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Education

Ph.D. (Economics), Bharathiar University, Coimbatore, Tamil Nadu
M.Phil. (Economics), Madurai Kamaraj University, Madurai, Tamil Nadu

Career History

Research

1. *Associate Professor*, National University of Educational Planning and Administration (NUEPA), New Delhi, 2008 to 2016.
2. *Associate Fellow*, National Institute of Educational Planning and Administration (NIEPA), New Delhi, 2001 to 2008.
3. *Research Officer*, Planning Board, National Capital Region, Government of India, New Delhi, 2000 to 2001.
4. *Project Fellow and Project Assistant*, NIEPA, New Delhi, 1998 to 2000.
5. *Research Associate*, Institute of Social Sciences, New Delhi 1997 to 1998.
6. *Research Associate*, Centre for Multi-Disciplinary Development Research (CMDR), Dharwad, Karnataka, 1994 to 1995.

Teaching

1. Taught Integrated M.Phil.- Ph.D. students at NUEPA from 2007 to 2014.
2. Lecturer at Department of Economics, Sri Venkateshwara College, Delhi University, Delhi during August to November 2000.
3. Lecturer at Department of Economics, M.S. University, Baroda, Gujarat from August 1996 to June 1997.
4. Lecturer at the Department of Economics, Fatima College, Madurai, Tamil Nadu during September 1990 to May 1991.

Research Contributions

Books

1. Praveen Jha and **P. Geetha Rani** (eds), *Right to Education in India: Resources, Institution and Public Policy*, UK-Routledge, New Delhi, 2016.
2. K. Sujatha and **P. Geetha Rani**, *Development of Secondary Education in India: Access, Participation, Delivery Mechanism and Financing*, NUEPA and Shipra Publications, New Delhi, 2011.
3. K. Sujatha and **P. Geetha Rani**, *Management of Secondary Education in India: Quality, Performance and Administration*, NUEPA and Shipra Publications, New Delhi, 2011.

Select Publications (in Journals)

1. Demand and Supply of Elementary Education in India: A Regional Analysis, *Journal of Regional Development and Planning*, Vol. 4 (2), 2015, pp.61-81.
2. Interstate Disparities in Interest Subsidies on Education Loans in India; Why and How does it Persist?, *University News*, Vol.53 (48), December 7-13, 2015, pp.74-85.
3. Does Financing Universal Elementary Education Reduce Interstate Disparity?, *International Journal of Development Issues*, Emerald, 2015, Vol. 14 (1), pp.73 - 96.
4. Disparities in Earnings and Education in India, *OAEF Cogent Economics & Finance*, Taylor and Francis, 2014, 2:1, DOI 10.1080/23322039.2014.941510.
5. Education Loans and Financing Higher Education in India: Addressing Equity, *Higher Education for the Future*, Sage, 2014, 1(2), pp. 1-28.
6. Equity in the Distribution of India's Government Subsidies on Education, *International Journal of Education and Economic Development*, 2014, vol.5, pp.1-39.
7. Exploring Earnings and Education Disparities across Region, Caste, Religion and English Language Ability, *Artha Vijnana*, 2013, Vol. LV (4), pp.402-420.
8. Fund Flow Pattern and Financial Efficiency of Resource Utilization under Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan in Gujarat, *Arthshastra: Indian Journal of Economics & Research*, 2013, vol.2, pp. 12-23.
9. Determination of academic salaries in the colleges and Universities in UK: The Policy and Practice, *International Journal of Education and Economic Development*, 2009, vol. 1, pp.47-65.
10. Secondary Education in India: Development and Performance, *Man Power Journal*, July-September, 2007, Vol. XLII (3), pp.15-30.
11. Challenges of Achieving and Financing Universal Elementary Education: The Case of Sarva shiksha Abhiyan" *Journal of Educational Planning and Administration*, October 2006, Vol. XX (4), pp. 429-464.
12. Economic Reforms and the Weak-Link in the Changing Financing Strategy of Higher Education in India, *Artha Vijnana*, 2006, vol.XLVIII (4), pp.321-340.
13. Economic Reforms and Financing Higher Education in India, *Indian Journal of Economics and Business*, June 2004, Vol.3 (1), pp.79-102. Also published in the book by V.B. Jugale (ed), *World Trade Organization and Indian Economic Reforms*, Serials Publications, New Delhi, 2005, 2, Vols. xxvi, pp. 1081, ISBN 81-86771-79-4.
14. Inflation in India: Whether Classical or Non-classical, *Indian Economic Journal*, July-Sep.1999-2000, Vol. 47 (1), pp.110-118.
15. State Finance Commissions and Rural Local Bodies: Devolution of Resources, *Economic and Political Weekly*, June 1999, Vol.34 (25) pp.1632-1639.

