

## Curriculum Vitae of H.P.S. Kalra

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### Qualifications

1985	Matriculation	Punjab School Education Board	Ist Division
1990	B.Sc. (Med. Tech. X-Ray)	Post Graduate Institute of Medical Education & Research, Chandigarh	Ist Division and Silver Medal
1991	B.Sc. (Medical)	Panjab University, Chandigarh	Ist Division
1992	B. Library & Inf. Sc.	Panjab University, Chandigarh	Ist Division
1993	M. Library & Inf. Sc.	Panjab University, Chandigarh	Ist Division
1993	UGC-National Eligibility Test	University Grants Commission	Qualified for Lecturership
2005	Ph.D. (Library & Inf. Sc.)	Punjabi University, Patiala	Supervisor: Dr.Jagtar Singh
2008	General Course on Intellectual Property Rights	WIPO Worldwide Academy	Ist Division

## Experience

Over 28 years of experience in teaching and research, and practice of librarianship and information work.

- Trainee (Library) May 1993 – Aug. 1993 Ranbaxy Laboratories Ltd.  
Bulk Chemical Manufacturing Plant,  
Mohali
  - *Organized book and document collection of the plant.*
- Assistant Librarian Sep. 1993 – Oct. 1995 Dr. B.R. Ambedkar Regional  
Engineering College, Jalandhar [Now  
Dr.B.R. Ambedkar National Institute of  
Technology, - a deemed university]
  - *Organized and modernized the college library, and started resource sharing and document delivery service in collaboration with other Regional Engineering Colleges in north India.*
- Lecturer Oct. 1995 – Oct. 2001 Punjabi University, Patiala
- Lecturer (Sr. Scale) Oct. 2001 – Oct. 2006 Punjabi University, Patiala
- Reader Oct. 2006 – Oct. 2009 Punjabi University, Patiala
- Associate Professor Oct. 2009 – Oct. 2012 Punjabi University, Patiala
- Professor Oct. 2012 onwards Punjabi University, Patiala

## Papers taught

- Media and Information Literacy
- Knowledge Organization and Information Processing
- Information, Communication, and Society
- Information and Literature Survey in Social Sciences
- ICTs, the Internet and Digital Libraries
- Reference & Information Sources and Services

## Supervision of Doctoral Research

Degree awarded: 6 researchers; Registered:7 researchers; Enrolled:1 researcher.

## Administrative work at Punjabi University

- Served as Head, Department of Library and Information Science for two terms. November 2011 to October 2014, and July 2018 to June 2021.
- Served as Head, Centre for Advanced Media Studies from January 2020 – December 2011.
- Served as Dean, Faculty of Education and Information Science from January 2020 to December 2011.
- Nominated by the Vice Chancellor in 2020 to represent him in the meetings of the Punjab School Education Board and its various committees.

## **Publications**

Contributed more than 60 publications including articles, research papers, and book reviews in international, foreign, and national peer-reviewed journals, seminar and conference papers, and edited books. Journals to which contributed include:

- The International Information & Library Review
- Online Information Review
- IFLA Journal (International Federation of Library Associations and Institutions)
- The IASSIST Quarterly (International Association for Social Science Information Service and Technology)
- Pakistan Journal of Library and Information Science
- Journal of Scientific Temper
- Science Communicator: Inter-disciplinary Journal for Science Communication and Journalism
- Journal of Knowledge & Communication Management
- ILA Bulletin (now renamed 'The Journal of Indian Library Association')
- IASLIC Bulletin (Indian Association of Special Libraries and Information Centres)
- SRELS Journal of Information Management (Sarada Ranganathan Endowment for Library Science)
- KELPRO Bulletin (Kerala Library Professionals' Organisation)
- Indian Journal of Knowledge Management
- The Punjab: Past and Present
- Media Mimansa
- Khoj Patrika (in Punjabi language)

## **Association with Journals and Conference Publications**

- Currently serving on Editorial Boards of
  - IASLIC Bulletin (Indian Association of Special Libraries and Information Centres, Kolkata)
  - KELPRO Bulletin (Kerala Library Professionals' Organization)
  - INFOLIB (Jharkhand Information and Library Association).
- Serving as a reviewer for
  - Information Research: an international electronic journal
  - DESIDOC Journal of Library and Information Technology
- Earlier, associated with Editorial Boards of following journals and conference publications.
  - Member of the Editorial Board of 'Mousaion: South African Journal for Information Studies' (2007-10);
  - Associate Editor: 'SALIN: South Asian Libraries and Information Networks: an electronic journal';
  - Member-Editorial board of IATLIS Conference Volumes (2009-11)
- Served as editor of professional society newsletters: IATLIS Communications, and PLA Newsletter.

## **International Visits to Conferences**

- 2013 Abuja, Nigeria Invited by UNESCO to participate in International Conference on Media and Information Literacy.
- 2015 Paris, France Invited by UNESCO to participate in European Conference on Media and Information Literacy
- 2016 Jakarta, Indonesia Invited by the Global Forum for Media Development, Brussels to serve as a resource person for the quadrennial World Forum for Media Development.
- 2017 Berlin, Germany Awarded Travel Fellowship by the ‘Future of Research Communications and E-Scholarship’ (FORCE-11) to participate in the FORCE-2017 Conference.
- 2017 Kathmandu, Nepal Invited as a Keynote speaker by ‘Open Access Nepal’ for the Asian Regional Conference on Open Access.
- 2018 Seoul, South Korea Invited by the ‘Korean National Commission for UNESCO’ to serve as a key speaker at an International Conference on Media and Information Literacy.
- 2019 Sydney, Australia Awarded IASSIST Fellowship for participation in the 2019 Conference of the International Association for Social Science Information Service and Technology.

