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Professional Experience

- Professor since October 2013 till date
- Director Lokniti-CSDS, 2013-2026
- Director, Professor, Centre for the Study of Developing Societies (CSDS), Delhi- **(2014-2019)**
- Associate Professor, Centre for the Study of Developing Societies (CSDS), Delhi- **(2004-13)**
- Assistant Professor, Centre for the Study of Developing Societies (CSDS), Delhi- **(1998-04)**
- Research Associate, Centre for the Study of Developing Societies (CSDS), Delhi- **(1995-98)**
- Visiting Faculty/Lecturer on Survey Research and Research Methodology at various universities.

Publications

Books/Edited Volumes

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Research Interests

- Electoral Politics and Voting Behaviour
- Survey Research and Methodology
- Political Representation and Democratic Participation and Public Opinion

Important Research Engagements

- Directed various national and state-level studies conducted by the CSDS since 1996, like the National Election Study (NES) 1998, 1999, 2004, 2009, 2014, 2019 and 2024 State of Democracy in South Asia, Youth Surveys and various rounds of State of the Nation Surveys. Also directed various other surveys conducted by CSDS during this period.

- Directed various state-level studies conducted by CSDS in the past study, like the State Election Study (SES) from 1995 till 2026, conducted for the state assembly election in Haryana, J&K. Maharashtra and Jharkhand in 2024.

- Conducted a study on 'The impact of welfare schemes on the well-being of women and their households in Karnataka' in collaboration with Indus Action Initiatives.

- Conducted various researches with the Indian Institute for Human Settlements (IIHS) amongst them are 'Understanding the Mediators that Enable Women's Usage of Digital Platforms' and 'A Study on the Spatial Distribution of Employment and Income Categories in the Chennai Metropolitan Area 2024'

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- Conducted various studies with contemporary relevance and the recent among them as ‘Conducted a study on ‘A Study of UPSC Aspirants in Delhi 2024’, ‘A Study of the Kanwar Yatra 2024’

- Conducted various studies with contemporary relevance and amongst them as ‘Concerns of Unemployment and Inflation amongst Delhi’s Voters’, ‘Youth and Politics: A Study of First-Time Voters in Delhi’, ‘Impact of Pandemic on Education: A Study of Government Schools of Delhi 2023’, ‘Issues of Mental Health Amongst Students In Kota-Study’.

- Directed various studies titled ‘Status of Policing in India Report (SPIR)’ to understand the perspectives of police personnel towards the criminal justice system in India. The series of SPIR comes every year since 2018. Currently involved in the study on the sixth round of the study on ‘Status of Policing in India Report’ (SPIR) in collaboration with Common Cause.

- Have been a core team member of ANFREL, a Bangkok-based civil society group, which works on monitoring election in Asian countries. As part of the team, I have observed elections in Thailand and Cambodia on behalf of ANFREL team. I was also a member of the drafting committee which worked on drafting “Citizens Charter for Free and Fair Elections in Asia”. Recently I have also participated in workshops on issues related to free and fair elections, electoral violence organised by National Democratic Institute (NDI)

- I was a team member of the group “Research Group on Electoral Violence in Asia Pacific countries”, a project undertaken by the UNDP, Bangkok regional office. As a team member, conducted research on Electoral Violence in India and submitted a detailed report to the UNDP.

- Core Team Member of Asian Barometer Survey, conducted by Prof. Takashi Inoguchi, Cho University, Japan. Analysed the Data for three rounds of survey 2003, 2005, and 2007 and contributed papers based on the findings of the survey.

- Co-directed State of Democracy in South Asia (Round I: 2004–05; Round II: 2013–14).

- Conducted survey-based research on electoral violence in India for UNDP, Bangkok.

- Asian Barometer Survey: Core Team Member, analysed data for 2003, 2005, 2007 rounds.

- Conducted multiple Indian Youth Surveys in collaboration with Konrad Adenauer Stiftung (2007 & 2013).

- Collaborated with institutions such as ICSSR, Research Council of Norway, IDEA (Udaipur) on welfare, democracy, and policy studies.

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- Regular teaching and lectures on Survey Research, Research Methodology, Questionnaire Design, and Sampling at universities across India.

Teaching & Academic Roles

- Regular teaching of Survey Research, Research Methodology, Questionnaire Design, and Sampling at CSDS and various universities across India.
- Delivered numerous Special lectures in academic forums and training workshops (national & international).