

Curriculum Vitae

Dr. Sitaram Kumbhar

Designation: Associate Professor, Department of Political Science, Faculty of Social Sciences, University of Delhi.

Comparative Politics, Indian Politics, Political Economy:

State and Poverty; State capacity; State and Welfare; State, Politics and Governance, Election and Party Politics; Institutions and Institutional Change; Social Movements; Political Economy of Development; Public Policies and Marginalized Communities; Local Governance; Political Economy of Emergency State Responses.

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Education

BA (2001) Political Science (Honours), G.M. College (now G.M. University), Sambalpur University, Odisha.

MA (2003) Political Science, Centre for Political Studies (CPS), School of Social Sciences (SSS), Jawaharlal Nehru University (JNU), New Delhi.

M.Phil (2006) Political Science, Centre for Political Studies, SSS, Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi. M.Phil Dissertation: ***The Politics of Poverty in Orissa: Comparing Cuttack and KBK Districts.***

PhD Awarded (2015): Centre for Political Studies (CPS), School of Social sciences, Jawaharlal Nehru University (JNU), **Thesis Title: *The Political Economy of Deprivation in Orissa: A Study of Deprived Communities and Poverty Alleviation.***

LLB (2024) HLM Law College, CCSU, Meerut, 2024.

Teaching/Work Experiences

Shyam Lal College, Delhi University

- 1. Assistant Professor, Level-10 (15-7-2013)**
 - 2. Assistant Professor, Level-11(15-7-2018)**
 - 3. Assistant Professor, Level-12 (15-7-2021)**
 - 4. Associate Professor, Level-13A (16-7-2021)**
 - 5. Professor till 2nd April 2026.**
 - 6. Associate Professor from 2nd April 2026 in the Department of Political Science, Faculty of Social Sciences, University of Delhi**
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Publications

Books:

Sitaram Kumbhar (2015) *Poverty, Food Security and Welfare in India*, New Delhi: Anmol Publications (ISBN: 978-81-261-6465-3).

Sitaram Kumbhar (2015) *Democracy and Its Margin: Rights, Labour, Development, State Responses and Protests in India*, New Delhi: Apple Books (ISBN: 978-93-83996-75-9).

Sitaram Kumbhar (2016) *The Politics of Poverty in a Backward State: Political Economy of Governance, Regionalism and Poverty Alleviation in Odisha*, New Delhi: Apple Books (ISBN: 978-93-83996-87-2).

Sitaram Kumbhar (2014) *Lopsided Development and Sub-Regional Movements in Odisha*, Apple Books, Delhi: ISBN:978-93-83996-16-2.

Sitaram Kumbhar (2017) *Democracy Deprivation and Rights: Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Act, Public Distribution System and Poverty Alleviation in India*, Scholar Publishing House, Delhi: ISBN:978-81-932035-4-5.

Sitaram Kumbhar: ***Development Processes and Social Movements in Contemporary India. (forthcoming)***

Chapters in Edited Books:

Sitaram Kumbhar (2026). Urban Marginality in Post-liberalised India: Urban Mobility Innovations, Rickshaw-walas and Production of Marginality in Delhi. In Sobin George..... Eds. *Equitable Everyday Journeys: Inclusive Mobilities for South Asian Cities*. Routledge, Delhi (forthcoming 2026).

Sitaram Kumbhar (2017) "Rural Employment Guarantee and the Role of MGNREGA", in Bhatia (Edt.) *Know your Laws and Know your Right*, Pinnacle India Publications, Delhi. (ISBN: 938384829-4)

Sitaram Kumbhar (2017) "Caste Inequality and Laws related to Abolition of Untouchability and Protection against Atrocities", in Bhatia (Edt.) *Know your Laws and Know your Right*, Pinnacle India Publications, Delhi. (ISBN: 938384829-4)

Sitaram Kumbhar (2019) "Urban Governance in India", in Abhay Pratap Singh K. Murari Eds. *Constitutional Government and Democracy in India*, Pearson Publication, pp. 311-344, Delhi.(ISBN: 978-93-534-3228-7).

Kumbhar, Sitaram (2024) "India's G20 Presidency: Imagining Global Solutions through Indian Civilizational Values," in Ajay Dwivedi et al eds. (2024) *India's Growing Role in the G20 Opportunities and Challenges*, D.P.S. Publishing House, New Delhi, pp. 74-95. (978-81-972860-3-2).

