

Faculty Details for IGNOU Web site

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EDUCATIONAL QUALIFICATIONS

Degree	Year	Institute/University
PhD	2007	Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi
MPhil	2003	Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi
MA	2000	Himachal Pradesh University, Shimla
BA	1996	Himachal Pradesh University, Shimla
PGDDE	2014	Indira Gandhi National Open University, New Delhi

CAREER PROFILE

Teaching Experiences:

- Research Associate** (19th March, 2009 to 25th May, 2011), Centre for the Study of Regional Development, School of Social Sciences, Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delh-110067

Responsibilities and Activities

a) Academic

- Taught two courses, one each at Master's level titled "European Union: A Meso Regional Study" (RD 416) and Bachelor's level titled "Regional Geography of East Asia" (RD 204)

Fieldwork/Training Undertaken

- Master Level 21 day's Compulsory Course on 'Field Survey Methods: RD 415' to Lahaul Himalayas, Himachal Pradesh, June 2009

b) Administrative

- Apparatus Storeroom, CSRD, SSS, JNU
- Assisted as a Team Member to prepare various Reports
- Annual Report, CSRD/SSS
- Centres with Potential for Excellence in Particular Areas' (CPEPA), under XI-Plan Guidelines of UGC

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Audit Report 2010, Director General of Audit, Central Expenditure, New Delhi - CAS-CSRD Progress Report, 2011 and NAAC Report, 2011 on Quality and Excellence in Higher Education <p>2. Assistant Professor (26th May, 2011 onwards), Discipline of Geography, School of Sciences, IGNOU, New Delhi-110068</p>
<p>AREA OF INTEREST/SPECIALIZATION</p>
<p>Physical Environment, Socio-Economic Aspects, Human-Nature Relationship, Regional Development, Climate Change, Resources, Sustainability and Livelihood Security of Mountainous Regions; Regional, Environmental, Economic and Urban Geography; Application of Geospatial Technologies in Natural and Human Resources Management</p>
<p>ROLE AND RESPONSIBILITIES AT IGNOU</p>
<p>ROLES:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Academic Course Design and Development at Post Graduate Diploma, Bachelor's, Master's and Research Degree Programs Levels • Course Coordination, Writing, Transformation and Vetting at Bachelor's and Master's Levels • Term End Examination Duties • Evaluation Work for Academic Programmes at Post Graduate Diploma and Research Degree Programs Levels • Paper Setting and Translation for both Term End and Entrance Examinations for Research Degree Programs • Interactive Radio Counselling (IRC) • Teaching Courses for Research Degree Programs, Research and Guidance • Administrative Tasks
<p>RESPONSIBILITIES:</p>
<p>I. Member, Programme and Course Design & Development Committees</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Post Graduate Diploma in Geospatial Analysis from 2013 onwards 2) BSc General in Geography Programme (initially BDP in Geography since 2012 onwards and later on BSc General in Geography and B.Sc Hon's in Geography Programs (Two Separate Programs) under UGC-CBCS from 2015 onwards) 3) MSc in Geography from 2017 onwards 4) MPhil in Geography Programme from 2017 onwards 5) PhD in Geography Programme from 2013 onwards
<p>II. Programme Coordinator</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) BSc General in Geography Programme 2) MSc in Geography Programme
<p>III. Course Coordination, Transformation and Vetting for Academic Courses of various Programs:</p> <p>a) BSc General in Geography Programme (05 Courses)</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. General Cartography 2. General Cartography Laboratory 3. Remote Sensing and GPS 4. Geography Of India

5. Economic Geography
b) BSc Honours in Geography Programme (08 Courses)

1. Cartographic Techniques (Practical)
2. Thematic Cartography (Practical)
3. Remote Sensing And GPS (Practical)
4. Geography Of India
5. Agricultural Geography
6. Economic Geography
7. Research Methods
8. Resources Geography

c) MSc in Geography Programme (05 courses)

