

VISHAL JAMKAR

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EDUCATION

- **Humphrey School of Public Affairs, University of Minnesota, USA**
Ph.D. (Public Affairs), September 2020 onwards
- **Humphrey School of Public Affairs, University of Minnesota, USA**
Master of International Development Practice, (2018 – 2020)
- **Institute of Chemical Technology, Mumbai, India**
Bachelor of Chemical Engineering (1999-2003)

ACADEMIC PROGRESS

Humphrey School of Public Affairs, University of Minnesota, USA.

(Sept. 2018 – May 2020)

- Bronze medal in regional **NASPAA-Batten Student Simulation competition** held in University of Michigan, Ann Arbor in February 2019.
- **Awarded CREATE Scholarship** by CREATE Initiative at the University of Minnesota and West Atlanta Watershed Association (WAWA) from May to August 2019 to develop ARCGIS based Story Map on Green Gentrification.
- Part of a Capstone project on 'Bringing the Ramon Nut to the United States Market' for the Rainforest Alliance and ACOFOP, Guatemala on the innovative market strategy of marketing Non-Timber Forest Produce from Guatemala to USA.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Professional Assistance for Development Action (PRADAN) (Non-profit), Chhattisgarh, India

Team Coordinator

(May 2012 – July 2018)

- **Key skills:** Project management, livelihood prototype development, fund raising, stakeholder management, conducting trainings and workshop, and program evaluation.
- Lead projects funded by World Bank, Government of India, Tata Trust, Axis Bank Foundation on economic development, gender justice, and governance.
- **National and State-level Consultant** to the Ministry of Rural Development, Government of India and Chhattisgarh Government for the world's largest public works program Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Act (MGNREGA) during 2014-16.
- Core group member and Field faculty of the **Praxis-based Education Initiative** of PRADAN, in collaboration with Ambedkar University, Delhi.
- **Facilitated workshops** on Integrated Natural Resource Management, Inter-Personal and Group Effectiveness, and Achievement Motivation for staff of PRADAN, other NGOs and government.

Professional Assistance for Development Action (PRADAN), Madhya Pradesh, India

Executive (Projects)

(May 2005 – April 2012)

- **Key skills:** Community mobilization, project implementation, micro-credit, livelihood interventions
- **Co-Founder of India's first Mulberry Silk Producer's Cooperative** owned by Indigenous Women with current turnover of \$ 1.5 Million.

SELECTED PUBLICATIONS

Ongoing:

- **‘Wage and Job Discrimination of SC communities in Urban Labor Market in India’** using India Human Development Survey-I and II, co-authored with Prof. Samuel Myers, Jr. at the Humphrey School of Public Affairs, University of Minnesota.
- **‘Facilitating Factors and Constraints to Replication of Successful Community Forestry Efforts’** co-authored with Dr. Dean Current, Director, Center for Integrated Natural Resource and Agriculture Management, University of Minnesota and Dr. Megan Butler, Center for Integrated Natural Resource and Agriculture Management, University of Minnesota.

Previous:

- Jamkar, V. and R. Nagar. 14 July 2020. **“Black Lives Matter and Savarna Supremacy.”** *AGITATE!* Blog: <http://agitatejournal.org/black-lives-matter-and-savarna-supremacy>.
- Jamkar, V., and R. Nagar. (2020) **"जसिन्ता को पढ़ने पर/ After reading Jacinta."** *AGITATE! Unsettling Knowledges*, Vol 2.
- **Exploring Mendha Lekha: An Ideal Village** published in PRADAN’s bimonthly NewsReach, Volume 15, Number 5, September-October 2015.
- **Immersion as a form of Apprenticeship in PRADAN** published in Participatory Learning and Action, Volume 57, December 2007 by International Institute of Environment and Development, London.

PRESENTATIONS

- **Facilitating Factors and Constraints to Replication of Successful Community Forestry Efforts**, oral presentation at the 2nd Sustainable Development Conference, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, October 2019.
- **Community Forestry: A Potent Tool to combat Climate Change**, poster presentation at the 7th International Conference on Sustainable Development, Earth Institute, Columbia University, September 2019
- **Facilitating Factors and Constraints to Replication of Successful Community Forestry Efforts**, oral presentation at the Small-scale Forestry Conference, Duluth, Minnesota, July 2019.
- **Quadrants of Change – The Realm of Potentialities, Possibilities and Actualities**, oral presentation at the 2nd symposium on Transforming Rural Development jointly organized by Charles Stuart University (Australia) and Ambedkar University Delhi, New Delhi, India, April 2016.

REPRESENTATION AND POLICY ADVOCACY

- Consultant to the Ministry of Rural Development, Government of India as part of **National Resource Team (NRT)** to world’s largest public works program Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Act (MGNREGA) during 2014-16.
- Presented Economic Development models of PRADAN in a workshop at Ministry of Rural Development, Government of India’s **National Institute of Rural Development (NIRD)**, Hyderabad in July 2014.
- Presented PRADAN’s Gender and Economic Development related work with indigenous women in India in **Oxfam’s South Asia Conference** on ‘Women’s Leadership and Sexuality Rights in South Asia’ held at Kathmandu, Nepal during March 2011.

FELLOWSHIPS & GRANTS

Fellowships:

- **Interdisciplinary Center for the study of Global Change (ICGC) Fellowship** for Ph.D. (Public Affairs) by the University of Minnesota for the year 2020-24.
- **CREATE Scholarship** awarded as one of the 11 scholars across the University of Minnesota – part of University of Minnesota’s Grand Challenges Initiative at the interface of environment and equity for the year 2019-20.
- **Interdisciplinary Center for the study of Global Change (ICGC) Fellowship** for Master of Development Practice by University of Minnesota for the year 2018-19.
- **Hubert Humphrey Tuition Scholarship** (2018-2020) for the master’s program at the Humphrey School of Public Affairs, University of Minnesota.
- **Hubert Humphrey Fulbright Fellowship 2018** offered by the US Department of State (Declined to pursue a graduate course in the US).
- **Chevening Scholarship 2018** offered by Foreign and Commonwealth Office, UK (Declined to pursue a graduate course in the USA).

Grants:

- **Conference Support Grants:** Minnesota Population Center member grant (\$150), UMN Professional Conference Grant (\$ 400), Professional Student Government grant (\$200), Interdisciplinary Center for the study of Global Change (ICGC) travel grant (\$400).
- **Institute on the Environment, University of Minnesota** competitive grant (Amount: \$1820) for the “Panel Discussion on the Impact of Mining on Indigenous Communities in the North Minnesota” at Minneapolis and Duluth, December 2018.

LANGUAGE AND IT SKILLS

- Fluent in English, Hindi, and Marathi
- Proficient in Microsoft Office, NVIVO, STATA, and ARCGIS

MEMBERSHIP

- Minnesota Population Center
- Minnesota International NGO Network (MINN)