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Educational Qualifications

Exam Passed	year	Subject/s	Board/University
PhD	2015	English	H.P.UShimla; Topic- Protest, Reconstruction, Survival: A Study of Select Plays of Three Australian Aboriginal Dramatists
M. Phil.	2007	English	HPU-Shimla Topic-Social and Political Satire in Select Plays of Vijay Tendulkar
M.A.	2005	English	HPU-Shimla
B.A.	2003	English, Hindi, Pol. Science	HPU-Shimla
Plus Two	2000	Eng.Hindi,Eco,Pol,S cience	HPBSE-Dharamshala
Matric	1998	Eng., Hindi,Social Science,Science,Skt, Maths, Art	HPBSE-Dharamshala
NET	2006	English	
SET	2011	English	

Area of Interest

- Modern Drama
- Australian Literature
- Immigrant and Diaspora Writings
- Indo-Canadian Drama
- Communication Skills
- Academic Writing Skills

Specialization

• Australian Aboriginal Literature

- African Literature
- Communication Skills in English
- Postcolonial Literatures
- Academic Writing

Member/Reviewer of Journals

- Editor and Reviewer, The ETF Journal: An Annual Peer-Reviewed International Journal.
- Review Editor Daath Voyage: An International Journal of Multidisciplinary Studies in English ISSN: 2455-7544
- Assistant Editor Cape Comorin: An International Multidisciplinary Double-blind Peer-Reviewed Research Journal
- Reviewer DJ Journal of English Language and Literature. ISSN: 2456-2327

Awards/Fellowships:

- Prof. Jaidev Memorial Award for the best research paper presented on "Gender and Ethnic Marginality in Bessie Head's *Maru*" at a National Conference on Gender and Ethnicity in Literature, organized by English Teachers' Forum, Himachal Pradesh (ETF) at Government Degree College Dhami at 16 Mile, on 5th and 6th May 2022.
- **The Isaac Sequeira Memorial Award** for the best paper presented by a young scholar at the 21st MELOW International Conference on "Illness, Healing and the Literary Imagination" held in SHOOLINI UNIVERSITY, SOLAN, on 12-14 November 2021.
- Certificate of Merit for the Research Paper Presented and Shortlisted for the ISM Award at the 17th MELOW International Conference on "Space, Place and Landscape in Literatures of the World" held at CUHP, Dharamshala on 9-10-11 March 2018.
- Got **the Best Research Paper Presentation** award at a National Conference on "Modern, Postmodern and Multi-Disciplinary Mapping of William Shakespeare" at JCDAV College Dasuya, Hoshiarpur on Nov. 6, 2015.
- Library Fellowship awarded by The Forum on Contemporary Theory, Baroda from 5th June to 4th, 2009.

Teaching Experience: (13 Years)

- Taught under-graduate classes at IIT Roorkee as part of PhD programme from January 2008 to Sept. 2009.
- Served as Assistant Professor at Govt. College, Chowari, District-Chamba from 19th Sept. 2009 to 29th Nov. 2012.
- Presently working as Assistant Professor at Central University of Himachal Pradesh since 30 November 2012.

Membership of Learned Societies/ Professional Bodies:

- Indian Association for the Study of Australia
- The Forum on Contemporary Theory
- MELOW, INDIA

Miscellaneous:

- Member, Cultural Society, CUHP
- Member, Sports Committee, CUHP
- Member, IQAC, CUHP
- Member, NAAC, SSR Preparation Committee, CUHP
- Assistant Director, IQAC, CUHP
- Numerous Other Committees Formed Time to Time

Papers Presented: (34)

