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Prof. Soubhagya Ranjan Padhi is currently working as Professor and Head in the Department of Sociology and Social Anthropology at Indira Gandhi National Tribal University, Amarkantak, Madhya Pradesh. He was the former Dean (tribal Studies) and former Head for the Department of Social Work, Linguistics and Museology, IGNTU, Amarkantak (M.P).

Before joining IGNTU, he was serving as Professor and Head in the Department of Sociology at Rajiv Gandhi Central University, Arunachal Pradesh. He was one of the founding members and the first regular Head in Department of Sociology, RGU, Arunachal Pradesh.

Professor Padhi has completed his PhD from Fakir Mohan University (Odisha), M.A. and M.Phil from University of Hyderabad, Graduation from Ravenshaw College, Cuttack (Odisha). He has qualified in National Eligibility Test (NET) and received Junior Research Fellowship (JRF) conducted by UGC. He has more than 25 years of teaching experiences in Sociology. Besides supervising several M.Phil and Ph.D. research scholars, he has evaluated several Ph.D. theses across the country. He has since long been engaged in the UGC and ICSSR sponsored sociological and anthropological empirical studies on various tribes of Odisha, Madhya Pradesh and North- East of our country. He has participated in around 150 national and international conferences in the country and abroad. He published 35 research papers in journals of national and international repute.

Prof. Padhi has been appointed as an external subject expert for various selection committees of recruitment and other important committees of Ministry of Education, India. He has been nominated as a member of the reviewing committee, ICSSR for evaluating several institution for ICSSR grant, Member of Editorial Board in some UGC CARE listed journals, External Expert of BOS in several Universities like B.H.U, Central Tribal University (Andhra Pradesh), Ravi Shankar Shukla University (Raipur), Rajiv Gandhi Central University (Arunachal Pradesh); Member for the Board of Director, *Jan Shikshan Sansthan (JSS)*, sponsored by Ministry of Human Resource Development, New-Delhi and the member to the Consortium Monitoring Unit (CMU), Swaminathan Research Foundation sponsored by Ministry of Agriculture, New-Delhi. He was nominated as the co-convenor of the research committee – 7, viz. “Rural, Tribal and Peasant communities” of Indian Sociological Society” (ISS). He was the honorary board of school member in the Dr. Hari Singh Gour Central University, Sagar, Madhya Pradesh.

Educational Qualifications:

- Ph.D. (Sociology), Fakir Mohan University, Balasore, (Odisha)
- M.Phil. (Sociology), Central University of Hyderabad, Hyderabad
- M.A. (Sociology), Central University of Hyderabad, Hyderabad
- B.A. (Sociology - Honours), Ravenshaw College, Utkal University, Bhubaneswar, Odisha, 1991
- National Eligibility Test (NET) and Junior Research Fellowship (JRF) in Sociology, conducted by University Grants Commission

Publications

Books

- Edited book (with Prof. Sarit Chaudhuri) on **“Tribes in Transition: Contemporary Discourses”**, 2020, Gyan Publication, New-Delhi and Indira Gandhi Rashtriya Manav Sangrahalaya, Bhopal, ISBN No - 978-81-212-1988-4
- Edited book on **“Current Tribal Situation: Strategies for Planning, Welfare and Sustainable Development”**, Mangalam Publication, New-Delhi, 2013, (ISBN No –978-93-82983-15-6).
- Reference book on **“The Gadaba Tribes of Orissa”**, Abhijeet Publication, New-Delhi, 2011. (ISBN No – 978-93-81136-07-2)
- Edited book on **“Educational Scenario of Tribes in India”**, Mangalam Publication, New-Delhi, 2011. (ISBN NO- 978-81-89972-34-9)

- Edited book on **“Tribal Development in India: Contemporary Issues and Perspectives”**, published by Mangalam Publication, New-Delhi, 2010, (ISBN No: 978-93-80013-24-4).
- Edited book on Tribal studies viz. **“Trends and Issues in Tribal Studies”**, Abhijeet Publication, New-Delhi, 2008, (ISBN No: 978-81-89886-45-5)
- Text book on **“Social Research: Methodology and Techniques”**, 2006, Kalyani Publication, New-Delhi. (ISBN No- 81-272-2415-4)

