

Bio Note of Dr Mohammad Sohail



Dr. Mohammad Sohail is currently serving as Head, Department of Public Administration, Government Mohindra College, Patiala, Punjab, India- a premier college of the Region. Earlier he has served as a teaching faculty at Department of Public Administration, Panjab University, Chandigarh and Post Graduate Government College for Girls, Sector 11, Chandigarh. Dr. Mohammad Sohail has also worked as a Post-Doctoral Research Associate in Transforming India's Green Revolution by Research and Empowerment for Sustainable food Supplies (TIGR2ESS) - a large-scale project drawing together partners from research, industry, government and NGOs in the UK and India. Mohammad Sohail has been awarded his PhD Degree on the title *Promotion and Regulation of Higher Education in India with Special Reference to the University Grants Commission* from Panjab University, Chandigarh, India. He has published two books and 10 research papers/position papers/modules. His areas of interests include higher education, governance, regulatory administration, food security, public policy, public service delivery, and rights-based approaches to development. He has presented research papers in around 20 conferences/seminars/workshops held in India, US, Canada, Singapore, China and South Africa.

He is a recipient of prestigious fellowships/awards including Student Mobility Grant, by Shastri Indo-Canadian Institute, New Delhi/Calgary; 2014 Founder Fellow, American Society for Public Administration (ASPA), USA; Asian Scholar Grant by Lee Kuan Yew School of Public Policy, National University of Singapore for attending 2017 International Conference on Public Policy; and 2014 Young Scholar, ASPA. Mohammad Sohail had been a member of ASPA, USA and IPPA, France.

Dr. Sohail's aim has been to excel in his academic pursuits; promoting quality teaching through learning and introducing innovations in pedagogy; and to contribute to ongoing discourses on contemporary relevant areas in public policy and governance through research.

Dr Sohail's has undertaken extensive research on various facets of education particularly higher education. Dr Sohail continues to render his services in order to contribute in the promotion and development of education. The State Council of Educational Research and Training, U.T. Chandigarh, India has recently appointed Dr. Sohail as the Chairman for Focus Group on 'Alternative Ways of Schooling' for drafting position paper for state curriculum framework. The Focus Group under the supervision of Dr Sohail has successfully prepared and submitted the position paper in a time-bound manner. Besides this as a member of Internal Quality Assurance Cell of Government Mohindra College, Patiala, Dr Sohail is actively engaged in planning and preparation of reports pertaining to accreditation and assessment of the college and undertaking initiatives for improving the quality of education in the college.

DETAILED CURRICULUM VITAE

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Academic Qualifications:

Degree	University/ Board	Subjects/Faculty	Year	Result
10 th	Punjab School Education Board	Mathematics, Science, Social Studies, Punjabi, Urdu, General English etc.	2005	87.23%
10+2	Punjab School Education Board	Mathematics, Economics, Psychology, Urdu, Punjabi and General English	2007	84.80%
B.A	Punjab University (PU), Chandigarh	Public Administration, Mathematics, Statistics	2010	71.16%
M.A.	PU, Chandigarh	Public Administration	2012	75.95%
National Eligibility Test	University Grants Commission (UGC)	Public Administration	2011	Qualified
Junior Research Fellowship	UGC	Public Administration	2011	Awarded
Ph.D.	PU, Chandigarh	Public Administration	2018	Awarded

*Worked on *Promotion and Regulation of Higher Education in India with Special Reference to the University Grants Commission*” under the supervision of **Professor B.S. Ghuman**, former Vice-Chancellor, Punjabi University, Patiala, Punjab, India.

I. TEACHING AND RESEARCH EXPERIENCE
(9 years)

Designation	Institute	Subject Taught	From	Till
Junior Research Fellow	Department of Public Administration, PU, Chandigarh	Indian Economic System and Research Methods	July 2013 to	October 2014
Senior Research Fellow	Department of Public Administration, PU, Chandigarh	Indian Economic System, Economic Administration, Research Methods, Administrative Theory and Administrative Thought	October 2014	October, 2017
Guest Faculty	Department of Public Administration, PU, Chandigarh	Indian Economic System, Research Methods, Educational Policy and Administration and Comparative Public Administration	October 17, 2017	October 31, 2018
Post-Doctoral Research Associate*	Department of Public Administration, PU, Chandigarh	Undertook research in respective areas of the project	November 01, 2018	December 12, 2019
Assistant Professor	Department of Public Administration, Post-Graduate Government College for Girls, Sector 11, Chandigarh	Research Methods and Statistics, Educational Policy and Administration and Comparative and Development Administration, Public Finance and Public Financial Administration, Administrative Theory, Indian Administration, Public Personnel Administration and Local Government	December 13, 2019	December 02, 2021
Head and Assistant Professor	PG Department of Public Administration, Government Mohindra College, Patiala	Financial Administration, Administrative Theory, Indian Administration, Public Personnel Administration, Local Government and Development Administration	December 03, 2021	Continuing

