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Life membership of learned Societies

- 1. Indian Association of Preventive and Social Medicine**
- 2. Indian Medical Association**
- 3. Nutrition Society of India**

Appointment held

<b>Duration</b>	<b>Position</b>
<b>2012 till date</b>	Scientist öGö (Director grade scientist), National Institute for Research in Tribal Health (Formerly RMRCT), ICMR, Jabalpur
<b>2007 -2012</b>	Scientist öFö (Deputy Director, Sr. Grade), Regional Medical Research Centre for Tribals (ICMR), Jabalpur
<b>2002-2007</b>	Scientist öEö (Deputy Director), Regional Medical Research Centre for Tribals (ICMR), Jabalpur

<b>1999 - 2002</b>	Assistant Director, Regional Medical Research Centre for Tribals (ICMR), Jabalpur
<b>1995-1999</b>	Assistant Director, Regional Medical Research Centre (ICMR), Port Blair
<b>1990-1995</b>	Lecturer, Indira Gandhi Government Medical College, Nagpur
<b>1980-1990</b>	Medical Officer, Maharashtra Medical and Health Services, Govt of Maharashtra

Research specialization: **Tuberculosis, Tribal health**

Ongoing projects

<b>Sr. No.</b>	<b>Title of the Project</b>	<b>Funding Agencies</b>
1.	IEC intervention to improve KAP related to tuberculosis and its impact on risk factors and TB disease burden amongst Saharia - a primitive tribe of Madhya Pradesh.	ICMR under TSP
2.	Estimate the burden of TB among the tribal population and develop an innovative health system model to strengthen TB control in the tribal areas of Madhya Pradesh	ICMR under TSP
3.	Multi-centric cohort study of recurrence of tuberculosis among newly diagnosed sputum positive pulmonary tuberculosis patients treated under RNTCP.	Central TB Division, Ministry of Health & FW, Govt. of India

Completed projects

<b>Sr. No.</b>	<b>Title of Project</b>	<b>Funding Agencies</b>
1.	Study of pulmonary tuberculosis and its risk factors in Saharia: a primitive tribe in Gwalior district of Madhya Pradesh.	Department of Tribal Welfare, Govt. of M.P.
2.	Prevalence of pulmonary tuberculosis in Jabalpur District of Madhya Pradesh	WHO under Model DOTS project & ICMR
3.	Drug resistance survey for tuberculosis among Saharia tribal population of Guna & Gwalior district, Madhya Pradesh.	Department of Tribal Welfare, Govt. of M.P.
4.	Yield of sputum positive cases by concentrated smear microscopy compared to direct smear microscopy in a designated microscopy centre setting under routine	International Union against Tuberculosis & Lung Diseases.

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| 5.  | Prevalence of pulmonary tuberculosis in tribal population of Madhya Pradesh   | WHO under Model DOTS project        |
| 6.  | Epidemiology of viral hepatitis in primitive tribes of Madhya Pradesh & Chhattisgarh  | ICMR under TSP                      |
| 7.  | Epidemiologic and etiologic study of acute diarrhoeal diseases in pre-school children of tribal areas of Madhya-Pradesh.  | ICMR under TSP                      |
| 8.  | Community prevalence of sexually transmitted infections in tribal area of Madhya Pradesh  | ICMR under TSP                      |
| 9.  | Differential Diagnosis Of Cercarial Dermatitis And Scabies With Possible Control Measures In Tribal Area Of Madhya Pradesh.   | Intramural                          |
| 10. | A randomized community trial on the effect of helminthic infestation on growth patterns of children and adolescents among Gond tribals of Madhya Pradesh.   | Intramural                          |
| 11. | Health and nutritional assessment of primitive tribes of A & N Islands with special emphasis on micronutrient deficiency disorders<br>i. Health and nutritional assessment of Shompens of Great Nicobar<br>ii. Health and nutritional assessment of Onges of Little Andaman<br>iii. Health and Nutritional studies among Jarawas.<br>iv. Health and Nutritional status of Great Andamanese. | Andaman & Nicobar Administration    |
| 12. | ICDS impact evaluation  | USAID                               |
| 13. | Goitre and other Iodine Deficiency Disorders in Nagpur region, Maharashtra State<br>i. Growth and development of children<br>ii. Fertility performance, pregnancy wastage and child survival<br>iii. Psychomotor development of children  | UNFPA through Govt. of Maharashtra. |

International Assignments: NA

Papers reviewed (name of the journal)

### **International journals**

- BMC Research Notes
- Public Health Action
- Journal of infection
- Sociology of Health and Illness
- International Journal of Health Policy and Management

- European Journal of Clinical Nutrition

**National Journals**

- Indian Journal of Medical Research