

Resume

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Profile

I am Dr. Hilal Ahmad War, currently serving as an Assistant Professor of Sociology (C) at the School of Law, Maulana Azad National Urdu University (MANUU), Hyderabad. My academic work centers on sociology of development, sociology of tourism, environmental sociology, and the intersection of law and society, with a particular focus on how development policies and legal frameworks affect pastoral, tribal, and marginalized communities across India.

I earned my M.A. and Ph.D. in Sociology from Maulana Azad National Urdu University (MANUU), Hyderabad. My doctoral research titled "Ecotourism and Socioeconomic Change among the Pastoral Tribal Communities in Jammu and Kashmir" explored the socio-cultural and economic implications of ecotourism through Julian Steward's cultural ecology framework. In addition, I hold a Master's in Tourism Studies from IGNOU and am currently pursuing a Master's in Development Studies to further enrich my interdisciplinary approach to social and development research.

Before moving to the MANUU Law School, I worked as an assistant professor/ fulltime guest faculty at the Department of Sociology MANUU. I have taught a variety of courses in undergraduate and postgraduate programs in Sociology, Legal Studies, and the BA.LLB. These courses include Sociology of Development, Research Methodology, Law and Society, Rural Sociology, Social Problems, Human Values, Introduction to Sociology, Society, Sociology of Tourism, and Sociological Theory etc. I have also played an active role in curriculum development, designing new courses such as Sociology of Development, Sustainable Development, Sociology of Disaster, Public Policy, and Sociology of Tourism and Law and Society,

Ecotourism for the Four Year Honours Programme in Sociology.

My research has been published in Scopus and UGC CARE indexed journals, addressing themes like ecotourism, pastoralism, development and pandemics. I have also supervised M. A. dissertations and have guided students on topics such as gender and mobility, urban leisure, and ecotourism policy.

Beyond teaching and research, I am actively involved in institutional and academic activities. I have coordinated national and international seminars, conferences, workshops, and roundtable discussions. My contributions also include serving as a special invitee to the Board of Studies and as the NIRF Coordinator and founding faculty advisor to the Subject Association for the Department of Sociology to contribute to the best of abilities in the academic and student related activities. Ko

Education

Jan 2023

Ph.D. in Sociology

Maulana Azad National Urdu University, Hyderabad, India

- **Thesis Title:** "Ecotourism and Socioeconomic Change among the Pastoral Communities in Jammu and Kashmir"
- **Supervisor: Prof. P. H. Mohammad,** Professor- Sociology & Dean School of Social Sciences.
- The research explored the socio cultural and economic dimensions of pastoral communities through the lens of cultural ecology, employing Julian Steward's theoretical framework. The study examined how, over centuries, the cultural ecology of pastoral communities in Bangus Valley has shaped specific cultural traits and economic systems, and how ecotourism led development initiatives have transformed the ecology of pastoral tribes. The research documented how pastoral communities are navigating changes in their cultural ecology and corresponding responses, leading to significant socio cultural and economic transformations.

Present

Master of Development Studies

Indira Gandhi National Open University, New Delhi, India

Jun 2017

M.A. in Sociology

Maulana Azad National Urdu University, Hyderabad, India

- **Dissertation:** "Ecotourism and the Prospects of Vocational Education for Socio Economic Change among Gujjar Tribes in District Kupwara J&K"
- **Supervisor: Dr. K. M Ziyauddin,** Associate Professor & Head Department of Sociology.
- This research explored how ecotourism has created economic opportunities for pastoral communities and the essential vocational

education required to equip them with skills to leverage these emerging economic prospects.

Jun 2014

Masters in Tourism Studies

Indira Gandhi National Open University, New Delhi, India

- **Dissertation:** "The Strategy for the Development of Eco-Tourism Destination: A Case Study of Bangus Valley Jammu and Kashmir"
- **Supervisor:** Dr Aijaz A Khaki, Department of Tourism, Hospitality & Leisure Studies, School of Management Studies, University of Kashmir, Hazratbal Srinagar.
- This study investigated strategies for sustainable tourism development in Bangus Valley, examining carrying capacity, zoning regulations, and how ecotourism practices can be integrated into new tourism development while conserving the region's cultural ecology and landscape.

Jun 2013

Bachelor of Education (B.Ed.)