*Worked as Post-Doctoral Research Associate under the project titled “Transforming India’s Green Revolution by Research and Empowerment for Sustainable Food Supplies (TIGR2ESS)” funded by Global Challenges Research Fund of UK Research Council and monitored by University of Cambridge, UK.

II. POSITIONS OF ACADEMIC RESPONSIBILITIES

1. Head, Department of Public Administration, PG Department of Public Administration, Government Mohindra College, Patiala from December 2021 onwards
2. Chairman for Focus Group on ‘Alternative Ways of Schooling’ for drafting position paper on the concerned theme under National Curriculum Framework, appointed by The State Council of Educational Research and Training, U.T. Chandigarh (2021-22).
3. Member, Internal Quality Assurance Cell, Government Mohindra College, Patiala, Punjab, India (2021-22 and 2022-23)
4. Member, School Management Committee, Punjab Wakf Board, Chandigarh, India

III. PUBLICATIONS

(Two Books and 10 Research Papers/Modules/Position Papers)

1. Books

Mohammad Sohail (2019), *Experience of Select Regulatory Bodies in Higher Education in India*, Adroit Publishers, New Delhi, pp. ISBN : 978-81- 87393-65-8

Mohammad Sohail (2022), *Regulatory Governance in Higher Education in India: The Experience of the UGC*, Adroit Publishers, New Delhi, pp. ISBN : 978-81-956542-0-8

2. Papers published in Journals/Edited Books

- i. B.S Ghuman and Mohammad Sohail (2013), “**Application of Information and Communication Technology and Right to Service Act with Special Reference to the Indian State of Punjab (Co-author)**”, *Proceedings of the 2013 International Conference on Public Administration (9th)*, Volume 1, University of Electronic Science and Technology of China Press (UESTC Press), October 2013, pp 922-932, ISBN 978-7- 5647-1920-3
- ii. B.S. Ghuman and Mohammad Sohail (2014), “**Regulation in Higher Education in India**”, in S.L. Sharma, B.S. Ghuman and Shital Parkash (Ed.), *Higher Education in India: The Changing Scenario*, Rawat Publication, Jawahar Nagar, Jaipur, pp. 74-100. ISBN 978-81-316-0651-3
- iii. B.S. Ghuman, Ranjeet Singh and Mohammad Sohail (2015), “**Right to Public Service Act: A Tool of Good Governance in India (Co-author)**” in Rumki Basu, M. Badrul Alam and Furqan Ahmad (Ed.), *Democracy and Good Governance: Reinventing the Public Service Delivery System in India*, Bloomsbury India, New Delhi, pp. 33-50. ISBN 978-93- 84898-76-2
- iv. Mohammad Sohail (2015), “**Regulation of Higher Education in India: A Case Study of University Grants Commission**”, *Interdisciplinary Journal of Applied Philosophy* (-an annual peer-reviewed journal), Vol. 6, pp.58- 84, ISSN- 0975-4741.

- v. **Module titled, “Good Governance Initiatives : Right to Service Acts in India”, published under Subject of Political Science under Ministry of Human Resource Development, Government of India’s National Mission on Education through ICT (NME-ICT) for development of e-content in 77 subjects at postgraduate level (Module ID: 33B Subject: Political Science, Paper: Indian Administration)**
- vi. **B.S. Ghuman and Mohammad Sohail (2017), “Right to Information Act, 2005: A Decadal Experienced” *Indian Journal of Public Administration* (-by Sage Publishers), Vol. 63, No. 2, pp. 228-251. ISSN- 00195561**
- vii. **Mohammad Sohail (2018), “Diminishing Public Good Nature of Higher Education: Causes and Implications”, *University News- a Journal of Association of Indian Universities*, Vol. 56, No. 37, pp. 20-26, ISSN- 0566-2257.**
- viii. **Mohammad Sohail (2019), “Promoting and Regulating Equitable Access to Higher Education in India: Assessing the Role of the University Grants Commission”, *University News*, a Weekly Journal of Higher Education By Association of Indian Universities, Vol. 57, No. 52, pp. 12-20, ISSN- 0566-2257.**
- ix. **Mohammad Sohail (2023), “Regulatory Governance in Higher Education in India: Challenges before the Proposed Regulatory Framework under NEP 2020”, *University News- a Journal of Association of Indian Universities*, Vol. 61, No. 02, pp. 03-09, ISSN- 0566-2257**

