

## **Bio-sketch**

### **DR. GAGAN BIHARI SAHU**

**Dr. Sahu** obtained Ph. D degree in Economics from the University of Mysore, Mysore through the Institute for Social and Economic Change (ISEC), Bangalore. Currently, he is working as an Acting Director and Associate Professor at the Centre of Social Studies (CSS) in Surat, Gujarat. Earlier, he was with Bankers Institute of Rural Development, Lucknow and ISEC, Bangalore as a senior researcher. His areas of specialization are rural credit, microfinance, migration & urban labor markets, and food & nutrition security among tribes. He has written four books and published several research papers in national and international peer-reviewed journals including *The Journal of Peasant Studies*, *Savings and Development*, *Journal of Asian and African Studies*, *Economic and Political Weekly*, *Indian Journal of Agricultural Economics*, *Review of Development and Change*, *The Indian Economic Journal*, *Artha Vijnana*, *Indian Journal of Labour Economics* and *Journal of Social and Economic Development*.

## Curriculum Vitae

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### Education

- **Ph. D. (Economics)**, University of Mysore, Mysore, through Institute for Social and Economic Change (ISEC), Bangalore (2006).
- **M. A. (Economics)**, Sambalpur University, Orissa (1992)
- Qualified UGC (**NET**) in Economics, 1998 (June)

### Research Interests

Rural credit, microfinance, migration & urban labour markets, and food & nutrition security among tribes.

### Research Projects Completed

- i) Social Impact Analysis (SIA) for the Proposed Conventional Barrage for Water Purposes Across the River Tapi near Village Rundh and Bhata (with Satyakam Joshi) funded by Unique Construction, Surat, October 2022.
- ii) Women Beedi Rollers and Alternative Livelihood Options (in collaboration with AF Development Care, New Delhi) funded by The Foundation for a Smoke-Free World, USA, July 2020
- iii) Skill Development Training and its Impact on Scheduled Tribe Youths: A Study of Vaghaldhara Vocational Training Centre, (with Vimal Trivedi) funded by Vaghaldhara Vibhag Kelvani Mandal, Vaghaldhara, January 2019.
- iv) Understanding Nutritional Status in Tribal Communities with Special Focus on ICDS Services: A Study in Dediapara Taluka (Narmada District, Gujarat) and of Kathkari Community in Malvan and Devgarh Talukas (Sindhudurg District, Maharashtra).

*This study was commissioned by Child Rights and You (CRY), Mumbai. The Maharashtra part of the report was submitted in April 2015 and the Gujarat part was in March 2016.*

- v) “Understanding Financial Behaviour of Urban Migrant Workers: The case of Surat City”, (with Biswaroop Das), funded by **Indian School of Microfinance for Women**, Ahmedabad.
- vi) “Loan Defaults by the SHGs: A Study in Madhya Pradesh and Orissa”, at IDS, Jaipur funded by **Bankers Institute of Rural Development**, Lucknow, October, 2011.
- vii) “Microfinance and Gender Impact: Social and Economic Empowerment”, at IDS, Jaipur funded by **Bankers Institute of Rural Development**, Lucknow, January, 2011.
- viii) “SHG-Bank Linkages in North West India: Experiences and Challenges in Financial Access and Poverty Alleviation”, at IDS, Jaipur funded by **Bankers Institute of Rural Development**, Lucknow, September 2010.
- ix) “Income, Remittances and Urban Labour Markets: Oriya Migrant Workers in Surat City” (with Biswaroop Das), funded by **ADHIKAR**, Bhubaneswar, July, 2008.
- x) “Self-Help Co-operatives and Micro Finance: Lessons from Orissa” (with Biswaroop Das) sponsored by the **Friends of Women’s Word Banking**, India (FWWB-I), Ahmedabad, November, 2006.
- xi) “Growing Rural-Urban Disparity in Karnataka” (with D. Rajasekhar and K.H. Anantha) funded by **National Institute for Rural Development (NIRD)**, Hyderabad, May, 2006.

