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Designation		Professor				
Department		Education				
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Education						
Subject		Institution		Year		Details
Social Psychology of Education		ZHCES, SSS, Jawaharlal Nehru University		1990		PhD
Social Psychology of Education		ZHCES, SSS, Jawaharlal Nehru University		1981		MPhil
Psychology		Department of Psychology, University of Delhi		1978		M A
Psychology Honours		Indraprastha College, University of Delhi		1976		B A (Hons)
Career Profile						
Organisation / Institution		Designation		Duration		Role
Central Institute of Education (CIE) (Department of Education) University of Delhi		Professor		18 years		Post-graduate Teaching, Research Guidance, Research and Intervention
Central Institute of Education (CIE) (Department of Education) University of Delhi		Associate Professor		08 years		Research, Intervention and Post-graduate Teaching and Research Guidance
Zakir Hussain Centre for Educational Studies, School of Social Sciences, Jawaharlal Nehru University		Assistant Professor		09 months		Teaching and Research Guidance for M Phil-PhD programme
Department of Psychology, Jesus and Mary College, University of Delhi		Assistant Professor		11 years		Under-graduate Teaching, Research Guidance and Research

Research Interests / Specialization

Public policy in education; teacher education; curriculum and pedagogic studies; comparative education; developmental and social psychology and gender studies.

Teaching Experience (Subjects/Courses Taught) Current Year

- Masters of Education (MEd) Programme:
Epistemological and Conceptual Frameworks of Social Science Education
Social Science Learning in the Elementary School
Social Science in Secondary and Senior Secondary School
- Bachelor of Education (BEd) Programme:
Gender, School and Society
- Research Scholars working under my supervision:
Eight PhD scholars
Five MPhil scholars
Six MEd scholars

Honors & Awards

1. Jawaharlal Nehru Memorial Fund Award 2007 by the Jawaharlal Nehru Memorial Fund
2. Career Award, University Grants Commission, Government of India, 1995.
3. Minor Research Fellowship, University Grants Commission, Government of India, 1994.

Publications (LAST FIVE YEARS)

Books/Chapters/Monographs

1. Reclaiming the Space for Teachers to Address the UEE Teaching-Learning Quality Deficit in Govinda and Sedwal, *India Education Report*, New Delhi: Oxford, 2017.
2. Quality of Education and the Poor: Constraints on Learning in Michael Peters et al (Eds). *A Companion to Research in Teacher Education*, Singapore: Springer, 2017.
3. Curriculum in India: Narratives, Debates and a Deliberative Agenda in William Pinar (Ed.). *Curriculum Studies in India: Intellectual Histories and Present Circumstances*, Canada:

Palgrave Macmillan, 2015.

4. Teacher Education and Classroom Practice in India: A Critique and Propositions, in S. Chunawala & M. Kharatmal (Eds.). *The epiSTEME Reviews, volume 4, Research Trends in Science, Technology and Mathematics Education*, HBCSE, TIFR, Narosa Publishing House, 2013.
5. Positioning Teachers in the Emerging Education Landscape of Contemporary India, in *India Infrastructure Report on Education: Private Sector in Education*, IDFC, New Delhi: Routledge, 2012.
6. Good Practices in Teacher Recruitment, Training, Management, and Performance with an Emphasis on Diversity and Federal Structure in the 35 States and Union Territories of India, *Research Report, NUEPA*, 2012.
7. Education in Contemporary India: Perspective and Opportunities, chapter in volume on *Education and Human Development: Perspectives and Vision for the Future*, UNESCO, Brazil, 2012. In Portuguese.
8. Batra, Poonam (Ed) (2010) *Social Science Learning in Schools: Perspective and Challenges*, Sage Publications, New Delhi.

In Indexed/ Peer Reviewed Journals

<u>Year of Publication</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Journal</u>	<u>Co-Author</u>
2015	Quality Education and the Poor: Constraints on Learning	<i>TRG Poverty and Education Working Paper Series 4. Max Weber Stiftung Foundation, 2015</i>	
2014	Problematising Teacher Education Practice in India: Developing a Research Agenda	<i>Education as Change Vol. 18Iss. sup1, 2014</i>	
2012	Empoderamento dos professores entre direito à educação e mudança social. (Portuguese)	Cad. Pesqui., São Paulo, 42(147), December, 2012.	

