

Curriculum Vitae

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Present Status

Working as Assistant Professor (permanent) in Centre for English Studies, School of Language, Literature and Culture Studies, Jawaharlal Nehru University;

Teaching Experience

Previously taught in the Department of English, Indraprastha College for Women, University of Delhi from July 2007 to November 2023.

Educational Qualifications

Doctorate in English Studies from Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi, India was awarded in March 2014.

M.Phil in English Studies from Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi, India was awarded in January 2009.

Completed Masters in English Studies from Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi, India in May 2006.

The Ph.D Thesis is titled: 'Diasporic Indian Women's Writings: A Transcultural Reading of Meena Alexander, Uma Parameswaran and Meera Syal'.

The M.Phil Dissertation is titled: 'Gender in Diaspora: A Case Study of Women Characters in M.G. Vassanji's Short Story Collections — *Uhuru Street* (1992) and *Elvis, Raja* (2006)'

Teaching Assignments:

Taught English Language Proficiency Course (ELPC Basic) for ESL learners at ILL, university of Delhi, Jan-Mar, 2014.

Taught English Language Proficiency Course (ELPC Basic) for ESL learners at Indraprastha College for Women, University of Delhi, Aug-Nov, 2010.

Offered a 3-credit Course entitled 'Literature of New Zealand and Australia' for the students of Undergraduation at CES/SLL&CS, JNU, (January-May 2007).

Papers Published:

'Ganga in the Assiniboine: A Transcultural Reading of Uma Parameswaran's Novella' in the Journal of Interdisciplinary and Multidisciplinary Research (JIMR), 2024: 19.4.

'Human Rights and Disability Feminism: Struggles, Stereotypes and Subordinations in the Case of Women With Disabilities (WWDs)' *Disability Citizenship and Social Exclusion* ed. Sudhir Singh A Kachhap. New Delhi: Anamika Publishers, 2008

Research Projects

Awarded ICSSR Major Research Project titled, 'Cultural Lives of Women With Visual Disabilities: A Cross-Regional Study' April 2025 (ongoing)

Courses Designed and Taught

**Jewish-American Literature to P.G students,
CES/SLL&CS, JNU.**

**Rethinking Forms: Cultural Representations of
Disability to P.G students,
CES/SLL&CS, JNU.**

**Australian Literature to P.G. students, CES/SLL&CS,
JNU.**

**Women and Literature to Ph.D. Students CES/SLL&CS,
JNU.**

**African Literature in English to M.A students
CES/SLL&CS, JNU.**

**African Literature in English to Ph.D. students
CES/SLL&CS, JNU.**

Orientation/Refresher/Faculty Development Programmes attended

Two-week Interdisciplinary FDP/Refresher Course titled, 'Advanced Research Methodology' organized by Ramanujan College, University of Delhi under the aegis of PMMMNMTT, Ministry of Education from 26 April 2024 to 9 May 2024.

Two-Week Interdisciplinary International Refresher Course on 'Academic Bank of Credits (ABC Scheme) in Higher Education, UGC Regulation, 2021' organized by Ramanujan College, University of Delhi under the aegis of Ministry of Education, PMMMNMTT and Indian Accounting Association, NCR Chapter from 7-20 July 2021.

Two-Week Online Faculty Development Programme/Refresher Course on 'Exploring the Interlinkages Between Literature, History, Politics and Other Related Themes' organized by Teaching Learning Centre, Ramanujan College, University of Delhi and P. G. D. A. V. College, University of Delhi under PMMMNMTT, Ministry of Education from 30/01-12/02 2021.

Two-Week Faculty Development Programme/Refresher Course on "Managing Online Classes & Co-Creating MOOCs (Level 2) organized by Teaching Learning Centre, Ramanujan College, University of Delhi under the aegis of PMMMNMTT, Ministry of Education from 2-16 June 2021.

One-week Faculty Development Programme Refresher Course titled, 'ICT - based Learning and Developing MOOCs for Teaching Process in Higher Education' organized by Teaching Learning Centre, Ramanujan College, University of Delhi under the aegis of PMMMNMTT, Ministry of Education from 29/12/2020-04/01/2021.