## **Publications**

### ***Books***

- i. *Sachi Satpathy, Gagan Bihari Sahu and Jagannath Mallick. **Women Beedi Workers and Distress Employment**, Rawat Publications.*
- ii. *D. Rajasekhar, Gagan Bihari Sahu and K. H. Anantha (2010). ‘**The Growing Rural-Urban Disparity in Karnataka**’, New Delhi: Serials Publications.*

- iii. Gagan Bihari Sahu and Biswaroop Das (2008). *Income, Remittances and Urban Labour Markets: Oriya Migrant Workers in Surat City*, ADHIKAR, Bhubaneswar.
- iv. Gagan Bihari Sahu and Biswaroop Das (2007). *Self-Help Co-operatives and Micro-Financee: Lessons from Orissa*, Ahmedabad: Friends of Women's Word Banking, India (FWWB-I).

#### **Articles in Refereed Journals**

- i. Gagan Bihari Sahu, S. Madheswaran and D. Rajasekhar (2004). "Credit Constraints and Distress Sales in Rural India: Evidence from Kalahandi District, Orissa", *The Journal of Peasant Studies*, Vol. XXXI (2), 2004.
- ii. Gagan Bihari Sahu and D. Rajasekhar (2005). "Banking Sector Reform and Credit Flow to Indian Agriculture", *Economic and Political Weekly*, Vol. XL (53), pp: 5550 -59.
- iii. Gagan Bihari Sahu and D. Rajasekhar (2005). "Urban Bias' in the Flow of Funds and Deposit Mobilisation: Evidence from Karnataka, India", *Savings and Development*, Vol. XXIX (4), pp: 415 -440.
- iv. Gagan Bihari Sahu (2007). "Supply Analysis of Institutional Credit to Agriculture for Major States in India", *Indian Journal of Agricultural Economics*, Vol. 62 (4), pp: 664 - 78.
- v. Gagan Bihari Sahu (2008). "Where Do Our Financial Institutions stand in Extending Agricultural Credit? Evidence from Kalahandi District, Orissa", *Review of Development and Change*, Vol. 13 (1), pp: 49-75.
- vi. Gagan Bihari Sahu and Biswaroop Das (2010). "Migrant Remittances: Size Channels of Money Transfer among Oriya Workers in Surat City", *The Indian Economic Journal*, Vol 58, No. 1, pp: 77-94.
- vii. Gagan Bihari Sahu and Biswaroop Das (2010). "Urban Labour Markets and Returns to Migration: Destination Surat", *Review of Development and Change*, Vol. XV, No.2, pp: 129-152.
- viii. Motilal Mahamallik and Gagan Bihari Sahu (2011). "Identification of the Poor: Errors of Exclusion and Inclusion", *Economic and Political Weekly*, Vol. XLVI, No. 9, pp: 71-77.

- ix. Gagan Bihari Sahu (2013). “Repayment Performance in Joint Liability Lending: Experience of SHGs in India”, *Artha Vijnana*, Vol. LV, No. 4, pp:382-401.
- x. Gagan Bihari Sahu (2015). “How Effective is a Self-Help Group Led Microfinance Programme in Empowering Women? Evidence from Rural India”, *Journal of Asian and African Studies*, Vol. 50, No. 5, pp: 542-558.
- xi. Biswaroop Das and Gagan Bihari Sahu (2019). “Coping with Cities and Connecting with Villages: Migrant Workers in Surat City”, *Indian Journal of Labour Economics*, Vol. 62, No.1, pp: 89-112.
- xii. Gagan Bihari Sahu (2019). “Primitive Tribes and Undernutrition: A Study of Katkari Tribe from Maharashtra, India”, *Journal of Social and Economic Development*, Vol. 21, No. 2, pp: 234-251.

#### ***Other Publications***

- i. Gagan Bihari Sahu (2018). ‘Child Malnutrition in Tribal Areas: Evidence from Gujarat’ Working Paper No. 14, Centre for Social Studies, Surat.
- ii. Gagan Bihari Sahu and Surjit Singh (2011). ‘How Empowered is Microfinance in Empowering Women? Evidence from India’ *Working Paper 159*, Institute of Development Studies, Jaipur.
- iii. Motilal Mahamallik and Gagan Bihari Sahu (2010). ‘Identification of the Poor: Errors of Exclusion and Inclusion’, *Working Paper151*, Institute of Development Studies, Jaipur.
- iv. Gagan Bihari Sahu and Biswaroop Das (2010). ‘Urban Labour Markets and Returns to Migration: Destination Surat’, *Working Paper153*, Institute of Development Studies, Jaipur.
- v. Gagan Bihari Sahu and Biswaroop Das (2009). ‘Self-help Co-operatives, Deposit Mobilisation & Supply of Credit: Evidence from Orissa, India’, *The microFINANCE REVIEW*, Vol. 1 (1), pp: 18-39.
- vi. Gagan Bihari Sahu and Biswaroop Das (2008). ‘Structure and Operation of Self-Help Co-operatives in Deposit Mobilisation and Supply of Credit: Evidence from Orissa, India’, *Working Paper*, No. 6, Centre for Social Studies, Surat.