Articles/Compilations

1. Unheard Voices: Teacher Research and Reflections, a series of 30 articles published by the Regional Resource Centre for Elementary Education, University of Delhi, June 2016.
2. Co-edited a series of 13 volumes of Hindi translations of over 90 education articles published in English, published by the Regional Resource Centre for Elementary Education, University of Delhi, June 2016.
3. DU Undergraduate Reforms: Prospects or Lost Opportunity? Web Exclusives: Volume XLVIII, No. 28, 13 July 2013.
4. Book Review: Manabi Majumdar and Jos Mooij (2011) Education and Inequality in India: A Classroom View, *Contemporary Education Dialogue*, Volume 11(1), 2013.
5. Teaching the Teacher: the key link in making a success of the Right to Education, *Indian Express*, Monday, 4th July, 2011.
6. Bengali translation of the article: “The Contested Terrain of School Social Science” in *Asmita*, Teachers’ Magazine, Vikramshila, Calcutta, July, 2011.
7. The Contested Terrain of School Social Science, *Learning Curve*, Azim Premji

Conference/Talks/Workshops/Presentations (2011-2016)

1. Led a five day residential workshop for teacher educators from SCERT and DIETs of the State of Meghalaya, May, 2017.
2. Invited Keynote Speaker at the British Educational Research Association (BERA) Conference, University of Leeds, September, 2016.
3. Keynote Address: Maanava Lila: The Child's Cosmic Task, Maitri, 23 September, 2016, Kalakshetra, Chennai.
4. Led a session in Workshop on *Sustainable Educational Standards through Teacher Excellence in Kerala*, 19 March, 2016, *UNICEF-DIET Thrissur*, Ramavarmapuram, Kerala.
5. Invited Speaker on Orienting Education towards Skill Development: Perspective, Challenges and Possibilities, Christ College, Jagdalpur, January, 2016.
6. Address at the Conference on *Worlds of Fear: School Cultures*, 13 December, 2015, *Centre for Learning*, Varadenahalli, Bangalore.
7. Chaired the highlighted session during the *Comparative Education Society of India International Conference* on "Domination, Emancipation, Dignity and the Idea of Teacher Agency", 14 December, 2015, *Azim Premji University*, Bangalore.
8. Presidential Address at the *Comparative Education Society of India International Conference* on Education: Domination, Emancipation and Dignity, 14-16 December, 2015, *Azim Premji University*, Bangalore.
9. Panelist on Teacher Professional Development: Perspectives On Policy, Socio-political Scenarios, Standards and Teacher Agency from India, Alberta (Canada), and South Africa, *WERA Conference*, 8-11 September, 2015, *Budapest*, Hungary.
10. Educating to Develop Democratic Citizens: The Policy-Practice Interface, Keynote address Towards Policy Reforms in Education for Democratic Citizenship organised by the *Children's Movement for Civic Awareness in collaboration with Centre for Corporate Governance & Citizenship of Indian Institute of Management*, Bangalore, 7th October, 2015, *Indian Institute of Management*, Bangalore.
11. Panelist at National Convention on Status Implementation of RTE Act, 2009 in India: Justiciability and Challenges of RTE Act, *National Coalition for Education*, *Vishwa Yuvak Kendra*, *New Delhi*, 27 March, 2015.
12. Chaired Session at International Conference on Science, Ethics and Education, *D S Kothari Centre*, *University of Delhi*, 25 March, 2015.
13. Speaker at Panel on The 5th National Stock Taking Convention on Status of Implementation of RTE Act, 2009, *Constitution Club*, *New Delhi*, 25 March, 2015.
14. Keynote Address at Manthan: Rethinking Ideas and Practices in Elementary Education, *Department of Elementary Education*, *Institute of Home Economics*, *DU*, 24 March, 2015.
15. Chaired session on Public Education Systems and the Education of the Urban Poor, Seminar on Education in Delhi: Marginalisation, Diversity and Schools, *Ambedkar*