16. Human Development Index in India: A District Profile, *Artha Vijnana*, March 1999, Vol.16 (1), pp.9-30.
17. Some Considerations on the Choice of Monetary Aggregate as Intermediate Targets in the Indian Case, *Prajnan*, 1993, vol.22 (3), pp.352-368 (co-authored).

Select Publications (chapters in Books)

1. *Introduction: Setting the Context* (co authored) Right to Education in India: Resources, Institution and Public Policy, (Ed.), UK-Routledge, 2016, pp. 1-27.
2. *Shifting Terrain of Public Policy Discourses for Financing of Education: An Overview*, (co-authored) Right to Education in India: Resources, Institution and Public Policy, (Ed.), UK-Routledge, 2016, pp. 28-60.
3. *Financing Elementary Education in Himachal Pradesh: Analyzing the Fund Flows and Expenditure in Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan*, Right to Education in India: Resources, Institution and Public Policy, (Ed.), UK-Routledge, 2016, pp.110-134.
4. *Changing Landscape of Higher Education in Tamil Nadu*, in Development Narratives: the Political Economy of Tamil Nadu (eds.) V.K. Natraj and A. Vaidyanathan, 2014, Academic Publication, Kolkatta, pp.381-411.
5. *Every Child in School: The Challenges of Attaining and Financing Education for All in India*, in Education for All: Global Promises, National Challenges, (eds.) Alex Wiseman and David Baker, International Perspectives on Education and Society, Vol. 8, Elsevier, 2007, pp.207-264, pp.
6. *Financing Elementary Education in Karnataka: Trends and Issues*, in Indian Economy: Education, Health and Development: Essays in Honour of Prof. P.R. Pancharukhi (eds.) M.J.Manohar Rao, V.G. Kalyankar, J.B.G.Tilak and V.B. Annigeri, Himalaya Publishing House, Delhi, 2005, pp.194-218.

Research Reports

1. *Financing Elementary Education in India: Fund Flow Pattern and Utilization of Resources in Elementary Education*, 2013, Department of Education Finance, National University of Educational Planning and Administration, New Delhi.
2. *Determination of Academic Pay in Universities and Colleges: An International Perspective*, September 2008. This was commissioned by the C.A.B.E., a sub-committee on higher education constituted by the UGC for implementation of recommendations of the Sixth Pay Commission.
3. *Secondary Education in Kerala: Analysis of the Delivery Mechanism*, coauthored, 2006.
4. *Secondary Education in Maharashtra: Analysis of the Delivery Mechanism*, coauthored, 2006.
5. Chapter on *Public Financing of Higher Education in India: Trends and Issues* for the ICSSR sponsored study on Financing of Higher Education in India with special reference to the System of Financial Management, by Dr.J.L.Azad, NUEPA, New Delhi, 2004.

6. *University Finance in India: A Profile, 2001*, NIEPA, New Delhi (co-author: J.B.G. Tilak). This study analyses the pattern of university finances focusing on sources of income and pattern of expenditure in about 40 universities in India. The period of the study ranges from 1990-91 to 1999-2000.