- vii. D. Rajasekhar, Gagan Bihari Sahu (2007). 'Expansion at the Expense of Equity: Institutional Credit Flow to Agriculture in Karnataka', in Jayasheela and V. Basil Hans (Eds.), *Rural Karnataka*, New Delhi: Serials Publications, pp: 88 – 104.
- viii. D. Rajasekhar, Gagan Bihari Sahu and K. H. Anantha (2006). 'Rural-Urban Disparity in the Provision of Water Supply and Sanitation Services in Karnataka', in a book, *Elixir of Life: The Socio-Ecological Governance of Drinking Water* edited by K. V. Raju, Bangalore: BOOKS for CHANGE, pp: 284 – 301.
- ix. D. Rajasekhar, Gagan Bihari Sahu and K. H. Anantha (2006). 'Rural – Urban Disparity in Karnataka: An Overview', in R. Sthanumoorthy and P. Sivarajadhanavel (Eds.), *Karnataka Economy: Performance, Challenges and Opportunities*, Bangalore: The Icfai University Press, pp: 197 – 215.
- x. Gagan Bihari Sahu and D. Rajasekhar (2004). 'The Growing Rural-Urban Disparity: Some Issues', *Working Paper*, No. 156, Bangalore: Institute for Social and Economic Change, 2004.
- xi. Gagan Bihari Sahu (2003). 'Credit Flow to Agriculture: An analysis of Bank Branches in Kalahandi District, Orissa', *ICFAI Journal for Applied Economics*, Volume II (1), 2003.
- xii. Gagan Bihari Sahu and D. Rajasekhar (2002). 'Credit Flow to Indian Agriculture, Trends and Contributing Factors' *Working Paper*, No. 116, Bangalore: Institute for Social and Economic Change, 2002.
- xiii. Gagan Bihari Sahu and D. Rajasekhar (2000). 'Gaps in the Agricultural Credit Cycle Flow: Some Lesson for Bankers', *State Bank of India Monthly Review*, XXXIX (11), 2000.

### **Presentation of Papers**

- i) Distress Employment, Alternative Livelihoods, Covid-19 and Women Beedi Workers in India”, in the One-day National Webinar on IMPACT OF COVID-19 ON PEOPLE’S HEALTH AND LIVELIHOOD held on the 5th of October, 2021, organized by the P. G. Department of Population Studies, Fakir Mohan University, Balasore, Odisha.
- ii) “Skill Training to Schedule Tribe Youths and its Employment Outcomes: A Study in Gujarat” in the National Seminar on *Social Development of Vulnerable Groups: Issues and Challenges in Contemporary India* during

November 28-29, 2019, M.P. Institute of Social Science Research, Ujjain, Madhya Pradesh, India.

- iii) “Understanding Child Malnutrition in Tribal Areas: A Study from Gujarat” at the National seminar on Efficacy of Government Programmes on Socio-Economic and Political Inclusion of SC/ST/OBC and economically Backward Sections organised by M.P. Institute of Social Science Research, October 26-27, 2017.
- iv) “Severity of Child Malnutrition in Tribal Areas: Evidence form Gujarat” at the National seminar on *Marginalisation and Development: Issues and Concerns*, Anthropology Department, Sambalpur University, Odisha, 2-3 March,2016.
- v) “Nutritional Status of Tribal Communities: A Study in Dediypada Takuka, Narmada District, Gujarat” at a Workshop on A Public Dialogue on Status of Malnutrition in Gujarat organised by CRY, Mumbai at Gujarat Vidyapith, Ahmedabad, December 5, 2014.
- vi) “Repayment Performance and Extent of Non-performing Assets in Joint Liability Lending; Experiences of SHGs in India” at the National Conference on *Regulatory Aspects of Financial Inclusion* organised by the Council for Social Development, Hyderabad, August 23-24, 2012.
- vii) “How Empowered is Microfinance in Empowering Women? Evidence from India” at World Finance Conference, Rio de Janerio, Brazil (in absentia), July 2 – 4, 2012.

