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## **ACADEMIC POSITION**

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**Teaching Experience of more than 12 years.**

**Faculty of Law, University of Lucknow**  
Associate Professor of Law, 2022 – Present  
Assistant Professor of Law, 2016 – 2022

**Law Centre-1, Faculty of Law, University of Delhi**  
Assistant Professor of Law, 2011 – 2016

## **ADMINISTRATIVE POSITION**

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**Director, Dr. Shankar Dayal Sharma Institute of Democracy, University of Lucknow**  
(August 2022 – Present)

**Coordinator, Dr. Shankar Dayal Sharma Institute of Democracy, University of Lucknow**  
(2020 – July 2022)

**Director, RTI Cell, University of Lucknow (2021 - Present)**

**Assistant Dean Student Welfare (2020 - Present)**

**Assistant Proctor, University of Lucknow (2016 - 2019)**

## **CONSULTANCY/ GOVERNMENT POSITIONS**

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**Member, Uttar Pradesh Council of Higher Education, Government of Uttar Pradesh,**  
2022 - Present

## **PROJECT / POLICY PAPERS**

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Worked on a project as a policy paper drafted as ‘Regulation for Uttar Pradesh Board for Municipal Financial Resources, , Govt. of Uttar Pradesh on E-Governance.

## **PROFESSIONAL QUALIFICATIONS**

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**Faculty of Law, Jamia Millia Islamia, New Delhi, Ph.D., Law, 2016**  
“Right to Information, Accountability and Administration of Justice”  
Guide: Prof. Manjula Batra, Former Head & Dean, Professor, Faculty of Law

**Faculty of Law, Jamia Millia Islamia, New Delhi, LL.M., 2009**  
Dissertation: “Competition Law and Regulation in India with special reference to Telecom Sector”

**Faculty of Law, University of Delhi, New Delhi, LL.B., 2006**

**National Law University, Delhi, P.G. Diploma in Judging and Court Management**

**IGNOU, New Delhi, P.G. Diploma in Human Resources Management**

**Indian Institute of Human Rights, New Delhi, P.G. Diploma in Human Rights**

## **EDUCATION**

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**B.Com., (1999 – 2002)**

**St' Mary's Convent School (C.B.S.E), XII (Intermediate), 1999**

**St' Mary's Convent School (C.B.S.E), X (High School), 1997**

## **SCHOLARSHIP**

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**UGC NET, University Grants Commission, Junior Research Fellow, December 2009**  
Received for 9 months as PhD Scholar.

**UGC National Post Graduate Scholarship for Professional Studies for LL.M., 2007-2009**

## **RESEARCH SUPERVISED/ UNDER SUPERVISION**

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**Ph.D. Awarded: 01**

**Ph.D. Under Supervision: 03**

**LL.M. Awarded: 10**

## **PUBLICATIONS**

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### **Books:**

***“Right to Food in South Asia”*, First Edition, 2020, ACUMEN Publisher, The Netherlands, ISBN: 978- 9083024264.**

***“Right to Information and Administration of Justice”*, First Edition, 2019, ACUMEN Publisher, The Netherlands, ISBN: 978-9-83024-21-9**

***“A Critical Approach to the Right to Information Legislation in India”*, First Edition, 2015, VLMS Publishers, New Delhi, ISBN: 978-93-85068-72-0.**

**“Competition Law and Telecom Sector in India”**, First Edition, 2013, VLMS Publishers, New Delhi, ISBN: 978-93-80820-80-4.

### **Chapters Contributed:**

Contributed a Chapter titled **“National Green Tribunal in India: An Access to Justice Mechanism for Environmental Jurisprudence with Special Reference to New Zealand”** in book titled **“Expectation of Mankind and Sustainable Development Goals”**, 2022, Mohan Law House, New Delhi, ISBN : 978-81-951446-8-6.

Contributed a Chapter titled **“Right to Food - A Jurisprudential Anecdote”** in book titled **“Right to Food in South Asia”**, First Edition, 2020, ACUMEN Publisher, The Netherlands, ISBN: 978-9083024264.

Contributed a Chapter titled **“Higher Education in India: Issues and Challenges”** in book titled **“Emerging Trends and Issues in Higher Education”**, 2020 edited by Dr. Shaheen Fatima Khan, p. 35-48, ABS Books, New Delhi, ISBN: 978-93-87229-26-6.

