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## Academic Qualifications

Ph. D. (Sociology), Jawaharlal Nehru University, 1994

M. Phil. (Sociology), Jawaharlal Nehru University, 1984

M.A. (Sociology), Jawaharlal Nehru University, 1980

## Research Interests

Industrial and Urban Studies including Environmental Impact Assessment, Sociology of Development, Poverty, Food Insecurity and Tribal Livelihood Issues.

## Research Fellowships

Fellow, Helsinki Collegium for Advanced Studies, University of Helsinki from 01 September 2007 to 31 August 2008. Completed the study, '**Development or Livelihood Insecurity? A Sociological Study of Involuntarily Displaced Persons by the Mineralbased Industries in the Tribal Belt of India**'.

Visiting Fellow, Maison des Sciences de L'Homme (MSH), Paris under India-France Cultural Exchange Programme from 01 September 2005 to 31 October 2005. Consulted the literature on '**Urban Governance System of France to tackle Urban Poverty and Environmental Problems of Indian Cities**'.

## Research Guidance (Number of Scholars awarded Ph.D Degree)

- Ms. Renubala Sahoo: "**The Management Culture of Oriya Entrepreneurs: A Study of Small Scale Industries in Orissa**" (Awarded Ph.D degree in Sociology by Utkal University, Bhubaneswar vide Notification No.EC.VI/1360-Socio./2505/06 dated 03 November, 2006).

- Ms. Sudeshna Parija: “**The State, Civil Society and Gender – A Sociological Study**” (Awarded Ph.D degree in Sociology by Utkal University, Bhubaneswar vide Notification No.EC.VI/1566-Socio./1415/07 dated 03 July, 2007)
- Mr. Benudhar Pradhan: “**Ecological Degradation and the Occupational Threat: A Study of Fishermen Community around Chilika Lake of Orissa**” (Awarded Ph.D degree in Sociology by Utkal University vide Notification No.EC.VI/1667-Socio./3003/07 dated 11 September 2007).
- Ms. Namita Mohanty: “**Rural Socio-Political Structure and the Gender aspects of Political Representation: A Study of Women Representatives in Gram Panchayats and Panchayat Samitis of Orissa**”. (Awarded Ph.D degree in Political Science by Utkal University vide Notification No.EC.VI/1844-Pol. Sc./277/09 dated 19 February 2009).

#### **Continuing Research Scholar**

- Ms. Sugata Mohanty: “**A Sociological Study of Tribal Land Alienation in Orissa**”. Registration No. 7-Sociology, 2003-04, Utkal University, Bhubaneswar (Thesis submitted on 13.01.2012).
- Mr. Jirimio Digal: ‘**Socio-cultural Impediments to Development of Tribes in Orissa-A Study of Kutia Kandhas of Kandhamal District in Orissa**’. Registration No.10-Social Work-2006-07, Utkal University, Bhubaneswar.

#### **Selected Publications**

#### **Books and Monographs**

- *How Mineral-based Industrial Development Marginalises and Displaces People in India: Three Case Studies*, **The Edwin Mellen Press**, Lewiston, New York, 2010.
- *Stealing the Environment: Social and Ecological Effects of Industrialization in Rourkela*, **Manohar**, New Delhi, 2004.
- *Report on Stone Carving, Wood Carving and Silver Filigree Work in the Golden Triangle Region of Orissa*, ILO, New Delhi Area Office, 2001
- *Economic Liberalization and Regional Disparities in India*, **APH Publishing Corporation**, New Delhi, 2000 (Edited volume, Co-editor Baidyanath Misra)
- *Development Disparities in a Backward Region – A District Level Analysis*, **APH Publishing Corporation**, New Delhi, 1999.
- *Industrial Sickness – A Study of Small Scale Industries*, **Ashish Publishing House**, New Delhi, 1992 (With R. K. Panda).
- *Location of Public Enterprises and Regional Development*, **Concept Publishing Company**, New Delhi, 1986 (With Amitabh Kundu and Girish K. Misra).

