upadhyay**, Assistant Professor, VKM, Banaras Hindu University
History of Women's Thought: Philosophical and Political Perspectives in the Indian Context
- **Dr. Mohan Kumar Bera**, Assistant Professor, BITS Pilani Goa Campus
Changing Roles, responsibilities, and strategies of women in disaster risk reduction in the Indian Sundarban Region
- **Dr. Monika Tiwari**, Assistant Professor, Dayalbagh Educational Institute, Dayalbagh, Agra.
The 'breast' and the 'tax': Navigating Dalit women's body as a site of resistance against caste violence
- **Dr. Prerana Buch**, Lecturer, Kansagara College, Saurashtra University
Critiquing Gendered Subaltern – Blacks and Dalits in the Light of Gayatri Spivak's Views
- **Dr. Manika Kamthan**, Assistant Professor, UPES, Dehradun
Gendered Thinking and Patriarchal Interpretations: Marriage, Law, and Judicial Bias in India
- **Megha Joshy Mathew**, Research Scholar, Pondicherry University
Divergent Feminisms: Veils and Visibility Contrasting Feminist Battles in the Global South and North through the Maaru Marakkal Samaram and Free the Nipple Movements
- **Sarika Rai**, Research Scholar, International Institute for Population Sciences, Mumbai
And
- **Abhishek Gupta**, Research Scholar, International Institute for Population Sciences, Mumbai
Empowering Growth: How Female Education Drives Employment and Economic Growth in India
- **Urvashi Sharma**, Research Scholar, Jamia Millia Islamia University
The Beauty Ideal: Impact of Fairness Cream Advertisements on Women.
- **Shreya Das**, M.A, South Asian University, New Delhi
Politics of Invisibility & Hyper-Visibility: 'Illegal' Undocumented Bangladeshi Migrant Workers in India

- **Anurati Vinod Nair**, Undergraduate Scholar, Christ University, Bangalore
And
- **Dr. Krishnapriya T K**, Assistant Professor, Christ University, Bangalore
The Impact of Gender Bias and the Lack of Feminist Perspectives in Textual Content in Early Education on Reinforcing Gender Stereotypes and Inequality in South Asia
- **Ajay Gauraw**, Research Scholar, Banaras Hindu University
Tribal Women Development and Integration: With special reference to Forest Rights
- **Rippy Das**, Research Scholar, Banaras Hindu University
The Impact of Refugee Crises on Human Rights Norms: With an Emphasis on Women's Experiences in the Global South
- **Dhananjay Mishra**, Research Scholar, Banaras Hindu University
- भारतीय सामाजिक न्याय आंदोलनों में इंटरसेक्शनल उपनिवेशवादी दृष्टिकोण: जाति, वर्ग, और लिंग
- **Dr. Dinesh Kumar**, Assistant Professor, University of Lucknow
- औपनिवेशिक और उत्तर-औपनिवेशिक संदर्भों में महिलाओं के राजनीतिक विचार वैश्विक दक्षिण से आवाज़ें
- **Manash Chatterjee**, Research Scholar, Banaras Hindu University
And
- **Shikha Rai**, Research Scholar, IIT ISM Dhanbad
Women's Movement in India: Pathways to Transformation, Emancipation, and Social Change

9:00 am – 1:00 pm

Panel 2: Biographies, Lives and Ideas

Venue: Lecture Hall 3, Third Floor, Vedic Vigyan Kendra, BHU

Chair: Dr. Navaneetha Mokkil and Dr. Shefali Jha

- **Dr. Gayatri B Harnesha**, Lecturer, A V Parekh Technical Institute
And
- **Prof. R B Zala, Professor**, Saurashtra University
Indian feminist thought in Sita Must Live
- **Anwasha Adhikary**, Research Scholar, Banaras Hindu University
Becoming (M)other: Gender and Critique of Caregiving in Indian Illness Narratives
- **Arundhati Singh Tiwari**, Research Scholar, South Asian University
Gender, Resistance, and Performance: The Intellectual Legacy of Sheema Kermani in South Asian Feminist Thought
- **Himanshi Singh**, Research Scholar, Banaras Hindu University
Silenced Histories: Unearthing the Intellectual Contributions of Early Lady Doctors in Colonial India
- **Karma Kumar**, Research Scholar, Dr. Shyama Prasad Mukherjee University, Ranchi
Significance of Indigenous Women's Voices in Tribal Literature; with Special Reference to Jacinta Kerketta's Angor and Land of The Roots
- **Keshav Kumar**, Research Scholar, South Asian University
And
- **Anchal Kumari**, Trainee, Quality Council of India
Exploring Intersectional Feminism through the Life and Work of Ramnika Gupta: Caste, Gender, and Resistance in Indian Society