One-week online Faculty Development Programme Refresher Course titled, 'E-Learning and Developing MOOCs for Teaching Process in

Higher Education’ organized by Department of Statistics & IQAC, Hindu College, University of delhi in collaboration with Teaching Learning Centre, Ramanujan College, University of Delhi under the aegis of PMMMNMTT, Ministry of Education from 14-20 December 2020.

Four-week Orientation Programme organized by HRDC, University of Hyderabad from 26/11-23/12 2015.

Three-week Refresher Course organized by Academic Staff College, University of Hyderabad, Hyderabad from 10/02-02/03 2011.

One-week Workshop on ‘Materials Development’, English Language Proficiency Course organized by Institute of Life Long Learning, University of Delhi from 15-20 February 2010.

One-week workshop on ‘Materials Development’ for English Language Proficiency Course” organized by Institute of Life long Learning, University of Delhi from 27/07-01/08 2009.

Two-day National workshop on ‘Effective Classroom Communication and Teaching skills for College Teachers’ organized by Christ University, Bangalore from from 12-13 November 2009.

two-week National workshop on ‘Human Development’, Young scholars Programme organized by Indira Gandhi Institute for Development Research, Mumbai under United Nations Development Programme from 10-22 November 2008.

Syllabus Revision and Modules

Paper Coordinator, Literatures of Diaspora, Syllabus Revision Committee, Department of English, University of Delhi, September 2017 to July 2020.

Paper Coordinator, Communication for special Needs, Syllabus Revision Committee, Department of MultiMedia and Mass Communication, University of Delhi, from June 2018 to July 2020.

Member, Literature and Disability, Syllabus Revision Committee, Department of English, University of Delhi, from September 2017 to July 2020.

Developed a module for English Language Basic Short Term Course, ELPC, for Institute of Life long Learning, University of Delhi from August 2009 to July 2010.

Papers Presented:

‘‘Culture of Living: A Study of Women With Visual Disabilities in India’ as part of the three-day 13th ALTER Conference of European Association of Disability Research on the theme, ‘Transformations’ organized at Innsbruck University, Innsbruck, Austria from 8-10 July 2025.

‘Knowing The Seeing World: Interrogating Epistemologies on Blindness’ as part of panel discussion of a two-day national conference titled, ‘‘Narrative Matters: Materialities, Modalities and Ethical Dimensions of Story Telling’’ organized by CES, SLL&CS, JNU on 8th and 9th February 2024.

‘Disability Law in India: Policy and Practice with Reference to Women with Visual Disabilities’ in the stream titled, ‘‘Disability and Law: Disability Rights on the Ground’’ in a three-day International Conference organized by Socio-Legal Studies Association, Ulster University Northern Ireland from 4-6 April 2023.

‘Transcultural Feminism: a Theory or Praxis’ in an International Conference on Globalising South Asian and ‘regional’ Literature: Social and Cultural Perspectives organized by the Centre for Comparative Literature, University of Hyderabad, Telangana, September 2022.

Community life and women with Disabilities’ in a two-day National Conference on ‘‘Disability, Women and Human rights in India’’ organized by Society for social empowerment in collaboration with Dyal Singh College , University of Delhi at Dyal Singh College, University of Delhi on 27-28 November 2019.

‘The World of 19th Century Literature: The Brave Voice of Adèle Husson’ in a three-day International Conference on ‘‘Interrogating Disability Studies: Literature, Culture, Performance’’ organized by Department of English, University of Delhi on 8-10 March 2018.

‘Reading Rootlessness: Aspects of Transculturation’ ‘ in a two-day International Conference on ‘‘Migration, Diaspora and Nation Building: Opportunities and challenges’’ organized by UGC-HRDC, Jamia Millia Islamia on 7-8 March 2018.

Right to Community Living: A Turn-Around Narrative of Women with Disabilities’ in a two-day National Conference on ‘‘State, Society, and Disability Law in India: Challenges for Rights-based Approach’’ organized by Department of Sociology, University of Hyderabad on 31/01-01/02 2018.

‘Gender and Disability: Dimensions of Capabilities Approach’ ‘ in a one-day National Conference on ‘‘Disability and Modernity: Memories and Visions’’ organized by SGND Khalsa College, University of Delhi on 25 January 2018.

