# Ashok Antony D'Souza



**Present Designation** Professor and Chairman, Dept of Studies in Social Work &

**Director,** College Development Council (CDC)

Rani Channamma University, Belagavi, Karnataka, INDIA.

**Highest Qualification** : PhD in Social Work

Teaching/Research Experience : 21 years

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**Professional Summary:** Prof. Ashok A. D'Souza is a person with a deep passion for teaching and research. His multidisciplinary outlook – obtained primarily from post-graduate degrees in Philosophy, Social Work, Commerce, and Management - has enabled him to design and implement a unique praxis of Education, Research, and Extension Programs.

Having completed his doctoral work on an interdisciplinary subject ('Noam Chomsky's Discourse on Globalization and United States' Imperialism: Implications to Social Action in India'), he has been constantly exploring newer horizons in the areas of Inclusive Development and Participatory Democracy through research, consultancy, and publications.

So far, Dr D'Souza has successfully completed nine research projects, authored seven books, edited six volumes, and published over seventy peer-reviewed research papers.

Given here is a brief profile of the educational and research credentials of Dr. D'Souza, proposed Coordinator and Principal Investigator of the Study:

#### **Educational Qualifications**

- PhD in Social Work from Kuvempu University, Shivamogga, in Jan. 2010.
- MSW from Mangalore University, Mangalore, in 2004.
- MA in Philosophy (Gold Medal) from Loyola College (Autonomous), Chennai, in 2000.
- M.Com from Karnataka State Open University, Mysore in 2006.
- PGDHRM from IGNOU, New Delhi, in 2005.

## **Work Experience**

- Currently serving as **Professor and Chairman**, P.G. Dept. of Studies and Research in Social Work, Rani Channamma University, Belagavi, since September 03, 2016.
- Served as **Associate Professor and Chairman**, P.G. Dept. of Studies and Research in Social Work, Rani Channamma University, Belagavi, from September 03, 2013, to September 02, 2016.
- Served as **Assistant Professor**, P.G. Dept. of Studies and Research in Social Work, Tumkur University, Tumakuru from May 10, 2010 to August 30, 2013.
- Served as **Senior Lecturer**, P.G. Dept. of Social Work, Srinivas Institute of Management Studies, Mangalore, from July 15, 2008, to May 8, 2010.
- Served as a Lecturer in P.G. Dept. of Social Work, School of Social Work, Roshni Nilaya, Mangalore, from July 10, 2007, to May 30, 2008.
- Served as a **Lecturer**, St Aloysius Institute of Social Work, St Aloysius College, Mangalore, from January 15, 2005, to June 30, 2007.
- Served as Executive HR, Marlabs Software Pvt Ltd, Bangalore from Sep 1, 2004 to Jan 13, 2005
- Served as **HR Trainee**, *Lee and Muirhead Pvt Ltd*, Bangalore, from April 26, 2004, to Aug 25, 2004.
- Served the **Programme Coordinator**, *Centre for Integral Rural Welfare* [CIRW], Anekal, from June 2001 to April 2002.
  - o Major Contributions:
  - o Organised several Self-Help Groups
  - o Animated Youth Groups
  - Coordinated Dalit Federation at the district level
- Served as **IGNOU** Counsellor for BSW Course through the IGNOU Study Centre at St Aloysius College, Mangalore, from June 2006 to May 2010.