3. Research and Teaching Interests

Higher Education, Governance, Regulatory Administration, Food Security, Public Policy, Public Service Delivery, Rights-based Approaches to Development, Economic Administration and Indian Economic System

IV. CAPACITY BUILDING PROGRAMMES ATTENDED/COMPLETED

1. Successfully completed One-Week Online Teaching-Learning Workshop on “**Design, Development, Delivery of e-content and Online Assessment**” from July 20-25, 2020, organized by Unit of Educational Studies and Research, Institute for Development and Communication, Chandigarh.
2. Successfully completed a 2-Week Faculty Development Programme on "**Managing Online Classes And Co-Creating MOOCS 3.0**" from July 25 - August 10, 2020, organized by Teaching Learning Centre, Ramanujan College, University of Delhi under the aegis of Ministry of Human Resource Development's Pandit Madan Mohan Malaviya National Mission on Teachers and Teaching (obtained A+ Grade).
3. Successfully completed a 4-Week Induction/Orientation Programme for "**Faculty in Universities/Colleges/Institutes of Higher Education**" from September 01- September 30, 2020, organized by Teaching Learning Centre, Ramanujan College, University of Delhi under the aegis of Ministry of Human Resource Development's Pandit Madan Mohan Malaviya National Mission on Teachers and Teaching (obtained A+ Grade)
4. Successfully completed the UGC-Approved **Short-Term Professional Development Programme on ‘Implementation of NEP-2020** for University and College Teachers’ held from December 05-13, 2022, organized by Staff Training and Research Institute of Distance Education, Indira Gandhi National Open University New Delhi under Pandit Madan Mohan Malaviya National Mission on Teachers and Teaching (obtained A+ Grade).

V. LECTURES AND PRESENTATIONS

1. Invited Lectures

i. “NEP 2020 and Restructuring of Higher Education” at Orientation Workshop on Social Policy organized by Rajiv Gandhi National Institute of Youth Development (RGNIYD) Regional Centre, Chandigarh on November 23, 2022.

ii. "Making India Literate: Hits and Misses of 75 Years' of Literacy Programmes" on International Literacy Day 2022 at Swami Vivekanand Group of Institutes, Banur, Punjab on September 08, 2022.

iii. “Tribute to our Constitution (Significance of Fundamental Duties Enshrined in the Indian Constitution)” on All India Radio, Jalandhar, January 21, 2020.

2. Paper/Abstracts Selected at/Submitted or participated in International conference/seminars/workshops held overseas Seven

i) Paper titled, **“Towards Transparent and Accountable System of Governance in India: The Experience of Right to Information Act, 2005”**, presented at **Second China-India Workshop on Development and Governance, Fudan University, Shanghai, China, June 08, 2018.**

ii) Paper titled, **“Regulating and Promoting Quality Research in India: Assessing the Role of the University Grants Commission”**, presented at International Conference on Public Policy, Lee Kuan Yew School of Public Policy, National University of Singapore, Singapore, June 28-30, 2017.

iii) Paper titled, **“Regulation of Higher Education in Canada with Special Reference to British Columbia: Lessons for Higher Education Policy in India”**, presented at **3rd International Young Scholars Workshop in Public Policy and Administration Research held at Jilin University, Jilin, China, Organized by American Society for Public Administration, USA** from July 21-24, 2014.

iv) Paper titled, **“Regulation of Higher Education in Canada with Special Reference to British Columbia”** presented at **Punjab Research Forum, Centre for Indo-Canadian Studies, University of the Fraser Valley, British Columbia, Canada** on April 25, 2014.

