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About Munish Alagh



Munish Alagh is currently an Associate Professor based at Sardar Patel Institute of Economic and Social Research, Ahmedabad, he was till recently (2013-2015) a Senior Fellow of Indian council of social science research and had completed an ICSSR project jointly with Dr Subrata Dutta at the same institute in 2013-14. He has been teaching and doing research in reputed Institutes for the last twenty years, including ten years (1999-2010) as a faculty of Economics in Ahmedabad University. While still a faculty at Ahmedabad University he completed his Ph.D. from University of Mumbai in the area of Agricultural Markets and Price Response between 2000-2007. He has written three books in the broad area of Agricultural and Rural Institutional Transformation in India and is currently finalising a fourth one in the same area, presentations on which have been received very well. His book titled "Agricultural Prices in a changing economy: an empirical study of Indian Agriculture" came out of his thesis which underlined the dualistic nature of the Indian agricultural economy, with the comparitively elastic non foodgrain sector, in which the farmer responds to price stimuli in terms of acreage decisions with the inelastic foodgrain sector. His post doctoral fellowship at Centre for Management in Agriculture between 2011-13, led up to a book entitled "Estimating Marketed and Marketable Surplus of Food Grains in Gujarat, Exploring New Vistas" which analysed the vulnerable and uncertain status of Gujarat foodgrain farmers and could be concerned a good follow up to his first book. While teaching at Ahmedabad University he had developed a case on a minority community retail franchising venture which has till now led to two books: "Entrepreneurial Journey-Cases on Entrepreneurship" and a second one based on an ICSSR project he was associated with: "Social, Geographical and Organisational Elements of a Community Oriented Social Enterprise- A Case of a Super Market in Juhapura and its Franchising Network Across Gujarat". This book is expected in the market in 2017. His academic papers have been published in reputed Indian Journals such as EPW, Indian Journal of Agricultural Economics etc. He has given invited lectures at Central University of Gujarat, IGIDR Mumbai, Indian Institute of Science Bangalore, Institute of Human Development Delhi and seminar and conference presentations at Gujarat Economic Conference, Indian Society of Agricultural Marketing Conference other Conferences and Seminars Nationally. He has attended a Management Development Program in Strategic Management at IIM Bangalore and a Faculty Development Program at IIM Ahmedabad in 2007-8. While he was a faculty in Ahmedabad University, he was actively involved in research and teaching activities, for which he was regularly recognised and rewarded, for instance with the Chimanbhai Patel Fellowship for best academic paper by a young faculty of the Gujarat University for the year 2004. He has regularly been updating himself with national and international educational courses like in Georgetown University Washington (2001), and Science Po, Paris (2015). Besides this, he has visited IGIDR Mumbai, Centre for International Governance and Innovation, Waterloo Canada, New School for Social Science Research in New York for library referencing and research interaction.

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