- "Reconstruction of Culture and Identity in Jack Davis' *No Sugar*" at an International Conference on "Re-Imagining Australia and India: Culture and Identity", organized by Indian Association for the Study of Australia (IASA) at Kolkata from 22-01-2008 to 24-01-2008.
- "Reconstruction of Past: A Study of Jack Davis' *Kullark*" at an International Seminar on "Nation and Pluralism: Australia and India" organized jointly by Himachal Pradesh University, Shimla and Australia India Council on Sept. 11-12, 2008.
- "Immigrant Experience in the Select Plays of Three Indo-Canadian Diasporic Dramatists" at Vadodara, Gujarat on 03-07-2009 in the Friday Scholars' meeting.
- "Assimilation, Resistance, Survival : a Study of Geoffrey Narkle's *King Hit*" at an International Seminar on "History and Literature Narrations" organized by the Centre for Australian and New Zealand Studies, HPU Shimla in April. 3, 2012.
- "A Sparrow cannot Live Happily in Others' Nest: Protest in Jane Harrison's *Stolen*" at an International Seminar on "Australia and India: Market Economy, Ethics and Empowerment" Organized by IASA in New Delhi on Jan. 19-21, 2012.
- "Negotiating Two Worlds: A Feministic Study of *Othello*", at an International Seminar on "Women in Shakespeare: a Post Feminist Scrutiny" Organized by The Shakespeare Association, India and VMOU, Kota at Kota, Rajasthan on October 4-6, 2012.
- "Articulating Silence: Female Oppression and Assertion in Jack Davis's Two Plays" at an International Seminar on "Gender in National Culture: Australia and India", organized by the Centre for Australian and New Zealand Studies, HPU Shimla at Shimla on Dec. 12-13, 2012.
- "Subversion of the Divine Right of Kings in *Richard II*", at an International Seminar on **The Idea of Republic in Shakespeare**, held at the University of Jammu from October 16-18, 2013.
- "Violence as a Means of Dehumanization in the Select Plays of Vijay Tendulkar", at a National Seminar on Contextualizing and Reorienting Violence and its Spaces in a Postmodern, Globalized World Order, held at Lovely Professional University on December 7, 2013.

- "Memory as a Site of Pain, Resistance and Reclamation in Sally Morgan's *My Place* and Baby Kamble's *The Prisons We Broke*", at an International Seminar on (Auto)Biography: Strategies of Writing the Self, held at Himachal Pradesh University, Shimla on March 31, 2014.
- "Choices: Marginalised Mental/Physical Spaces in Chitra Banerjee Divakaruni's *Arranged Marriage*" at an International Conference on "Cultural Nuances" held at KMV Jalandhar on October 30-31, 2014.
- "Deprivation, Resilience, Assertion: Pahari Women in Raman's "Gaachi" and Bhatia's "And a Song She Became" at a National Conference on Himalayan Studies Conference held at IIHS, HPU, Shimla on November 4-5, 2015.
- "Power and Resistance in Shakespeare" at a National Seminar on Modern, Postmodern & Multidisciplinary Mapping of William Shakespeare held at Jagdish Chandra D.A.V. College Dasuya, Hoshiarpur, Panjab on November 6, 2015.
- "Multiple Jeopardy and the Vulnerability of Dalit Women: A Study of Limbale's *The Outcaste* and Kamble's *The Prisons We Broke*" at an International Seminar on Challenges in the Inclusiveness of the Fourth World held at SMVDU, Jammu on December 19, 2015.
- "Love Vs Racism: Resistance through Love in Jack Davis's *In Our Town* and *Honey Spot*" at Eighth IASA Biennial Conference on Conflict and Resistance in Multicultural India and Australia held at JNU Convention Centre, New Delhi from 17-20 January 2016.
- "Negotiating Contours of Colonial Violence: Applying Fanon's Studies to Caryl Phillip's *Crossing the River* and Jane Harrison's *Stolen*" at the 16th MELOW Conference on "Facts, Distortions and Erasures: Literature as History; History in Literature" held at Hotel Parkview Chandigarh from 3-5 March 2017.
- **"Paradigms of Cultural Resistance in Select Aboriginal Plays"** at an International Seminar on **"Literary Discourse across Cultures"** organized by Department of English, Central University of Himachal Pradesh on 8-9 March 2017.
- "Predicaments of Bride/s in an Oppressive Society in Bapsi Sidhwa's *The Pakistani Bride*" at an International Conference on "Beyond Postcolonialism: Rethinking Feminist and Dalit Discourses in South Asia" held at SMVDU on 10-11 March 2017.