# **Research Projects**

Dr D'Souza has carried out / is carrying out the following research projects:

Sl. No.	Title of the Assessment Study	Funding Agency	Status
1.	Addressing Agrarian Crisis through Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme (MGNREGS): An Experiential Survey of the Potentiality and Challenges Faced by the Farmers in Karnataka	UGC, New Delhi	Completed
2.	An Evaluative Study of the Implementation of National Education Policy 2020 in the Higher Education Institutions in Karnataka	ICSSR, New Delhi	Completed
3.	Profile Analysis of the Inmates of Shelters for the Urban Poor in Belagavi Division of Karnataka State	DAY-NULM, Govt of Karnataka	Completed
4.	Social Audit of the Shelters for the Urban Poor in Belagavi Division of Karnataka State	DAY-NULM, Govt of Karnataka	Completed
5.	Profile Analysis of the Inmates of Shelters for the Urban Poor in Mysuru Division of Karnataka State	DAY-NULM, Govt of Karnataka	Completed
6.	Social Audit of the Shelters for the Urban Poor in Mysuru Division of Karnataka State	DAY-NULM, Govt of Karnataka	Completed
7.	Impact Assessment of the 'Community Mental Health Program' of the Association of People with Disability (APD) in Karnataka	Association of People with Disability, Bangalore	Completed
8.	Impact Assessment of the PowerGrid Vishram Sadan at NIMHANS, Bengaluru Constructed by Power Grid Corporation of India Ltd (SRTS-II) as part of its CSR Initiative	Power Grid Corporation of India Ltd (a Govt of India Enterprise)	Completed
9.	Impact Assessment of the Supply and Installation of Integrated Air Source Heat Pump and Hot Water Storage Tank for Supply of Hot Water at Various Departments of Davangere District, Karnataka by Power Grid Corporation of India Ltd (SRTS-II) as part of its CSR Initiative	Power Grid Corporation of India Ltd (a Govt of India Enterprise)	Completed
10.	Constraints and Prospects for Entrepreneurship among Scheduled Castes and Tribes in Belagavi District: A Social Work Study	Rani Channamma University, Belagavi under the PM-USHA MERU scheme of the Ministry of Education, Govt of India	In Progress
11.	District Human Development Report – 2025 for Belagavi District, Karnataka	Govt of Karnataka	In Progress
12.	Integrated and Sustainable Development Plan – 2031 for Belagavi District, Karnataka	Govt of Karnataka	In Progress

#### **Publications**

Dr D'Souza has authored **four books**, **edited seven books**, **published thirty-four research papers in national and international professional journals and conference proceedings**, and contributed seven chapters to various volumes related to social work education and practice.

The following are some of his important research publications:

#### **Books**

- 1. Sole author of the book titled "Noam Chomsky's Discourse on Globalization and U.S.' Imperialism: Implications to Social Action in India", 2012. Published by Niruta Publications, Bengaluru, with ISBN 978-81-923424-3-6.
- 2. Sole Author of the book titled "Social Development through Social Work" published by Niruta Publications, Bengaluru. ISBN 978-93-84262-14-3.
- 3. Sole Author of the book titled "Social Work Practice with Children" published by Pranati Publications, Bengaluru. ISBN 978-81-910788-4-8.
- 4. Sole Author of the book titled "Disaster Management through Social Work Practice" published by Pranati Publications, Bengaluru. ISBN 978-81-910788-5-5.
- 5. Principal Editor of the edited volume titled "Newer Concerns of Older Persons: Social Work Responses and Interventions". 2012. Published by Tumkur University, Tumkur. ISBN 978-81-924393-9-6.
- 6. One of the editors of the volume titled 'Indigenization Discourse in Social Work: International Perspectives' published by Springer Nature (ISBN 978-3-031-37711-2 & ISBN 978-3-031-37712-9 (eBook)
- 7. Sub-editor of the edited volume titled "Social Work Education in India: Issues and Concerns". 2012. Published by Tumkur University, Tumkur. ISBN 978-93-82694-04-5.
- 8. Sub-editor of the book titled "Sustainable Rural Development: The Politics of Identity and Development", published Page Turners., Bangalore with ISBN: 89-576-1278-5.
- 9. Sub-editor of the book titled "Sustainable Social Development in India: New Vistas and Challenges", published by Karnataka State Higher Education Council, Bengaluru; with ISBN: 978-81-923301-2-9.
- 10. Sub-editor of the book titled "Human Resources Strategies in the Competitive Global Business Environment: Issues and Challenges", published by Page Turners, Bangalore; with ISBN: 978-81-923206-32.
- 11. Sub-Editor of the book titled "Bharatratna Dr. B.R. Ambedkar's Vision for Modern India." (Vol. 1), published by Nirmiti Samwad, Kolhapur; Nov. 2016. ISBN 978-81-921784-85-7.