Sitaram Kumbhar (2018) "Gramin Rojgar Garanti or Bhumika" by Dr. Vijay Kumar Bhatia (Ed.) Afke Kanun , Afke Adhikar, Academic Publication, Delhi. ISBN; 978-93-83931-90-3.

Sitaram Kumbhar (2018) "Atyacharo ke Khilaf Asprushtya or Sanrankhyan ke Unmulan se Sambandhit Jatigat Asamanata or kanun" in Dr. Vijay Kumar Bhatia (Ed.) Afke Kanun , Afke Adhikar, Academic Publication , Delhi. ISBN; 978-93-83931-90-3.

Papers/Articles

Sitaram Kumbhar (2025) Governing the tides: State Capacity and Cyclone-Caused Disaster Management in Odisha, India, *Indian Journal of Public Administration* (Sage), 2025, 71(2), 1-14, (0019-5561). <https://doi.org/10.1177/00195561251336299>.

Pralay Kanungo and Kumbhar, Sitaram (2021) "Odisha's Transformation under the Naveen Patnaik Regime: Beleaguered Victim to Robust Warrior", *Economic and Political Weekly*, February 20, 2021, Vol. 56, Issue No. 8, pp. 21-25.(0012-9976)

Kumbhar, Sitaram (2016) "Everyday Dalit Experience of Living and the Denials", *Economic and Political Weekly*, 27th August, Vol: LI, No. 35, pp. 13-15. (ISSN: 0012-9976).

Kumbhar, Sitaram, (2010)"The Political Economy of Mining-Mediated Development and the Livelihood Movements against Mining in Orissa", *Indian Journal of Political Science*, Vol.71, No. 4, Oct-December, pp.1213-1222. [ISSN 0019-5510]. UGC-care List Serial No: 409

Sitaram Kumbhar (2024) Promoting Democratic Citizenship: A Case for Civic literacy in India, *Social Action*, January-March, Vol. 74, No. 1, pp. 14-26. UGC-care List Serial No :372

Kumbhar, Sitaram with Ajit Kumar (2009) "Communalism and Caste in Orissa: Beyond Kandhamal", *Social Action*, 59(2), April-June, pp. 159-166. [ISSN 0037-7627] [RNI 1166/57].

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Sitaram Kumbhar and Pawan Kharwar. (2023) Indigenous Knowledge System and Food Security, *CONTEMPORARY SOCIAL SCIENCES*, Vol. 32, No. 4, pp.1-9.

Sitaram Kumbhar (2023) Peace and Conflict Resolution: The Indian Perspectives, *Journal of National Development*, Vol. 36, No. 2 (Winter), 2023, pp. 73-88.

Sitaram Kumbhar (2021) Sea-born Disaster Risk Reduction, Governance and Management in Odisha, *Contemporary Social Sciences*, 30(4), pp.86-101, (ISBN: 0302-9298)

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Commentary and Opinions

Kumbhar, Sitaram (2011) "The Judiciary and the Poor", *Radical Humanist*, Vol 75, No 1, April, pp. 33-36. (43049-85)

Kumbhar, Sitaram (2009) "Chronic Drought and Temporary Relief: Drought, Food Prices and the Poor in India" **Mainstream Weekly**, VOL XLVII No. 49, November 21, pp. 19-22.

Kumbhar, Sitaram (2009) "From Employment Guarantee to National Food Security", **Mainstream Weekly**, VOL XLVII, No. 27, June 20, pp. 10-13.

Kumbhar, Sitaram (2009) "Electioneering in India: No Agenda for the Common People, **Mainstream Weekly** , VOL XLVII, No 20, May 2, pp. 27-28.

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Sitaram Kumbhar (2023) Democratic Deficit in South Asia, *World Focus*, November 2023,

Sitaram Kumbhar (2023) Revitalising Historical Roots of India's Engagement with Central Asia: Exploring Opportunities for Energy Cooperation, *World Focus*, August, vol. 44, No. 524, pp. 31-36.

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Sitaram Kumbhar and Neena Shireesh (2021) "Odisha Factors in India-Indonesia Relations: The Historical and Cultural Preponderance", *World Focus*, May, Volume-42, Number-497, pp. 67-72. ISSN 2230-508

Sitaram Kumbhar & Sumit Kumar (2024) "Viksit Bharat@2047: Fighting Against Poverty and Hunger", *World Focus*, June, vol. 45 (534), pp. 47-52.