#### **Refereed and Indexed International Journals**

- ‘Big Dam, Big Failures- A Study of Canal Irrigation System and the Deprived Tail-end Farmers in Hirakud Command Area of Orissa (India)’, *Journal of Asian and African Studies*, Vol. 46, No.4, August 2011, pp.422-38. (*Journal of Asian and African Studies*)

*African Studies* 0021909611404008, first published on June 24, 2011 as doi:10.1177/0021909611404008) (ISSN 0021-9096).

- ‘Globalization, Displacement and the Livelihood Issues of Tribal and Agriculture Dependent Poor People: The Case of Mineral-based Industries in India’, *Journal of Developing Societies*, Vol.25, No.4, October-December, 2009, pp.457-80. (ISSN 0169-796X)
- ‘Socio-economic Background of the Entrepreneurs and the Industrial Climate of the Small Scale Sector Industries in Orissa’, *Journal of Entrepreneurship*, Vol.17, No.2, July-December 2008, pp.169-88 (Co-author Renubala Sahoo).(ISSN:0971-3557)
- ‘Poverty, Livelihood and Morbidity: A Sociological Study on Health and Socio-Economic Status of Tribal Population in Orissa’, *Journal of Health Management*, Vol. 9, No. 3, Sep.-Dec. 2007, pp.343-67.(ISSN: 0972-0634)
- ‘Social and Ecological Effects of Industrialisation in a Tribal Region – The Case of the Rourkela Steel Plant’, *Contributions to Indian Sociology*, Vol.27, No.3, 2003 pp.430-57. (ISSN: 0069-9667).
- ‘Social and Ecological Drift of a Planned Urban Centre – A Study of Rourkela’, *Sociological Bulletin*, Vol, 47, No. 1, March, 1998, pp.51-72. (ISSN: 0038-0229)

### **Refereed National Journals**

- ‘Development or Deprivation of the Ecosystem People? A Study of Displaced Families by Three Public Sector Steel Plants in India”, *Journal of History and Social Sciences*, Vol.2, No.2, July-December 2011 (E-Journal) (ISSN:2229-5798).
- ‘Urbanization, Housing and the State of Living of Urban Poor in India’, *Review of Development and Change*, Vol.15, No.2, July-December 2010, pp.219-240. (ISSN: 0972-2661).
- ‘Globalization, Occupational Displacement and the Livelihood Issues of the Handloom Weavers in Orissa, *Bangladesh Sociological Studies*, Vol.2, No.2, September 2006, pp.91-109 (Issue published and circulated in March 2009). (ISSN: 1815-2163)
- ‘Degeneration of the Periphery under Hegemonic Development – The Case of Marginalisation of the Aboriginal in a Tribal Region’, *Indian Social Science Review*, Vol 3, No. 2, July- Dec 2001, pp. 289-325. (ISSN: 0972-0731)
- ‘Interstate Disparities in Levels of Development and the Implications of Economic Liberalization on Regional Economies of India’, *Review of Development and Change*, Vol. 4, No. 2, July-Dec 1999, pp. 198-224. (ISSN: 0972-2661)
- ‘The Handloom Industry and the Socio-Economic Conditions of Weavers in Orissa’, *Journal of Rural Development*, Vol. 14, No. 3, 1995, pp.301-322. (ISSN: 0970-3357).
- ‘The Migrant Female Bread Winners – Women in the Informal Secondary Sector of Rourkela’, *Indian Journal of Labour Economics*, Vol 37, No. 3, 1994, pp. 449-464. (ISSN 0971-7927).
- ‘Industry Versus Environment: Styles of Development and Change in a Tribal Region – The Case of Rourkela’, *Social Change*, Vol. 27, Nos. 1 & 2, March- June 1997, pp. 183-209. (ISSN 0049-0857).