Articles in Journal

- **“Tribal Movements against Mining –induced Displacement in Odisha: The Case of Dongria Kondh’s Niyamgiri Movement”**, (with co-author) *The Oriental Anthropologist*, Volume-22(1), 2022, pp. 102-113, (SAGE Publication, Scopus Index, UGC-CARE), DOI: 10.1177/0972558X221096265.
- **“Impact of online Learning in India: A Survey of University Student during COVID-19 Crisis”** (with co-author), *Asian Journal for Public Opinion Research* (Scopus Indexed), April, 2022, pp. 231-238, ISSN NO-2319-8281. (UGC-CARE)
- **“Towards an Inclusive Education in Tribal Areas of Odisha: An Empirical Analysis”** (with co-author), *Journal of Indian Education*, November, 2021, NCERT, Vol. XLVII, No -3, pp.159-172, ISSN NO - 0377-0435. (UGC-CARE)
- **“Re-contextualization and Representation of Folk Art in Advertising”**, (with co-author) *Dristi*, Volume-IX, Issue –II, April, 2021, pp. 231-238, ISSN NO-2319-8281, (UGC-CARE).
- **“Tribal Folklore to Aesthetic and Religious Painting: Transition of Oral Narratives to Visual Art”**, *Journal of Religion and Health(Scopus Indexed)*, November, 2020, ISSN No -0022-4197, DOI No – 10.1007/s 10943-020-01099-0, Springer, USA (UGC-CARE).
- **“Susceptibility to fake news on social media: A study among Indian Youth in the light of COVID-19, (with co-authors) *Humanities and Social Science Studies*, 2020, Vol.9, No.2, ISSN No -2319-829X (UGC-CARE).**
- **“An Ethnographic Manifestation of Religious Life of Gadaba Tribe in its Changing Dimensions”**, *Journal of Religion and Health(Scopus Indexed)*, May, 2020, ISSN No - 0022-4197, DOI No – 10.1007/s 10943-020-01028-1, Springer, USA (UGC-CARE).
- **“Culture, Society and Economy of Majuli: World’s Largest River Island”**, *Inclusive, - An International Journal of Kolkata Center for Contemporary Studies*, August, 2020, (Perspective Section) Vol. I, Issue -17, pp. 267-276, ISSN No - 2278-9758 (UGC-CARE).
- **“Traditional Ecological Knowledge and Sustainable Practices of Managing Natural Resources among Gadaba Tribe of Odisha”**, (with co-author) *Tribal Studies: A Journal of COATS*, Volume-8, issue-1, June, 2020, pp. 90-100, ISSN NO-2321-3396, (UGC-CARE).

