

PROFILE

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Educational Qualifications:

- M.A English literature
- Ph.D. on An analysis of Humour in the short stories of Henry Lawson and R .K. Narayan
- B. Ed.
- Post-graduate Certificate in the Teaching of English

Current Academic Position:

Associate Professor, English
Department of Elementary Education
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I. Research Publications

Books

- *Nuggets: Experiences in Languages Education*, Jadabharata Prakashana, Dharwad, 2016
- *Learning Outcomes at the Elementary Stage* (Co-ordinator) NCERT, New Delhi, 2016
- *Raindrops: User's Manual for English Language Learning Kit for the Primary Stage*, NCERT, New Delhi 2016.

- *National Curriculum Framework: A Historical Perspective*, NCERT, New Delhi 2009

Chapters in Books

- ‘Subtexts in Karnad’s Plays: An Analysis of Complex Seeing’ in *Drama: Theory, Text and Performance*, Jnanada Prakashana, New Delhi, 2015.
- ‘Subramanya Bharati’ in *Social Thinkers of Modern India*, NCERT, New Delhi, 2016
- ‘Humour in the short stories of R K Narayan and Henry Lawson: A Comparison’ in *Critical Essays in Australian Literature*, Arise Publishers and Distributors, New Delhi. 2010.
- ‘Linguistic Rights and Education’ in *Perspectives in Education*, JSS Mahavidyapetha, Mysuru.2009.

II. Paper Presentations

International

- Introducing Central Asia to children through Biographies, at the International Conference on 25 years of Post-Soviet experience: Perspectives on National Building, Russian and Central Asian Studies, JNU, New Delhi 2016.
- Across Asian Borders: An overview of Silk Route Travellogues, at the International Conference on Silk Route as a Factor in Asian Integration, Jamia Milia Islamia and University of Kashmir, Srinagar.
- Sufism in Kannada : Text and Context in Shishunala Sharif’s Songs, at the International Conferences on Literary Legacy of Indo- Central Asia, Afghanistan and Iran, University of Kashmir, Srinagar, 2015.

National

- The portrayal of the disabilities in children’s literature: impressions and implications, at the National Conference on Policy and Planning of inclusive Education with focus on CWSN, NUEPA, New Delhi 2017.
- Orchids and Beyond : Graded Reading Series of Tribal Tales, at the National Conference on Emerging Themes and Trends in Learning of English in Schools, RIE Mysure, NCERT, Mysuru 2017.
- Meta- cognitive Aspects of Vocabulary, National Conference on Empowering the English Language Classroom, Malviya National Institute of Technology, Jaipur, 2013.

- The Pruning of Folk tales: An Empirical Exercise in Arunachal Pradesh at the National Conference on Language, Literature and Culture, Central University of Kashmir, Srinagar, 2015
- Tribal Tales for Grades I and II in Arunachal Pradesh: An overview at the National Seminar on Education of Socially Disadvantaged Groups in India, RIE Bhopal NCERT, Bhopal, 2016
- Selection of Children's Literature : A Commitment to Challenging discrimination, at the National Conferences on Language and Inclusive Education, NCERT, New Delhi, 2015.

Chair in Seminars/ Conferences

- Session 'Sharing the State Experiences: SCERT Participants' at the National Conference on English Language Teaching-learning in Rural Areas and English as Medium of Instruction, organized by the Department of Education in Languages, NCERT, New Delhi. 2017.
- Valedictory Session at the National Conference on English Language Teaching-learning in Rural Areas and English as Medium of Instruction, organized by the Department of Education in Languages, NCERT, New Delhi. 2017.
- Session: Complex Concerns in Pedagogy in the Teaching of English, National Seminar on Emerging Trends and Themes in the Teaching of English at RIE, Mysuru, 2017
- Member, Panel Discussion. English Language Teaching in India. National Seminar on Emerging Trends and Themes in the Teaching of English at RIE, Mysuru, 2017.