#### Chapters in Edited Volumes

- 12. Chapter titled "Newer and Growing Concerns of Older Persons: Need for Social Work Responses", in the edited volume titled "Newer Concerns of Older Persons: Social Work Responses and Interventions". 2012. Published by Tumkur University, Tumkur. P. 1-15. ISBN 978-81-924393-9-6.
- 13. Chapter titled "Sustainable Development and Social Work", in a book titled "Fields of Social Work Practice", in 2010, edited by Dr Gunjal B.S. and Gangabhushan M.M. through Baraha Publishing House, Bangalore. ISBN 81-908182-9-5
- 14. Chapter titled "Employment Prospects for Social Work Graduates" in a book titled "Social Work Education in India", 2012, edited by Dr. B.S. Gunjal and Gangabhushan M.M. through IBH Prakashana, Bangalore with ISBN 81-89268-20-1.
- 15. Article titled "Potential of MGNREGS to Address the Agrarian Crisis: A Case for Repositioning the Scheme" (pp. 284-292) in the edited volume titled "Social Exclusion-Inclusion Continuum: A Paradigm Shift" edited by V. Rama Krishna and others and published by Niruta Publications, Bengaluru with ISBN 978-81-923424-5-0.
- 16. Chapter titled "Models of Community Organization Method" (pp. 57-81) in a book titled "Community Organization and Social Action: Methods of Social Work", edited by Dr. B.S. Gunjal and published through IBH Prakashana, Bangalore with ISBN 81-89268-24-4.
- 17. Chapter titled "Social Action and Social Work: A Conceptual Overview" (pp. 200-215) in a book titled "Community Organization and Social Action: Methods of Social Work", edited by Dr. B.S. Gunjal and published through IBH Prakashana, Bangalore with ISBN 81-89268-24-4.
- 18. Chapter titled "Political Participation and Representation of Women: A Strategy for Empowerment through Local Self Government" (pp. 135-148) in a book titled "Political Empowerment of Women in India: Challenges and Strategies", edited by Pulla Rao and published by ABD Publishers, New Delhi with ISBN 978-81-8376-379-0.
- 19. "Climate Change and its Impact on Socio-Economic Condition of Migrant Construction Workers in Bengaluru" in *Global Climate Change: Issues, Challenges and Policy Implications*. Edited by Dr. W. Shanthakumar and published by Excel India Publishers, New Delhi in 2015. ISBN 978-93-84869-69-4.
- 20. "Peasants' Organizations in India: Need for Reprioritization" in *Peasants Organization in India*. Edited by Prof. Gadekai and Kadalagi and published by Vrinda Publishing House, Hyderabad in 2016. ISBN 978-93-85506-99-4.
- 21. "Dr. B.R. Ambedkar's Thoughts on Social Justice" in *Dr. B.R. Ambedkar's Vision for Modern India*. Vol. 2. Nirmiti Samwad, Kolhapur; Nov. 2016, pp. 54-62. ISBN 978-81-921784-98-7.

22. Corporate Social Responsibility by Industries: A Social Work Perspective" in *Changing Contours of Welfare Programmes in India: Issues and Challenges*, edited by Vilas M. Kadrolkar et. al. and published by Niruta Publications, 2018. pp. 370-374. ISBN 978-93-84262-44-0.

