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## **I. Experience**

- (i) Joined as an Assistant Professor on 01.10.2001.**
- (ii) Associate Professor since 01.10.2013.**
- (iii) Professor since 01.10.2016.**

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## **II. Academic Qualification:**

- **M.A. English, 1992 Patna University, Patna (with specialization in Linguistics)**  
**M.A. Linguistics, 1994 JNU, New Delhi (with specialization in Sanskrit Linguistics)**
- **M.Phil. 1997 JNU**  
**(Topic : *Buddhist Theory of Meaning and Literary Analysis: An Example Study*)**
- **Ph.D. 2001 JNU :**  
**(Topic: *Shaiva Philosophy and Literary Theory: An Examination of Abhinavagupta's Poetics with Reference to Tantraloka.*)**

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### **III. Teaching and Research Areas:**

**Kashmir Shaivism, Buddhism, Sanskrit linguistics, Sanskrit Poetics, Asian Literature, Philosophy of Language, Comparative Poetics and Comparative Religion.**

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### **IV. Research Supervision:**

- **Ph.D.: -          Awarded: 20 Ongoing: 06**
- **M.Phil.: -        Awarded: 21**  
**Post-Doctoral Fellows: Submitted: 06**  
**Ongoing: 02**

**Foreign Research Scholars: Awarded: 02. Rome University, Rome (Italy) and William James College, Boston (USA)**

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### **V. Awards:**

- 1. Okita Memorial Fellowship (ICCR, New Delhi and Japan Foundation, 1998)**
- 2. The Indian Council for Cultural Relations and South Asian Institute (SAI), University of Heidelberg (Germany) had offered in 2012 a prestigious chair (Professor Heinrich Zimmer Chair) for two years to teach Indian Intellectual History. (Deferred by me due to my personal family issues, i.e. critical illness of my mother at that time).]**

### **V. Publications**

#### **Books:**

- 1. *Buddhist Theory of Meaning and Literary Analysis*, Delhi: D K Printworld Pvt.Ltd. 1999, Reprint 2008.**
- 2. *Shaiva Philosophy and Literary Theory*, Delhi: D K Printworld Pvt. Ltd. (Revised Edition, Forthcoming)**

**Chapters in Books: 16.**

**Articles/Research Papers: 07**

**Book Reviews: 05**

## **VI. Media Article and Talks: 21**

## **VIII. UGC Online Courses (MOOCS, UGC E-PG Pathashala)**

- **THREE** lecture Recordings on Sanskrit Poetics (Mahatma Gandhi International Hindi University, Wardha)
- **SIX** lecture Recordings on India's Intellectual Traditions for Centre for Indic Studies (Indus University, Ahmedabad) 2016.
- **Two** lecture Recordings on Legends of Kashmir: Acharya Abhinavagupta(History and Philosophy), Dept. of Sociology, Rani Dugavati University, Jabalpur. 2018.

## **IX. Editorship:**

1. Associate Editor, *Encyclopaedia of Hinduism* (11 Vols.), Rupa & Company (Delhi) and University of South Carolina Press (USA), 2010, 2012.
2. Assistant Editor, *Encyclopedia of Indian Poetics*, (under publication), Sahitya Akademi (UNESCO funded International Project). Likely to be published in 2023.
3. Supervised and edited the entries on Vakrokti and Aucitya written for Sanskrit Literary Theory under the Xth Plan Multi-Media Multi- Lingual Encyclopedic Dictionary for Special Centre for Sanskrit Studies, JNU.
4. Co -editor *Towards Asian Poetics: A Study in the Inter-Cultural Space in India, Korea, China and Japan*, Delhi: Manak Publication Private Limited, 2015.
5. Assistant Editor *Mutual Regard: An Anthology of Indo-Irish Writing*, Delhi: D K Printworld, 2018.
6. Editor-in-Chief Malini Journal of Ishwar Ashram Trust, Srinagar/ Delhi since 2018. (Established by Swami Lakshmana Joo).

## **X. Seminars Lectures/Research Paper Presentation:**

- International: 70
- Invited Lectures:120
- Invited Lectures: 125

## **XI. Research Projects:**

- 1. Project Director: A Comprehensive Study Culture, Philosophy, Literature and Languages in Jammu and Kashmir, ICSSR New Delhi funded major project under the MHRD Govt. of India, 2017-2018. Submitted in March, 2021 and evaluated by experts as **OUTSTANDING**.**
- 2. Critical Discourses in South Asia, a mega multi-volume project of Routledge (London): Co-editor of Critical Discourses in Sanskrit Poetics to be completed by December 2025.**

## **XII. Membership of Boards/ Committees:**

1. JNU Court (2003-2004, 2017-2018)
2. Academic Council, JNU (2003-2004, 2016-2018, 2019)
3. Special Committee, Special Centre for Sanskrit Studies, JNU till 2018.
4. Faculty Committee, Centre for Japanese Studies, JN U since 2017.
5. Faculty of Persian and Central Asian Studies, JNU since 2019.
6. Kalakosha Division, Programme Advisory Committee, IGNC, New Delhi(since 2017).
7. Board of Studies, Mahatma Gandhi International University, Wardha since April 2019.
8. Faculty of Humanities, Banasthali Vidyapeeth, Rajasthan since April 2019.
9. Executive and Empowerment Committees of National Manuscript Mission, Ministry of Culture, since 2020.
10. Member of Programme Advisory Committee of National Institute of Open Learning, NOIDA.
11. Board of Studies, Sanskrit Studies, Sanchi University of Buddhist Indic Studies.
12. Programme Advisor Committee, National Mission for Manuscripts, New Delhi. (Ministry of Culture) (Since 2020)

### **XIII. Administrative Positions:**

1. Chief Proctor, JNU May 2021- May 2023.
2. Chief Coordinator Linguistic Empowerment Cell, JNU, since 2020-22
3. Chairman, Campus Development Committee, JNU, since 2019-May 2021.
4. Provost, Uttarakhand, under Inter-Hall Administration JNU, 2016-2020.
5. Wardenship under Inter-Hall Administration, JNU 2003-2012.

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