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Academic Qualification: PhD in English Literature, MPhil in English Literature, M.A English- Gold Medal.

Total Teaching Experience: 16 years

Total Research Experience: 5 years (PhD and M Phil supervision)

Research Area: Diaspora Studies, Dalit Studies, Cultural Studies, Studies and Translation Studies.

Honours and Awards: Total 3

- a. Eklavya, Best Writer Award 2025, Awarded by: Eklavya Literary Research Foundation.
- b. 21st Century Emily Dickinson Award for the 'Leaves in the Rain' poetry collection 2024. Awarded by: Bookleaf Publishing.
- c. Research Excellence Award 2023, Awarded by: Institute of Researchers

Conferences and Seminars- Total 18

1. National Seminar on Guru Parampara and Indian Knowledge Systems on 25- 27 June 2025, held by the Indian Institute of Advanced Studies (IIAS), Shimla.

Topic- Revival of Indian Knowledge Systems to Address Caste Inequality-A Confluence with Jiddu Krishnamurti's Vision on Education.

2. Participated in the 1st International Conference of the Austrian Association for American Studies on "Education, the Arts and American Studies, in PH Vorarlberg- Feldkirch from Oct 17- 19, 2024. "Empowering the Dalit Diaspora Multiculturalism, Activism and Resistance in the United States".

3. Two Days International Conference on "Global Perspectives on Gender Based Violence- Intersectionality and Interdisciplinary Space" on 5th & 6th Dec 2024, organized by the Dept of English, School of Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences, REVA University, Bengaluru, in collaboration with Lakehead University, Ontario, Canada. Topic- Unmasking Caste and Gender Oppression in Baburao Bagul's 'When I Hid My Caste'.

Peer-Reviewed Publications: (Total- 16 publications)

1. Caste Beyond Borders: Ambedkarite Thought, Digital Resistance, and Dalit Diaspora, Desh Vikas, Volume: 12, Issue: 3, October - December 2025, pp: 55-77, ISSN: 2394-1782, RNI: APENG/2014/57359.
Narratives of Misrepresented Identity in Yashica Dutts *Coming out as a Dalit*. 2024 IJNRD , Volume 9, Issue 7 July 2024| ISSN: 2456-4184 | Impact Factor: 8.76.
2. International Journal of Research and Analytical Reviews (IJRAR), Delineation of Dalit perspective in Suraj Yengde's Caste Matters. April 2024. E Issn-2348-1269, P- ISSN- 2349-5138, Impact factor- 7.17 DOI- <http://doi.org/10.1729/Journal.39057>.
3. Positioning of Dalit Women as Others: A Study of Baburao Bagul's Story "Prisoner of Darkness". IJCRT, June 2022. **Impact Factor- 7.97**. ISSN 2320-2882, International Peer Reviewed, Open Access Journal, UGC approved journal number 40023(18).Pg no. - C204-c208.

10. Book Chapters: (Total-5)

1. Book chapter Accepted for publication by IIAS, Shimla. Revival of Indian Knowledge Systems to Address Caste Inequality—A Confluence with Jiddu Krishnamurti's Vision on Education
2. Book Chapter- Accepted by Routledge to be published as a book series- "Narratives with fresh perspective from American Dalit Diaspora".

3. Relevance of Tagore in Contemporary India. Centre for research in rural and industrial development (1 January 2013)
ISBN-10 : 8185835640 ISBN-13 : 978-8185835648.
4. "Influence of Myths, Legends, Fables and Folktales in Sudha Murthy's Book Grandparents Bag of Stories". Emerging Trends and Challenges in English Literature, Art, and Culture. Edited by Gurpreet Kaur. Publication Bureau, Sri Teg Bahadur Khalsa College, Anandpur Sahib, Punjab, India. 2022. Pg. no. 349-356.
5. Global Perspectives on Gender Based Violence: Literature, Media, Law, and Society. Edited by Dr. Abhisarika Prajapati. "Unmasking Caste and Gender Oppression in Baburao Bagul's When I Hid My Caste". pg. 103-112. Authorspress, New Delhi. 2025. ASIN: B0FHHSFGZK.

Books:

1. Leaves in the Rain, September 2024. Bookleaf Publishing. ISBN:9789363307889.
2. Harmony of Productivity: A Holistic Guide to Sustainable Self-Growth. January 2024. Amazon Kindle Publishing. ISBN: 9789334002409.

Ongoing or completed Project:

1. Worked on an International translation Project with Rupkatha 2024
2. Book translation Project- translation of the Himachal Kala Sanskriti Bhasha Akademi Sahitya Samman (2012) Award-winning book by OP Sharma on Folklores of the Mahasui and Sirmouri dialects.