Transculturalism: A Rootstock or A Contact zone?’, in a three-day National Conference organized by Department of Comparative Literature, English and Foreign Languages University, Hyderabad on 5-7 April 2017.

‘Love in the Harvest: A Transcultural Reading of Meera Syal’s *Life Isn’t All Ha Ha Hee Hee*’, in a two-day National conference organized by Maharaja Agrasen College, University of Delhi on 20-21 March 2017.

‘Globalisation and Education with special Reference to Persons with Visual Impairment’ in a two-day National conference organized by AICB, New Delhi on 12-13 November 2016.

‘Poetics and Politics of Patriotism: Re-reading Robin S. Ngangom’, in a three-day National Conference organized by IACLALS in collaboration with IIT, Guahati, Assam on 15-17 February 2017.

‘Problematising Marginallity: Discourse on disability As A Critique to commonallity’, in a National conference on Margins, Globalization and the Postcolonial, organized by IACLALS, Panjab University, Chandigarh, Feb, 2014.

‘Women and Sexual Harassment: A Study of Inability of Disability’ in a two-day National Conference organized by Society for Social Empowerment, New Delhi on 23-24 November 2013 ‘Disability Mediated Research: An Epistemological Inaccessibility in Indian Research Institutes’, in a two-day National Conference on Exploring Disability, Centre for the Study of Social Systems, Jawaharlal Nehru University, Mar, 2011.

‘Inclusion As An Ideology: A Gender Perspective’ In a two-day National Conference on Disability Poverty and Human Rights, CSLG, Jawaharlal Nehru University, Mar, 2008.

‘Dissent within Dissent: a Reading on Dalit Women writers in Tamil’, in one-day National Conference on Tamil Dalit Feminism, University of Jammu, Jammu, Mar, 2007.

‘Disability Feminism and Human Rights: An Imaginary Idealism/Utopian Vision in the Case of Women with Disabilities (WWDs)’, in a two-day National Conference on Disability, Employment and Human Rights, Krishna Memorial Hall, Patna, Mar, 2007.

‘Gender in Diaspora: A Case Study of Women Characters in M. G. Vassanji’s Novel *The Assassin’s Song* (2007)’, in the Annual Congress of Indian Association of Social Sciences 2008, SNDT University, Mumbai, Dec, 2007.

‘Amnesia of American Literature: Land as a conceptual Devoid’, in a one-day Seminar on Native American Literature at American Information resource Centre, New Delhi, Feb, 2006.

Public Lectures/talks Delivered and Resource Person in Workshops

Delivered a lecture on ‘Student Diversity’ as part of the NEP Orientation Programme, HRDC, Pondicherry Central University, Pondicherry on 16 September 2025.

Delivered a talk titled, ‘Disability in Tamil Literature: From Classics to Contemporary’ at Delhi Tamil sangam, New delhi on 23rd August 2025.

Delivered a keynote address titled, ‘Disability and Inclusion: A Southasian Perspective’ at a three-day International Conference organized by SDSS, Nepal from 3-5 March 2025.

Delivered a Keynote Address titled, 'Indianness: Then and Now' in the two-day International zConference on "Reimagining Indianness: reflections on Society, Culture and religion in Indian Writing in English" organized by Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose Govt. College, Sambalpur, Odisha, India on 7-8 February 2025.

Delivered an invited lecture titled, 'Role of Equal Opportunity cell for Persons with Disabilities in the Universities' at JNU Central Library Orientation Programme on 31 August 2024.

Chaired a session in a two-day national conference titled, "Narrative Matters: Materialities, Modalities and Ethical Dimensions of Story Telling" organized by CES, SLL&CS, JNU on 8th and 9th February 2024.

Delivered an invited lecture titled, 'Remembering Diderot: Some Reflections' in a one-day International Conference on "Reimagining Representations: Persons With Disabilities in Language, Literature and Culture" organized by Rajtani College, University of Delhi, 26 April 2024.

Delivered a Keynote Address titled, 'A Call For Renaissance In Disability Discourse' in a two-day National Conference, "Dis/Ability: Identity, Representations and Inclusion." Organized by Janki Devi Memorial College, University of Delhi on 18-19 April 2024.

Resource Person in the two-day Workshop on 'The Long Nineteenth Century: American and British Literature' organized by Centre for Languages and Communication, SGT University, Gurugram, Haryana on 23-24 March 2023.

