

Brief Bio



I am Dr. Savita Gautam. My area of expertise is Sociology of Education in Indian context. Currently I am Working as a Project Junior Consultant at National Institution of Educational Planning and Administration (NIEPA). My research interests include Sociology of women empowerment and gender equality. I have completed and awarded my Ph.D. in 2022 and the title of my thesis is *“Dalit Students in Higher Education: A Comparative Study of Two Central Universities”* from Zakir Husain Centre for Educational Studies, Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi. In this thesis I have studied, empirically the experience of Dalit students in the higher educational institutions in India. I have completed and awarded my M.Phil. dissertation on the title *‘Caste in Higher Education: A Study of Experiences of Dalit Women Students in a University in Delhi’* from same Institution in 2017. I have also completed my Postgraduation in Sociology from Gautam Buddha University, Greater Noida Uttar Pradesh in 2014. I am a Graduate in Sociology from Lucknow University in 2012. I also visited Columbia University, USA, as part of the academic program organized and sponsored by Government of India in 2015. The opportunity to attend this program have strengthen and shaped my research orientation. It was an excellent opportunity for me to be part of this academic exercise.

Currently I am working in the project (ongoing) *“Widening Access to Higher Education in India: Institutional Approaches”* NIEPA, New Delhi

Before this project I have done my all responsibilities on the Project titled as “*Skill Formulation and Employability: A Study of Youth in India*”, NIEPA, New Delhi

I have recently presented paper which are as follows-

Paper Presented: ‘Dalit Perspective on Higher Education in India: Graded Access to Education’ on 10th April 2023, theme on Towards Epistemology of Babasaheb Ambedkar’s Thought and Philosophy Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi, **Paper Presented:** ‘Sociology of Education and Dalit Students in Higher Education Institutions in India’ held on 28-30 April 2023, theme on Sociology of and In Regions: Pedagogy, Practices and Possibilities, Indian Sociological Society, Mid-term I.S.S. International Conference, Organized by Department of Sociology (Centennial Celebration), University of Lucknow, **Paper Presented:** ‘Dalit Studies: Analyzing Higher Educational Studies in India from Dalit Perspective’ held on 28-30 April 2023, theme on Sociology of and In Regions: Pedagogy, Practices and Possibilities, Indian Sociological Society, Mid-term I.S.S. International Conference, Organized by Department of Sociology (Centennial Celebration), University of Lucknow.

One of my Research Paper titled as “‘Suffering Gender of Caste’ in Higher Education Institutions in India: Some Reflection from Dalit Women’s Experiences and Standpoint” is selected by Association of Academics for Social Justice (AASJ) conference. The titled of the conference is ‘Intergroup Inequality in Indian Society: Magnitude, Nature, Sources, Policies, and the Movement’ which is going to be held in August 23-25, 2023.

Already Published papers-

(I)Text Book and Culture Politics and Power: Critical Education as an Alternative. 104-109, Research Highlights, ISSN: 2350-0611, July – Sept.

2020, Vol.-VII no.3. (II) Liberal Feminist Perspective in Gender and Education: A Critique P.P 78-84, Our Heritage, ISSN: 0474-9030, Issue- 4- August-2019, Vol. - 67. (III) The Social Identity of Underachieving Student in Higher Education: Scheduled Caste Students, PP.0147-0148, Vidyawarta Peer- Reviewed International Journal, ISSN: 2319318, Oct to Dec- 2020, issue- 36, Vol-21. (IV) Educational Cooperation through Virtual learning and Blended Formats: How to Assure its Quality, Varanasi Management Review ISSN: 2395-0390, July – Sept. 2020, Vol.-VI no, -3. (V.) Participation of Dalit Women in Higher Education in India: Issues and Challenges, Ajanta: An International Multidisciplinary Quarterly Research Journal ISSN-2277-5730, Oct to Dec- 2018, Vol.-VII. ISSUE- IV.

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