University of Kashmir, Hazratbal, Srinagar, India

Feb 2011

Bachelor of Science (Biochemistry)

S. P College, University of Kashmir, Maulana Azad Road, Srinagar, India

Employment

Jul 2025 - Present

Assistant Professor Sociology (Contractual)

School of Law, Maulana Azad National Urdu University, Hyderabad, India

- Teaching Sociology to BA.LLB (Hons) and MA Legal Studies Programmes
- Developing course curriculum and reading materials
- Mentoring and evaluating students
- Participating in departmental academic activities

Jan 2023 - Jul 2025

Assistant Professor (Contractual Guest Faculty Full Time)

Department of Sociology & MANUU School of Law, Maulana Azad National Urdu University, Hyderabad, India

- Teaching undergraduate and postgraduate courses in Sociology
- Supervising MA dissertations

- Developing new course curriculum
- Coordinating academic events and seminars

Aug 2018 - May 2020

Teaching Assistance (PhD Scholar)

**Department of Sociology, Maulana Azad National Urdu University,
Hyderabad, India**

- Assisting in teaching undergraduate and postgraduate courses
- Conducting tutorials and practical sessions
- Evaluating assignments and examinations
- Supporting research activities

Languages

English	Very good
Urdu	Very good
Hindi	Very good
Kashmiri	Very good

National Eligibility Certifications

NET (National Eligibility Test) in Sociology

SET (State Eligibility Test) in Sociology

Research Interests

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- Sociology of Development and Sustainable Development
- Environmental Sociology and Political Ecology
- Sociology of Tourism Studies and Ecotourism
- Pastoral and Tribal Studies
- Law and Society
- Subaltern Studies and Marginalized Communities
- Public Policy

Research Publications

2021

Peer Reviewed Journal Articles

- 2021: Ecotourism in the Socioeconomic Development of Rural Areas of Jammu and Kashmir. Urdu Duniya NCPUL, 23(2). [UGC CARE Listed]
- 2020: Pastoralism on Crossroads in Jammu and Kashmir. Kala, 23(3) . [UGC CARE Listed]
- 2020: Socio Psychological Implications of the Outbreak of COVID 19: Issues, Challenges, and Future Prospectus. Corvinus Journal of Sociology and Social Policy, 11(2). [SCOPUS Indexed]

Papers Under Review/In Process

- Ecotourism and Cultural Ecology, Contestations and Negotiations Study on Pastoralists in Bangus Valley of Jammu and Kashmir India. Journal of Environmental Science & Policy. [SCOPUS Indexed Under Review]
- Ecotourism and the Precipitation of Crisis Situations and its Mitigation among Pastoral Communities in Kashmir Region in India. Nomadic Peoples. [SCOPUS Indexed Under Review]

Research Supervision

M.A. Dissertations Supervised

- 2025: Ghulam Afzal - "Gender, Mobility and Productivity in Urban Space: A study of Mahalakshmi Scheme in Hyderabad" - M.A. Sociology, MANUU, Hyderabad - Primary Supervisor
- 2024: Shakeel Ahamd - "From Parks to Pavement: Sociological Exploration of Changing Dynamics of Leisure and Hanging out in Urban India" - M.A. Sociology, MANUU, Hyderabad - Primary Supervisor
- 2023: Abdul Rouf PC - "Leisure and Community Building in the Urban Spaces; A Study of Krushi Defence Colony in Hyderabad City" - M.A. Sociology, MANUU, Hyderabad - Primary Supervisor
- 2023: Sadaf - "Experiences of Women Being Housekeeping Workers in an Institutional Set up" - M.A. Sociology, MANUU, Hyderabad - Primary Supervisor
- 2022: Abdul Karim - "Ecotourism Development in Jammu & Kashmir: A Policy Perspective" - MA Tourism, IGNOU, New Delhi - Primary Supervisor

Teaching Portfolio

Courses Taught

- Core Sociology Courses: Introduction to Sociology, Indian Society, Approaches to the Study of Indian Society, Research Methodology
- Specialized Sociology Courses: Sociology of Development, Rural Sociology, Sociology of Tourism, Human Values and Professional Ethics
- Interdisciplinary Courses: Law and Society

Curriculum Development

Courses Designed and Developed for Four Year Honours Degree

Programme in Sociology, MANUU, Hyderabad

- Core Courses: Sociology of Development (2 credits), Sustainable Development: Theory and Concept (2 credits), Sociology of Health and Wellness (2 credits), Sociology of Law (2 credits), Public Policy (2 credits), Rural Sociology (2 credits)
- Specialized and Skill Based Courses: Ability Enhancement Course: "Ecotourism" (BASO203AEC) (2 credits), Discipline Specific Elective: "Sociology of Tourism" (BASO301DSE) (2 credits), Discipline Specific Core: "Marriage, Family and Kinship" (BASO401DSC) (4 credits), Value Added Course: "Sociology of Disaster" (BASO403VAC) (2 credits), Skill Enhancement Course: "Village Study and Rural Heritage" (2 credits)