1. Regional Geography Of India
2. Cartography
3. Economic Geography
4. Field Survey Methods: Physical And Socio-Economic
5. Natural Resources Management

d) MPhil in Geography Programme (from 2017 onwards) and PhD in Geography Programme (from 2013 onwards): 02 courses each (Coordination)

1. Research Techniques
2. Research in Human Geography

IV. Teaching Courses for MPhil in Geography and PhD in Geography Programs

- Two courses titled 'Research Techniques' and 'Research in Human Geography'

V. Unit Writing for Self Learning Materials (SLM's)

1. BSc General in Geography Programme

- Written two units for a course titled 'Physical Geography', 1st Semester
- Writing three units for a course titled 'General Cartography', 3rd Semester
- Writing six exercises for Laboratory Manual'' for a course titled 'Remote Sensing and GPS', 4th Semester
- Writing three units for a course titled 'Geography of India', 5th Semester
- Writing three units for a course titled 'Economic Geography', 6th Semester

2. MSc in Geography Programme

- Writing two units for a course titled 'Regional Geography of India', 1st Semester
- Writing two units for a course titled 'Cartography', 1st Semester

RESEARCH GUIDANCE

Supervision of	Year of completion	Name	Topic
Dr. Vishal Warpa	Pursuing (PhD January 2017, Academic Cycle)	Indraj (Enrollment No. 173101854)	Urban Sprawl Around Gurugram City and its Impact on Environment and Socio-Economic Set-up
Dr. Vishal Warpa	Pursuing (PhD July 2017, Academic Cycle)	Karma Rinchen T Wangmo (Enrollment No.1793423661)	Tourism and its Impact on Environment and Livelihood in Sikkim with Special Reference to Lachen and Lachung Valleys
Dr. Vishal Warpa	Pursuing (PhD)	Saumya Singh (Enrollment No.	Gender Gap and Demographic Dividend for Economic

	July 2018, Academic Cycle)	188500127)	Development of India: A Case Study of Delhi NCR
Dr. Vishal Warpa	Pursuing (PhD) July 2018, Academic Cycle)	Ashwani Parmar (Enrollment No. 188500134)	Climate Change, Agriculture and Gender Gap : A Comparative Study of Semi Arid and Dry Sub-Humid parts of Haryana
Dr. Vishal Warpa	Pursuing (MPhil) July 2017, Academic Cycle)	Amit Kumar Chaurasia (Enrollment No. 179342491)	Agro-Social Dynamics and Shift therein with Special Reference to Agricultural Workforce in Eastern Uttar Pradesh
Dr. Vishal Warpa	Pursuing (MPhil) July 2018, Academic Cycle)	Umesh (Enrollment No. 188500141)	Issues of Environmental Sustainability of Agricultural Practices in Haryana

Books/Monographs (Authored/Edited)/Book Chapter/Lecture Notes:

- Singh, H. and Warpa, V. (2009): “Environmental Constraints and Changing Agricultural Economy in a High Altitude Region – A Case Study of Lahaul-Spiti District, Himachal Pradesh”, in Rawat, M.S.S. and Pratap, D. (eds), “Management Strategies for the Indian Himalaya: Development and Conservation” Transmedia Publications, Garhwal, Uttarakhand, pp.165-192
- Warpa, V. and Singh, H. (2014): “Irrigation and Role of Traditional Knowledge in Integrated Irrigation Development in the Cold Desert Environment of Lahul-Spiti, North-western Himalaya”, in Rawat, M.S.S. and Pratap, D. (eds), Resources Environment and Development of the Indian Himalaya, Transmedia Publication, Srinagar (Garhwal), Uttarakhand, pp.397-406
- Warpa, V. and Singh, H. (2014): “Cultivable Land and the Nature of Its Distribution in Cold Desert of Lahaul-Spiti District of Himachal Pradesh”, in Singh, Mehtab, Singh, R.B., Hassan, M.I. (eds.), Landscape Ecology and Water Management, Vol. 2 Series: Advances in Geographical and Environmental Sciences, Springer Japan pp. 115-128

