

Aarti Narayan

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I have studied Masters in Sociology at South Asian University, Delhi and qualified for the UGC NET-JRF exam in March 2023. I am interested in exploring diverse rural communities, understanding their culture, livelihood practices, everyday familial and social life. Through my research I want to contribute to policies and research practices aimed at supporting children, families, and communities in rural areas facing climate-induced vulnerabilities.

Work Experience

Research Assistant

Shape Foundation, Delhi and IASE University, Gandhi Vidya Mandir, Churu Rajasthan
January 2023- June 2024

Research to build conceptual understanding of Universal Human Values in Education.

Project Coordinator

Vidya Dham Samiti (NGO), Banda (Bundelkhand, Uttar Pradesh)
March 2020 - January 2022

Documentation and Communication: Writing Case Stories, Reports, Project Concept note and Proposals etc.

Shramik Bharti (NGO), Rural Kanpur, Uttar Pradesh

India Fellow Social Leadership Program
July 2018- August 2019

Field Study to understand organic farming practices among the women farmers. Research and development to set up Farmers Producer Company.

EDUCATION

Masters in Sociology

South Asian University Established by SAARC, Delhi

July 2016 - June 2018

Subjects: Social Anthropology, Social Theory, Political Sociology, South Asian Studies, Sociology of Gender, Urban Sociology

M.A Thesis: Pollution and Sacredness: A Study of the Yamuna in Delhi and Mathura in Contemporary Times

Percentage- 66

Skills

Research Methodology

Creative Writing

Web Development

Documentation

Basic Training (PRA Skills)

Data Collection Tools

Languages

English

Hindi

Tamil (Spoken)

Bachelors in Sociology

Sri Venkateswara College, University of Delhi

July 2013 - July 2016

Subjects: Economic Sociology, Social Theories, Agrarian Studies

Percentage- 68.6

12th Standard, Senior Secondary Exam (CBSE)

Stream: Humanities

July 2012 - July 2013

Subjects: Psychology, Political Science, Economics, English

Percentage- 87.8

Writing Works

M.A Thesis

Pollution and Sacredness: A Study of the Yamuna in Delhi and Mathura in Contemporary Times:

In this research I focused on understanding the extent to which religious sentiments and environmental concerns surrounding the Yamuna River come together in the narratives of the people. At one level, commonsense would suggest that the reverence at which the river is held in terms of Hindu religious practices and beliefs, in terms of myths and folklore should ideally impact the way in which the river is used in Indian social life. But at another level, the religious and cultural sentiments so profoundly associated with the river do not seem to have any impact in the way people deal with it in their day to day life –particularly when the increasing levels of pollution is taken into account.

Monograph

Exploring Youth's Interest in Agriculture in Rural Uttar Pradesh : The rural youth wants to stay in the village and are keen to pursue agriculture as a profession. But because of several challenges they face they are unable to see a sustained future in farming. Low farm income, heavy input costs, inability to fetch good prices and animal menace are some of the challenges they listed.

New Article on The Better India

Here's Why This River in a UP Village is Thankful For the Lockdown

A once-perennial Gharar river which passed through 40 villages, but receded to a wastewater drain. Find out what it looks like now.

Here's Why This River in a UP Village is Thankful For the Lockdown (thebetterindia.com)