- "Vulnerability of Women in the North-East: A Study of Arupa Patangia Kalita's Select Short Stories" at a National Seminar on "Women in Conflict Zone" held at SVPG College Ghumarwin on 11-12 March 2017.
- "Gandhi and Ambedkar: Ideological Divergences" at a National Seminar on "In the Path of Buddha and Gandhi: A Convention for Global Peace", held at Central University of Himachal Pradesh on 2,3,4 December 2017.
- "Salvaging Troubled Space and Place: Longing for Belonging of the Black White Man in David Malouf's *Remembering Babylon*" at the 17th MELOW International Conference on "Space, Place and Landscape in Literatures of the World" held at CUHP, Dharamshala on 9-10-11 March 2018.
- "Sandwiched Between Development and Apathy: The Savage and the Civilized in Kamala Markandaya's *The Coffer Dams*" at a National Seminar on "Tribal Community in India: Identity and Cultural Heritage" held at Central University of Himachal Pradesh on from 26-28 March 2018.
- "Where do We Belong Now'?: Fear, Nostalgia, and Resilience in Libby Glesson *Mahtab's Story*" at an International Conference on "Multicultural Present and Political Identities: Australia and India", held at HPU Shimla on 25-26 October 2018.
- "Subdued Voices, Stifled Dreams: Hope to Hopelessness in a Dystopian World in Bandi's Accusation: Forbidden Stories from inside North Korea" at a International Conference on Sunny Pleasure Domes and Caves of Ice: Utopias and Dystopias in World Literature held at Jamia Milia Islamia, Delhi, 15-17 March 2019.
- "'Calcutta is Our Jerusalem': War, Exile, and Nostalgia in Bem Le Hunte's *There*, *Where the Pepper Grows*" at an International Conference on "Multicultural Present and Political Identities: Australia and India", held at HPU Shimla on 29 March 2019
- "Motherhood, Suicide and Survival: Exploring the Canonical in Richard Flanagan's *The Sound of One Hand Clapping*" at the 19th MELOW International Conference on Connections/Disconnections: Literary Traditions, Continuities and Disruptions" held at Department of English and Cultural Studies, Panjab University, Chandigarh, 21-23 February 2020.
- "Secession vs. Cultural, Political Assertion of Naga Tribes: A Study of Easterine Kire's *Bitter Wormwood*" at a National Conference on "Text and Interpretation" held at Vallabh Govt. College Mandi on 5-6 March 2020.

- "Multiple Shades of Marginality in Jokha Alharthi's *Celestial Bodies*" at a National Seminar on "Contemporary Trends in Literature, Language and Cultural Theory" organized by RIMT University, Gobindgarh Punjab on 18 December 2020.
- "Questioning Religious Hypocrisy and Sexual Abuse in Doris Kartinyeri's *Kick the Tin*" at Three Day International Conference on "Language, Literature and Culture" (ICLLC2K21), organized by PG & Research Department of English, Trinity College for Women, Namakkal, Tamilnadu, India on 23-25 July 2021.
- "Political Mendacity, Asylum-Seekers and Justice: Staging Hannie Rayson's Two Brothers in the Post-truth Times" at a Three-Day International Webinar on "Who Started the Bushfires?": Australian Culture, Economy and Polity in the Post-truth Era, organized by the PG & Research Department of English, University College, Thiruvananthapuram in collaboration with Centre for Australian Studies, University of Kerala and Littcrit: An Indian Response to Literature on 15-17 September 2021.
- "Polygamy and Barrenness: Critiquing Regressive Traditions in Flora Nwapa's *Efuru*" at a Two Day Virtual International Conference in English on "Contemporary Trends in World Literatures, Language and Cultural Studies in English" organized by Bhopal School of Social Sciences on 29-30 September 2021.
- "Blindness as a Trope for Moral Depravity and Divine Retrubution" at the 20th MELOW International Conference on "Illness, Healing and the Literary Imagination" held at Shoolini University, Solan, on 12-14 November 2021.
- "The Curse of Caste: Memory as a Vehicle of Pain and Resistance in Select Dalit Short Stories the Second South Asia Research Center International Conference on "Memory and Past in South Asia" held at SOKA University, Japan on 26-27 November 2021.
- "Gender, Religion and Alienation in Nisha da Cunha's "English Girl" at an International Conference on "Changing Trends in Diasporic Literature" held at UNA College on 22-23 April 2022.
- "Gender and Ethnic Marginality in Bessie Head's *Maru*" at a National Conference on Gender and Ethnicity in Literature was organized by English Teachers' Forum, Himachal Pradesh (ETF) at Government Degree College Dhami at 16 Mile, on 5th and 6th May 2022.