Contributed a Chapter titled **“Nationalism: An Essence of Constitutionalism”** in book titled **“Nationalism and Patriotism in 21st Century”**, First Edition, 2019 edited by Dr. Prem Chand & Dr. Jasper Vikas, p. 272-282, Centre for Human Rights & Subaltern Studies (CHRSS), National Law University, New Delhi, ISBN: 978-93-84272-24-1.

Contributed a chapter titled **“Law, Judiciary and Governance”** in book titled **“Parliamentary and Presidential Form of Governance”**, First Edition, 2017 edited by Prof. Vijender Singh (Vice-Chancellor, Maharashtra National Law University, Nagpur), p. 400-413, Universal Law Publication (Lexis Nexis), ISBN: 978-93-5035-983-9.

Contributed a chapter titled **“Sampling – An effective tool of Non Doctrinal Legal Research”** in book titled **“Legal Research Methodology”**, First Edition, 2017 edited by Prof. Manoj Kumar Sinha (Director, Indian Law Institute, New Delhi), p. 321-330, Indian Law Institute and Lexis Nexis, ISBN: 978-93-5035-942-6.

Contributed a Chapter titled **“Secularism and Tolerance”** in book titled **“ Ethics and Public Domain”**, First Edition, 2015 edited by Dr. Amna Mirza, p. 139-153, New Delhi, ISBN: 978-93-85068-08-9.

Contributed a Chapter titled **“Caste Politics and Women in India”** in book titled **“Role of Women in Indian Polity”**, First Edition, 2013 edited by Dr. Gopal Prasad, p. 96-115, New Delhi, ISBN: 978-93-80820- 85-9.

### **List of Best Articles:**

**“Rights of Transgender in India with Special Reference to Educational Awareness in District of Lucknow & Kanpur”**, 12(1), January 2023, ISSN Online: 2278-3156, pp. 90-106, International Journal of Law and Policy Review (WBNUJS Kolkata), available at [>](http://International Journal of Law and Policy Review - IJLPR 2023 Vol 12 No 1 (ijlprnujs.com))

- “Environment Jurisdiction and Climate Change in India with Special Reference to COVID – 19”***, 2(1), 2021, ISSN Online: 2583-1429, pp. 1-16, HPNLU Journal of Environment & Disaster Management, available at <<http://www.hpnlu.ac.in/journal-level-3.aspx?ref-id=21>>
- “Enforcement of International Law in India – Constitutional and Legal Framework”***, 2(3), 2021, ISSN Online: 2709-949, pp. 17-29, Int Aca. J Law, available at <<https://www.iarconsortium.org/article/download/879/>>
- “Right to Information and Public Authority with Special Reference to State under Article 12 of the Constitution”***, 2(4), 2021, ISSN Online: 2709-949, pp. 18-24, Int Aca. J Law, available at <<https://www.iarconsortium.org/article/download/1204/>>
- “Theory of Distributive Justice under Indian and Sudanese Constitution : A Comparative Constitution”***, 8(2), 2019, ISSN Online: 2278-4764, pp. 167-204, International Journal of Legal Studies and Research and e-journal by National University of Juridical Science (NUJS) Kolkata, available at :[International Journal of Legal Studies and Research - IJLSR 2019 Vol 8 No 2](http://International Journal of Legal Studies and Research - IJLSR 2019 Vol 8 No 2)
- “The Statutory Position of Information Commissioners under the RTI Act, 2005 with Special Reference to Right to Information Amendment Bill, 2019”***, 8, 2018-19, ISSN Online: 2231-1580, pp. 76-85, Journal of Law Teachers in India, Law Centre-1, University of Delhi, available at <[https://drive.google.com/file/d/1L6wSxTadLavcPuNb6HEG8EuWqQd\\_U4F5/view](https://drive.google.com/file/d/1L6wSxTadLavcPuNb6HEG8EuWqQd_U4F5/view)>
- “Appointment of Judges In India through Collegium System : A Critical Perspective”***, 1, SML. L. Rev. 208, 2018, ISSN Online: 2582-1903, pp. 208-217, Shimla Law Review by Himachal Pradesh National Law University, Shimla, ISSN: 2582-1903, available at <<https://hpnlu.ac.in/PDF/d10fea12-3a90-4a6a-98fa-151b2c19d16e.pdf>>
- “Central Information Commission- A means to Administration of Justice in India”***, 3, 2017, ISSN: 2321-4716, pp. 131-143, Faculty of Law, University of Delhi.
- “Misuse of Right to Information in India”***, 4(5), 2017, ISSN: 2321-4716, pp. 86-99, Journal of the Campus Law Centre, University of Delhi.
- “Indian Justice System”***, 2015, pp.179-194, prepared course curriculum for National Institute of Open Schooling, MHRD, Government of India for Senior Secondary School Level.
- “National Judicial Appointment Commission Act-An Overview”***, 4(1), 2015, ISSN: 2277-7296, pp. 16-21, Global Journal for Legal Studies.
- “Constitutionalism in India”***, 3(2), July - December 2013, ISSN: 2248-9479, pp. 111-118, Journal Society and Politics Edition.
- “Docket Explosion of Courts in India”***, 3(2), 2013, ISSN: 2249-2984, pp. 16-24, Journal of Social Science and Linguistics.
- “Right to Information and File Noting- An Appraisal”***, 1, 2013, ISSN: 2321-4716, pp. 48-61, Journal of Campus Law Centre, University of Delhi.
- “Journey from MRTP to Competition Law in India with Special Reference to Unfair Trade Practices”***, 39(1), 2013, ISSN: 0970-7972, Indian Socio – Legal Journal