Official Documents

1. *Evaluation of Interest Subsidy on Education Loan by the Government of India*, to assess the viability and for continuation of the Subsidy Scheme from 11th Five Year Plan to 12th Five Year Plan period. This evaluation study was carried out on the request from the Ministry of Human Resource Development, New Delhi, February 2013.
2. *Financial Implications of the Right of Children to Free and Compulsory Education Act 2009 (Right to Education) National and State-wise Estimates*, (team member). Report prepared for and submitted to the Ministry of Human Resources Development, New Delhi, 2009.
3. Member of the Consultative Group (2008-09) for the preparation of *Policy Guidance Note on Financing Secondary Education in India* and *Framework of Perspective Plan on Secondary Education in India* and in three states: Madhya Pradesh, Bihar and Tamil Nadu by the Department for International Development (DFID-UK) and the Ministry of Human Resources Development, New Delhi. The consultation was led by Prof. Keith Lewin, University of Sussex, Sussex, UK.
4. Member of the expert team in the preparation of Financial Implications of the Right to Education Bill, 2005: National Estimates submitted to the High Level Group constituted by Ministry of Human Resource Development (MHRD), New Delhi. This was prepared under the overall guidance of late Prof. Tapas Mazumdar at NUEPA, in 2008.
5. Member in the preparation of the Financial Memorandum to Implement the Right to Education Bill 2005. The estimates are reported in Vol. II of the CAFE Report on Right to Education Bill, 2005 and submitted to the MHRD. This was prepared under the overall guidance of Prof. Tapas Mazumdar at NUEPA, in 2005.
6. Member in the preparation of the second chapter titled, Secondary Education in India: Projection of Enrolment, Classrooms, Teachers and Financial Requirements in the CAFE report on Universalizing Secondary Education in India, 2005.

Participation in Seminars and Conferences

A. International Conferences / Workshops

Served as a Discussant in a session on "Gender and the Challenge of Economic Models" in the 17th AJEI Workshop for Young Scholars, March 9-12, 2015, organized in collaboration with the Centre for Indian and South Asian Studies (Paris), the Centre for Social Sciences and Humanities (Delhi), the French Institute in India (French Embassy in India, Delhi) and Faculty of Social Sciences of the Banaras Hindu University, under the theme "Gender: Politics, Labour, Law, Development."

Served as a Discussant in a session on "Human Capital, Economic Growth and Earnings", in the Global Conclave of Young Scholars of Indian Education, January 27-29, 2011 by NUEPA, held at India Habitat Centre, New Delhi.

Presented a paper titled, "Quality School Education for All at an affordable cost in Tamil Nadu", in the International Seminar on Quality School Education for All: The SAARC Experience, 5-7, March, 2009, organized by NUEPA at India International Centre, New Delhi.

Presented a paper titled "International Perspective on the Methods and Practices of Student Loans: Its Implications for India" in the Sub-Regional Conference of South, South-West and Central Asia on Higher Education Facing Global and Local Challenges: The New Dynamics of Higher Education February 25-26, 2009 New Delhi, India organized by Ministry of Human Resource Development and United Nations Educational Scientific and Cultural Organization.

Presented on "Right to and in Education in India" in the Workshop on "Education Policy and the Right to Education: Towards More Equitable Outcomes for south Asia's children", held at Kathmandu, Nepal, 17-20th, September 2007, organized by UNICEF ROSA with partners.

Presented papers titled, "Financing Higher Education in India: The Question of Access and Equity" and "Economic Reforms and Privatization of Education in India" at the International Conference on Education and Development at Oxford University, Oxford, September 13-15, 2005 organized by UKFIET, London.

Presented a paper titled, "Financing Elementary Education for all in India: The Critical Issues" at the International Conference on Services Management, March 11-12, 2005 organised by Institute for International Management and Technology and Oxford Brookes University at New Delhi.

B. National Conference / Workshop (Other than NUEPA)

Invited to present in the Symposium titled "Investing on Young Girls in India: Issues, Initiatives and Way Forward" in the National Conference on Empowering Adolescent Girls: Understanding Realities and Expanding Capabilities held at Rajiv Gandhi National Institute for Youth Development, Sriperumbudur, Tamil Nadu, 22 -23, March, 2016.

Participated and presented a paper titled, "Determinants of Interest Subsidy on Education in India: Who Gains and Who Loses? ", in the 52nd Annual Conference of the Indian Econometric Society, organized by Indian Institute of the Management, Kozhikode during 4-6, January, 2016.