- “Shifting Traditional Livelihood Pattern among Sahariya Tribe”, (with co-author) *Madhya Bharati*, Journal of Dr. Hari Singh Gour Vishwavidyalaya, Volume -78, June, 2020, pp. 232-238, ISSN NO-0974-0066, (UGC-CARE).
- “The implausible Cultural Heritage of Sahariya” (with co-author) in *Third Concept*, April-May, 2020, pp.86-88, Vol. 34 No. 398-399, ISSN No: 0970-7247, (UGC-CARE).
- “मध्य प्रदेश के श्योपुर जिले में जनजातीय आजीविका समस्या का प्रबंधन” (Management of Tribal Livelihood Problem in Sheopur District of Madhya Pradesh), Radha Kamal Mukarji Chintan Parampara Journal, Volume -22, Issue No – 2, July-December, 2020, pp. 83-88, ISSN NO – 0974-0074, (UGC-CARE).
- “Promoting Rural Tourism in India through ICT Applications” *Studies in Indian Places*, Volume - 40, issue-40, March,2020, pp.1823-1831, ISSN No-2394-3114. (UGC-CARE at the time of publication).
- “Strengthening Watershed Management A panacea for Sustainable Tribal Development” (with Co-author), *The Eastern Anthropologist*, Vol. 73, No- 1, January-March 2020, pp. 55-78, Serial Publications, New-Delhi, ISSN No– 0012-8686 (UGC-CARE).
- “Livelihood Diversification and Challenges among Sahariya Tribe in Gwalior District” *Think India*, Volume-22, issue-14, December, 2019, pp.2251-2261, ISSN No-0971-1260. (UGC-CARE at the time of publication).
- “The rite-de-passage of dead through Gotar ceremony”, *The Eastern Anthropologist*, Vol. 69, No- 3-4, July-December, 2016, pp. 367-382, Serial Publications, New-Delhi, ISSN No– 0012-8686 (UGC-CARE).
- “Overcoming Exclusion and Marginalization through Inclusive Approaches in Education: The Challenges and Vision in Arunachal Pradesh”, , in *Inter-national Journal of Social Science and Humanity*, Vol.6, No.4, April 2016, pp.256-261, International Economic Development and Research Center (IEDRC), International Association of Computer Science and Information Technology (IACSIT), Singapore, (ISSN No-2010-3646).
- “The Farfetched Gotar Parba: Celebrating Death Rituals of Gadaba Tribe, Odisha, *Tribal Studies: A Journal of COATS*, Volume-3, issue-2, December, 2015, pp. 58-70, ISSN NO-2321-3396. (UGC-CARE)
- “Exclusion of Tribal Community and Assertion of their identity with reference to North East India”, *Oriental Anthropologists*, Vol.15 , NO-1, 2015, pp. 135-143, ISSN No - 0972-568X, (UGC-CARE)
- “Institution of Marriage among Gadaba Tribe: Continuity and Change”, in *Orissa Review*, September - 2015, pp. 35-42, Government of Orissa, (ISSN No: 0970-8669).
- “Changing Religious Beliefs and Rituals of Gadaba Tribes in Orissa” in *The North Eastern Research Bulletin*, Vol. XXIV, December 2014, pp.43-52, (ISSN No -0975-8305)
- “Socio-economic Transformation of Gadaba Tribe: A Socio-anthropological study in Orissa”, *Human Kind*, pp.111-128, The Journal of Indira Gandhi Rashtriya Manav Sangrahalaya (IGRMS), Bhopal, 2011, Serial Publications, New-Delhi (ISSN No – 0973-3124)

- **“The Incredible Cultural Heritage of Gadaba Tribe of Koraput District”** in *Orissa Review*, February- March, 2011, pp.66-72, Government of Orissa, (ISSN No: 0970-8669).
- **“Energizing Rural Lives through Watershed”** in *Samaj-Tattva*, December, 2010, Volume 16, Issue-2, pp.46-59, Association for social studies, West Bengal, (ISSN No: 0975- 9980)
- **“Watershed for Integrated Sustainable Rural Development”** in *Yojana* (English), July, 2009, pp.42-44, Publication Division, Ministry of Information & Broadcasting, New-Delhi, ISSN No: 0971-8400, (UGC-CARE)
- **“Agriculture and Food Management for Food Security in India: A Review”** in *Kurukshetra*, September, 2009, pp.24-27, Publication Division, Ministry of Information & Broadcasting, New-Delhi, ISSN No: 0021-5660, (UGC-CARE).
- **“Jala Chhaya Yojana: Odisha ra aka Saphal Kahani”** in *Yojana* (Odia), July, 2009, pp.34-36, Publication Division, Ministry of Information & Broadcasting, New-Delhi, ISSN No- 0971-8346, (UGC-CARE).
- **“Jangal Adhikar Aieen abang Jangal Sarakshanare ahara Tatparya” (Forest Rights and its Relevance for the Conservation of Forest)** in *Yojana*, September, 2008 (Odia), pp-28-30, Publication Division, Ministry of Information & Broadcasting, New-Delhi, ISSN No -0971-8346, (UGC-CARE)