- **Manisha Choudhary**, Research Scholar, CSSEIP, Banaras Hindu University
Exploring the Life and Legacy of Dakshayani Velayudhan: An Intersectional Analysis of Caste, Gender, and Politics
- **Soumya Gupta**, Research Scholar, Banaras Hindu University
The Feminine Divine in Aurobindo's Philosophy
- **Tejasvi Saxena**, Research Scholar, Shiv Nadar Institution of Eminence
Contribution of Rameshwari Nehru in shaping the idea of Afro-Asian solidarity.
- **Nishitha Mandava**, Scholar, London School of Economics and Political Science
World-Making and Internationalism: Leftist Women's Internationalist Imaginaries 1930-1947
- **Dawa Lhamu Sherpa**, Research Scholar, Dr. B.R. Ambedkar University Delhi
Negotiating Masculinities: The Intersection of Gender, Ethnicity, and Politics in the 2017 Gorkhaland Movement
- **Aditya Kumar Pandey** Research Scholar, CSSI, Banaras Hindu University
And
- **Dr. Puja Gupta**, Assistant Professor, Odisha State Open University
Voices of Resilience: Folktales and Poetry as Indigenous Epistemologies in North-East Indian Women's Writing
- **Dr. Vidushi Puri**, Assistant Professor, Amity University, Haryana
And
- **Mr Harshavardhan**, Assistant Professor, Amity University, Haryana
Embodiment of Shakti: Sister Nivedita's Influence on Nationalism, Gender Justice, and Legal Reform in Colonial India
- **Dr. Zairu Nisha**, Assistant Professor, Ramanujan College, University of Delhi
Engendering Nationalism: Ideology of Motherhood and Masculinity in Colonial India
- **Upama Roy Choudhuri**, Independent Researcher
Abala Bose – A Custodian of Bengal's Scientific and Reformist Impulse
- **Sayantani Mandal**, Independent Researcher
Fashioning the self: Re-reading Diaries and Letters of Women Writers in Colonial Bengal
- **Krishna Kumar Sahani**, Research Scholar, Banaras Hindu University
Women's Intellectual Contributions to the Indian Renaissance

9:00 am – 1:00 pm

Panel 3: Gender in the Creative and Literary Sites

Venue: Conference Hall, First Floor, Vedic Vigyan Kendra, BHU

Chair: Dr. Aakriti Mandhwani and Dr. Sreejata Paul

- **Dr. Akash Bhosle**, Assistant Professor, Goa University
Navigating Epistemic Injustice: Understanding Diasporic Identity Through Jhumpa Lahiri's Namesake

- **Dr. Rohit Yadav**, Assistant Professor, Amity University, Uttar Pradesh
And
- **Dr. Manjari Johri**, Assistant Professor, Amity University, Uttar Pradesh
- And
- **Anshu Rastogi**, Primary Teacher, Basic Education Department, Uttar Pradesh
The Male to Female Gaze: A Gendered Perspective in Indian Painting
- **Dr. Sugandha Agnihotri**, Assistant Professor, Integral University, Dasauli, Lucknow
Bipolar Intersectionalities Reflected by the Feminine Existence –A Cognizance of the Broken Verses by Kamila Shamsie
- **Dr. Sukriti Bhukkal**, Assistant Professor, Government Post-Graduate College for Women, Panchkula.
Tracing the Textual Politics of Feminist and Lesbian Discourse(s) in India via Selected Works from Suniti Namjoshi's Because of India
- **Simran Tapaswi**, Assistant Professor, Sir Parashurambhau College, Pune
Whisper Networks: Epistemic analysis of gossip and counter-narratives in the context of sexual violence
- **Dr. Smita Dabi**, Post Graduate Teacher, Delhi Public School Surat
Evolving Voices: A Historical Survey of Feminist Thought in Meerabai's Poems, Begum Rokeya's Sultana's Dream, and Devi's Draupadi
- **Sushil Kumar**, Research Scholar, Gujarat University
And
- **Dr. Vidya Rao**, Associate Professor, Gujarat University
Voices Beyond Borders: Exploring Chitra Banerjee Divakaruni's The Palace of Illusions and Its Contribution to Global Feminist Discourse
- **Beauty Kumari Shaw**, Research Scholar, Banaras Hindu University
A Forest of One's Own: An Ecofeminist Reading of Namita Gokhale's Shakuntala: The Play of Memory
- **Chayanika Bhaduri**, Research Scholar, Indian Institute of Technology Gandhinagar
Gender in South Asia's Digital Landscape: Intersectionality and Identity in Contemporary Bengali Screen Culture
- **Chitransh Patel**, Research Scholar, BBAU, Lucknow
Rethinking Gender through the Spanda system in Kashmir Shaivism
- **Divyanshi Bhardwaj**, Research Scholar, Banaras Hindu University
Manifesting the Feminine through Devotion: A Paradoxical study of Feminine Creativity in the voices of Heer and Sassi
- **Firoja Parvin**, Research Scholar, North Bengal University
Thinking Motherhood: Re-reading selected women's nonfictions in Colonial Bengal