Delivered an invited Guest Lecture on 'Language, Literature and Disability: An Interdisciplinary Approach' organized by Centre for Languages and Communication, SGT University, Gurugram, Haryana on 14 March 2023.

Resource Person in a two-day Workshop titled, 'Girl Empowerment and Higher Education in NEP 2020' organized by Rural Development Trust, Ananthapuramu, Andhra Pradesh on 09-10 December 2022,

Resource Person in a two-day Workshop titled, 'Girl Empowerment and Higher Education in NEP 2020' organized by Rural Development Trust, Ananthapuramu, Andhra Pradesh on 21-22 November 2022,

Resource Person in a two-day Workshop titled, 'Girl Empowerment and Higher Education in NEP 2020' organized by Rural Development Trust, Ananthapuramu, Andhra Pradesh on 20-21 September 2022,

'Ensuring equitable and Inclusive Environment in the Higher Education for PWDs' in a panel discussion as part of The International White Cane safety Day celebrations organized by JNU Visually Challenged Forum in collaboration with United Nations Volunteers and Nipman Foundation, Jawaharlal Nehru University, 15 October 2019.

Challenges and Best Practices in Career Progression for PWD' in a panel discussion of one-day National conference on "Skilling Youths with Disabilities" organized by Youth for Jobs, Delhi, India Habitat Centre, New Delhi on 12 October 2019.

Delivered an invited lecture titled, 'The Rights of Minorities: Differently Abled People' as part of Online FDP, "Human Rights, Ethics and Environment" recorded by National Resource Centre, Ramanujan College, University of Delhi on 24 October 2018.

Delivered an invited lecture titled, 'The Relevance of Rights of Persons with Disabilities Act 2016 for Higher Education in India' at the institution of the Enabling Unit of UGC HEPSN Scheme at Home Institute of Economics, University of Delhi on 02 September 2019.

Delivered an invited lecture titled, 'Inclusive Curriculum' in a panel discussion organized by Women Development Cell, Indraprastha College for Women, University of Delhi on 8 March 2019.

Delivered an invited lecture titled, 'adaptability and Ability Management in the Institutes of Higher Education' organized by JNU Vision as part of the International Day of Persons With Disabilities celebrations in December 2017.

Delivered a lecture on 'Disability Feminism: Issues and Concerns', at Delhi College of Arts and commerce', University of Delhi, Apr, 2015.

Delivered a lecture on 'Understanding Disability: An Overview', at Delhi College of Arts and Commerce, University of Delhi, Sep, 2013.

Delivered a lecture on 'Contemporary Women Writings in India', at the Women Development Cell, Indraprastha College for Women, Dec, 2007.

Conferences/Workshops coordinated/participated on invitation

Coordinated a talk titled, 'Who Is Disabled? Techno-politics of Counting Disability' by Dr. Vandana Chaudhry, City University of New York, U.S.A on 11th August 2025.

Coordinated a Talk titled, 'Sensory Futures: Deafness, Cochlear Implants and Redistribution Technologies in India and Pakistan' by Prof. Michele Friedner, University of Chicago on 4 September 2024.

Participated in a one-day workshop on 'Applied Language Course: Translation Theory and Interpreting' organized by Centre for Professional Development and Higher Education, University of Delhi on 28 September 2013.

Participated in ‘Capacity Building Workshop’ organized by Institute of Life Long Learning, University of Delhi on 25 January 2016.

Participated in a Workshop on “Lex Air Camera, Braille Face and Hindi (OCR)” organized by Equal Opportunities Cell, University of delhi, Apr, 2015.

Participated as a delegate in a National Conference on Launch of a National Action Plan by the Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship and the Ministry of social Justice and Empowerment, Government of India, Mar, 2015.

Participated in a workshop on Applied Language Course: Translation Theory and Interpreting, at Centre for Professional Development and Higher Education, University of delhi, Sep, 2013.

Participated in a five-day workshop on Materials Development for ELPC, Feb, 2010.

Participated in a two-day National workshop on “Effective Classroom Communication and Teaching skills for College Teachers”, Christ University, Bangalore, Nov, 2009.