- University, Delhi, 20 March, 2015.*
16. Keynote Address: Sustaining Quality in Education at National Seminar on Sustaining Quality in Higher Education with specific reference to Teacher Education in Jammu and Kashmir, *Government College of Education, Srinagar, 19 March, 2015.*
 17. Keynote Address at Buniyad: Seminar on Resilience and Resistance: Challenging the Construct of Disability, *Miranda House, University of Delhi, 10 March, 2015.*
 18. Keynote Address at Seher: Academic Meet on Conceptualising Inclusive Classrooms, *Department of Elementary Education, LSR, 9 January, 2015.*
 19. Keynote Address: Re-envisioning Teacher Education in India: Policy and Practice, at National Seminar on Reforms in Teacher Education: Applications and Outcomes, *Bhillai Maitreyi College, Bhillai, 4 December 2014.*
 20. Panelist in Plenary on Teachers, Educational Practice and Social Change, *CESI 2014 Conference on Education, Politics and Social Change, Conference Centre, University of Delhi, 16-18 November, 2014.*
 21. Role of Story Telling in Education, *Storyghar, India Habitat Centre, 28 September, 2014.*
 22. Talk via Skype on Teacher Education and Higher Education, Refresher Course, *University of Mumbai, 25 September 2014.*
 23. Panelist on Education and Women, Seminar on Engendering State and Society in India: Inquiries from a Feminist Perspective, *Lakshmibai College, University of Delhi, 20 August, 2014.*
 24. Keynote address at National Conference on Enriching Education: Sculpting Humane Professionals, *The Bombay Teachers Training College and St. Xaviers Institute of Education, 5-6 August, 2014.*
 25. Keynote Address at The 3rd International Conference on the Reform of Curriculum and Instruction, *Hangzhou University, Hangzhou, 23-25 May, 2014.*
 26. Studying and Practicing Teacher Education: Contesting and Re-imagining, International Seminar on Philosophy of Education, *Azim Premji University, Bangalore, 12 May, 2014.*
 27. Speaker at Symposium on Education, Equality and Justice, *Azim Premji University, Chennai, 10 May, 2014.*
 28. Lecture on: Justice Verma Commission Recommendations for Teacher Education, at Refresher Course, Academic Staff College, *Jamia Milia Islamia, 30 April, 2014.*
 29. Speaker at Regional Seminar on Philosophy of Education, *Azim Premji University and Kumaon University, Almora, 24-26 March 2014.*
 30. Speaker at Symposium on Research in TYA: Exploring Possibilities, *Assitej India and NBT, World book Fair, 19 February, 2014.*
 31. Panelist on Teacher Education, Teaching and Quality Issues, *National Launch of 'Education for All Global Monitoring Report 2013-14: Teaching and Learning-Achieving Quality for All, 29 January, 2014.*
 32. Quality of Education and the Poor: Constraints on Learning, *CESI Conference, Kolkata, 28-30 December 2013.*
 33. Panelist for National Consultation on Enhancing Learning Outcomes, *UNICEF, 12-13 December, 2013.*
 34. Speaker on Panel on 'Teachers and Equity', *UNICEF, 27-29 November 2013.*
 35. Address at the Zonal Meeting of Vice-Chancellors, *Kochi, 12-13 November 2013.*
 36. Keynote Address: Implications of New Policy Directions on Teacher Education and Support, Workshop for teacher educators and education officials, *MSCERT, Pune, 1 October, 2013.*
 37. Transforming Classroom Practice: Teacher Education and Pedagogy in India,

