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As a qualitative researcher working in the Indian Himalayan Region, I critically examine risk-averse approaches and challenge dominant development models. My postdoctoral research at the Centre for Corporate Responsibility and Sustainability (CCRS), Zurich—funded by a swissuniversities fellowship—focuses on the intersection of climate change and mental health. More broadly, my work explores the climate–food–health nexus, community-based adaptation, and the impacts of pandemics and climate extremes on human well-being. I recently co-edited *The Climate–Health–Sustainability Nexus* (Springer Nature), a volume that offers an in-depth analysis of these interlinked challenges. I am committed to advancing research across these critical domains.

POSITIONS

- Since August 2024: **Project PI**, swissuniversities, Knowledge to Action Program, Swissnex
Project: Mental Health and Resilience in Mountain Agrarian Communities (MHR-Mo).
- Since July 2024: **Postdoctoral Researcher (Non-Resident)**, Center for Corporate Responsibility and Sustainability (CCRS) Zurich, (HEG Fribourg, HES-SO). Mentor: Philippe C. Forêt
- Jan – July 2024: **Research Associate**, Centre for the Study of Social Exclusion and Inclusive Policy, Jawaharlal Nehru University (JNU), India.
Project: (DDAY-NRLM): An Analysis of the Efficacy of the Program towards Affecting Women Empowerment in the state of Bihar. Supervisor: Anuja Anand
- Aug 2023 – June 2024: **Senior Research Fellow**, Center for Corporate Responsibility and Sustainability, University of Applied Sciences of Western Switzerland (HEG Fribourg, HES-SO). “Transition from Innovation to Sustainability” programs.
- Nov 2022 – Jan 2023: **Research Assistant**, Chronic Poverty Advisory Network (CPAN) – Institute of Development Studies (IDS), UK Supervisor: Andrew Shepherd
Project: CPAN/COVID Collective Chronic Poverty Report 2023 on “Pandemic Poverty” [Report](#)
- June-Sep 2022: **Research Assistant**, Critical Infrastructure Resilience Network (CIRen), School of Engineering and Informatics, University of Sussex, UK
Supervisor: Spyros Skarvelis-Kazakos
- March 2021-July 2022: **Visiting PhD. Scholar**, Resource Politics and Environmental Change Cluster, Institute of Development Studies (IDS), University of Sussex (UoS), UK
Supervisor: Lyla Mehta & Shilpi Srivastava
- Jan – April 2022: **Research Assistant**, Institute of Development Studies (IDS), UoS, UK
Project: Global Review of the Effects of COVID-19 Policies on Rural Children’s Work, funded by the UN Food and Agriculture Organization. [Report](#)

DEGREES

- 2017–2023: **PhD, Social Sciences in Health**
Centre of Social Medicine and Community Health (CSMCH), Jawaharlal Nehru University (JNU), India Supervisor: Rajib Dasgupta
UK Supervisors: Lyla Mehta, Shilpi Srivastava IDS, University of Sussex

Thesis Title: Examining the Nutrition Security in the Climate-Sensitive Mountain Region to Evolve a Framework for Community-Based Adaptation: A Study in Tehri Garhwal district, Uttarakhand.

2015–2017: [MPhil, Social Sciences in Health](#), CSMCH, JNU, Delhi

Dissertation Title: Natural Disaster and its Impact on Livelihood and Food Security: A Two Villages Study in Rudraprayag District, Uttarakhand.

2012–2014: [Masters in Sociology](#), Indira Gandhi National Open University (IGNOU), Delhi

Dissertation Title: Women in Pain: The Sociology of Health-Seeking Behaviour among Jaunsari Tribe in Chakrata block, Dehradun.

2003–2008: [Bachelor of Physiotherapy](#), Santosh Medical College & Hospitals, Ghaziabad

PUBLICATIONS

Yadav, N. (2024). [Integrating local knowledge and innovative strategies in development assistance for the Indian Himalayan Region](#). In J. Diković (Ed.), *Sustainability of development assistance: Problems, prospects, and perspectives* (p. 62). Zurich: CCRS. ([Link](#))

Singh, S., & Yadav, N. (2024). [Resilience and Equity in Crisis: Rethinking India's Food Security Strategies in the Era of COVID-19 and Beyond](#). *Food Security in a Developing World: Status, Challenges, and Opportunities*, 327. Springer Nature ([Link](#))

Singh, P., & Yadav, N. (2024). [The Climate-Health-Sustainability Nexus: Understanding the Interconnected Impact on Populations and the Environment](#), Springer Nature Switzerland. ([Link](#))

Yadav, N., & Choudhary, K. K. (2023) [Nutritional Status of Mothers and Children: Trends and Determinants](#). In *Health and Nutrition of Women and Children in Empowered Action Group States of India* 121-136. Routledge India. ([Link](#))

Yadav, S., Yadav, P. K., & Yadav, N. (2021). [Impact of COVID-19 on life expectancy at birth in India: a decomposition analysis](#). *BMC Public Health*, 21, 1-19. ([Link](#)). Reviewed in: [Times of India](#), [Hindustan Times](#), [The Print](#), [Mirror Now](#).

