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Research Supervisor (Guide) Profiles

Discipline of Supervision: **Social Work**



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Dr. Arya Chandran has over ten years of experience in the development sector as a social work academician and researcher. She completed her MPhil and PhD at the Tata Institute of Social Sciences (TISS), Mumbai. Her doctoral thesis explored the intersections of caste, class, patriarchy, gender, and livelihood in relation to non-communicable diseases among women fish vendors in Kerala. Her major research areas include gender and livelihood, public health, community development, tribal development, and social work practice with marginalised communities. Previously, she has worked as a Scientist B on a research project on "COVID-19 Vaccine Perceptions and Uptake" under AIIMS, New Delhi, and was placed at the National Institute of Virology, Alappuzha. She has undertaken multiple impact assessments of CSR projects in Kerala. She also served as the Chairperson for conducting social impact assessments of development projects and was empaneled by the Kerala State Revenue Department. She is a recipient of the National Gender Fellowship (2021) awarded by IT for Change, Bengaluru, and the NGO Whisperer Global Fellowship (2025) awarded by the NGO Whisperer Centre for Social Impact, UK.

Selected Publications:

1. JElsa Mary Jacob, **Chandran L, A.**, & Dr.Abraham Francis. (2020). Human Well-Being and Pandemic Crisis: Implications for Social Work Practice from Kerala Experience. *Space and Culture, India*, 8(2), 36–46. <https://doi.org/10.20896/saci.v8i2.1046>
2. Shani, & **Chandran,A.** (2024). Children of interreligious married couples'. *Educational Administration Theory and Practice*. 30(4). <https://doi.org/10.67145/kuey.v30i4.10571>
3. Paul, N. Mavole, J. **Chandran, A.** (Eds). (2021) Social work during COVID-19, *International Journal of Social and Development Concerns*, ISSN 2524-1478