- Presentation at *Workshop of Teacher Educators, MHRD*, 15th August, 2013.
38. Elementary Teacher Education: the case of the BEIEd, Presentation for the *Centre for Innovations in Public Systems*, Raipur, July 2013.
 39. Professional Development of Teachers to Impact Learning for All, *E9 Technical Meeting, MHRD*, June 2013.
 40. Talk on Gender and Education, Refresher Course, *CPDHE, University of Delhi*, 14 March 2013.
 41. The Education of Teachers: the policy-practice interface, Presentation at *Ambedkar University, Delhi*, 21 March 2013.
 42. Pre-school Education: Policy Concerns and Challenges for the Practitioner, *Royal Global School, Guwahati*, 23 February, 2013.
 43. Video Conference on Teacher Education in South Asian Region, *CIDA, Canada*, 12 February, 2013.
 44. Equity, Access and Quality in Education: Challenges before Jammu and Kashmir, *WISCOM*, 13-14 January, 2013.
 45. Panelist for 'Education for Peace: Perspectives and Praxis, *Inter-Disciplinary Seminar, Department of Elementary Education, LSR*, 12 January, 2013.
 46. Teacher Education for Democracy, Asia-Pacific Regional Conference of the Community of Democracies, *NCERT-MHRD*, 17-18 January, 2013.
 47. Discourses on Teacher Education, Paper presented at plenary session, *CESI Conference: Education for a Changing World, University of Jammu*, October, 2012.
 48. Panelist: Possible Comparative Research Agenda for India and Possible Sites for Comparison, *CESI Conference: Education for a Changing World, University of Jammu*, October, 2012.
 49. Teacher Qualifications Framework, Presentation at the *Induction Workshop on the Development of National and Regional Qualifications Framework in the Teaching Profession, UNESCO BRED, Dakar, Senegal*, 25-27 June 2012.
 50. Integrated Teacher Education: Vision and Possibilities, *Consultation, CSCS, Central University Tamil Nadu (CUTN), HEIRA, Bangalore*, 27-28 January 2012.
 51. The Education of Teachers: Vision and Curricular Thrusts, *Consultation, NUEPA-MHRD*, 14 December, 2011.
 52. Social Sciences: the subject and perspective, *Consultation on Social Sciences and School Education, SIERT, Udaipur*, 30 November, 2011.
 53. Rethinking Assessment in the Current Educational Context, *The Association for Evaluation and Assessment in Southern Africa (ASEASA) Conference, Johannesburg*, 11-13 July, 2011.
 54. Positioning Learning, Presentation at the Refresher Course on Education, *CPDHE, University of Delhi*, June, 2011.
 55. Reflections on Pedagogy in Higher Education, Presentation at the Refresher Course on Education, *CPDHE, University of Delhi*, June, 2011.
 56. Education in Contemporary India: Perspective and Opportunities, *UNESCO Seminar on Education and Development, Brasilia, Brazil*, 3-5 May 2011.
 57. Teacher Education Curricular Vision, Presentation at the Refresher Course on Education, *Academic Staff College, Jamia Milia Islamia*, April 25, 2011.
 58. Social Sciences and the School Curriculum, Keynote address at the Teachers Seminar, *Delhi Public School Society, Dwarka*, 25 April, 2011.
 59. Educating Teachers: Need for Change, Vision and Curricular Thrusts, Presentation at the National Consultation on Teacher Education, *SCERT, Thiruvananthapuram, Kerala*, 16-18 February, 2011.
 60. Teacher Education: Historical Context and Issues, Series of Lectures for Course on

Foundations in Education, *Digantar, Jaipur*, 20-21 January, 2011.

61. Teacher Development in the Context of Right to Education, Presentation at State Level Consultation with Teacher Educators from Government and Private Teacher Education Institutes in *Madhya Pradesh, Bhopal*, 11-13 January, 2011.

62. Transforming Classroom Practice: Teacher Education and Pedagogy in India, Review Lecture, *epiSTEME-4, HBCSE, Mumbai*, 4-9 January, 2011.

Public Service / University Service / Consulting Activity

Public Service (current)

- Secretary, International Association for the Advancement of Curriculum Studies (IAACS).
- Advisory Board Member, *Contemporary Education Dialogue*, published by SAGE, New Delhi.
- Member, Teachers Recruitment Committee of the Government of Delhi, 2016-2017.
- Member, School Board, School of Education, Tata Institute of Social Sciences, Mumbai, since March 2016.
- Member, International Advisory Board for the Journal: *Teaching Education*, published by Taylor and Francis.
- President, *Comparative Education Society of India (CESI)* since January, 2015.
- Member, *Advisory Board* of the Journal: *Contemporary Education Dialogue* published by SAGE, New Delhi, since 2015.
- Vice-Chancellor's nominee for the Research Development Committee, Pandit Ravi Shankar University, Raipur, since January, 2015.
- Secretary, *International Association for the Advancement of Curriculum Studies (IAACS)*, since June, 2013.
- Member of the *Editorial Board* of the Journal: *Contemporary Education Dialogue* published by SAGE, New Delhi since its inception in 2003-2015.
- Chairperson, *NCTE Regulations Committee* to review existing regulatory functions of the NCTE, Report submitted in May, 2014.
- Chairperson, *NCTE Committee to implement the recommendations of the JVC*, Report submitted in October, 2014.
- Member, *Selection Committee for Education Faculty*, School of Education, Tezpur University, August, 2014.
- Member, National Advisory Committee, National Centre for School Leadership, NUEPA, since 2014.