Chapter in Edited Books

- **“Changing Scenario of Tribal Development Paradigm”** in Edited book **“Revisiting Tribal Development”**, 2022, Ansh Publication, New-Delhi, ISBN 978-93-84640-83-5.
- **“Tribal Development and Social Exclusion: Nuances of Alternative Development Paradigm”** in **“Tribes in Transition: Contemporary Discourses”**, 2020, Gyan Publication, New-Delhi and Indira Gandhi Rastriya Manav Sangrahalaya, Bhopal, ISBN 978-81-212-1988-4.
- **“Constraints of Tribal Literacy in India: An Analysis”** in edited Volume **“Dynamics of Dvelopment and Social Exclusion”** Edited by Dr. Rabindra Garada, Avon Publishers, New-Delhi, 2015, ISBN No - 9789383575619
- **“Emerging Concern on Tribal Educational Scenario and Future of Tribal Communities of Odisha”** in **“Development and Discontent in Tribal India”** Edited by Yatinder Singh Sisodia and Tapas Dalapati, Rawat Publication, Jaipur, 2015, ISBN No - 978-81-316-07312, pp.290-298
- **“Social Exclusion and Rethinking of Social Inclusion of Tribal Education: Issues and Challenges”** in **“Current Tribal Situation: Strategies for Planning, Welfare and Sustainable Development”**, Edited by S.R.Padhi, Mangalam Publication, New-Delhi, 2013, (ISBN No – 978-93-82983-15-6), pp.203-223.

- **“Encountering Globalization: The Intervention of Integrated Watershed Approach for the Sustainable Development of Tribal Regions of Odisha”** in **“Investing in Globalization: Policy, Participation and Performance in India”**, Edited by Prof. M.C. Behera and Prof. R.C. Parida, Common Wealth Publishers Pvt. Ltd., New-Delhi, 2013, (ISBN No – 978-81-311-0504-7).pp.173-192
- **“The Forest Rights Act and its Relevance for Conservation of Forests in Tribal Areas”** in **“Current Tribal Situation: Strategies for Planning, Welfare and Sustainable Development”**, Edited by S.R.Padhi, Mangalam Publication, New-Delhi, 2013, (ISBN No –978-93-82983-15-6), pp.164-170.
- **“Status of Health in relation to Cultural Practices: Reference to Tribe of Koraput District of Odisha”** in **“Tribal Health and Nutrition”** Edited by Prof. S.N. Chaudhary, Rawat Publication, Jaipur, 2012, (ISBN No – 978-81-316-0512-7), pp.319-332.
- **“Enhancing Education among the Tribes of Orissa: Issues and Concerns”** in an Edited Volume **“Tribal Education: Implications for Development”**, Edited by Prof. S.N. Chaudhary, Concept Publication, New-Delhi, 2012, (ISBN No – 81-8069-904-8), pp. 312-324.
- **“Educational Scenario of Tribals in India”** in **“Educational Scenario of Tribes in India”**, Edited by S.R.Padhi, Mangalam Publication, New-Delhi, 2011, (ISBN No- 978-81-89972-34-9), pp. 1-21.
- **“Integrated Watershed Management for Sustainable Tribal Development: A Case Study of Malkarbandha Watershed in the Koraput District of Orissa”**, in **“Tribal Development: Contemporary Issues and Perspectives”**, Edited by S.R.Padhi, Mangalam Publication, New-Delhi, 2010, (ISBN No: 978-93-80013-24-4), pp.373-389.
- **“The Gadabas”** in **Cultural heritage of Odisha: Koraput district (Vol. XI)**, published by State Level Vyasakabi Fakir Mohan Smuti Sansad, Bhubaneswar, 2008, (ISBN No – 81-902761-07-04), pp.89-111.
- **“Issues and Perspectives of HIV-AIDS among the Tribal People in the Koraput District of Orissa”** in **“Trends and Contemporary Issues of Tribal Studies”**, Edited by S.R.Padhi, Abhijeet Publication, New-Delhi, 2008, (ISBN No: 978-81-89886-45-5), pp.97-118.
- **“Health Status of Tribals in Orissa”**, in **“Trends and Contemporary Issues of Tribal Studies”**, Edited by S.R.Padhi, Abhijeet Publication, New-Delhi, 2008, (ISBN No: 978-81-89886-45-5), pp.27-56
- **“Endangering Health and Human Rights of Tribal Women in Koraput District of Orissa”**, in **Sociological Perspective on Globalization**, Edited by A.K. Sahoo, Kalpaz Publication, New-Delhi, 2006, (ISBN No: 81-7835-580-9), pp.89-111.