Participated in a fifteen-day National workshop on “Human Development”, Young scholars Programme organized by United Nations Development Programme in collaboration with Indra Gandhi Institute for Development Research, Nov, 2008.

Coordinated a seminar on ‘Reading Without Seeing’ at Indraprastha College for Women, University of Delhi, Sep, 2014.

Coordinated a Seminar on ‘NVDA’ at Indraprastha College for Women, University of Delhi, sep, 2014.

Coordinated a Play, ‘Ek Sabyata Prem Ki Virudh’, performed by the differently abled students of IP College, at Anthar Dhvani, Feb, 2014.

Administrative Assignments

Member, Draft Ordinance Committee, SLL&CS, JNU, since December 2024.

Member, Board of Studies, School of Language, Literature & Culture Studies, Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi since December 2023.

Member, Student Faculty Committee (SFC), Centre for English Studies, SLL&CS, JNU since September 2024.

Warden, Subansir Hostel of Mahanadhi-1, Jawaharlal Nehru University from 12 March 2024 to 19 May 2024.

Member, Placement Cell Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi, from April to September, 2024.

Founding Coordinator, Centre for Disability Studies, Indraprastha College for Women, December 2022 to November 2023.

Coordinator, enabling Unit set up under HEPSN Scheme, UGC from Jul 2013 to May 2015, Jan-May 2016, July 2018-November 2023.

Served as Liaison Officer, Indraprastha College for Women, University of Delhi, July 2018-November 2023.

Served as Teacher-In-Charge, Department of English, Indraprastha College for women, University of Delhi from August 2015-August 2017.

Served as Founding Coordinator, Centre for Disability Studies, Indraprastha College for Women, University of Delhi, December 2022-November 2023.

College admissions for the academic year 2014-2015.

Member, Library Committee from Jul 2013 to May 2015, 2016, 2018-November 2023.

Member, Career Guidance and counselling Cell Jul 2013 to May 2015, 2016, 2018-November 2023.

Member, Prizes and scholarships Committee, Jul 2013 to May 2015, 2016, 2018-November 2023.

Member, Equal Opportunities Cell, Jul 2009 to May 2011, 2013-November 2023.

Member, General Facilities Committee, Jul 2008 to May 2009.

Membership in Organisations and Editorial Boards

Member, Editorial Board, Literary Hermeneutics Journal since December 2024.

Life Member, Indian Association for Common Wealth literature and Language Studies (IACLALS) since 2009.

Life Member, Eklavya Literary Research Foundation, since April 2024.

Life Member, India International Society for Eighteenth Century Studies (IISECS) since 2024.

Member, Socio-legal Studies Association (SLSA) 2023-2024.

Trustee Member, Board of Trustees, CBM India Trust since August 2024.

Member, Board of Directors, Delhi Bible Fellowship August 2021 to August 2024.

Member, Executive committee, Visually Impaired Higher Education Teachers association, India for a period of three years since 2023.

Member, Board of Directors, Ashish Foundation, since 2023.

Member, Core Group, Engage Disability, since 2022.

Member, Engage Disability, Delhi Hub, since 2017.

Out Reach Activities

Panel Discussant at the launch of Gender Academy by YWCA and Schumacher Society, Delhi on 23rd January 2025.

Panel Discussant as part of the International Human Rights Day celebrations organized by YWCA, Delhi on 10 December 2024.

Delivered a Talk as Special Guest at the Alumni Meet of the Girls of Little Flower Convent Higher Secondary School for the blind, Chennai, Tamil Nadu, India on 20 July 2024.

Compiled and transcribed the Conference proceedings for VANI, New Delhi, July, 2006.

Tested Website Accessibility for Enabling Dimensions Pvt. Ltd., New Delhi, May, 2006.

vice President, Delhi University Physically Challenged Teachers' Association, 2008-2009.

Participated in the National Integration Camp organized by NSS along with the Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports, Government of India, University of Lucknow, Lucknow, Oct, 2004

Member, Executive Committee in Visually Impaired Women's Association, Chennai, 2003-2004.

Linguistic Repertoire: English, Tamil, Telugu (functional) and Hindi (functional).

I hereby declare that the information furnished above is true to the best of my knowledge and ability.

Dr. BR. Alamelu New Delhi 22/09/2025.