Yadav, N. [Gender Differentiated Impact of 2013 Flash Flood on Health and Livelihood in Rudraprayag](#). A. and Bindal, MK (eds.)(2021) *Health Adaptation and Resilience Climate Change and Related Disasters-A Compendium of Case Studies*, 299. ([Link](#))

Yadav, S., Yadav, P. K., & Yadav, N. (2021). [The Peak of COVID-19 in India: SARIMA and forecast](#) *Demography India* 50 (2), 75-86 ([Link](#))

Yadav, S., Kothavale, A., Kumar, P. & Yadav, N. (2021) [Burden of Non-communicable Diseases in India](#). (117-134) In *Collaborative Governance for Sustainable Development of Health and Well-Being: Issues and Perspectives* National Institute of Health and Family Welfare (NIHFW) ([Link](#))

Yadav, S., Yadav, P. K., Kishore, M., Unisa, S., ...Yadav, N. & Dey, S. (2020). [Basic Reproduction Rate and Case Fatality Rate of COVID-19: Application of Meta-analysis](#). *Demography India* (49), Special issue, 69-97 ([Link](#))

Yadav, N. (2018). [The Shift in India's Health Policy Paradigm and Their Implication on Healthcare Needs](#). *International Journal of Research in Social Sciences*, 8(3), 557-570. ([Link](#))

Reports

1. Anand, A., Khari, R., Shukla, M. & Yadav, N. (DDAY-NRLM): [An Analysis of the Efficacy of the Program towards Affecting Women Empowerment in the State of Bihar](#). *Indian Council of Social Sciences & Research* (In press)
2. Gautam, A., Yadav, N., Suri, K., Garg, A., & Garg, K. (2020). [Exploring the socio-economic](#)

impact of COVID 19: A case of India. *PCI Report Series, New Delhi: Policy Change Initiative*, 1-78. ([Link](#))

Non-peer-reviewed publications in print or other media

1. Transformative eco-feminism: Shaping just and plural political ecologies in Uttarakhand's mountain regions ([Grassroots](#))
2. Unveiling Environmental Justice: The Complexities of Green Infrastructure in Urban Environments ([Grassroots](#))
3. UN 2023 Water Conference: 46 years after Mar del Plata, it's time to examine the successes and failures ([DownToEarth](#))
4. Carbon neutral real estate: REAR's accountabilities for green constructions ([EPCWorld](#))
5. COVID-19 floods and landslides: what Uttarakhand needs to brace for ([DowntoEarth](#))
6. Himalayan 'gold rush': Growing livelihood reliance on lucrative and vulnerable trade ([DownToEarth](#))
7. Uttarakhand may be staring at another disaster ([DownToEarth](#))
8. Is the Arabian Sea no longer pacific? ([DownToEarth](#))
9. How air pollution is impacting pregnant women and children ([dailyO](#))
10. Why Kerala floods prove so devastating this time ([PCI](#))
11. Uttarakhand is facing severe environmental disasters - and we are to blame for it ([dailyO](#))
12. India's Public Health system deserves a check-up ([dailyO](#))
13. In India, disaster preparedness has still a long way to go ([dailyO](#))
14. How has Uttarakhand fared four years after devastating floods? ([dailyO](#))

AWARDS & FELLOWSHIPS

- 2024: Ana Firmino scholarship to present in IGU CSRS 31st Colloquium in Mendoza, Argentina
- 2024: GEF and IAS, UCL (full-funding award) to present at University College London, United Kingdom
- 2024: DSA (full-funding award) to present at SOAS, London, United Kingdom
- 2023: DAAD and SDG Nexus (full funding award) to present at the University of Cuenca, Ecuador
- 2023: Swiss Embassy and EMPA (full funding award) to at the School of Management, Fribourg, Switzerland
- 2023: Hidden Hunger Society (full funding award), University of Hohenheim Stuttgart, Germany.
- 2022: DAAD (full funding award) to present at Asian Institute of Technology, Bangkok, Thailand
- 2020: India Sri Lanka Foundation, Sri Lanka High Commission (Travel assistance) to present in International Symposium on Multi-Hazard Early Warning and Disaster Risk Reduction, Colombo, Sri Lanka
- 2020: Second Prize in Poster Session Awards – National Seminar on Population, Health, and Sustainable Development Goals, International Institute of Population Studies (IIPS), Mumbai, at Patna University.
- 2019: DAAD, Exceed program and CNRD (full-funding award) to present at the Universidad Autónoma de San Luis Potosí, Mexico.
- 2019: Doctoral Grant Award (full-funding) to present at XIV International Conference on Public Policy and Management at IIM Bangalore.
- 2018: Harvard School of Public Health- St. Johns Research Nutrition Initiative (full funding) Two-week residential course in Nutrition Research Methodology, St. John's Research Institute, Bangalore

2018: Workshop on Methodological Approach in Social Science Research (partial funding), Pondicherry University and French Institute of Pondicherry (FIP).

Research Fellowships

- 2025-27: Indian Council for Social Sciences Research (ICSSR) grant
2024-25: Swissuniversities, Knowledge to Action Fellowship
2021- 2022: Commonwealth Split-site Scholarship (Doctoral research award) Foreign, Commonwealth, and Development Office (FCDO), United Kingdom
2015-2021: Research fellowship for MPhil and PhD program, University Grant Commission (UGC), India
2016-17: Research fellowship, National Green Highways Mission, National Highways Authority of India (NHAI), Govt. of India.

PROFESSIONAL SOCIETIES

- Since 2024: Environmental Humanities Switzerland, Swiss Academic Society for Environmental Research and Ecology, Swiss Academy of Natural Sciences
2023–24: Development Students Association (DSA), UK
Since 2023: Agriculture Nutrition and Health Academy (ANH), London School of Hygiene & Tropical Medicine, UK
Since 2021: Commonwealth Scholarships Commission, FCDO, UK
Since 2019: Bangalore Boston Nutrition Collaborative (BBNC), India and the United States

ACADEMIC REFERENCES

- Prof. Philippe C. Forêt, TIS Director, CCRS, Zurich:
Prof. Rajib Dasgupta, CSMCH, JNU, Delhi:
Prof. Lyla Mehta, IDS, University of Sussex:

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