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DOB: 12 March 1996

UGC SRF PhD Research Scholar working in the field of political theory, moral philosophy, and queer studies. Currently studying the effects of the regimes of morality on human autonomy, freedom, and sexuality, with special emphasis on the experiences of queer individuals.

EDUCATION

PhD Researcher at BITS-Pilani KK Birla Goa Campus (2020-2025)

Department of Humanities and Social Sciences

Topic: “An inquiry into the effects of regimes of morality on the experience of freedom as an authentic self-expression among queer individuals in India.”

Supervisor: Prof. Reena Cheruvalath (HSS, BITS-Pilani, Goa)

Co-Supervisor: Prof. Prabhu Venkataraman (HSS, IIT Guwahati)

MA Political Science (2017-2019)

Department of Political Science, University of Delhi

Term Papers: 1. *The Chronicles of the rise and fall of the two-nation theory*

Dr. Nasreen Chowdhury

2. *Morality, the nemesis of freedom: Possibilities of ethical life.*

Dr. Praem Hidam

3. *Colonial governmentality and the evolution of Indian identities.*

Dr. Rajesh Dev

BA Political Science (Hons.) (2014-2017)

Delhi College of Arts and Commerce, University of Delhi

CERTIFICATION

Awarded UGC Junior Research Fellowship (January 2020)

Certified UGC NET, eligible as an assistant professor

Commenced as Senior Research Fellow (January 2022)

WORK EXPERIENCE AND ONGOING PROJECTS

- Conducted the “Attitudes, Perceptions, and Experiences Pertaining to Sexuality in India (APEPSI)” survey
- Developing survey instrument/tool – “Heteronormative Sexual Morality Scale (HSMS)”

PUBLICATIONS

RESEARCH PAPERS CURRENTLY UNDER REVIEW/FORTHCOMING:

1. **“I thought that something was wrong with me”: Queer Experiences of Heteronormative Regimentation in Indian Schools, A Phenomenological Institutional Ethnography**
2. **“I thought they would at least love Me”: The Gay Experiences of Heteronormative Regimes of Sexual Morality in Indian Families, A Phenomenological Inquiry**
3. **Heteronormative Regimes of Sexual Morality in India: Scale Development and Analysis**

BOOK CHAPTER

Sharma, K. (2022). A Diatribe on Morality: Understanding Nietzsche’s Transvaluation of Moral Values. In G. N. Shinde & L. V. P. Rao (Eds.), *Ethics and Human Values through Literature* (pp. 189–198). Parikalpana.

CONFERENCE

International Centre of Advanced Studies ‘Metamorphoses of the Political’ by ICAS: MP Spring School 2021 for Doctoral Researchers – ‘Thinking the Political’
From March 15 to 24, 2021

Presented a paper titled “A Diatribe on Morality: Understanding Nietzsche’s Transvaluation of Moral Values” at Ethics and Human Values Through Literature, an international conference organized by the Yeshwant Mahavidyalaya, Nanded, Maharashtra.

LANGUAGE

English: Certified Advanced English (spoken) from the British Council, Kasturba Gandhi Marg, New Delhi. (2016)
Hindi: Native, high proficiency, oral/written

HOBBIES/SKILLS

- **Checkout my blog on philosophy and spirituality:**
<https://thusspokekaran.wordpress.com/>