

Professional Profile

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Dr. Arora is a Social Development Specialist with more than 15 years of experience in the Development Sector. His areas of interests include but not limited to Learning, Development and Capacity Building, Gender Studies, Climate Change Advocacy, Waste Management Advocacy, Behavior Change Management.

Education

1. Post Graduate Diploma in Disaster Management from Indira Gandhi National Open University, New Delhi (2024).
2. Post Graduate Diploma in Human Rights from Indian Institute of Human Rights, New Delhi (2014)
3. Diploma in AIDS and Family Education from Indira Gandhi National Open University, New Delhi (2012)
4. Doctorate in Sociology from Guru Nanak Dev University, Amritsar (2011)
5. Master of Arts in Sociology from Guru Nanak Dev University, Amritsar (2006)
6. Bachelor of Computer Aided Management from Guru Nanak Dev University, Amritsar (2003)

Guest Faculty/ Trainer/ Speaker

1. Mahatma Gandhi State Institute of Public Administration (MGSIPA), Chandigarh
2. Centre for Research in Rural and Industrial Development (CRRID), Chandigarh
3. All India Institute of Local Self Government (AIIILSG), New Delhi
4. Punjab State Council for Science and Technology (PSCST), Chandigarh
5. Rajiv Gandhi National Institute of Youth Development (RGNIYD), Chandigarh

Publications (Journal)

1. Discrimination against People Living with HIV/AIDS within the Health Care System. Guru Nanak Journal of Sociology. Vol. 30, Pp. 83 – 107, 2009.
2. Marital Relation of Couples with HIV/AIDS. Acumen Marian Journal of Social Work. Vol. 3, Pp. 44 – 69, 2009.
3. Social Construction of HIV/AIDS: Dilemmas existing in Indian Families. International Journal of Multidisciplinary Research Review. Vol. 1, Issue-25, 2017.

4. Decriminalization of Homosexuality: A Global Journey from West to East. Social Medicine. Vol. 5, Issue II & Vol. 6, Issue I, Pp. 27 – 29, 2011.
5. Socio-economic profile of People Living with HIV and AIDS: A Sociological Study, Man & Development. XLI No. 2, Pp. 1-16, June 2019
6. Desire, Behaviour and Identity: Envisaging Social Acceptance of Transgender Community in India. International Journal of Science and Research. Vol. 9, Issue 7, July 2020 (Paper ID: SR20714142357).
7. Gender Dimensions of Vulnerability towards HIV/AIDS: Comprehending the Background of Sociocultural Norms for Women in India, Women's Link Journal, Vol. 28 (1), January 2021.

Publications (Chapter in Book)

1. Sustainable Development Goals and its impact on Society and Social Development' in 'Transformative Change in Society and Administration: A Perspective, Development and Challenges' (Eds.) Rajeev Kumar, T.Gopinath, and Vivek Trivedi, Shipra Publications, 2024.

Accepted for Publication

1. National Urban Learning Platform: A Digital Initiative for Capacity Building of Urban Local Bodies in Punjab, accepted for publications by Centre for Research in Rural and Industrial Development (CRRID)

Trainings/Workshops/Seminars/Conferences:

1. Participated in various trainings organized by National Agencies like Punjab State AIDS Control Society (PSACS), Nehru Yuva Kendra Sangathan (NYKS), Post Graduated Institute for Medical Education and Research (PGIMER), National AIDS Control Organization (NACO), Public Health Foundation of India (PHFI), Karnataka Health Promotion Trust (KHPT), Global Fund for AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria (GFATM), United Nations International Fund for Women (UNIFEM), and International agencies like India HIV/AIDS Alliance, UKAID, DFID.
2. Participated in International Training on Climate Change under The Climate Reality Leadership Corps by Al Gore from 22nd February 2015 to 24th February 2015 at Kempinski Ambient Hotel, New Delhi, India (Granted Climate Leadership Award).
3. Participated in International Training on Strengthening Governance on Low Carbon Integrated Solid Waste Management and Circular Economy from 24th to 27th April 2018 at Ramada Seogwipo, Jeju-do, South Korea sponsored by UNITAR CIFAL Jeju and Green Technology Centre, Seoul, South Korea.