**“Regulation of Pharmaceutical Patents with Competition Law”**, 2, 2013, ISSN: 2277-7296, Global Journal for Legal Studies, New Delhi.

**“Contempt of Court in India – An Appraisal”**, 1(2), October 2012 – March 2013, ISSN: 2277-7296, pp. 79-91, Global Journal for Legal Studies, New Delhi.

**“Right to Information- Key to Transparency”**, 1(1), Quarterly, 2012, ISSN: 2277- 8654, pp. 143-152, International Journal of Development Studies and Research, New Delhi.

**“Right to Information and Judiciary- An Appraisal”**, 3(2), Summer 2012 – Winter 2013, ISSN: 0975-8852, pp. 85-105, Uttar Pradesh Journal of Social Science Research from Centre for Studies in Social Sciences.

**“Competition Law in India”**, 11(2), April 2010, pp. 35-52, Nyaya Deep, Official Journal of NALSA.

**“Telecom Regulatory Authority of India Act – An Overview”**, 1(1-2), 2010, ISSN: 2231-1580, pp. 202-209, Journal of Law Teachers of India, Law Centre-1, Faculty of Law, University of Delhi.

#### **Resource Person/Paper Presentations:**

1. Delivered a lecture as Resource Person on the topic **“Office of Profit under Indian Constitution”** in an **“Induction programme of the Officers selected by Bihar Public Service Commission”** at Bihar Institute of Public Administration and Rural Development held on 22 February, 2023.
2. Delivered a lecture as Resource Person on the topic **“Qualification and Disqualification of Members of Parliament under Indian Constitution with Reference to Representation of Peoples Act, 1951”** in an **“Induction programme of the Officers selected by Bihar Public Service Commission”** at Bihar Institute of Public Administration and Rural Development held on 21 February, 2023.
3. Invited to Chair the Technical Session as Chairperson in Department of Law, Dr. Hari Singh Gour Central University, Sagar in a One Day National Seminar lecture on the topic **“Contribution of Dr. Hari Singh Gour in Legal, Political and Social Development in India and its Relevance in 21<sup>st</sup> Century”** on 27 January, 2023.
4. Delivered a Virtual Lecture on topic **“Indian Constitution”** on the occasion of Constitution Day organised by NIT Patna, Patna on 26 November, 2022.
5. Delivered a lecture as Resource Person in the National Conference on **“Right to Information: Law, Policy and Governances”** organised by Center for Advance Studies in Labour Welfare, Rajiv Gandhi National University of Law, Punjab in collaboration with Punjab State Information Commission held on 19 November, 2022.
6. Delivered a lecture in Workshop on topic **“Workings of Right to Information Legislation in India ”** organised by the Faculty of Law, Jamia Millia Islamia, New Delhi on 25 August, 2022.