Sitaram Kumbhar and Neena Shireesh (2021) "The Political Economy of India's Budgeting: New Trends and Issues", *Education Times*

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Kumbhar, Sitaram (2010) "Dividing People or Reorganising State: The Telangana Conundrum", *South Asia Politics*, April 8(12), pp. 41-46.

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Kumbhar, Sitaram (2016) "Caste Inequality, Rights and Violence in India", *Shodh Prerak*

Kumbhar, Sitaram (2016) "Brick Kilns Labour Exploitation and Poverty: Saga of Unending Exploitation and Chronic Cycle of Migration of Western Odisha", *Jigyasa*

Kumbhar, Sitaram (2016) "Employment Guarantee, State and Democracy", *Annals of Multidisciplinary Research*.

Research Projects

Revisiting Urban Local Bodies: A Study of Local Participation and Challenges of Urban Governance in India (ICSSR Sponsored Major Research Project, 2024-2025, 1900000 Lakh Rupees).

Sea-born Disaster Risk Reduction, Governance and Management in Odisha: A Comparative Study of Policy and Innovation", IMPRESS, Project Sponsored by ICSSR, New Delhi (IMPRESS/P3585/2018-19/ICSSR).

Seminar/Conferences

International

“The Political Economy of Deprivation and Welfare Promotion in Orissa” Conference on South Asian Development, National University of Singapore, Singapore (NUS) 20-21 July 2014.

“Four Thesis of India’s Rising in the World Transitional Dynamics”, International Conference on *India’s Ascendancy in Emerging World Transitional Dynamics: New Upsurges, Strategic Challenges and Opportunities*, 26-27, October, 2017 organised by Department of Political Science, Shyam Lal College, DU, in collaboration with NMML, New Delhi.

Sitaram Kumbhar (2023) “Regionalisation of Politics and Rise and Fall of Regional Political Parties in Indian Democracy”, presented paper in a Two Day International Seminar on “Changing Trends in Political Parties and Party System in India”, organised by Satyawati College, University of Delhi, Delhi; Dr. Ambedkar Chair in Social Justice, IIPA, New Delhi and Indian Council of Social Science Research, New Delhi 14-3-2-23 (14-03-2023 to 15-03-2023).

International Seminar on “Reimagining Statecraft in the 21st Century: Sovereignty, Democracy, and Global Governance in a Multipolar World Order” on April 21, 2026 from 9:30 am to 12:00 am. Ram Lal Anand College, University of Delhi.

National

Presented a paper on “**Comparative Politics in India: The state of the Sub-discipline**”, at (Workshop on Teaching Comparative Politics, (November 8 2013) Centre for Political Studies, School of Social Sciences, Jawaharlal Nehru University (JNU), New Delhi-67.

Organising Member: National UGC-Sponsored Two-Days National Seminar, **Impact of Globalisation**, December-3-4, 2009, in the Department of Political Science, Shyam Lal College.

“**Human Rights and its Relevance in African Studies**”, National Conference on African Studies Programme in India: Prospects and Challenges organized on 18th March 2016 by the Department of African Studies, University of Delhi.

“**Political Economy of Energy Security and Domestic Politics in India**”, 29th March, 2016, national seminar organized by Department of Politics and International Studies, School of Social Sciences and International Studies, Pondicherry University, Puducherry, 605014.

“Dalits and Human Rights: A Human Development Perspective”, National Conference on *Human Rights in 21st Century India: Emerging Issues and Challenges*, organised by Motilal Nehru College, Evening, DU, supported by ICSSR, 29th and 30th March 2017.

“Revisiting Gandhism through Modernity”, National Symposium on *Revisiting Gandhism Through Modernity: Towards a Sustainable Future* organised by Department of Political Science, IQAC and Gandhi Study Circle, 27-28 September, 2018.

Chaired a session in two-day International Conference on “Reimagining Statecraft in 21st Century: Sovereignty, Democracy, and Global Governance in a Multipolar World Order, at Ram Lal Anand College, University of Delhi.

National Seminar on “Transforming India: Past, Present and Future”, 8th May 2026, Motilal Nehru College, Evening, Delhi University (Resource Person).