## Recognized and Reputed Journals

- ‘State, Development Discourse and the Forgotten Oustees of Rourkela Steel Plant, India: Encounter & Experiences’, *ADIVASI*, Vol.49, No.1, June 2009, pp.21-40.
- ‘Impact of Economic Liberalization on the Backward States and Weaker Sections of Population in India’, *The Fourth World*, No 14, October 2001, PP. 58-86. (ISSN 0971-6653)
- ‘Protective Discrimination Policy and Inter-caste Level Differences in the State of Development of Scheduled Castes in Orissa’, *Utkal Journal of Sociology*, Vol.1, No, 1, 2001, pp. 62-77.
- ‘Whither Urban Planning? Planned Townships under Environmental Seize of Proliferating Informal Sector Activities and Haphazard Urban Growth – Case of Two Planned Towns in Orissa’, *Urban India*, Vol. 20, No. 1, Jan-Jun. 2000, pp. 1-23. (ISSN: 0970-9045)
- ‘The Lacquer Craft in Orissa,’ *Khadi Gramodyog*, Vol. 42, Nos. 3&4, Dec. 1995 & Jan 1996, pp.200-8 (Co-author, P. Nayak)
- ‘Trend and Level of Urbanization in Orissa’, *Urban India*, Vol. 15, No. 2, July- Dec. 1995 (Co-author, Chitrasen Pasayat). (ISSN: 0970-9045)
- ‘Growth of Urban Population, Informal Sector Economy and the Concomitant Environmental Problem: The Case of Class-1 Towns in Orissa’, *Nagarlok*, Vol. 27, No, 2, April-June, 1995, pp.49-66. (ISSN 0027-7584).
- ‘Development Scenario of Orissa Districts- A Temporal Analysis’, *Man and Development*, Vol. XVII, No. 3, 1995, pp.83-114 (Co-author, Chitrasen Pasayat) (ISSN 0258-0438)
- ‘Industrialization Drive and the Functioning of Small Scale Industries in Orissa’ *Indian Journal of Regional Science*, Vol. XXV, No. 2, 1993, pp.73-88. (ISSN-0046-9017).
- ‘Sociological Implications of Privatization of Public Enterprises in India’, *Orissa Economic Journal*, Vol. XIV, No, 1&2, 1992, pp.60-69.

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- ‘Development or Livelihood Insecurity of Ecosystem People? The Social and Ecological Costs of Modern Development in Contemporary India’, in Biswajit Ghosh (ed.) *Interrogating Development: Discourses on Development in India Today*, pp. 212-36. Jaipur & New Delhi: Rawat Publications, 2011.
- ‘Globalization, Industrialization and the State- A Sociological Study of Tribals’ Reaction to Industrial Development in Orissa’, *Occasional Paper No. 59*, Nabakrushna Choudhury Centre for Development Studies, Orissa, Bhubaneswar, February, 2006, pp.1-40.
- ‘The Political Economy of Poverty Alleviation: A Critical Analysis of Anti-poverty Programmes in Orissa’, in R.M. Mallik and Sakti Padhi (eds.) (2005). *Development, Deprivation and Welfare Policy- Essays in Honour of Prof. Baidyanath Misra*, pp.273-303. Rawat Publications: Jaipur.

- ‘Infrastructural Development’ in Government of India (2002). *Orissa Development Report*, pp.54-70. New Delhi: Planning Commission and Nabakrushna Choudhury Centre for Development Studies, Bhubaneswar.
- ‘Handloom and Handicrafts’ in Government of India (2002). *Orissa Development Report*, pp.224-44. New Delhi: Planning Commission and Nabakrushna Choudhury Centre for Development Studies, Bhubaneswar. (Co-author Sanjay Kumar Panda)
- ‘Social Sector Development’ in Government of India (2002). *Orissa Development Report*, pp.280-314. New Delhi: Planning Commission and Nabakrushna Choudhury Centre for Development Studies, Bhubaneswar.
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- ‘Development Scenario of the Village’ in Government of India (2002). *Orissa Development Report*, pp.472-546. New Delhi: Planning Commission and Nabakrushna Choudhury Centre for Development Studies, Bhubaneswar.
- ‘Industry Versus Environment: The Case of Rourkela’, pp.164-87, in B. Sahoo (ed) (1996) *Environment and Economic Development*, APH Publishing Corporation, New Delhi.
- ‘Co-operatives for Whom? The Myth and Reality of Co-operativization of Handloom Sector in Orissa’, pp.219-30, in B. Misra (ed) (1996) *Co-operative Movement in India*, APH Publishing Corporation, New Delhi.
- ‘Basic Amenities and the Quality of life in an Urban-Industrial Complex- A Case Study of Rourkela’, pp. 213-232 in B. Mohanty (ed). *Urbanization in Developing Countries; Basic Services and Community Participation*, Concept Publishing Company, New Delhi, 1993.