- Led process of Curriculum Design for DEIEd programme in collaboration with DERT, Shillong, Meghalaya, 2014-2015.
- Mentor for Field Attachment Project for one student of MA programme in Elementary Education at the Tata Institute of Social Sciences, Mumbai, 2014-2015.
- Academic Advisor for Meghan M. Chidsey, Fullbright-Nehru Scholar in Anthropology and Education at Columbia University, New York, 2013-2014.
- Mentor for Field Attachment Project for three students of MA programme in Elementary Education at the Tata Institute of Social Sciences, Mumbai, 2013-2014.
- Member, *NCTE Committee to consolidate and examine suggestions for amendments to the NCTE Act*, since October, 2013.
- Visitor's Nominee at Harisingh Gour Vishwavidyalaya, Sagar since September 2013.
- Member, *Implementation Committee of the Supreme Court* to oversee the implementation of the Justice Verma recommendations (JVC), since May, 2013.
- Member, *National Council for Teacher Education (NCTE) Council*, since May, 2013.
- Member, Advisory Committee for Redesign of BA BEd programme in RIEs, Bhubaneshwar, May, 2013.
- Examiner for Doctoral and MPhil dissertations in various Universities.
- Member, *Joint Review Mission on Teacher Education*, MHRD, 1-5 April, 2013.
- Member, Departmental advisory Committee, Department of Educational Planning, NUEPA, since January, 2013.
- Led Faculty Development Programmes for Teacher Educators in Haryana, SCERT, Gurgaon, January, 2013.
- Member, *Supreme Court appointed Justice Verma Commission on Teacher Education*, July, 2011-2012.
- Member, Sub-group on Elementary and Secondary Teacher Education for the *XII Five Year Plan*, MHRD, since July, 2011.
- Member, Task Force on Teachers and Teacher Education, *NAC-MHRD*, since April, 2011.
- Chairperson, NCTE Committee to review the 'model syllabi' of a two-year programme of elementary teacher education to be offered by DIETs across the country, July 2012.
- Convenor, NCTE sub-committee on Elementary Education to draft a 'model syllabi' of a two-year programme of elementary teacher education to be offered by DIETs across

the country, July 2010-2012.

- Member, Drafting Committee of the NCTE to develop the National Curriculum Framework of Teacher Education: Towards humane and professional teachers, 2009.

Consulting Activity (current)

- Member of Core Group, constituted by the Tata Trusts to develop a strategic plan for Teacher Education Initiative of the Tata Trusts, 2014-2015.
- Conducted a Study of Exemplar Programmes of Teacher Education in India, for the Tata Trusts, 2015.

University Service (current)

- Member, Planning Committee, University of Delhi, since February, 2017.
- Co-ordinator, Bachelor of Elementary Programme (BEIEd), Faculty of Education, University of Delhi since September, 2013.
- Member-Secretary, BEIEd Co-ordination Committee, Faculty of Education, University of Delhi since September, 2013.
- Chairperson, BEIEd Review Committee, Faculty of Education, University of Delhi, September, 2012-July, 2013.
- Member, Departmental Research Committee, Department of Education, University of Delhi, since July, 2012.
- Member of the University Court of the University of Delhi since 2003.
- Member of the Faculty of Education (FoE), and Committee of Courses, University of Delhi since 2003.
- Member, MPhil Committee, Faculty of Education, University of Delhi since 1999.

Projects (Major Grants / Collaborations) (current)

RRCEE Project funded by SDTT, Mumbai: 2011-2016

Project Co-ordinator of a Regional Resource Centre for Elementary Education (RRCEE) established as part of the University-School Resource Network (USRN) with funding from SDTT of approximate amount of 1.5 crore for four years. RRCEE has initiated a series of activities, including a web-portal for elementary education practitioners, a resource library, a teacher fellowship programme, collation of resources including translations in Hindi and developing web modules for teacher education. RRCEE continues to play a major role in supporting initiatives of curriculum reform in teacher education in several states of the country.