Papers in Refereed/Peer reviewed Journals

- Sarfaraz, A., Baraik, V.K. and Warpa, V. (2012): “Learning about Data to Learn with Data”, National Geographical Journal of India, Vol. 58, (1), March 2012, pp. 63-68
- Warpa, V. (2015): GIScience for Planet Earth, Hill Geographer, Vol. XXXI, No.1, pp. 89-92.
- Swarna latha P., Nageswara Rao K. and Warpa V. (2016): “Urbanization Process in Anantapur District, Andhra Pradesh – A Demographic Review” Transactions, Institute of Indian Geographers, Vol. 38 (2), 2016, pp. 257-266

Other Publications:

- Warpa, V. (2013): ‘Data Quality Issues’, a unit in the course titled ‘Global Navigation Satellite System and Geographic Information System’ for Post Graduate Certificate in Geoinformatics, SOS, IGNOU, 59-71
- Warpa, V. (2019): ‘Earth: A Living Planet’, a unit in the course titled ‘Physical

Geography’ for BSc General in Geography Programme, SOS, IGNOU (In Press)

- Warpa, V. (2019): ‘Interior of the Earth: Structure and Composition’, a unit in the course titled ‘Physical Geography’ for BSc General in Geography Programme, SOS, IGNOU (In Press)

CONFERENCES/SEMINARS/WORKSHOPS ORGANISED/PARTICIPATED

A. Conferences/Seminars/Workshops Organised:

- Member, Organising Committee, National Seminar titled “Thoughts and Ideology of Bharat Ratna Dr. B.R. Ambedkar: Acceptance, Deviations and Relevance, India 2025” jointly organised by the Indira Gandhi Centre for Freedom Struggle Studies (IGCFSS) and IGNOU SC/ST Teachers’ Welfare Association during 16th to 18th November, 2016 at Convention Centre, IGNOU, Maidan Garhi, New Delhi

B. Conferences/Seminars/Workshops Participated/Attended:

- Participated in the U.G.C- C.A.S sponsored “Cartography, Remote Sensing and G.I.S Training” workshop from 02nd to 06th April, 2004 at Centre for the Study of Regional Development, School of Social Sciences, JNU, New Delhi
- Attended Train-the-Trainer Workshop-II entitled “Didactical Aspects of GIScience Education” from 06th to 08th February, 2005 organized by International cooperation for GIScience education, co-funded by the European Commission and coordinated by the University of Salzburg, Austria, at JNU, New Delhi
- Attended a workshop on “GIScience for Spatial Analysis and Regional Development” from 31st January, 2008 to 06th February, 2008 sponsored by CAS-UGC and jointly organized by Centre for Geoinformatics, Salzburg University, Austria and Centre for the Study of Regional Development, SSS, JNU, New Delhi
- Participated in the Fourth One Day Workshop on “Edusat Based Distance Learning Programme for RS, GIS & GPS: Experiences and Future Plans” on 07th May, 2010 at IIRS, Dehradun, India
- Participated in the Induction Programme on ‘Distance Education Theory and Practices’ for Newly Recruited Teachers from 21st to 25th November, 2011 conducted by STRIDE, IGNOU, New Delhi
- Participated in the National Seminar on ‘Paradigm Shift in Geography’ from 28th to 29th November, 2011 conducted by A.M. Khawaja Chair, Department of Geography, Jamia Milia Islamia, New Delhi
- Participated in the 12th ESRI India User Conference on ‘Understanding Our World’ from 07th to 08th December, 2011 conducted by ESRI, Noida
- Participated in a Seminar on ‘Migration and Poverty: Evidence from a 30-Year Longitudinal Study Using the ICRISAT Village Level Studies (VLS)’ on 13th April, 2012 conducted by NCEAR, IP Estate, New Delhi
- Participated in the “Author Workshop” on 23rd August, 2012 organized by Delhi University Library System, University of Delhi in Collaboration with Springer (India) Pvt. Ltd. New Delhi
- Participated in the Training Programme on “Multimedia E-Content Development Using Open Source Tools “from 15th to 18th October, 2012 conducted by Inter University Consortium (IUC), IGNOU, New Delhi