## Papers

S.N.	Title of the Article	Journal/ Magazine/ Book of Publication	Publisher	ISBN/ISSN No.
1.	Social Welfare Policy: The Indigenous Perspective	Indigenous Social Welfare Policies: Insights from Selected Countries as part of the Routledge Series in Social Work and Society	Routledge, Taylor & Francis Group	Yet to be assigned (accepted for publication, and a contract has been signed with Routledge)
2.	Indigenous Social Welfare Policy: A Way Forward	Indigenous Social Welfare Policies: Insights from Selected Countries as part of the Routledge Series in Social Work and Society	Routledge, Taylor & Francis Group	Yet to be assigned (accepted for publication, and a contract has been signed with Routledge)
3.	An Evaluative Study of the Implementation of National Education Policy 2020 in the Higher Education Institutions in Karnataka	ICSSR STUDIES ON NEP 2020	ICSSR, New Delhi	Yet to be assigned (accepted for publication)
4.	Indigenous Social Welfare Policies: Insights from Selected Countries (book) as part of the Routledge Series in Social Work and Society		Routledge, Taylor & Francis Group	Yet to be assigned (accepted for publication, and a contract has been signed with Routledge)
5.	Understanding Indigenous Social Work Education and Practice: Local and Global Debates	Indigenization Discourse in Social Work: International Perspectives	Springer Nature	ISSN 2731- 0701 & 2731- 071x (electronic) ISBN 978-3- 031-37711-2 &

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13.	"Health Profile of Women Migrant Workers in Mangalore City". 1 (1), 161- 65, Jan-June 2011	Society for Academic	2231-4164	Sole Author
14.	"Privatization of Higher Education and Social Work Education: A Case Study of MSW Institutions under Mangalore University. Vol. 1, Issue 3, 104-107, April 2011		2230-7850	Sole Author
15.	"Chomsky's Discourse on U.S.' Foreign Policy, Media and Human Rights' Interface: Implications to Indian Media."  Page No. 11 (3), 2012		0975-329X	Sole Author
16.	"Rights of Construction Workers in Mangalore: A Reality Check" 4 (1) 33-48	Rajagiri Journal of Social Development	0973-3086	Sole author
17.	"Employment Avenues for Social Work Graduates". page no. 164-176	Social Work Journal	0976-5484	Sole Author
18.	"Empowering the Impoverished: A Journey through Psychological Intricacies".	•	2250-3919	Sole Author
19.	"Activists' Understanding of Neo-Liberal Globalization: Some Implications to Social Action in India" page no. 1 (1) 164-176		0976-5484	First author
20.	"Field Practicum – Need for Evolving Best Practices". 10 (2) 33-42, July 2012	Deeksha (Bi-Annual Journal of Social Work)	2250-3919	Co-author

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29.	"Impact of Globalization on		2394-1782.	Co-author
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30.	"Indian Activists' Perception Regarding United States' Imperialism: Implications to Social Work". Vol. 3, Issue 4. Jan-March 2017.	reviewed Quarterly Journal)	2394-1782	Sole
31.	"Issues in Empowering the 'Dalit' Youth in a Counselling Setting". Vol. 3, Issue 2. July-Sep 2016.	International Journal of	2349-0519	Sole
32.	"Efforts Needed to Shift Social Work Practicum in India from Ritualism to Constructivism". Vol. VII, Issue 1. Jan 2017.	Social Work)	2230-8830.	Sole
33.	"Social Action as the Most Appropriate Social Work Approach for Reducing Poverty and Income Inequality in India". Vol. VII, Issue 5. Nov. 2017.	(A Professional Journal of Social Work)		Sole
34.	"Interface between United States' Imperialism and Globalization: Reflections based on Noam Chomsky's Discourse". Vol. 5, Issue 7. Oct. 2017.		2320-6263	Sole
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37.	Hyderabad-Karnataka Region to Construction Industry in Bengaluru City: Factors	by School of Social Work (Autonomous), Roshni Nilaya, Mangalore)	2349-4123	Second

#### **Conferences/Seminars/Workshops Conducted**

Dr. D'Souza has conducted several academic events, including national conferences and workshops funded by external agencies.