- **Nandini Gayen**, Research Scholar, Banaras Hindu University
Decolonial Feminism: Analysing Kallol Magazine's Role in Shaping Bhadramahila Ideologies in Colonial Bengal
- **Sanjeet Kaur**, Research Scholar, University of Lucknow
And
- **Kadambri Gasso**, Assistant Professor, SSD College
Subduing the Thinking Woman: An Analysis of the Politics of Repressing Female Questions in the Grand Narratives of India
- **Sowmya Ayyar**, Research Scholar, MCPR, Banaras Hindu University
Rokeya Sakhawat: A Feminist Forgotten
- **Varsha Upadhyay**, Research Scholar, Indian Institute of Technology Guwahati
Gita Press and the Shaping of the Ideal Indian Women: An Inquiry in the Didactics and Politics
- **Dr. Suman Yadav**, Research Assistant, Zakir Hussain College, University of Delhi
Reimagining Purdah: Unexpressed Intentions of Feminist Discourses in
- **Anchal**, Research Scholar, Banaras Hindu University
Perception of Body Image of Women with Disability in India: Challenges and Issues
Colonial Hindi Women's Journal
- **Kislaya Priyadarshi**, Research Scholar, University of Hyderabad
The Constructionist and Gendered Aspects of Mother Tongues in India
- **Asmita Bhattacharjee**, M.A., Jadavpur University
And
- **Satadru Majumder**, M.A., Jadavpur University
Diverging Realities: The Feminist Psyche in Utopian and Dystopian Landscapes
- **Susheel Kumar Gupta**, Research Scholar, Banaras Hindu University
Historical Trajectories of the Women's Movement in India: From the 19th Century to Contemporary India
- **Anjana**, Research Scholar, Banaras Hindu University
- भारत में महिलाओं के राजनीतिक विचारों का इतिहास: प्राचीन काल से आधुनिक काल तक
- **Aradhana Kumari**, Research Scholar, Banaras Hindu University
- सुभद्रा कुमारी चौहान के साहित्य में निहित नारीवादी चिंतन
- **Bhaskar Kumar**, Research Scholar, Banaras Hindu University
Exploring the Binary Discourse in the Epistemology of Femininity in Indian Philosophy from the Vedic to Post-Colonial Period
- **Manash Kumar**, Research Scholar, Banaras Hindu University
Gender Studies: A Multidisciplinary and Interdisciplinary Approach to Education
- **Sakshi Garg**, Research Scholar, Banaras Hindu University
Women, Agency and Freedom: Feminist Implications of the Ancient Vedic Literature

Lunch

1:00 pm – 2:00 pm

Session - 2

2:00 pm-3:30 pm

Translating lives and Ideas

Panel Speakers:

Chairperson: Prof. Ruth Hagengruber, Professor, Director of Centre for the History of Women Philosophers and Scientists, University of Paderborn, Germany

- **Prof. Rakhee Moral Kalita**, Professor, Cotton University, Assam
Lost and Found: Negotiating the Archive and Orality in Translating Women's Histories in NE India
- **Dr. Arti Minocha**, Professor, Lady Shri Ram College, University of Delhi
Inhabitations in Print: The Life and Works of Hardevi
- **Dr. Namrata Chaturvedi**, Assistant Professor, Zakir Husain College, University of Delhi
As a Tortoise Mother": Sant Dayabai's Poetry and Women's Bhakti Voices
- **Ms. Namita Herzl**, Research Fellow, University of Hildesheim
Sulabhā's Debate: Rethinking Gender in Philosophy

Tea

3:30 pm – 4:00 pm

4:00 pm – 5:00 pm

Valedictory: Towards an Inclusive Praxis

Introducing the Speaker: Dr. Divya Rani, Assistant Professor, BHU

- **Prof. J Devika**, Professor, Centre for Development Studies, Thiruvananthapuram
Cosmopolitanism, Loneliness, and Gender: The Self-Reflexive Life of Kochattil Kalyanikkutty Amma.
- **Discussant: Prof. Dhruv K Singh**, Professor, Department of History, Banaras Hindu University.

