



Tattwamasi Paltasingh-Brief Introduction

Tattwamasi Paltasingh is at present working as Professor and Head of the Department of Sociology, Sambalpur University, Odisha. Prior to her present position she has served as a faculty at Tata Institute of Social Sciences (TISS) Mumbai and at Sardar Patel Institute of Economic and Social Research (SPIESR), Ahmedabad. She has obtained her Doctorate Degree from TISS Mumbai with a UGC Research Fellowship for her Doctoral Dissertation in the area of Sociology of Education. She has directed several research projects related to Elementary Education, Secondary Education, Higher Education, Tribal Study, Development Studies, Entrepreneurship, Gender Studies, Evaluation and Policy Studies. Prof. Paltasingh has extensive academic experience and substantial contribution in research, teaching and extension activities. She has published two Edited Volumes titled 'Caring for the Elderly: Social Gerontology in the Indian Context'(2015) by SAGE & Emerging Issues in Gerontology: Relevance and Possibilities by Bookwell (2014). Her forthcoming two books on Early Childhood Care and Education (ECCE) and Education in India-Development Dynamics are in press ; expected to be published by early 2018. She has published about 35 academic papers in reputed journals and as book chapters.

In addition to her continued responsibilities in various capacities- she was the member of the Executive Committee (EC), member of Joint Review Mission (JRM) and member of the Project Approval Board of Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan (SSA), Mid-Day Meal Scheme (MDMS), Rashtriya Madhyamik Siksha Abhiyan (RMSA) assigned by MHRD. Prof. Paltasingh has successively participated & presented the key findings of her Reports in the Annual Plans of the Project Approval Board (PAB) of SSA, MDMS (2006-2015) and RMSA-(2012-2015) at Shastri Bhavan, New Delhi for the state of Gujarat that has made impacts on the policy and implementation level. She has participated in series of Research Scrutiny Committee Presentations to review the Research Projects on Primary & Secondary Education Research in Gujarat (2006-2015). She was one of the external experts to review the implementation of the Right of Children to Free & Compulsory Education Act (RTE) in States & UTs held at NCERT, Delhi. She has been a part of the nine member team constituted by NUEPA & MHRD during 2014 to assess the available schooling amenities in tribal areas of select States of India.

Though education has remained as a major area of interest, Prof. Paltasingh has worked on multi-disciplinary issues. She has organised several Workshops, Training Programmes, and Courses. She has played an active role as co-convenor in the State level consultation on Draft National Health Policy-2015; conducted by Indian Institute of Public Health, Gandhinagar. She has been a partner with MANAGE, Hyderabad during 2006-07 to prepare training modules and conduct Gender Sensitive Training Programmes for the Stakeholders in Agriculture and Extension in 05 states of India. She has handled both academic and administrative responsibilities with proficiency.