

Bigi Thomas

Professional Experience

NAME OF THE EMPLOYER	DURATION	Designation
SIBER [autonomous Institute], Kolhapur, Maharashtra	1997-1999	Lecturer [Temporary]
Department of Social Work, Sardar Patel University, Vallabh Vidyanagar, Gujarat, India.	2002-2008	Lecturer
Department of Social Work, Sardar Patel University, Vallabh Vidyanagar, Gujarat, India.	2006-2011	In-charge Director
Department of Social Work, Sardar Patel University, Vallabh Vidyanagar, Gujarat, India.	2008- 2014	Lecturer, Senior Scale
Department of Social Work, Sardar Patel University, Vallabh Vidyanagar, Gujarat, India.	2014-till date	Reader

Research Experience

(A) Research Grant

- a. Co-Investigator **(2018-2019)**, "Livelihood Status and Support Systems: Exploring Correlations among Road Injury Victims in Anand District, Gujarat" funded by **ICMR, New Delhi**. Amount sanctioned- **Rs/ 16, 11,900**.
- b. Principal Investigator **(July, 2016 to June, 2017)** "Gender Equality and son Preference: Exploring the correlations among Male University Students" funded by **SEED GRANT, Sardar Patel University, Vallabh Vidyanagar, Gujarat, India**. Amount sanctioned- **Rs/ 60,000**. ---- SEEDGRANT/2016-17/1855 Dated 23/06/2016
- c. Principal Investigator **(March, 2016 to March, 2018)**, "Intimate partner violence: Exploring links with men's attitude towards gender equality and childhood gender inequalities & violence experience", funded by **ICSSR, New Delhi, India**. Amount sanctioned- **Rs/ 10, 00,000**. .No. 02/304/2015-16/ICSSR/RP Dated: 30-12-2015
- d. Principal Investigator **(November, 2012 to November, 2013)**, "A Study on Gender Aspects of Human Development in Anand District. [A study on gender aspects with reference to sex-ratio, education, employment, health status, empowerment and freedom among women] , funded by **SEED GRANT, Sardar Patel University, Vallabh Vidyanagar, Gujarat, India**. Amount sanctioned- **Rs/ 1,00,000**
- e. Principal Investigator **(February, 2011 to January, 2013)**, Impact of NREGA Scheme: A Study on the Overall Quality of Life of Its Beneficiaries. [A Study Undertaken among beneficiaries of 3 districts of Gujarat State, funded by **UGC, New Delhi, India**. Amount sanctioned- **Rs/ 5,76,000**.

- f. Principal Investigator (**January, 2008 to December, 2010**), “Son Preference and Reproductive Behaviour of women in Anand”, funded by **UGC, New Delhi**, India. Amount sanctioned- **Rs/ 55,000**.
- g. Principal Investigator (**January, 2005 to December, 2006**), “Male Migration in Anand: A Study of the Impact on the families of migrants” funded by **UGC, New Delhi**, India. Amount sanctioned- **Rs/ 55,000**.

(B) Research Award

- (a) **Sardar Patel Research Award (2018) [Innovative Indigenous Research Award] for the best research paper in Social Work subject** “Son Preference: Exploring links with Male University Students Attitude towards Gender Equality and Childhood Violence Experiences” for a paper submitted on the basis of seed project funded by Sardar Patel University under its Seed Grant Money in 2016-17.
- (b) **JRF-Junior Research Fellowship from UGC in 1996.**

(C) Research Guide: [Sardar Patel University, Vallabh Vidyanagar, Gujarat, India]

- a. At Doctor of Philosophy: Degree Awarded - 03, Ongoing-06
- b. At Master of Philosophy: Degree Awarded – 29 Ongoing-01
- c. At Post graduate level – Social work and Human Resource Management Students
- d. Referee in MPhil (Social Work) examination of SIBER, an autonomous institute, Kolhapur, Maharashtra.
- e. Referee in Ph.D (Social Work) examination of Shivaji University, Kolhapur, Maharashtra
- f. Referee in Ph.D (Social Work) examination of Bharatidasan University, Thiruchirappalli, Tamil Nadu.

(D) Research Consultancy

- a. Member, Committee for “Preparation of District Human Development Report” of **Dang District**, Gujarat [2008-2013] constituted by Sardar Patel University under an MOU with Government of Gujarat, an initiative of GOG and UNDP.
- b. Member, Committee for “Preparation of District Human Development Report” of **Panchmahal District**, Gujarat [2011-2017] - constituted by Sardar Patel University under an MOU with Government of Gujarat, an initiative of GOG and UNDP.

(E) Publications

Editor:

- a. Honorary Special Editor, Journal of School Social Work, ISSN: 0976-3759, Vol vii, issue 03, August, 2010.

Books Published as a single author or Editor (02):

- b. Male Migration: Impact, Consequences and Dynamics, Power Publishers, Calcutta, ISBN: 978-93-81205-72-3, 2012.
- c. NREGA and Quality of Life of Beneficiaries, Allied Publishers, New Delhi, ISBN: 978-81-8424-903-3, 2014.

Full papers/ Articles published in conference Proceedings (02):

- a. Silicosis: A major Health Issue, published by Madras School of Social Work, Chennai, 2012.
- b. Gender Differentials in sex ratio, literacy rate and work participation rate: Trends, Issues and Perspectives published by Faculty of Social Work, M.S. University, Baroda, Gujarat.

Articles/ Chapters Published in Books (02):

- a. "A Study on Son Preference and Reproductive Behaviour of Women" Page no 403-409, Contemporary Social Work Research- Allied Publishers, Chennai, January, 2010, 978-81-8424-571-4, 2010.
- b. "Gender Issues and Gender Differentials, District Human Development Report, The Dangs", prepared by Sardar Patel University, V. V. Nagar and submitted to Government of Gujarat, March, 2010, 89-105.

Published Papers in national and international journals: 50

Paper Presentation/Participation in Conferences, Seminars, Workshops, Symposia: 66

Education:

2008	Doctor of Philosophy (PhD) in Social Work, Shivaji University, Kolhapur, Maharashtra.
1996	NET& JRF in Social Work, University Grants Commission, New Delhi.
1995	Master of Social Work (MSW), Nagpur University, Maharashtra with First class and Gold Medal.
1992	Bachelor of Commerce (BCom) from Mahatma Gandhi University, Kottayam, Kerala with First Class.
1989	Higher Secondary (10+2) from Mahatma Gandhi University, Kottayam, Kerala with First Class
1987	Secondary School Certificate [Matriculation] from St. Anne's Girls High School, Kottayam, Kerala with Distinction.