5:00 pm – 5:30 pm

Conference Report and Vote of Thanks

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Dr. **Priyanka Jha**, Assistant Professor, Department of Political Science, Banaras Hindu University

Dr. Priyanka Jha teaches in the Department of Political Science, Banaras Hindu University. She is interested in the Intellectual History of Ideas and works with the ideas, contributions and Philosophies of Women thinkers and Philosophers from Modern India and South Asia. She has published extensively on the theme of Gendered Global Intellectual Histories.



Dr. **Divya Rani**, Assistant Professor, Department of Political Science, Banaras Hindu University

Dr. Divya Rani, has been in teaching and research for over a decade and worked on different projects and as a resource person to various universities and think tanks viz. Jawaharlal Nehru University (JNU), Indira Gandhi National Open University (IGNOU), and Foundation for National Security Research (FNSR), New Delhi. She did her PhD from the Centre for European Studies, School of International Studies, Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi. She had qualified UGC- JRF/NET in Area Studies and International Relations. Her areas of Interest are Theory of International Relations, European Studies, Political Economy, Artificial Intelligence, National Security, Foreign Policy of India and Indian Political System. She has authored a book entitled The Political Economy of the Greek Crisis: Policy Responses and Implications.



Dr. **Bindu K C**, Assistant Professor, School of Human Studies, Dr. B.R. Ambedkar University

Dr. Bindu K.C. has been working in the Gender Studies programme in Dr. B.R. Ambedkar University Delhi since 2014. Discipline wise, this includes English literature as well as Women's and Gender Studies. Her areas of interest include cultural, especially literary studies. She teaches a course Intellectual History in South Asia: Women Thinking the World designed together with Dr. Priyanka Jha in her university.





Prof. **Binda D. Paranjape**, Dean, Faculty of Social Science, Banaras Hindu University
Professor Binda Dattatrey Paranjape is the dean, faculty of Social Sciences. She is Professor in the Department of History, Faculty of Social Sciences, Banaras Hindu University. Having teaching experience of more than 30 years, Professor Paranjape holds expertise in Ancient Indian history, culture and archaeology. She has been a Fulbright Nehru fellow at George Mason University USA. She has also taught the students of study abroad programs of American universities as a part of alliance for global education and of the University of Wisconsin in Varanasi. Professor Paranjape has been a visiting professor at the North Eastern Hill University. Few years back she appeared in a popular National geographic program called the 'story of God' with academy award winning famous Hollywood actor Morgan Freeman.



Prof. **Amarnath Mohanty**, Head, Department of Political Science, Banaras Hindu University
Professor Amarnath Mohanty, works as a Professor in the Department of Political Science, Banaras Hindu University. Currently, he is appointed as the Head of the Department of Political Science. He has dedicated a teaching career spanning more than 30 years. He has completed his MA from the University of Delhi and received his M.Phil. and Ph.D degree from Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi. His area of research interests includes Democracy and Justice, Contemporary Political Philosophy and Political theory. Prof. A. Mohanty has written a book titled "Justice, Democracy and State in India" published by Routledge Taylor and Francis Group. Prof. Mohanty has also contributed several research publications in National and International Research Journal and Magazines.



Prof. **Dhananjay Singh**, Member Secretary, ICSSR
Prof. Dhananjay Singh is the Member Secretary, Indian Council of Social Science Research, New Delhi. He graduated in English from Government College, Itanagar, Arunachal University, in 1995, and did his M.A in English from Arunachal University, Itanagar, in 1997. He was awarded the Gold Medal by the University for his excellent academic performance during his MA. He completed his M.Phil. and Ph.D. research in English from Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi, in 2003 and 2007 respectively. His research was in the domain of literary and cultural studies. Presently, Prof. Singh is the President of the Association of Asian Social Science Research Councils (AASSREC). He represented the country at the 42nd General Conference on Social and Human Sciences (SHS) of UNESCO, at UNESCO, Paris. He also participated in the Global Forum on Ethics of Artificial Intelligence organised by UNESCO in collaboration with the Government of Slovenia at Brdo, Slovenia. He is also serving as the Director (Additional Charge) of the National Council for Promotion of Urdu Language, New Delhi.