- Participated in a Inaugural C.D DESHMUKH MEMORIAL LECTURE ON “Grassroots Welfare Schemes and Macroeconomic Choices: India’s Dilemmas” on 04th January, 2013 Organized by NCAER, at Gulmohar Hall, India Habitat Centre, Lodhi Road, New Delhi
- Participated in the JNU-CSR-D-UGC-CAS Colloquium on “Rethinking Geography Education and Research in India” held during 29th to 30th March, 2014 at CSR-D, JNU, New Delhi
- Participated in a seminar on “Innovations in Data Collection: The Chitwan Valley Family Study in Nepal” on 30th June, 2014 conducted by NCEAR, IP Estate, New Delhi.
- Participated in the “Remote Sensing Day celebration” organized by ISRS Delhi chapter in collaboration with Himachal Pradesh Project, Department of Geography, DU on 19th September, 2014 at Lecture Hall-Economics, Department of Geography, Delhi School of Economics, University of Delhi, New Delhi
- Participated in a monthly seminar on “Spatializing Knowledge in Governance of Decentralized Local Bodies” by Prof. Milap Punia, JNU organized by Lokashraya Foundation, New Delhi on 27th September, 2014
- Participated in the workshop titled “Research Methodology in Distance Education” from 08th to 09th July, 2015 conducted by STRIDE, IGNOU, New Delhi
- Participated in the First Knowledge Conclave for Colleges and Universities on “Green Educators Network” during 28th to 29th January, 2016 organised by Centre for Science and Environment, New Delhi
- Participated in the workshop titled “Development of E-Content in Geography (Upper Primary Stage)” during 06th to 8th June, 2016 organised by NCERT, New Delhi

C. Paper Presented in Seminar/Conferences:

- Presented a paper (with Singh, H.) entitled “Environmental Constraints and/or Advantages: Sustainable Horticultural Practices in a Cold Desert Environment of Lahaul-Spiti Region, North-Western Himalayas, India” in ‘International Conference on Change in Cryosphere and Impact on Ecosystem Services and Rural Livelihood: Understanding Local Adaptation in The Himalayan Region’, held during 13th to 14th October, 2014 at Institute of Mountain Environment, Bhaderwah Campus, University of Jammu, Bhaderwah, Jammu & Kashmir
- Co-chaired a technical session entitled “Climate Change, Adaptations Strategy and Environment Issues” in International Conference on ‘Change in Cryosphere its Impact on Ecosystem Services and Rural Livelihoods: Understanding Local Adaptation in The Himalayan Region’, held during 13th to 14th October, 2014 organized by Department of Earth Science, Institute of Mountain Environment, Bhaderwah Campus, Jammu University, Jammu & Kashmir
- Presented a paper (with Bansal. T) entitled “Disparities in Literacy Levels between Non-Slum and Slum Population of National Capital Territory, Delhi (2011)” in 36th Indian Geography Congress, Jaipur, 2014 held during 17th to 19th November, 2014 at Department of Geography, University of Jaipur, Rajasthan

- Delivered a Invited Lecture entitled “IGNOU Outreach Programme and Capacity Building with special focus on Geospatial Technologies” at Third User Interaction Meet (IUM-2015) during 26th to 27th February, 2015 organized by Indian Institute of Remote Sensing (IIRS), Dehradun
- Presented a paper entitled “Prospects of Teaching Geography through Distance Education in India”, at UGC-SAP-DRS III National Seminar during 20th to 21st March, 2015 organized by Department of Geography, Delhi School of Economics, University of Delhi, Delhi
- Presented a paper titled “Practices pertaining to the use of Educational Technologies in Higher and Distance Education: A Study in the perspective of IGNOU Programmes” in a national seminar on “Open and Distance Learning in India: Present Status & Future Prospects” during 29th to 30th September, 2015 organized by Staff Training and Research Institute of Distance Education, Indira Gandhi National Open University, Maidan Garhi, New Delhi
- Presented a paper titled “Geography and Geoinformatics” in 37th Indian Geography Congress, Jammu, 2015 held during 02nd to 04th December, 2015 at Department of Geography, University of Jammu, Jammu and Kashmir