## **Resource Person at Conferences, Seminars, Workshops and Orientation & Refresher courses, and other Academic and Research activities**

Chaired technical sessions; delivered invited talks; conducted workshops & tutorials; and served as rapporteur at national and international forums, conferences, seminars and webinars. Organized conferences seminars, workshops, and webinars.

- Served as resource person at refresher and orientation courses organized by Human Resource Development Centres (HRDCs) in various universities:
  - Punjabi University, Patiala
  - Kurukshetra University, Kurukshetra
  - Aligarh Muslim University, Aligarh
  - Maharishi Dayanand Saraswati University, Ajmer
  - BPS Mahila Vishwavidyala, Sonapat
  - Dr. Harisingh Gour University, Sagar
  - Manipur University, Imphal
  - Jai Narain Vyas University, Jodhpur
  - Guru Jambheshwar University of Science and Technology, Hisar.
- Served as Co-coordinator for a Refresher Course in Education and Library & Information Science organized by HRDC, Punjabi University, Patiala in 2013.
- Served as Co-coordinator for UNESCO and IFLA-sponsored ‘Information Skills for Learning’ – Information Literacy Workshop organized by Punjabi University in 2005
- Served as Co-coordinator for UNESCO-sponsored ‘Training-the-Trainers (TTT) Workshop on Information Literacy for South and Central Asia’ organized by Punjabi University in 2008

- Served as Country Coordinator - India for International Media and Information Literacy Survey in 2011-12 sponsored by UNESCO.
- Served as a Resource Person for the UNESCO-sponsored ‘National Consultation on Media and Information Literacy: Policy and Strategy’ organized under the aegis of Media and Information Literacy University Network of India (MILUNI) in November 2014 at New Delhi.
- Served as Director for Indian Council of Social Science Research (ICSSR)-sponsored ‘National Seminar on ‘Development and Trends in Social Sciences Research and Information Sources’ organized at Punjabi University in 2016.
- Served as Co-coordinator for UNESCO-supported Capacity Building Workshop on Media and Information Literacy for Youth and Youth-led Organizations in India, organized at Punjabi University in 2016.
- Served as Co-Coordinator for UNESCO-sponsored Workshop on Media and Information Literacy for Environment and Sustainable Development, organized by Punjabi University Library in 2017.
- Invited by ‘Jamia Millia Islamia’ (a central university), New Delhi in March 2017 to serve as a resource person for ICSSR–sponsored ‘Research Methodology Course’ for PhD researchers in social sciences.
- Invited by the Shastri Indo-Canadian Institute (SICI), New Delhi to evaluate research proposals under its various programmes for 2018-19 and 2019-20 sessions.
- Served as Mentor and Joint Organizer for the IASSIST-sponsored Workshop on DataLiteracy for Researchers in Social Sciences, Administrators and Policy Makers, held at MG State Institute of Public Administration, Punjab at Chandigarh in October 2019.

### **Professional Associations**

- Served as the President of ‘Indian Association of Teachers of Library and Information Science’ (IATLIS) from December 2020 to November 2023. Earlier served as its Joint Secretary (2008- 2011), and General Secretary (2011-2020). Serving as Member –Executive from November 2023.
- Serving as President of the Punjab Library Association (PLA) (July 2021 onwards). Earlier served as its Vice President (1999-2000), General Secretary (Jan. 2008 – June 2012), and Senior Vice President (July 2019 to June 2021).
- Served as Member – Governing Body of ‘Indian Association of Special Libraries and Information Centres’ (2017-19).
- Serving as Treasurer of the ‘Satinder Kaur Ramdev Memorial Trust for Advancement of Librarianship (SATKAL)

### **International and National Committee Memberships**

- Served as Vice Chair of the International Steering Committee of UNESCO-led Global Alliance for Partnerships on Media and Information Literacy (GAPMIL) since its inception in June 2013 to September 2019.
- Serving as a Member of the ‘Creative Commons Global Network’ and its India Chapter.

- Serving as Member of the International Advisory Board of ‘Open Access Indonesia
- Serving as Member of the Advisory Panel of ‘Banglarxiv’ – first interdisciplinary preprint service started by Open Access Bangladesh.
- Serving as a Member of the Working Group of ‘Open Access India’, and an Advisory Committee Member of ‘IndiaRxiv – Preprint Repository of India’.
- Serving as a Member of ‘Green Educators’ Network’, since its establishment in 2016 by the Centre for Science and Environment, New Delhi.

### **Travel within India for on academic and professional assignments**

- Travelled across the length and breadth of the country on academic and professional assignments.
- Travelled to 75 cities and towns in 22 states and union territories covering North, East, West, South, Central and Northeast regions.

### **Training Programmes Attended**

- Selected for participation in two-week Training Programme on the theme ‘Science & Technology: Global Developments and Perspectives’ sponsored by the Department of Science and Technology (DST), Government of India and organized by the National Institute of Advanced Studies (NIAS), Bengaluru in January-February 2019. Chaired two sessions at the Training Programme.
- Selected as a Fellow for the 4th India School on Internet Governance held in November 2019 at Kolkata.

### **Work in Punjabi language**

- Translated the Universal Decimal Classification (UDC) Summary in Punjabi language.
- Contributed a paper to Khoj Patrika (a Punjabi language journal)
- Translated in Punjabi language a World Health Organization infographic on ‘COVID-19 awareness’ for the Internet Society Rural Development Special Interest Group.
- Contributed an article on Information Literacy for Punjabipedia – a Punjabi language peer-reviewed online encyclopedia developed by Punjabi University.

### **Reading and Research Interests**

- Media and information literacy
- Open access to scholarly information
- Science communication and information
- Social sciences information
- Use and user studies;
- Biomedical informatics
- Ethical issues in information society.

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