The following are the two important academic events organised by him as the Organising Secretary or the Workshop Director:

- 1. Ten Days Research Methodology Course for the Research Scholars in Social Sciences, funded by the ICSSR, 21/07/2024 to 31/07/2024 at Rani Channamma University, Belagavi.
- National Conference on 'National Conference on "Making Higher Education in India
  Truly Inclusive: Challenges and Prospects" on 28 February 2018, funded by the
  Karnataka State Higher Education Council, Govt of Karnataka.

#### **International Exposure / Collaborations**

Dr. D'Souza led a delegation of selected students to the **University of East London**, U.K. as the **Nodal Officer** from Rani Channamma University, Belagavi for the **Scholars for Outstanding Undergraduate Talent (SCOUT)** program, an initiative by the **British Council**, in partnership with the UK's GREAT campaign and the Karnataka State Higher Education Council (KSHEC), to provide talented students from state universities with global learning opportunities and enhance their employability skills from 9<sup>th</sup> to 24<sup>th</sup> November 2024.

### **Academic Leadership**

- Serving as a **Member of the Academic Council**, Rani Channamma University, Belagavi, since August 2020.
- Serving as the **Director College Development Council (CDC)**, Rani Channamma University, Belagavi since August 20204.
- Served as the **Director Planning, Monitoring and Evaluation Board (PMEB)**, Rani Channamma University, Belagavi, from 2022 to 2024.
- Served as the **Chairman NEP 2020 Implementation Committee**, Rani Channamma University, Belagavi.
- Served as a **Member of the Academic Council**, Raja Lakamanagouda Science College (Autonomous), Belagavi, from 2019 to 2024.

- Serving as the External Member of the Faculty of Arts, Davangere University, Davangere, since June 2020.
- Served as a **Member of the Ethics Committee**, Indian Council for Medical Research National Institute of Traditional Medicine (ICMR-NITM), Belagavi from 2021 to 2023.
- Serving as the **Chairman Doctoral Committee**, P.G. Department of Studies and Research in Social Work, Rani Channamma University, Belagavi.
- Serving as an external member of the Research Review Committee of NIMHANS, Bangalore and many other state universities.
- Serving as the Chairman Board of Studies (PG & UG) in Social Work, Rani Channamma University, Belagavi and several other universities.
- Serving as the Member Board of Appointments (BoAE) in Social Work, Rani Channamma University, Belagavi and member of the selection committees of Central University of Karnataka and many other state universities.
- Serving as the Chairman Board of Studies (PG) in Social Work, Rural Development and Panchayat Raj University, Gadag, since 2022.

#### **Additional Information**

- **Guest Editor** of *South Asian Journal of Participative Development* (ISSN 0976 2701) for its volume on "Making Higher Education Truly Inclusive: Challenges and Prospects". published by the Centre for Social Research and Development (CSRD), Pune. Vol. 18, Issue 1. January-June, 2018, pp 123-131. ISSN 09762701.
- **Sub-editor** of *Loka Jnana*, a tri-annual Research Journal on Social Science and Literature, ISSN: 2321-001X, published by Prasaranga, Tumkur University, Tumkur from January 2013 to September 2013.
- **Sub-editor** of *Deeksha* (a Social Work Journal) published by St Aloysius College (Autonomous), Mangalore, with ISSN 2250-3919, from 2003 to 2004.
- Member of the Advisory Board of Adelaide Journal of Social Work (ISSN 23494123), School of Social Work, Roshni Nilaya, Mangalore.
- Member of the Advisory Board of Al-Shodhana A Multi-Disciplinary Refereed Research Journal (ISSN 2320-6292), St Aloysius College (Autonomous), College, Mangalore.
- Reviewer for International Journal of Education and Development using Information and Communication Technology (IJEDICT), a free and open-access e-journal with ISSN: 1814-0556.