RESEARCH PROJECTS: NIL

Sponsoring Agency	Period	Grant	Project Title	P. I. / Co- Investigator(s)

HONOURS/AWARDS/DISTINCTIONS

- Awarded Junior Research Fellowship/National Eligibility (JRF-NET), Test conducted by the University Grants Commission (UGC) in June 2003
- Certificate of merit, “First Geographical Paper Reading Contest” held by Geographical Association, Himachal Pradesh University, Shimla, 1997

PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS

- Life Member, Indian Society of Remote Sensing (ISRS), Dehradun, India
- Life Member, National Association of Geographers, India
- Life Member, Institute of Indian Geographers
- Life Member, Hill Geographer

Activities at IGNOU:

a) Academic

- Discipline Group Coordinator from 2016-17 and 2017-18
- Research Programs Coordinator from 08th February, 2019 to 07th February, 2021
- Member, Cultural Committee, School of Sciences, IGNOU, 2013
- Observer and Flying Squad Member, Term End Examinations, IGNOU, 2012 till present

b) Administrative and Others

- Joint Secretary, IGNOU SC/ST Teacher’s Welfare Association, 2012-14

- President, IGNOU SC/ST Teacher's Welfare Association, 2016-18
- Member, Organising Committee, National Seminar titled 'Thoughts and Ideology of Bharat Ratna Dr. B.R. Ambedkar: Acceptance, Deviations and Relevance, India 2025, 16th to 18th November, 2016
- Member, 31st Foundation Day, IGNOU, 2016
- Member, 22nd Prof. G. Ram Reddy Memorial Lecture, IGNOU, 2017
- Member, 23rd Prof. G. Ram Reddy Memorial Lecture, IGNOU, 2018
- Member, Institutional Ethics Committee, IGNOU, 20th April, 2017
- Member, Investigation Committee, CMD, IGNOU, 10th October, 2017
- Member, Swatantra Parv Celebration, IGNOU, 2017
- Member, Opening of Small Gate adjacent to Radhakrishnan Block, IGNOU, 01st April, 2017
- Member, Organizing Committee, National Seminar titled "Human Rights in the Indian Perspective: Concerns and Priorities" organized by School of Law, IGNOU from 28 to 29th July, 2017
- Special Invitee, Management and Administration of IGNOU Employees Welfare Fund, 28th December, 2017
- Co-opted Member, 33rd Foundation Day, IGNOU, 2018
- Member, Guest House Management Committee, IGNOU, 06th May, 2019 onwards
- Co-opted Member, 24th Prof. G. Ram Reddy Memorial Lecture, IGNOU, June 2019

c) Outside IGNOU: Academic Activities

- External Examiner, Viva-Voce Examination for a course on 'Post Graduate Diploma in Digital Cartography', Jamia Millia Islamia, New Delhi, 2014-17
- Reviewer, International Journal of Arid Land Research and Management, Taylor and Francis, 2015
- Subject Expert, Workshop for the Development of E-Content in Geography (Upper Primary Stage), NCERT, New Delhi, 6th to 8th June, 2016
- Evaluator, MPhil Dissertations titled:
 - 1) Socio-Economic Transformation of the Dokpa Community of Lachung Valley, Sikkim, 2015, Sikkim University, Gangtok, Sikkim
 - 2) Agriculture in Trans-Himalayan Sikkim in Thangu and Adjoining Areas: Issues and Challenges, Sikkim University, Gangtok, Sikkim, 2017
- External Expert, Viva-Voce Examination for Evaluation of Dissertation in Post Graduate Programme in Geography Students, Sikkim University, Gangtok, Sikkim, 5th to 6th June, 2017
- External Examiner, Viva-Voce Examination, MPhil Dissertations, Sikkim University, Gangtok, Sikkim, 7th June, 2017