Research Projects

- Early Literacy among Scheduled Tribe Children of Odisha: An Exploratory Study. (Team Member)
- A Study of Visual Depiction in Hindi language textbooks in the Southern Region of India (Team Member)
- Field trialling of 'Raindrops' English Language Learning Kit for Primary Stage

Development

- Graded Reading Series 'Orchids' : 30 tales of the tribes of Arunachal Pradesh, for classes III-V (Academic Expert)
- Graded Reading Series 'Orchids' : 30 tales of the tribes of Arunachal Pradesh, for classes I and II (Academic Expert)
- E – Content in English for Primary Stage (Co-ordinator)

- Raindrops: English Language Learning Kit for the Primary Stage
- Member Co-ordinator, Kaleidoscope, Class XII, textbook in English (Elective)
- Member Co-ordinator, Woven Words, Class XI Textbook English (Elective)
- Member Co-ordinator, Raindrops, Book I (Special Series)
- Member Co-ordinator, Raindrops, Book II (Special Series)
 - Team Member, Modules for Teachers Training under RMSA Curriculum for 4 year integrated B.Ed. for Elementary and Secondary Stages. (Team Member)
 - Six – month course design in English language education for teachers of secondary stage. (Team Member)
 - Workbook in English, Class IX, NCERT. (Team Member)

Training

- Workshops on Learning Outcomes at Jammu, Mysuru, Ajmer, Delhi, Ranchi, Benares, Port Blair, KVS, NVS.
- Orientation of Teachers in English from CTSA, NDMC, DAV and CBSE affiliated schools
- Capacity Building workshops on Early Literacy for SSA/SCERT officials of Assam and Meghalaya
- Orientation of States/UTs on ELP and ESMP at NCERT
- Orientation of States/UTs on Status of Out of school Children.
- Orientation of B.Ed. students, Central Tibetan University.
- Regional Workshop on Early Literacy for SSA/SCERT/DIET
- Capacity Building of State functionaries at Jammu, Srinagar & Hyderabad.

Teaching

Academic Co-ordinator, Diploma Course for English and English Language Teaching for Afghan Students at NCERT, New Delhi, Sept 2008 to May 2010.

Extension

- Workshop on Early English, J & K, SSA, in collaboration with UNICEF.
- Review of textbooks of Uttar Pradesh, Karnataka, Jammu and Kashmir.
- Review of NCERT textbooks, (Primary Stage)
- Review of books for OoSC, SCERT Delhi.
- Vetting of articles for ELT Handbook for Teachers SCERT, Delhi.
- Workshop for finalization and vetting of tools, study of Remedial Measure in States, for RSMA.
- Examining textbooks of private publishers in the light of National Curriculum 2005
- Review- cum- Consultation Meet on OoSC, at NCPCR
- JNSMEE, for DESM, at Karnataka.

- Review of Bridge Course Material, SSA, Jammu.
- Vetting of textbooks developed by Jharkhand.
- Booklets on Disaster Management, DESM

Evaluation

- Review of items for National Achievement Survey (NAS), Class X, for ESD, NCERT
- Item Review –cum Translation, NAS, for ESD, NCERT
- Analysis and Dissemination of existing NAS data, NCERT in collaboration with UNICEF
- Review of translated Kannada Q Papers, NSA, for ESD
- Evaluation of Training Package of States/UTs in Science and Mathematics in Kannada, (Karnataka State) for DESM
- Jury member, Evaluation of Early Grade Reading Innovation Challenge, Read Alliance

Other

- Academic Editor, The Primary Teacher, Journal, NCERT
- Academic Editor, NCERT News letter (2007-2017)
- Member, Newsletter Committee for Newsletter, DSEL, MHRD
- NCERT representative, PAB of States/UTs at MHRD
- Field visit, Central School for Tibetans, Chhota Shimla, 3 months.