Preparation of Course Materials

- Prepared the course materials for M.A. Tribal Studies, IGNOU, New-Delhi
- Prepared the course materials for M.A. Sociology (Distance Education) for Rajiv Gandhi University, Arunachal Pradesh
- Prepared the course material on Rural Development for M.A. degree, IGNOU

Project Work

- Research Project (Completed) - **“Eradicating Exclusion and Constraint of Primary Education in Koraput District of Orissa”, UGC**, Rs. 8,98,400 (Eight Lakh and Ninety-Eight Thousand and Four Hundred), 2019
- Research Project (Completed) - **“Dynamics of Watershed Management Programs for Sustainable Livelihood in Koraput District of Orissa”, ICSSR**, Rs. 7Lakhs, 2016

Membership in Academic/Professional Organization

- Life member of “Indian Sociological Society’ (ISS), India. Membership Number – LMI – 3002.
- Life member of “The Ethnographic and Folk Culture Society”.
- Member of International Sociological Association – Membership No – 10289
- Co-convener RC-7 of Indian Sociological Society “Tribal, Rural and Peasant Society” (2017)

Academic and Administrative Experience

- Current Head, Sociology and Social Anthropology, Indira Gandhi National Tribal University, Madhya Pradesh
- Member of Academic Council, (IGNTU)
- Former Director, IQAC, (IGNTU)
- Former Dean, Tribal studies (IGNTU)
- Former Head, Museology (IGNTU)
- Former Head, Linguistics (IGNTU)
- Former Head, Social Work (IGNTU)
- Former member of Academic Council, Rajiv Gandhi Central University, Arunachal Pradesh
- Former member of Court, Rajiv Gandhi Central University, Arunachal Pradesh
- Former member of School Board, (School of applied Sciences), Dr. Harisingh Gour Vishwavidyalaya (A Central University), Sagar, Madhya Pradesh, 2019.
- Former Deputy Chief Warden, 2021, IGNTU, Madhya Pradesh

- First regular HOD, Department of Sociology, Rajiv Gandhi Central University, Arunachal Pradesh
- Expert of Board of studies (Sociology), Banaras Hindu University (BHU), 2024,
- Expert of Board of studies (Sociology), Pandit Ravishankar Shukla University, Raipur – 2024
- Expert of Board of studies (Sociology), Central Tribal University, Andhra Pradesh – 2023.
- Expert of Board of studies (Sociology), Rajiv Gandhi University, Arunachal Pradesh – 2022
- Expert of Board of studies (Sociology), Pragjyotishpur University, Guwahati, Assam – 2025
- Chairperson of Board of studies, Department of Sociology and Social Anthropology, IGNTU - 2024
- Chairperson of Board of studies, Indira Gandhi Rastriya Manav Shangrahalaya, Bhopal for Diploma in Museology- 2024
- Member of Board of Studies, Department of Tribal Studies, IGNTU-2019
- Member of Board of Studies, Department of Political Science, IGNTU-2019
- Chairperson of Board of studies, Department of Sociology and Social Anthropology, IGNTU - 2019
- Member of Board of Studies, Department of Journalism and Mass Communication, IGNTU-2018
- Chairperson of Board of studies for the M.A Choice Based Credit System (CBCS) course in Sociology, Rajiv Gandhi University, 2014
- Member Secretary of Board of studies for the M.A Distance education course in Sociology, Rajiv Gandhi University, 2014
- Former Advisor of Arunachal Sociological Forum

Award and Supervision of Ph.D/M.Phil Scholars

- **Two Scholars** have been awarded Ph.D. degree, at Rajiv Gandhi Central University.
- **One Scholar** has been awarded Ph.D. degree, at Indira Gandhi National Tribal University.
- **Six PhD Scholars** presently pursuing PhD degree at Indira Gandhi National Tribal University (IGNTU), Amarkantak. Madhya Pradesh
- **Three M.Phil. Scholar's** dissertation has been awarded, Berhampur University, Odisha.
- **Five M. Phil Scholar's** dissertation has been awarded at Rajiv Gandhi University (A Central University), Arunachal Pradesh