Publications - 43 (Total Books-5, Journal Papers-19, Chapters-15, Book Reviews-4)

A. Books (05)

- 1. *Mapping Diaspora Identities: India and Beyond*. New Delhi: Anamika Publishers and Distributors, 2017. Print. ISBN 978-81-7975-853-3. (Co-edited with Roshan Sharma)
- 2. Homogeneity in Heterogeneity: Memory, Culture, Resistance in Aboriginal Literatures from Around the World. New Delhi: Author Press, 2018. Print. (Coedited with KBS Krishna) ISBN: 978-9386722669.
- 3. Haanfti Zindagi. New Delhi: Authors Press, 2018. Print. (Poetry in Hindi)
- 4. *Gendered Spaces And Ruptured Identities Representation of Women in African Literature.* Authors Press, 2022. ISBN: 978-93-5529-094-6 (Co-edited with Roshan Sharma)
- 5. *Traversing Indian Mythos through Poesy*. Notion Press, 2022. ISBN-13 979-8887499444. (Co-compiled and edited with Abhyudita Singh).

B. Research Papers in Journals: (19)

- 1. "Protest, Paradox, Humour as Political Satire in Vijay Tendulkar's *Encounter in Umbugland*." Contemporary Research in India. 2.1. (Jan. 2008): 75-81). Print.
- 2. "Language as a Metaphor of Meaninglessness and Absurdity in the Select Absurd Plays." *Lapis Lazuli: An International Literary Journal* 3.2 (December 2013): 139-147.
- 3. "The Subversion of the Divine Right of Kings in *Richard II*." *Labyrinth: An International Refereed Journal of Postmodern Studies*. 5.2 (April 2014): 190-198. ISSN-0976-0814
- 4. "Assimilation, Resistance, Survival: Biography as History in Geoffrey Narkle's *King Hit*." *Indian Journal of Australian Studies*. Vol.4 (2011): 74-87. 2229-7863. Print.
- 5. "Negotiating the World of the Powerful and the Powerless." *New Academia* 3.2 (April 2014):1-8. ISSN: 2347-2073
- 6. "Racism as a Crime against War Refugees in Rahul Varma's *Job Stealer*." *Journal of Literature, Culture and Media Studies* 5. 8-9 (2013):93-100. ISSN: 0974-7192.
- "Woman as Victim: Morality, Sexuality and Assertion in Vijay Tendulkar's *Silence! The Court is in Session.*" *World Journal of Gender and Literature* 1.2 (December 2014): 103-115. ISSN: 2349-1620. Print.
- 8. "Memory as a Site of Pain, Resistance and Reclamation: A Study of Sally Morgan's *My Place* and Baby Kamble's *The Prisons We Broke.* "*Indian Journal of Australian Studies* (2013):56-75. ISSN: 2229-7863. Print.

- 9. "Resisting and Assertive Stance of Pahari Women in Raman's "Gaachi" and Bhatia's "And a Song She Became." *Ars Artium: An International Peer-Reviewed-cum-Refereed Research Journal of Humanities and Social Sciences* 4 (2016): 43-50. ISSN:2319-7889. Print.
- 10. "The Multiple Jeopardy of Dalit Women in Limbale's *The Outcast.*" *Daath Voyage: An International Journal of Interdisciplinary Studies in English* 1.1 (2016): 57-72. ISSN: 2455-7544.
- 11. "Negotiating Patriarchal and Caste Concerns of Dalit Women in Baby Kamble's *The Prisons We Broke*. "Rock Pebbles: A Peer Reviewed International Literary Quarterly Journal .XX.1 (2016): 129-138. ISSN: 0975-0509. Print.
- 12. "No Way Out': Issues of Marriage and Divorce in Dickens's *Hard Times.*" Spring *Magazine* 2.1 (2016): 1-6. ISSN: 2455-4715.
- 13. "Movers and Makers of Destiny: Shakespeare's Women in *A Midsummer Night's Dream*. *Creative Forum*. 3.1-2 (Jan-Dec. 2017): 121-131. ISSN : 0975-6396.
- 14. "Honour Killings and the Predicaments of the Bride/s in Bapsi Sidhwa's The Pakistani