v) **Subject Matter Paper** titled, **“Revamping Delivery of Public Services in India: A Case Study of Indian State of Punjab with Special Reference to Punjab Right to Service Act, 2011”** presented at **2014 Annual Conference of American Society for Public Administration (ASPA)** held at Mayflower Renaissance Hotel, Washington DC, USA from March 14- March 18, 2014.

vi) Paper titled, **“Application of Information and Communication Technology and Right to Service Act with Special Reference to the Indian State of Punjab”**, (Co-author)

presented at **2013 International Conference on Public Administration (ICPA)** jointly organized by **Cape Peninsula University of Technology (CPUT) American Society for Public Administration (ASPA) and Chinese Public Administration Society (CPAS)** held at **Cape Town** from October 31-November 2, 2013.

vii) **Participated in Round Table on Higher education Development** jointly organized by **Cape Peninsula University of Technology (CPUT) American Society for Public Administration (ASPA) and Chinese Public Administration Society (CPAS)**, on **November 1, 2013** at **Cape Peninsula University of Technology (CPUT), Cape Town, South Africa.**

3. Paper/Abstract Presented at/Submitted for International and National Conferences/Seminars/workshops held in India Fifteen

i) **“Regulatory Policy and Quality of Research in MPhil/PhD Programme in India: An Analysis”**, ICSSR Sponsored National Seminar on Quality of Higher Education in India, organized by Department of Public Administration, Panjab University, Chandigarh on March 19, 2018

ii) **ICT Based Solutions for Effective Service Delivery: A Case Study of Direct Benefit Transfer Scheme of the University Grants Commission** at International Conference on Good Governance: Initiatives, Challenges and Prospects, Organized by Department of Public Administration, Punjabi University, Patiala, November 13, 2017

iii) **“Promoting Access to Higher Education of Disadvantaged Sections in India: Assessing the Role of the University Grants Commission”**, at Chandigarh Social Science Congress- VII on Achieving Sustainable Development Goals: Opportunities, Challenges and Strategies, Organized by Panjab University, Chandigarh, March 21-22, 2017

iv) **“RTI Act, 2005: Assessment of the Compliance of Obligations by Public Authorities and Information Commissions”** at National Seminar on “Citizen-Centric Governance and Administration: Issues and Challenges”, Organized by Department of Public Administration, MDU Rohtak, November 10-11, 2016.

v) Paper titled, **“Intellectual Crisis in Institutes of Higher Learning in India”** presented during **International Seminar on “Swaraj In Ideas”** organized by **Department of Philosophy, Dev Samaj College for Women, Ferozepur City, Punjab**, 18-19 April, 2016.

vi) **The Role of Public Distribution System in Food Security in India** at National Seminar on Agriculture and Food Security in India: Challenges and Opportunities organized by Department Of Geography, Panjab University, Chandigarh, March 10-11, 2016

vii) **Economics of Higher Education: A Case for Public Good** at ICSSR Sponsored National Seminar on ‘Public-Private Partnerships (PPPs) in Education in North-Western India’,

- organized by Department of Public Administration, Panjab University, Chandigarh, March 8, 2016.
- viii) Participated in **Workshop on SPSS** organized by Department of Statistics, Panjab University, Chandigarh from December 3-11, 2015
- ix) **Right to Information Act, 2005 in India: A Decadal Experience** at Two-Day National Conference on Trends in Public Administration: Past, Present and Future, Organized by New Public Administration Society of India and Department of Public Administration, Kurukshetra University (KU) at KU from July 11-12, 2015
- x) **Regulation of Higher Education in India: A Case of the University Grants Commission** at Two-Day UGC Sponsored National Seminar on ‘Challenges before Higher Education in India’ at G.N.D. University College, Jalandhar, 27th-28th March, 2015)
- xi) Presented a paper titled, **“Promotion and Regulation of Higher Education in India with special reference to University Grants Commission”** presented during Doctoral Colloquium during **2nd International Conference & Doctoral Colloquium on “Transformative Social Science Research: Disciplines, Collaborations & Think Tanks”** organized by **Institute of Public Enterprises (IPE) in collaboration with Indian Council of Social Science Research (ICSSR), Indian Institute of Public Administration (IIPA), University Grants Commission (UGC) and Association of Indian Universities (AIU)** at IPE, Hyderabad from March 3-4, 2015.
- xii) **Shifting Paradigms of Governance in Delivery of Public Services: A Case Study of the Punjab Right to Service Act, 2011 with special Reference to Suwidha Centres in Sahibzada Ajit Singh (SAS) Nagar District, Punjab**, at 5th Chandigarh Social Science Conference at Panjab University Chandigarh, February 20-21, 2015.
- xiii) Paper titled, **“Right to Public Service Act and Public Service Delivery with Special Reference to Punjab”**, (Co-author) presented at **National Seminar organized by Department of Political Science, Jamia Millia University, New Delhi from November 5-November 6, 2013.**
- xiv) **Regulation in Higher Education in India**, (Co-author) at the ICSSR Sponsored **National Seminar on the ‘Educational Development- Public Private Partnership’** organized by Department of Public Administration, Panjab University, Chandigarh, 17th April, 2013.
- xv) **Role of Government and NGO in Consumer Awareness**, (Co-author) presented at the Ministry of Consumer Affairs, Food and Public Distribution, Government of India sponsored **National Seminar on ‘Consumer Awareness as an Emerging Force in India’**, at Post Graduate Government College, Sector-46, Chandigarh, 14th September, 2012.

