

## RESUME

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### Academic qualifications

- Ph D (Sociology), University of Hyderabad, 2003
- M Phil (Sociology), University of Hyderabad, 1998
- M A (Sociology), University of Hyderabad, 1996

### Work experience

- **June 2021** – Senior Fellow with SaciWATERS
- **December 2020 – June 2021** – Consultant (Training and Research) with Mahatma Gandhi National Council of Rural Education (MGNCRE)
- **June 2020 – December 2020** – Project Manager for Industry Apprentice Initiative (IAI) with Association of Lady Entrepreneurs of Andhra Pradesh (ALEAP)
- **May 2018 – May 2020** – **Chief Trust Managing Officer**, Andhra Pradesh Mineral Development Corporation (APMDC) Foundation, Vijayawada
- **December 2017 – April 2018** – **Research Consultant** with DevSol, Hyderabad and following studies were taken up
  - **Tourism baseline survey** for Lepakshi cluster to map opportunities and constraints for developing Lepakshi as a popular tourist spot
  - **Social Impact Assessment study** in Rajamundry Municipal Corporation for Land Acquisition
  - **Team Leader** for study titled ‘**Assessment report for Skill gap analysis in Malur Taluka, Kolar district of Karnataka**’ for Social Empowerment and Economic Development Society (SEEDS)
- **November 2017 – December 2018** – **Social Expert** with P B S Consultants, Hyderabad for Detailed Project Report (DPR) for water augmentation for Tiruvarur Municipality in Tamil Nadu
- **June 2017 – December 2017** – **Empanelled Consultant** with Grassroots Research And Advocacy Movement (GRAAM), Mysuru
- **March 2017 – July 2017** – **Independent Consultant** for project ‘**Lessons and strategies for sustainable management of and securing access to common lands in Mandla, Madhya Pradesh (India)**’ funded by Institute for Advanced Sustainability Studies (IASS), Germany
- **October 2016 – January 2017**– **Senior Research Associate** with Administrative Staff College of India (ASCI), Hyderabad
- **January 2015 – September 2016** – **Urban Poverty/Slum Expert** with Centre for Environment and Development (CED), Hyderabad
- **December 2012 – December 2014** – **Livelihood Specialist** with Office of Commissioner (Resettlement and Rehabilitation), Irrigation and Command Area Development, Government of Andhra Pradesh
- **April 2012 – November 2012** – **Senior Research Analyst(Consultant)** with Watershed Organization Trust (WOTR), Hyderabad
- **November 2011 – April 2012** – **National Coordinator** at Centre for Sustainable Agriculture (CSA), Hyderabad
- **February 2008 – May 2010** – **Assistant Professor** at Tata Institute of Social Sciences (TISS), Mumbai.
- **August 2004 – January 2008** – **Senior Researcher** at Centre for Research on Innovation on Science Policy (CRISP), Hyderabad

- **July 2003 – July 2004 – Subject Expert (Social Sciences)** at Andhra Pradesh Netherlands Biotechnology Programme (APNLBP), Institute of Public Enterprise (IPE), Hyderabad

#### **Academic and administrative competencies**

- In addition to research, I have experience on implementation of projects I have
  - a. Led World Bank project for restoring livelihood security of 61 rag picker families in Kattedan Industrial Estate (KIE), Hyderabad by suggesting alternate livelihood options to them
  - b. Conducted situation analysis of the Self Help Groups in 5 Urban Local Bodies in Telangana State and suggested policy interventions for ensuring that the women's income is increased through enterprise development
- Developed '**Participatory Livelihood Analysis**' for identifying livelihood strategies for project displaced families in the irrigation projects in combined state of Andhra Pradesh
- Delivered guest lecture on **Andhra Pradesh Resettlement & Rehabilitation Policy** at Tata Institute of Social Sciences, Hyderabad and MCRHRD, Hyderabad
- Anchored training programs on '**Climate Change and Adaptive Agriculture**' and '**CSR – Impactful CSR Interventions – Women empowerment**'