4. Participated in Training on Write-Shop for formulation of Technical Proposals on Climate Change Adaptation organized by Punjab State Council for Science and Technology with Technical Support GIZ (Germany) under Climate Change Adaptation in Rural Areas of India Project from 28th to 30th November 2018 at Hotel Park View, Sector 24-B, Chandigarh.
5. Participated in National Conclave on Institutionalizing Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) organized by NITI Aayog, United Nations, Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation, Confederation of Indian Industries and National Foundation for India (NFI) from 4th to 5th February 2019 at The Park Hotel, Sansad Marg, Connaught Place, New Delhi.
6. Participated in Asia Pacific Climate Week 2019 organized by United Nation Economic and Social Council for Asia Pacific (UNESCAP) from 2nd to 6th September 2019 held at United National Conference Center, Bangkok, Thailand.
7. Participated in International Conference on Sustainability Education (ICSE) organized by Mobius Foundation from 9th to 10th September 2019 at India Habitat Centre, Lodhi Road, New Delhi.
8. Participated in a workshop (Parallel Session) on Innovative Ways to Teach the SDGs by SDG Academy on 9th September 2019 at India Habitat Centre, Lodhi Road, New Delhi (Parallel Session).
9. Participated in a workshop (Parallel Session) on Community-based Education for Sustainable Development Panel (Workshop by UNESCO) on 10th September 2019 at India Habitat Centre, Lodhi Road, New Delhi.
10. Participated in a workshop on Water Workshop organized by The Climate Reality Project (India) on 11th September 2019 at SBP Hotel 87, WEA Karol Bagh, New Delhi.
11. Participated in Global Law Conference on Environmental Law: Challenges and Solutions organized by Chandigarh University on 16th & 17th November 2019, SAS Nagar (Mohali), Punjab.
12. Participated in a National workshop on Scientific Proposal Writing organized by Department of Community Medicine, Post Graduate Institute of Medical Education and Research (PGIMER), Chandigarh on 14th & 15th December 2019.
13. Participated in one day workshop on Environmental & Social Framework (ESF) organized by Punjab Municipal Infrastructure Development Company (PMIDC) with Technical Support from the World Bank, India on 23rd December 2019.
14. Participated in Eighth Asia Pacific Forum on Sustainable Development (APFSD8) through virtual mode from 23-26 March 2021.

Professional Skills

1. Strong analytical skills (qualitative and quantitative).

2. Strong organizational skills and demonstrated ability to multitask.
3. Strong communication and problem-solving skills, results-oriented, flexible.
4. Ability to work under pressure and lead the team.
5. Demonstrated experience in data collection, analysis and report writing.
6. Excellent one to one and group communication/ information presentation skills.
7. Working knowledge of MS Word, MS Power-point, MS Excel, and SPSS (basic).
8. Experience of providing training and capacity building activities, evaluation of various programs.
9. Ability to liaison with various Departments, Institutions, Organizations.
10. A strong capacity for partnering with various implementing agencies.

Honorary Positions and Associations

1. President and founding member, Association of Professional Social Workers and Development Practitioners
2. (Hon.) National Coordinator (Waste), The Climate Reality Project India and South Asia
3. Founding Member, ISHEDA with *Dr. Harjit Anand, Former Secretary Urban Development, Government of India*
4. Advisor, Wheelchair Cricket Federation of India
5. Alumni, UNITAR/CIFAL Jeju at JITC, Jeju South Korea
6. Master Trainer under the Global Fund for AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria-GFATM (Round-7) with School of Public Health & Community Medicine, Post Graduate Institute of Medical Education and Research (PGIMER), Chandigarh and Department of Social Work, Punjabi University, Patiala, Punjab.

Life Membership

1. Indian Sociological Society
2. Indian Association of Social Science and Health
3. North West Indian Sociological Association