Participated and presented a paper titled, "Demand for Student Loans in India: Pattern and Determinants ", in the 51st Annual Conference of the Indian Econometric Society, organized by Department of Economics and Centre for Research in Economic Change, Punjabi University, Patiala during 12-14, December, 2014.

Participated and presented a paper titled, "Exploring the Earnings and Education Disparities across Region, Caste, Religion and English Language Ability in India", in the India Human Development Survey (IHDS) Users' Conference, during 18-19, July 2014, organized by NCAER, and held at IHC, New Delhi.

Participated and presented a paper titled "Financing Elementary Education for Achieving Universal Elementary Education in India: Does it Induce or Reduce Inter-state Disparity?" in 20th Thinkers and Writers Forum, 21-22, June, 2014 at India Habitat Centre, New Delhi, organized by Skoch Foundation, New Delhi.

Participated and presented a paper titled "Disparities in Earnings and Education in India" in the 23 rd Annual Conference on Contemporary Issues in Development Economics, Organized by Department of Economics, Jadavpur University, Kolkata, India, during 6-7, January, 2014.

Participated and presented a paper titled "Disparities in Earnings and Education in India" in the 55th Annual Conference of Indian Society of Labour Economics, during 16-18 December, 2013 at Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi.

Participated and presented a paper titled "Education Loans and Financing Higher Education in India: Does it Address Equity?" in The 33rd Summit and 17th Thinkers and Writers Forum, 3-4, September, 2013 at the PHD House, New Delhi, organized by Skoch Foundation, New Delhi.

Participated and Presented a paper titled Methods of Estimating Out of School Children in India: A Review, in the Annual Conference (2011) of CESI held at University of Hyderabad, during 16-18, November, 2011.

Participated and Presented a paper titled, "Quality Elementary Education for All under Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan At an Affordable Cost in Tamil Nadu" in the X Development Convention on Millennium Development Goals, 3-4, March 2011, organized by Institute of Public Enterprises, Osmania University Campus, Hyderabad.

Presented an invited paper on "International Perspective on the Methods and Practices of Student Loans: Its Implications for India" at the National seminar on Balancing Banking and Social Responsibility Development and Challenges Ahead in June, 2010, sponsored by Canara Bank and organized by CMDR, Dharwad, Karnataka.

Delivered an invited Lectures on "Financing Higher Education in India" in the Orientation Program of the Administrative Officers, May, 2010, and at Delhi University.

Delivered an invited Lectures on "Recent Developments in Financing Higher Education in India: Its Implications" and "Cost Analysis in Education" on the National Workshop on Financial Management of Institutions of Higher Education, 16-18 April 2010, held at Banaras organized by Association of Indian Universities & Banaras Hindu University.

Participated and Presented a paper titled "Privatization and Private Sector in Higher Education in India" in the Fifth Development Convention, 22-24, February 2007 at Madras Institute of Development Studies, Chennai.

Participated and Presented a paper titled "Resource Requirement for Universalizing Elementary Education: Mobilization and Estimation of Additional Financial Requirements with respect to Andhra Pradesh and Uttar Pradesh" at the First Annual Conference on Financing Human Development: 2005-06 during 9-10, March, 2006, held at National Institute of Public Finance and Policy, New Delhi.

Participated in the Workshop on Productivity and Efficiency Measurement, held at the Indira Gandhi Institute of Development Research, Mumbai, from January 2-4, 2009.

Participated and Presented a paper titled "Role of State and in the Knowledge Economy: Privatization and Private Sector in Higher Education in India" in the 27th Annual Conference of Indian Society of Labour Economics, 15-17, December, 2005 at Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi.

Participated and Presented a paper titled, 'Financing of Secondary Education in Kerala' in the Workshop organized by Kerala Development Society on Kerala's Educational Development: Retrospect and Prospects", 11-12, November 2005 at India International Center, New Delhi.

Participated and Presented a paper titled, "Economic Reforms and Financing Higher Education in India: Access and Equity Barriers" in the Conference on 'Education: Breaking the

Barriers' held at Center for Information Technology, Jamia Millia Islamia, New Delhi, during 27-29, March, 2003.