Bride." The Atlantic Literary Review, 19.4 (Oct.-Dec 2018): 31-44. ISSN: 0972-3269

- 15. "'Where Do We Belong Now'? Fear, Nostalgia, and Resilience of Refugees in Libby Glesson's *Mahtab's Story*" *Indian Journal of Australian Studies*. ISSN: 2229-7863.
- "Salvaging Troubled Space and Place: Longing for Belonging of the 'Black White Man' in David Malouf's *Remembering Babylon*." *Osmania Journal of English Studies*. (2017) 38-49. ISSN: 0471-8107.
- "Subdued Voices: Stifled Dreams: Hope to Hopelessness in a Dystopian World in Bandi's Accusation: Forbidden Stories from Inside North Korea."IIS Journal of Arts. 8.1 (July 2019): 25-38. ISSN: 2319-5339.
- "Look Back In Wonder'– What a World It Was! An Ecocritical Study of Kalidasa's Abhigyan Shakuntalam." LangLit: An International Peer Reviewed Open Access Journal (ISSN 2349 5189, Impact Factor- 5.61) Vol. 8 Issue 2.
- "Secession vs. Cultural, Political Assertion of Naga Tribes: A Study of Easterine Kire's Bitter Wormwood." Literary Voice, vol. 1, no. 17, March 2022, pp. 134-140. ISSN: 2277-4521.

C. Chapters in Books: (15)

- Bansal, Hem Raj. "Marginalised Mental/Physical Spaces in Chitra Banerjee Divakaruni's Arranged Marriage." Indian English Literature: A Momento of Feminist Minds. Ed. Adi Ramesh Babu. New Delhi: Authors Press, 2015. ISBN: 978-93-5207-036-
- 2. "The Postmodern Notion of Dilemma, Uncertainty, and Fragmentation in U.R. Ananthamurthy's *Bhava*." *Charting New Approaches in Indian English Fiction*. Ed. Saiket Banerjee. Jaipur: Yking Books, 2016. Print. ISBN: 978-93-82532-94-1.
- 3. "Cultural, Historical and Linguistic Richness as Depicted through the Memories of Uncle Worru in Jack Davis's *The Dreamers.*" *Representation and Resistance*. Eds. Gourhari Behera and Sunita Murmu. New Delhi : Adhyayan Books, 2015. ISBN 978-81-930148-9-9. PP. 29-47.
- "From Ellen Gluyas to Ellen Roxburgh to Mab: Shifting Identities in Colonial Context in Patrick White's *A Fringe of Leaves*." *Narratives of Estrangement and Belonging*. Ed. Neelima Kanwar. New Delhi: Authors Press, 2016. ISBN- 978-93-5207-393-1.
- "Failure of Non-Verbal Communication in Tim Winton's "Distant Lands." *Communication in Contemporary Scenario: Its Multiple Dimensions*. Eds. Roshan Lal Sharma & Manpreet Arora. New Delhi: Anamika Publishers and Distributors, 2017. Print. ISBN 978-81-7975-833-5. PP. 131-140.
- "Role of Family and Community in Jack Davis's *No Sugar*."*The English Paradigm in India: Essays in Language, Literature and Culture*. Eds. Shweta Rao Garg and Deepti Gupta. London: Palgrave Macmillan, 2017. Print. PP. 215-232. ISSN- 978-9811353680
- 7. "Critical Introduction". *Mapping Diaspora Identities: India and Beyond*. Eds. Roshanl Lal Sharma, and Hem Raj Bansal. New Delhi: Anamika Publishers, 2017. Print. PP. 9-28.
- 8. "Why Aboriginal Studies Matter?" *Homogeneity in Heterogeneity: Memory, Culture, Resistance in Aboriginal Literatures from Around the World.* Eds. KBS Krishna, and Hem Raj Bansal. New Delhi: Authors Press, 2017. Print. PP. 15-30.