VI. AWARDS/GRANTS

1. International

- i. **Student Mobility Grant, by Shastri Indo-Canadian Institute** (-a bi-national organization, jointly funded by Government of **Canada** and Government of **India**), visited **University of the Fraser Valley, Abbotsford** from **March 10, 2014 to April 25, 2014** and worked on a research proposal titled, **“Regulation of Higher Education in Canada with Special Reference to British Columbia”**.
- ii. **2014 Founder Fellow, American Society for Public Administration (ASPA), USA, attended 75th Anniversary Celebrations of ASPA and its 2014 Annual Conference held at Mayflower Renaissance Hotel, Washington DC from March 14-March 18, 2013.** Presented subject matter paper on **“Revamping Delivery of Public Services in India: A case Study of Indian State of Punjab with special reference to Punjab Right to Service Act, 2011”**.
- iii. **Member, American Society for Public Administration, USA.**
- iv. **2014 Young Scholar, American Society for public Administration, USA. Attended 3rd International Young Scholars Workshop in Public Policy and Administration Research held at Jilin university, Jilin, China from July 21-24, 2014 and presented a paper titled, “Regulation of Higher Education in Canada with Special Reference to British Columbia: Lessons for Higher Education policy in India”**.
- v. **Asian Scholar Grant (500SGD), Lee Kuan Yew School of Public Policy, National University of Singapore, for attending International Conference on Public Policy, June 2017.**
- vi. **Awarded Certificate of Excellence and Gold Medal by American Federation of Muslims of Indian Origin (AFMI), USA and Canada, Farmington, USA at AFMI’s International Conference on Education and Gala Award Ceremony held in Kanpur, December 24-25, 2005.**
- vii. **Awarded Certificate of Excellence and Gold Medal by American Federation of Muslims of Indian Origin (AFMI), USA and Canada, Farmington, USA at AFMI’s International Conference on Education and Gala Award Ceremony held in Jaipur, December 29-30, 2007.**

2. National

- i. **Best Paper Award of the Department at 5th Chandigarh Social Science Congress organized by Panjab University, Chandigarh, February 20-21, 2015**

VII. POSITIONS OF RESPONSIBILITY

1. Executive Member of Punjab University Campus Student Council, Panjab University, Chandigarh for the Session 2010-11.
2. Department Representative of Department of Public Administration, Panjab University, Chandigarh for two consecutive terms; Sessions 2010-11, 2011-12.

VIII. ACHIEVEMENTS IN EXTRA CO-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

1. First Prize in Slogan Writing Competition on Gender Sensitization, Awareness and Motivation, Organized by Post-Graduate Government College, Sector 11, Chandigarh on March 08, 2010.
2. First Prize in Slogan Writing, Organized by Post-Graduate Government College, Sector 11, Chandigarh on March, 2010.

IX. MEMBERSHIP OF ACADEMIC AND PROFESSIONAL BODIES

1. Member, International Public Policy Association, France (2017-19)
2. Member, American Society for Public Administration (ASPA), USA (2014-15)
3. Member of Administrative Science Society of the Department of Public Administration, Panjab University, Chandigarh (2010-2017).

X. LANGUAGES KNOWN

English, Hindi, Punjabi, Urdu and Arabic