

## **CURRICULUM VITAE**

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### **Positions held**

- From January 2007 onwards: Director (Research), Centre for Study of Society and Secularism, Mumbai, India
- From 1985 to 2006: Associate Professor at the Centre of Soviet Studies (renamed Centre for Central Eurasian Studies) University of Mumbai, India

### **Experience**

A post-graduate from Mysore University (India), majoring in History. Acquired PhD in Political Science from the South Asia Studies Centre, University of Jaipur, Rajasthan (India) for the Dissertation on “Integration of a Minority in the Core Society: A Case Study of Muslims in post-Independent Sri Lanka.”

Joined the Centre of Soviet Studies, Mumbai University in 1984 and taught Soviet Union/Russia at the post-graduate level. Fields of specialisation included International Relations, Soviet/Russian Politics, Nationalities and Gender Studies. She also guided research leading to the award of PhD to three students.

### **Publications: BOOKS**

1. *Collapse of Socialism in Russia*, Leeds UK (2002), Wisdom House.
2. *Evaluation Gorbachev Era*, (Ed.) Vasundhara Mohan, Mumbai (1995), Himalaya Publications.

3. *Soviet Union under Gorbachev* (Eds.) Vasundhara Mohan & A.G.Modak, Mumbai (1991), Somaiya Publishers.
4. *Soviet Foreign Policy in South Asia: A Case Study of Sri Lanka and Bangladesh*, Mumbai (1991), Somaiya Publishers.
5. *Identity Crisis of Sri Lanka Muslims*, Delhi (1987) Alekh Publishers.
6. *Muslims of Sri Lanka*, Jaipur (1985), Mittal Publishers.

### **Research Articles**

Published over 50 research articles in various Indian and foreign journals of repute, which include the following on Gender Issues:

1. 'Status of Women in Post-Soviet Russia' *Occasional Paper*, Centre for Central Eurasian Studies, September 1999, Mumbai University, Mumbai.
2. 'Russian Women Through Transition' in *Gender and Development: Theory, History, Policy and Cases* (Vol.1) (Eds.) B.N.Ghosh and Parvesh K.Chopra, Leeds, UK (2002), Wisdom House.
3. 'Problems of Women in Independent Turkmenistan' in *Journal of Europe-Asia Studies*, vol.1, no.2, Varanasi, India.
4. Gender Bias: The Indian Scene, *Occasional Paper* (June 2007), Institute of Peace Studies and Conflict Resolution, Mumbai, India.
5. Role of Women in Conflict Resolution, (August, 2007), Institute of Peace Studies and Conflict Resolution, Mumbai, India. (*Occasional Paper*)
6. Women's Activism in Conflict Situations: Mothers of Russia and Nagaland August 2007, Institute of Peace Studies and Conflict Resolution, Mumbai, India (*Occasional Paper*).
7. Political Participation of Muslim Women in India (June 2008) [www.husociology.com](http://www.husociology.com)

### **Achievements**

- Visited several US Universities under USIS-sponsored International Visitors' Program.
- Awarded Grants from the Indian Council of Social Science Research, and Ford Foundation Grant for a Project on Soviet Foreign Policy in South Asia.
- Worked in Academic Institutions in Moscow both before and after the Collapse of the Soviet Union under UGC grants and Cultural Exchange Programs on a Project on the Collapse of Socialism.
- Worked at the University of Birmingham, UK in connection with research on the Status of Women in Russia.
- As an Alumnus of the Salzburg Seminar participated in the sessions on two occasions.
- Life Member, Indian Association for American Studies, and Member Indian Association for International and Strategic Studies, Indian Association for Central, West Asia Studies and Indian Social Science Congress, and Association for Asia-Pacific Studies.
- Participated in the 3<sup>rd</sup> International Women's Peace Conference in Dallas TX (USA) from 10-15 July 2007.