- "Negotiating Contours of Colonial Violence: Applying Fanon's Studies to Caryl Phillip's *Crossing the River* and Jane Harrison's *Stolen*." *Facts, Distortions and Erasures: Literature as History; History in Literature*. Ed. Manpreet Kang. 2018 PP. 142-152. ISBN 97819804661116. Kindle Edition.
- **10.** "Sandwiched Between Development and Apathy: The Savage and the Civilized in Kamala Markandaya's *The Coffer Dams.*" Anang Prakashan, New Delhi, 2018. PP. 106-119.
- 11. "Shattered Lives, Shattered Dreams: A Study of Arupa Patangia Kalita's "Arunima's Motherland" and "Cursed Fields of Golden Rice." *Violence, Subversion and Recoverv: Women Writers from the Sub-Continent and Around.* Ed. Rachel Bari and Ishmeet Kaur Chaudhary. Himalaya Publishing House, 2019. ISO 9001:2015. Pp. 56-65.
- 12. "Rape and the Constricted Physical, Social, and Familial Space: A Study of Marge Piercy's "Rape Poem". *Women Empowerment: Issues and Challenges*. Ed. Archna Katoch. New Delhi: Anamika Publishers, 2020. Print. PP. 9-28
- 13. "Critical Introduction." Gendered Spaces And Ruptured Identities Representation Of Women In African Literature. Authors Press, 2022. PP. 5-20.
- 14. "Reading Buchi Emecheta: Invalidating the Myth of 'Complete Woman' in *The Joys of Motherhood.*" *Gendered Spaces And Ruptured Identities Representation Of Women In African Literature*. Authors Press, 2022. PP. 146-161. (Co-authored with Archana Thakur)
- 15. "Education as Empowerment: Exposing the Real Infertility in Lola Shoneiye's *The Secret Lives of Baba Segi.*" *Gendered Spaces and Ruptured Identities Representation of Women in African Literature.* Authors Press, 2022. PP. 197-205. (Co-authored with Varnika).

(D) BOOK REVIEWS/STORY REVIEWS

- 1. "Review of *Oral Traditions of the Indian Tribes.*" By Anand Mahandand. *Spring Magazine*, 2018.
- 2. Review of Abhyudita Gautam's "Cleansing the Sacred Kund." *Let us Tell a Story: Monday Musings*. Authors Press, 2022, pp. 21-23. ISBN: 978-93-5529-409-8
- **3.** Review of Priyanka Vaidya's "Chhattri." *Let us Tell a Story:* Monday Musings. Authors Press, 2022, pp. 152--154. ISBN: 978-93-5529-409-8
- **4.** Review of Shivani Chaudhary's "Balance." *Let us Tell a Story: Monday Musings.* Authors Press, 2022, pp. 198-201. ISBN: 978-93-5529-409-8

Invited Lectures (09)

- 1. "Dilemma of Endless Waiting in *Waiting for Godot*" at Shanti Devi Arya Mahila College, Dinanagar, Punjab on 21 March 2016.
- 2. "Feminist Theory and "Can the Subaltern Speak?" at J.C. DAV College-Dasuya, Hoshiarpur on 24 March 2017.
- 3. "Communication Skills: Barriers and Process" at Govt. Post Graduate College-Safidon, Haryana on 24 January 2018.

4&5. "The Science of Pronunciation: How to Be a Better Speaker?" at Govt. Model Sr. Sec. School. Kotla, Kangra on 18 June 2019.

6. "Rules of Pronunciation" at Rajiv Gandhi Govt. Engineering College, Nagrota Bagwan, Kangra on 5 September 2019.

7. "Not Needle But the Pen: Spaces of Marginality and Empowerment" at a National E-Seminar on "Nineteenth Century: Texts and Contexts" organized by Shree Agrasen Mahavidyalya, West Bengal on 22 September 2020.

8. "Aborigines as Curiosities: A Case of Africa, Australia and America" organized by Centre for Tribal Literatures of America, CUHP on 26 March 2021.

9. Delivered a lecture on "Honing Academic Writing Skills" at AIFDP2K21 organized by Trinity College for Women, Tamil Nadu and UGC-HRDC, BPSMV Haryana from 1-14 July 2021.

MA Dissertations Supervised: (41)

PhD Dissertations: Awarded: (02)

Under Process: (04)