7. Delivered a lecture in Panel Discussion on topic **“Right to Information: An Integral Component of the Freedom of Speech and Expression”** organised by the Law Center -2, Faculty of Law, University of Delhi on 18 July, 2022.
8. Delivered a Lecture on the topic **“Right to Information and Administration of Justice”** in a Refresher Course on **“Emerging Trends in Law: National & International Perspective”** by UGC HRDC in Dr. Hari Singh Gour Central University, Sagar on 8 July, 2022.
9. Delivered a Virtual Lecture on topic **“Careers in Law”** organised by Rajdhani College, University of Delhi on 11<sup>th</sup> November, 2021.
10. Delivered a Lecture on **“RTI & Public Policy in HEI”** in National Institute of Pharmaceutical Education and Research, Department of Pharmaceuticals, Ministry of Chemicals & Fertilizers, Government of India, Hyderabad, 8 October, 2021.
11. Delivered a Lecture on **“Governance in Higher Educational Institutional”** in National Institute of Pharmaceutical Education and Research, Department of Pharmaceuticals, Ministry of Chemicals & Fertilizers, Government of India, Hyderabad, 3 October, 2021.
12. Delivered a Lecture on **“Role of State/Central Information Commission”** in National Institute of Pharmaceutical Education and Research, Department of Pharmaceuticals, Ministry of Chemicals & Fertilizers, Government of India, Hyderabad, 20 August, 2021.
13. Delivered a Lecture on **“Elements of Good Governance”** in National Institute of Pharmaceutical Education and Research, Department of Pharmaceuticals, Ministry of Chemicals & Fertilizers, Government of India, Hyderabad, 18 August, 2021.
14. Delivered a Lecture on **“Fundamental Rights of Citizens”** in Institute of Hotel Management, Government of India, 23-24 November, 2020.
15. Delivered a Virtual Lecture on topic **“Women Empowerment”** under Mission Shakti Programme on 9<sup>th</sup> November, 2020 at Govt. Polytechnic, Lucknow.
16. Delivered a Virtual Lecture on topic **“Right to Information and Good Governance”** organised by Dr. Ram Manohar Lohia National Law University, Lucknow on 18th July, 2020.
17. Delivered a Lecture on **“Fundamental Duties of Citizens”** in Institute of Hotel Management, Government of India, 14-15 February, 2020.
18. Presented paper on **“Prominent Judgement and Case laws in favour of Gender Justice: A perspective in a National Seminar on Endangering Laws and Crime against Women: Challenges and Prospects”**, Kalindi College, University of Delhi, 12 February, 2020.
19. Presented a paper in National Seminar on **“Affordable Housing: Building Inclusive Society for the 21<sup>st</sup> Century in India”** in National Law University, Delhi on **“Blockchain Technology in Real Estate Industry”**, 18-19 October, 2019.

20. Invited as Resource Person in National Seminar on ***“Affordable Housing: Building Inclusive Society for the 21<sup>st</sup> Century India”***, National Law University, Delhi, Technical Session, 18-19 October, 2019.
21. Invited as Resource Person in ***“RTI: Awareness, Issues And Challenges”*** by Punjab University under the aegis of PMMMMNMTT MHRD, Government of India, 07-08 June, 2019.
22. Presented a paper in International Conference on Understanding Patriotism and Nationalism in the Contemporary World, National Law University, Delhi on ***“Nationalism, Patriotism and Narrative of Hate”***, 02-03 March, 2019.
23. Invited as Resource Person in International Conference on Understanding Patriotism and Nationalism in the Contemporary World, National Law University, Delhi on the theme ***“Nationalism and Social Exclusion”***, 02-03 March, 2019.
24. Invited as Resource Person in ***“RTI: Awareness, Issues And Challenges”*** by Punjab University under the aegis of PMMMMNMTT MHRD, Government of India, 14-15 February, 2019.
25. Delivered a Lecture on ***“Indian Judicial Services: Challenges & Prospects”*** in Rajiv Gandhi National Law University, Patiala, 16-17 November, 2018.
26. Invited as Resource Person in International Conference on ***“Legal Education and Contemporary Issues, International Convergence of Law”*** by MSB Government University, Rajasthan, 21-22 April, 2018.
27. Participated in Training Programme on ***“Advanced Issues in Competition Law & Economics”*** organised by National Law School of India University, Bangalore and Delegation of European Union to India in Indian International Centre, New Delhi, 26-27 February, 2018.
28. Participated in Training Programme on ***“Advanced Issues in Competition Law & Economics”*** organised by National Law School of India University, Bangalore and Delegation of European Union to India, 26-27 February, 2018 in Indian International Centre, New Delhi.
29. Contributed a paper on ***“Nature of Muslim Marriage: A Critical Study”*** in National Seminar on ***“Constitutional Governance and Protection of Minorities”*** organized by Faculty of Law, University of Lucknow, 2 April, 2017.
30. Presented paper on ***“Manual Scavenging & Social Justice in India with Special Reference to Employment of Manual Scavengers and Construction of Dry Latrines (Prohibition) Act, 2013”*** in International Conference on ***“Social Economic Justice After Seventy Years of India’s Independence: Domestic and Global Challenges”*** in Faculty of Law, University of Delhi, 18-20 November, 2016.
31. Presented paper on ***“Right to Fair Trial under Constitutional Right: A Means of Effective Criminal Justice System in India”*** in National Seminar on ***“Indian Criminal Justice System: Emerging Dimensions”*** in Faculty of Law, University of Lucknow, 12 November, 2016.
32. Presented paper on ***“Right to Education vis a vis Right to be Human: An Autonomy of Human Rights”*** in National Seminar on ***“Rights of Child: Issues and Challenges”***, Faculty of Law, Banaras Hindu University, 13 September, 2016.

