



Brief CV of Prof. Virendra Pal Singh

Born at Meerut city in 1955; started career as Research Assistant in **UNESCO** project (1980-81); Research Evaluator at **IIMC, New Delhi** (1981-82); Junior Research Fellow in ICSSR sponsored project at Meerut University. Meerut (1982-84); Research Associate at **National Institute of Rural Development**, NERC, Guwahati; Lecturer in Sociology at **Barkatullah University, Bhopal** (1989-1996); Reader/Associate Professor and Professor of Sociology at **Assam University (Central), Silchar** (1996-2010); **First Professor of Globalization and Development in the country at University of Allahabad, Allahabad (since June 2010).**

Research Experience– UNESCO Project on Rural-Urban Articulations in Meerut Region of India (1980-81); IIMC study on Communication and National Development (1981-82); ICSSR study on Rural –Urban Inter-relations of Muslims in Meerut Region (1982-84); **First Concurrent Evaluation of Rural Water Supply Scheme and National Rural Employment Programme (NREP) in north eastern states (1986-88)**; Research study on the impact of Satellite TV on Urban Youth in Bhopal (1991-93); Study on Social Background and Patterns of Using Internet in Silchar town of Assam (2005-2006); Study on Social Impact of Mobile Phones both in the Rural and the Urban areas of Assam (2007-2008). Closely observed the process of Globalization, developments in New Communication Technologies and Socio-cultural changes taking place in countries with fast growing economies like India. successfully guided 50 M. Phil. Dissertations and 12 Ph.D. thesis.

Professional credentials: launched an inter-disciplinary research journal *Emerging Trends in Development Research* (ISSN 0972-9445) in 1994 and a Hindi periodical *Navrachna* (ISSN 2454-2458) since June 2015; My publications include three book and more than a dozen articles in national and international journals; Published a number of articles on various dimensions of globalization.

International Professional Engagements: World Congress of Sociology, New Delhi (1986); Organized two sessions for RC 14 Sociology of Communication, Knowledge and Culture and RC 52 Sociology of Professional Groups of International Sociological Association in Yokohama, Japan (2014); Organized a session in Mid-term conference of RC 52 at Milano, Italy (2015). organized two sessions in Third International Forum of ISA held at Vienna, Austria (2016); Organized (with Prof. Pravez A. Abbasi) an Interim Conference of ISA-RC 14 Sociology of Communication, Knowledge and Culture on the theme “Globalization, New Communication Technologies and Social Transformation: Strategies for the Future” at New Delhi Feb. 26-28, 2017); Organized a session in Interim Conference of ISA-RC 52 at Oslo, Norway; Organizing three sessions in forthcoming World Congress of Sociology to be held at Toronto, Canada (2018); Invited to present a paper entitled “Globalization and Transformation of Higher Education in India: A Paradigm Shift in the Policies of development and Social Justice” in a plenary session of BRICS.

My Engagements with ISS: Associated with **Indian Sociological Society since 1978** (when I attended my first All-India Sociological Conference held at Jabalpur as a student delegate); Regularly participated in 25 All-India Sociological Conferences; Convenor, **ISS-RC 14 on Culture and Communication (2001-2007; 2011-2015)**; Organized **First ISS National Workshop for Young Social Scientists at Guwahati** (September 8-9, 2007); **Member of Managing Committee of ISS (2011-2017).**