*The earlier version of this paper was presented at CSS, Suart on 5<sup>th</sup> January 2012.*

- viii) “Identification of the Poor: Errors of Exclusion and Inclusion” at the National Seminar on ‘Institutional Aspects of Pro-Poor Policy: Revising the Indian Poverty Line’ organized by London School of Economics, London; Oxford University, Oxford and Institute for Social and Economic Change (ISEC), at ISEC, Bangalore, December 15, 2009.

*The earlier version of this paper was also presented at the national seminar on ‘Social Exclusion in Contemporary India’ organized by the Institute of Development Studies, Jaipur, November 26-27, 2009.*

- ix) Participated in an International Workshop on "Global Production Networks and Decent Work: Recent Experience in India and Global Trends" as

Rapporteur, Organised by ICSSR, International Institute of Labour Studies (IILS), Institute for Human Development (IHD) in association with Institute for Social and Economic Change (ISEC), at ISEC, Bangalore, November 18 – 20, 2007.

- x) “Self-help Co-operatives, Deposit Mobilisation & Supply of Credit: Evidence from Orissa” at the National Seminar on ‘Microfinance in India – Issues and Challenges’ organized by Bankers Institute of Rural Development, Lucknow, 25<sup>th</sup>-26<sup>th</sup> July 2009.
- xi) “Urban Labour markets and Return to Migration: Destination Surat” at the State Level Consultation on Problems & Protection of Interstate Migrant Workers”, coordinated by Mahatma Gandhi Labour Institute, Ahmedabad, in association with PRAYAS, Navsarjan Trust and Behavioural Science Centre, 1<sup>st</sup>-2<sup>nd</sup> June 2009.
- xii) “How Does Remittance Market Function? Evidence from Surat City” at the Eleventh Annual Conference on Money and Finance, Indira Gandhi Institute of Development Research (IGIDR), Mumbai, January 23-24, 2009.  
  
*I was also invited to present this paper at the Centre for Microfinance, Institute for Financial Management Research (IFMR), Chennai, on 17<sup>th</sup> April 2009.*
- xiii) Worked as a member of the Technical Advisory Group (TAG) for the integrated course on “Microfinance for Development” launched by the **Indian School of Microfinance for Women**, Ahmedabad, from 2<sup>nd</sup> February to 22<sup>nd</sup> February 2009.
- xiv) Remittance and Micro Finance: Can They Move Together” at the National Consultation Workshop on ‘Urban Micro Finance in India: Looking Ahead’, 21<sup>st</sup> to 22<sup>nd</sup> January 2008, Friends of Women’s World Banking (India), Ahmedabad.
- xv) “Broadening Coverage of Priority Sector: How Useful for Agricultural Lending?” at the U.G.C. National Seminar on ‘Economic and Political Backwardness of KBK Districts of Orissa: Its Causes and Remedies’ organised by Department of Economics, D.A.V. College, Titlagarh, 10<sup>th</sup> to 11<sup>th</sup> September 2007.
- xvi) “Determinants of School Participation and Educational Attainment in Rural and Urban Karnataka”, Centre for Social Studies, Surat, 21<sup>st</sup> July 2007.



- xvii) Worked as Rapporteur for the session on “Economics” in the National Consultation on “Ethics in Social Science Research” organized by CSS (Surat), CEHAT (Mumbai) and CSER (Mumbai), 2-3 December 2005.
- xviii) “Rural-Urban Disparity in the Provision of Water Supply and Sanitation Services in Karnataka” the 4<sup>th</sup> IWMI-Tata Annual Partner’s Meet on ‘India’s Water Economy: Bracing Up for a Turbulent Future’, 24<sup>th</sup> – 26<sup>th</sup> February 2005, Institute of Rural Management, Anand.
- xix) “Flow of Funds and Deposits Mobilisation in Rural and Urban Areas: A Case Study of Karnataka” at the National Seminar on ‘Banking, Insurance and Pension Sector Reforms in India’, 15th-16th February 2005, Sri M. Visveswaraya Post-Graduate Centre, University of Mysore, Mysore.
- xx) “The Growing Rural-Urban Disparity: Some Issues” at the National Conference on ‘Rural-Urban Partnership Development’, 25<sup>th</sup> – 26<sup>th</sup> June 2004, St. Joseph’s College of Business Administration, Bangalore.
- xxi) “Institutional Credit to Agriculture: A State-Level Analysis in India” at the National Seminar on ‘Land Relations in Orissa’s Agriculture’, 12<sup>th</sup> – 13<sup>th</sup> March 2004, P.G. Department of Economics, Sambalpur University, Orissa.
- xxii) “Credit Constraints and Distress Sales in Rural India: Evidence from Kalahandi District, Orissa” Fortieth Annual Conference of the Indian Econometric Society, February 13 –15, 2004, Institute for Social and Economic Change, Bangalore.
- xxiii) “Credit Flow to Agriculture: An analysis of Bank Branches in Kalahandi District, Orissa” Fifth Annual Conference on ‘Money and Finance in Indian Economy’, 30<sup>th</sup> Jan - 1<sup>st</sup> Feb 2003, Indira Gandhi Institute of Development and Research, Mumbai.
- xxiv) “Access to Institutional Credit and Distress Sale: The Case of paddy Market in Kalahandi District, Orissa” at the National Workshop on ‘Agrarian Transformation in Orissa’, January 22<sup>nd</sup> 2003, P.G. Department of Economics, Sambalpur University, Orissa.
- xxv) “Credit Flow to Indian Agriculture, Trends and Contributing Factors” at the National Seminar on ‘One Decade of Liberalisation Policy in India’ organised by Department of Economics with Rural Development, Vidyasagar University, Midnapore, held on 30<sup>th</sup> – 31<sup>st</sup> March 2001.