#### **Scholarships/fellowships awarded**

- Awarded Indo Dutch Programme on Alternatives in Development (IDPAD) fellowship in April – May 2006

#### **Expert Group membership**

- From 2014, I am part of the Expert Group constituted by the respective district collectorates for evaluated Social Impact Assessment studies for 12 projects under Ranga Reddy Collectorate, Greater Hyderabad Municipal Corporation, Vikarabad Collectorate

#### **Publications**

1. **Laxmi Vadapalli. 2020.** 'Making waste pickers' lives better: An experience from Hyderabad', published in Citizen Matters, September 14, **online link:**[https://citizenmatters.in/hyderabad-kattedan-industrial-estate-waste-pickers-project-21229?fbclid=IwAR3HQgO5b1orSi5gCdbMLRr0NedxA52zWW-\\_el\\_BnJfIoy6M5004M3qvzM](https://citizenmatters.in/hyderabad-kattedan-industrial-estate-waste-pickers-project-21229?fbclid=IwAR3HQgO5b1orSi5gCdbMLRr0NedxA52zWW-_el_BnJfIoy6M5004M3qvzM)
2. **Laxmi Vadapalli. 2019.** '**Descriptive Note on Mobile Medical Units (MMU) as an effective service delivery mechanism for inclusive health care in Andhra Pradesh**' for APMDC Foundation, pp 1-20
3. **Laxmi Vadapalli. 2018.** '**Inauguration of Corporate Social Responsibility initiatives**' for APMDC Foundation, pp 1-15
4. **Laxmi Vadapalli. 2018.** '**Unveiling of APMDC Foundation Logo**' for APMDC Foundation, pp 1-10
5. Ramanjaneyulu G V and **Laxmi Thummuru. 2012.** **Climate Change and Indian Agriculture: Implications and Way Forward** A study conducted by Action Aid, pp 1-48
6. Rasheed Sulaiman V, **Laxmi Thummuru**, Andy Hall & Jeroen Dijkman (2011): **Tacit knowledge and innovation capacity: Evidence from the Indian livestock sector**, Knowledge Management for Development Journal, 7:1, 32-44
7. Rasheed Sulaiman V., **Laxmi Thummuru**, Andy Hall and Jeroen Dijkman. 2009. **Tacit knowledge and Innovation Capacity: Evidence from the Indian Livestock Sector**, UNU-MERIT Working Paper Series: 2009-058, pp. 1-41
8. **T Laxmi**, P S Janaki Krishna, G Pakki Reddy. 2007. '**Changing Paradigms of Agricultural Research Significance of Enduser Involvement**', Outlook on Agriculture, vol. 36, no. 2, pp. 119-125
9. C Shambu Prasad, Andy Hall and **Laxmi Thummuru. 2006.** '**Engaging scientists through institutional histories**', ILAC Brief 14, November, pp. 1-4
10. C Shambu Prasad, **T Laxmi** and S P Wani. 2006. '**Institutional Learning and Change (ILAC) at ICRISAT: A case study of the Tata ICRISAT Project,**' Global Theme on Agroecosystems, Report no. 19. Patancheru 502 324, Andhra Pradesh, India: International Crops Research Institute for the Semi-Arid Tropics. 44pp
11. **Laxmi Thummuru. 2006.** '**Enabling and Personalizing Professional Relations**', IDPAD Newsletter, Vol. IV, No. 1, January-June, pp. 55-57

**Presentations in national and international conferences (in last five years)**

- **V Laxmi. 2016. Involuntary Displacement of the Affected Population: Field Narratives from Jalayagnam projects in Andhra Pradesh**, presentation at the International Conference on Development-Induced Displacement and Migration, Land Acquisition and Resettlement at the Centre for Development Studies, Thiruvananthapuram, March

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