Conference and Seminar Participation

2023 - 2025

International and National Conferences

- Moderator of the Round Table Panel on "Tourism and the Conservation of Culture: Synergies and Challenges" - World Anthropological Union Congress held at University of Johannesburg, South Africa (October 11-15, 2024)
- Presented paper on "Modernities, mobilities, and uncertainties: Precipitation of Crisis Situations and Their Mitigation among Pastoral Communities in Kashmir Regions in India" 19th IUAES-WAU World Anthropology Congress-2023, University of Delhi, Delhi, India, from October 14th to 20th, -2023.
- Continuity and Change among the Pastoral Societies in the North-West Himalayas: A study of the Impact of Ecotourism on the Pastoral Communities in Kashmir region, India". World Anthropology Congress 2023, University of Delhi, Delhi, India, from 14th to 20th October

2023.

- Livelihood of pastoral tribes in wake of ecotourism development: Prospects and challenges”, National conference on narrativizing tribal life, organized by Dr Shyama Prasad Mukherjee University, Ranchi, Jharkhand. Role of Ecotourism in Sustainable Development,” presented at the National Conference on Sustainable Development & Environment in the Present Era. Dhanwate National College, Nagpur, Maharashtra (2020)
- Pastoralism and Ecotourism in Jammu and Kashmir “. Paper presented at the Urdu Social Sciences Congress organized by Maulana Azad National Urdu University, Hyderabad. Ecotourism Development in Jammu and Kashmir, A Critical Analysis. Paper presented in International Conference On “Emerging opportunities in Tourism and Hospitality Industry, organized by Mohanlal Sukhadia University, Udaipur, Rajasthan, (2020)
- Prospectus of Vocational Education to the Nomadic Gujjar and Bakerwal population in Bangus Valley of District Kupwara Jammu and Kashmir. Paper presented in the International Conference on Lifelong Learning, organized by the All India Association for Education and Research and MANUU Hyderabad, (2017)

Institutional Responsibilities

Conference and Event Coordination

- Co-Coordinator (on behalf of the Department of Sociology MANUU as Knowledge Partner) to WSA Global Congress 2025, T Hub, Hyderabad (April 6-9, 2025)
- Coordinator, 3rd Extra Mural Lecturer (EMLS) on the topic Challenges of social integration of the minorities multicultural societies: Policies, Practices and Implications, on 23 January 2025
- Co-Coordinator (on behalf of the Department of Sociology MANUU as Knowledge Partner) 6th Digital Citizen Summit (DCS) 2024, T Hub, Hyderabad (November 15-16, 2024).
- Convener- Round Table Panel on “Tourism and the Conservation of Culture: Synergies and Challenges” - World Anthropological Union Congress held at University of Johannesburg, South Africa (October 11-15, 2024).
- Coordinator, One Day National Seminar on Sociology of Subaltern Communities, organised by the Department of Sociology and Department of Women Studies, Maulana Azad National Urdu University Hyderabad (15-February-2025)

- Coordinator, Three Days Research Methodology Workshop for Masters Students, organised by the Department of Sociology and Department of Maulana Azad National Urdu University Hyderabad (26-28, August-2024)
- Member, Organizing Committee, National Seminar on Contextualizing the Muslim Studies in India (March 11-12, 2024)
- Co convener - Panel on "Digital Society: Digital Nomads, Indigenous Communities, and Exclusion" - 19th IUABS WAU World Anthropology Post Congress on "Digital Anthropologies" - Central University of Hyderabad (October 26-27, 2023)

Academic Administration

- Special Invitee, Board of Studies for Four year BA Honours and BA Research programme in Sociology (2023-2025)
- NIRF Coordinator, Department of Sociology, MANUU (2024-2025)
- Adviser, Subject Association Sociology, Department of Sociology, MANUU for the academic year 2024-2025

Institutional Service

- Resource Person, UGC NET Coaching Centre for SC/ST/OBC and Minorities, MANUU(2018-2019)
- Polling Officer, MANUU Student Union Elections 2023
- Member, Grievance Redressal Cell, MANUU Student Union Elections (2019-20)

Workshops and Training Programs

Workshops Attended

- Attended United Kingdom India Youth Leadership Programme 2024-2025 held at Hyderabad
- One day workshop on Media Publication, Public Relations Office MANUU (2024)
- One Week Workshop on "Application of ICT in Research," Department of Computer Science, MANUU, Hyderabad (2018)
- One Week Workshop on "Application of Information Communication Technology in Research," UGC HRDC, MANUU, Hyderabad (2018)
- One Week Workshop on "Research Methodology and ICT," CPDUM & Telangana Urdu Academy, Hyderabad (2022)
- One Week Workshop on "Research Methodology," UGC HRDC, MANUU, Hyderabad (2018)

References

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Prof. P. H. Mohammad

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