### **Seminar/Workshop Organized**

- Organized a workshop on “Money Remittance Channels of Oriya Migrant Workers” and delivered a *Key Note* address on same to Informal Financial Service Providers at Centre for Social Studies, Surat on 8th June 2007.
- Research Methodology Training Course in Social Sciences for Ph.D Scholars (SC/ST Category), sponsored by the Indian Council of Social Science Research (ICSSR), New Delhi, April 7 to 16, 2015.
- A national seminar on “Understanding Child Malnutrition in India” financially supported by the ICSSR, New Delhi during November 4-5, 2019.
- Organised a two weeks’ national level “Capacity Development Training Programme for Young Social Science Faculty (Online) funded by the ICSSR, New Delhi from 19<sup>th</sup> April to the 1<sup>st</sup> of May 2021.
- Organized a *Five-Days (Self Finance) Training Course on Research Methodology in Social Sciences for Ph.D. Scholars*, (with Satyakam Joshi) during 31<sup>st</sup> Aug. to 4<sup>th</sup> Sept, 2021.
- Organised a Research Methodology Course in Social Sciences for Ph.D./PDF Scholars (with Mr. Vimal Trivedi), Sponsored by ICSSR, New Delhi, 12 to 21 July, 2022.
- Organised a Research Methodology Course on Quantitative Research Methods for Ph.D./PDF Scholars in Social Sciences during 11<sup>th</sup> to 20<sup>th</sup> December 2023. This course was sponsored by the ICSSR, New Delhi.

### **Other Academic Engagements**

- Reviewed manuscripts submitted to *International Journal of Rural Management (IJRM)*, jointly published by IRMA, Anand and SAGE, (ii) *Journal of Social and Economic Development*, jointly published by ISEC, Bangalore and Springer, (iii) *Contemporary South Asia*, Rutledge, (iv) *World Development* published by Elsevier (v) Working Papers, ISEC, Bangalore, (iv) *Journal of Management & Entrepreneurship* published by Xavier Institute of Management & Entrepreneurship, Bangalore, and (v) *National Medical Journal of India*, All India Institute of Medical Sciences, New Delhi.

- Reviewed research reports submitted to (i) Indian Council of Social Science Research (ICSSR), New Delhi, and (ii) Research Unit for Livelihoods and natural Resources (RULNR), Centre for Economic and Social Studies, Hyderabad.
- Examined many M. Phil and Ph.D. dissertations
- Act as a resource person in various Faculty Development Programme (FDP) and Research Methodology in Social Sciences being organized by Centre for Social Studies, Surat; MLS University, Udaipur, Rajasthan; Veer Narmad South Gujarat University, Surat, Gujarat; AURO University, Surat, Gujarat; Shivaji University, Kolhapur, Maharashtra; Central University of Gujarat, Gandhinagar; MS University of Baroda, Vadodara, Gujarat; Parul University, Vadodara, Gujarat; and M. P. Institute of Social Science Research, Ujjain, Madhya Pradesh.

**Computer Proficiency (Statistical Packages)**

MS-EXCEL, SPSS

**Declaration**

The above information given by me is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

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