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Current Position

Professor of Education

Central Institute of Education

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Positions Held

- *Professor of Education, Faculty of Education, University of Delhi, 1994 onwards.*

Concurrent Appointments:

- *Vice Chancellor, Ambedkar University Delhi 2008-2018 (on deputation).*
- *Proctor, University of Delhi, 2000-2005.*
- *Dean, Faculty of Education and Head, Department of Education, University of Delhi, 2001-2004.*
- *Professor and Director, School of Education, Indira Gandhi National Open University IGNOU (On Deputation), 1996-1998.*
- *Professor of Educational Technology and Head, Department of Evaluation, Research and Training, Central Institute of Educational Technology, National Council of Educational Research and Training, 1993-1994.*
- *Reader (Associate Professor) in Education, Indira Gandhi National Open University, 1987-1993.*
- *Visiting Fellow, Department of Curriculum and Instruction, University of Wisconsin, Madison, WI, USA, 1992.*
- *Visiting Faculty, University of New England, Armidale, NSW, Australia, 1991.*
- *Lecturer (Assistant Professor) in Education, Centre of Advanced Study in Education, The M.S. University of Baroda, 1982-1987.*

Education

- Post Doctoral Work at the University of Wisconsin, Madison, WI, 1992. Area: Access to Higher Education
- Ph.D. (Education) from the M.S. University of Baroda, 1986. Area: Curriculum Studies and Science Education
- M.Ed. from the M.S. University of Baroda, 1978. Specialization: Measurement and Evaluation; Curriculum and Instruction.
- B.Sc. (Physics) from the University of Kerala, 1976.

Fellowships and Honors

- Fulbright Postdoctoral Fellowship, 1992.
- Commonwealth of Learning Study Fellowship, 1991.
- University Grants Commission Research Fellowship, 1978-82.
- UGC Scholarship under the CAS Scheme, 1977-78.
- Professor T.K.N. Menon Gold Medal, 1978.
- Professor S.N. Mukherjee Gold Medal, 1978.

Honorary Positions, Boards, etc. (selected list)

- Board of Governors, Institute of Human Development
- Board of Trustees, The Sameeksha Trust
- Board of Trustees, Indian Writers' Forum
- Board of Trustees, *Pratham*-Delhi
- Academic Council, Srishti: Institute of Art, Design and Technology, Bangalore
- Academic Council, Azim Premji University, Bangalore
- Academic Council, Navrachana University, Vadodara
- National Mission on Teachers, A sub-committee of the Central Advisory Board of Education. 2012-2014.
- State Security Commission, Delhi. 2012- 2018.
- Chairman, Committee for developing curriculum structure and guidelines for MEd and BEd-MEd integrated programmes, National Council for Teacher Education, 2013-15.
- Task Force on Access to Higher Education, International Association of Universities, UNESCO, Paris, 2006-2013.
- Research Council of the Indian Council of Social Sciences Research, 2011-13.
- Council of the National Council for Teacher Education, 2007-11.

Editing

- International Advisory Board, *Comparative Education*, Taylor and Francis
- International Advisory Board, *Teaching Education*, Routledge, 2004-2012.
- International Advisory Board, *Asia Pacific Journal of Education*, Routledge, 2005-2013.
- Advisory Board, *Contemporary Education Dialogue*, 2004-2012.
- Editor, *Perspectives in Education*, 1984-1988, and 1995-2000.
- Editorial Board, *Indian Journal of Open Learning*, 1997-2000.

Consulting (selected)

- UNESCO Consultant and Resource Person in the Sub-Regional Workshop on Human Rights Education in the Gulf States' School Systems, Doha, Qatar, 2004.
- Consultant with the American Institutes for Research as Selection Committee Member for the REACH-India Project under Leader Cooperative Agreement with USAID. 2004, 2005.
- Consultant to the Government of Netherlands on the 13th Joint Review Mission of DPEP, April 2001.

Participation in Institutional Governance and Management (selected)

- Chairperson of Board of Management, Academic Council, Finance Committee and most other Statutory Bodies of the Ambedkar University Delhi 2008- .
- Court, Ambedkar University, Delhi 2008- .
- Executive Council, University of Delhi, 2000-2005.
- Academic Council, University of Delhi, 2001-2004.
- Court, University of Delhi, 1994 onwards.
- Chairman, Residence, Health and Discipline Board, University of Delhi, 2000-2005.
- Chairman, Faculty of Education, University of Delhi, 2001-2004.
- Chairman, Committees of Courses, Department of Education, University of Delhi, 2001-2004.
- Chairman, Departmental Council, Department of Education, University of Delhi, 2001-2004.

Research Interests

- Teacher Education, Higher Education (Access, Quality and Institutional Development), Curriculum Studies.

Publications and Presentations (selected)

- ‘Teacher Education in Universities: A Case from India’. In B. Moon, ed. (2016) *Do Universities have a Role in the Education and Training of Teachers? An International Analysis of Policy and Practice*. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press. (Jointly with Rama Mathew)
- ‘Higher Education in India’. In D. Neubauer, J. Hawkins, M. Lee & C. Collins, eds. (2016) *Handbook of Asian Higher Education*, New York: Palgrave Macmillan.
- ‘School and Fear’. The inaugural keynote address at the conference on Worlds of Fear: School Cultures. Centre for Learning, Bangalore. December 2015.
- ‘Secularism and Education: Towards a new common sense’. Maulana Abul Kalam Azad Chair Annual Lecture, University of Calicut, March 2011.
- ‘Higher Education in India: Emerging Challenges and Possibilities’. Professor G. Ram Reddy Memorial Lecture, Hyderabad, December 2010.
- ‘Access, Equity and Broadening Participation in Higher Education: A glimpse of the emerging trends in India’. Global Higher Education Forum Malaysia 2007, Kuala Lumpur, November 2007.
- ‘Access, Inclusiveness and Excellence: Emerging Trends in Indian Higher Education Policy’. International Forum on Education 2020, East-West Center, Honolulu, Hawaii. August 2007.
- ‘Higher Education in India: Some recent developments in expansion and inclusion’. Annual meeting of the American Council on Education, Washington, DC. February 2007.
- ‘Education as Professional Practice: The case for saving a crumbling edifice’. The Fifth Professor Suresh C. Shukla Memorial Lecture, Jamia Millia Islamia, New Delhi, March 2006.
- ‘Futuristic Challenges in Quality Assurance in Teacher Education: Need for a comprehensive perspective’. In K. Rama & M. Menon, eds. (2004) *Innovations in Teacher Education: International practices of quality assurance*. Bangalore: NAAC-COL.

Membership of Professional Bodies

- Indian Association of Teacher Educators
- Comparative Education Society of India

Languages

Fluent in English, Malayalam

Reasonable fluency in Hindi

Biographical

Nationality : Indian

Date of Birth : 20 April 1956