Participated and Presented a paper titled, "Economic Reforms and Financing Higher Education in India: Question of Access and Equity" in the Second Development Convention – 'Social Sector Development: Past, Present and Future Challenges' held at Institute of Social and Economic Change, Bangalore, during 19-21, February, 2003.

C. Participation in the University (NUEPA)

Presented the Research Proposal titled, "Evaluation of Education Loans in India", in the Workshop on Evaluation with Special Focus on Educational Programs and incorporating a Gender and Equity Lens held on 27.05.2014.

Presented the paper titled, "Financing for Achieving Universal Elementary Education: Unraveling the Fund Flow in Principle and Practice under Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan" in the National Seminar on Financing Elementary Education in States: Fund Flow Pattern and Utilization of Resources under SSA, 18-20, March, 2010.

Presented a paper on "Financing of Secondary Education in India: Trends and Issues" in the National Seminar on Challenges of Secondary Education in India, 5-7, February, 2007.

Presented the major issues and findings in the Workshop organized to finalize the Study on Financing of Higher Education in India with special reference to the System of Financial Management, 2005 based on the Chapter Public Financing of Higher Education in India: Trends and Issues for the ICSSR sponsored study.

Presented a paper titled, "Investing on Secondary Education of Girls in India" in the Workshop on Policy issues on Women and Development, 8-10, December 2004.

Presented a paper titled "Financing of Higher Education in India in the Context of Globalisation" in the International Conference on Globalisation and Challenges for Education, at IIC, during 18-20, December, 2001.

Presented "A Review of the Methods and Practices of Student Loan Programs in Developing and Developed Countries" for the National Workshop on Student Loans with Reference to Weaker Sections, on November 28, 2001 at NIEPA, New Delhi.

Workshops / Seminars and Training Programs Organized:

Discussion Meet on Revamping the Curriculum of the Orientation Programs on Management of University Finances, 13-14, October, 2011, NUEPA, New Delhi.

National Seminar on Financing Elementary Education in States: Fund Flow Pattern and Utilization of Resources under SSA, 18-20, March, 2010, at NUEPA, New Delhi.

National Level Discussion Meeting on the National Knowledge Commission (NKC): Report to the Nation 2006, 3-4, September, 2007, at NUEPA, New Delhi.

National Workshop on Financing Secondary Education with a Focus on Grants-in Aid Policy and Practice" held at Centre for Multi-Disciplinary Development Research (CMDR) in Dharwad, Karnataka, in collaboration with the NIEPA, during 21-23, January, 2004.

National Workshop on Student Loans with Reference to Weaker Sections, on November 28, 2001 at NIEPA, New Delhi.

Orientation Program in the Planning and Management of University Finances (Annual Program)

Orientation Program in the Planning and Management of State Finances (Annual Program)

Jointly convening and teaching the course on “Financial Planning and Management in Education” in Diploma in Educational Planning and Administration and International Diploma in Educational Planning and Administration.

Membership in Official Committees:

Member of the Sub-committee of Central Advisory Board in Education (CABE) on Universalising Secondary Education. Specific task undertaken was the estimation of financial implications for universalizing secondary education.

Member of a sub-Team constituted for CABE Committee on Right to Education Bill 2005. Specific task undertaken was the estimation of additional financial requirements to implement the Bill.

Two Member Team in the estimation of additional financial requirements to implement the RTE Act, 2009, the task undertaken was estimating the Financial Implications of the Right of Children to Free and Compulsory Education Act, 2009: National Estimates and State Wise Estimates.

Membership in Professional Bodies

The Indian Econometric Society (TIES)
The Indian Society of Labour Economics (ISLE)
Comparative Education Society of India (CESI)
Indian Economic Association
All India Association for Educational Research (AIAER)

Other Professional Activities:

Referee in the following Journals:

International Journal of Educational Development
International Journal of Education and Economic Development
Artha Vijnana
Journal of Economics, Management, and Financial Markets
World Development
Journal of Social and Economic Development