33. Presented paper on ***“Right to Information as a Means of Social Change”*** in International Conference on ***“Intellectual Property & Economic Laws”*** organized by Prof. Ashwani Kumar Bansal, MHRD IPR Chair in Faculty of Law, University of Delhi, 12-13 March, 2016.
34. Presented paper on ***“Right to Information & Rule of Law: A Perspective”*** in Advance Level Workshop on ***“Intellectual Property Law and Conference on Legal Education, Rule of Law and Governance”*** organised by Law Center-1, Faculty of Law, University of Delhi, 26-27 February, 2012.

#### **Participated in National and International Conference:**

1. Participated in Panel Discussion on topic ***“Mental Health of Women in Changing Scenario”*** conducted under Mission Shakti Program organised by the Department of Psychology, University of Lucknow, 2021.
2. Participated as Delegate in ***“Seminar on Small and Medium Enterprises and Copyright Protection & Management of Rights in Digital Environment”*** conducted by Law Center-1, Faculty of Law, University of Delhi in collaboration with Ministry of Micro, Small and Medium Enterprise, Nirman Bhawan, New Delhi on 16<sup>th</sup> February, 2013.
3. Served as facilitator in ***“Australia-India Advocacy Course”*** organized by Law Center-1, Faculty of Law, University of Delhi in collaboration with University of Adelaide and South Australian Bar Association during 16-17 January, 2013.
4. Participated in International Conference on ***“Intellectual Property Laws”*** on 24-25 February, 2012 in Law Center-1, Faculty of Law, University of Delhi.
5. Participated in International Conference on ***“Contribution of International Environment Law for Sustainable Development: Global and National Perspective”*** organized by Faculty of Law, University of Delhi from 17-18 February, 2012.
6. Participated in International Workshop cum Conference on ***“Intellectual Property Laws”*** organized by Law Center-1, Faculty of Law, University of Delhi in collaboration with United States Patent And Trade Mark Office from 13-14 March, 2011.
7. Participated in International Workshop on ***“Information Technology Law and Conference on Legal Education and Contemporary Issue”*** from 11-12 March, 2011 organized by Law Center-1, Faculty of Law, University of Delhi.
8. Participated in International Conference on ***“Human Rights in 21<sup>st</sup> Century: Changing Dimensions”*** from 25-26 February, 2011 organized by Faculty of Law, University of Delhi.
9. Participated in India-Australia workshop on ***“Role of Specialist Environmental Law Quotes for the Resolution of Environmental Disputes”*** organized by Faculty of Law, University of Delhi in collaboration with Australia India Institute from 1-2 February, 2011.



10. Participated in NJA North Zone Judicial Conference on “*Enhancing Timely Justice: Strengthening Criminal Justice Administration*” jointly organized by National Judicial Academy, Delhi High Court & Delhi Judicial Academy at National Law University Delhi from 19-21 February, 2010.

### **Presence in Media:**

1. **Right to Information and the Judiciary in India**, Delhi Post, 8 April, 2019, available at <<https://delhipostnews.com/right-to-information-and-the-judiciary-in-india/>>
2. **Appointing Judges: Collegium Vs. NJAC**, Delhi Post, 9 July, 2018, available at <<https://delhipostnews.com/appointing-judges-collegium-vs-njac/>>

### **ASSOCIATIONS**

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1. Reviewer, SAGE India
2. Member, Departmental Research Committee, Department of Law, Dr. Ram Manohar Lohia Avadh University, Ayodhya
3. Member, Editorial Committee, MSB Global Law Journal, Maharaja Surajmal (Brij) University, Bharatpur
4. Joint Secretary, Lucknow University Teachers Association (LUTA) (2019 – 2021)
5. Member Executive, Lucknow University Teachers Association (LUTA) (2017 – 2019)

### **SPECIALIZATIONS**

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**Constitutional Law**

**Interpretation of Statutes**

**Right to Information**

**Public Policy and Governance**

**(Dr. Varun Chhachhar)**