

## CURRICULUM – VITAE



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### **Personal Information:**

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### **Education:**

**B.A (Hons) English from Berhampur University, Odisha in 1997 (53% with distinction)**

**M.A. English from Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi in 1999 (6.18 CGPA)**

**M.Phil English from Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi in 2002.**

Dissertation Title: *The Voice of the Oppressed: Translation of Sameer Ranjan's Uihunka Palati Jauthiba Manishamane (A Collection of Oriya Short Stories into English)*

**Ph.D. English from Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi in 2014 (awarded)**

Thesis Title: *Politics of Writing: A Study of Dalits in Odia Literature*

**Research Interest:**

My areas of interest are: Dalit literature, Odia Dalit literature, Odia literature, Indian Literature, Post-colonial literature, African Literature, etc.

**Contribution in International Conferences/Seminars/Workshops :**

1. Participated as Speaker/Delegate in the International Conference on “**Buddhism and Dalits: Vision on modern India**” organized by Kalinga Bouddha Mahasangha Trust, Odisha on 22<sup>nd</sup> -23<sup>rd</sup> November 2014 at Anugul, Odisha. The title of my paper was *Quest for Identity in Odia Literature: A reading of Basudev Sunani's Poetry*.

2. Participated as Speaker/Delegate in the International Conference on *New Trends in 20<sup>th</sup> -21<sup>st</sup> Century English Literature and Language* (NTELL,2015) organized by Department of English, BPS Mahila Vishwavidyalaya, Sonipat, Haryana on March 13-14, 2015. The title of my paper was *English Language: Empowering or Disempowering Dalits*.

3. Participated as Speaker in the International Conference on Language, Literature, and Cultural Studies organized by the Department of Western Languages, Burapha University, Thailand on August 20-21 at A-One the Royal Cruise, Pattaya City, Thailand. The title of my paper was, *English Language in the Context of Dalits in India*.

**Contribution in National Conferences Seminars/Workshops :**

1. Participated and presented a Paper in the national Seminar (20<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup> March 2011) on “Industrialization: Development for Whom?” organized by Economics

Department, Motilal Nehru College (Eve.) UGC-SAP. The title of my paper was *Industrialization and Dalits: A case study of Koraput Region*.

2. Participated and presented a Paper in the national conference (16<sup>th</sup> -18<sup>th</sup> Feb 2012) on “Dalit Experience and question of Marginality” organized by the Department of English. The title of my paper was *Dalit Theology: An Exploration of alternative theology*.
3. Resource person for a lecture in JNU on the topic *Education and Dalits: A Case study of KBK* on 9<sup>th</sup> March 2013 organized by JNUKBK Development Forum.
4. Presented a paper in a daylong seminar on “Development and Marginality: Locating Odisha in contemporary India” organized by Odisha Students’ Association, JNU (OSA) on 28<sup>th</sup> March, 2015. The title of my paper was *History of Odia Literature: A Perspective from Below*.
5. Presented a paper titled, *Quest for Identity in Odia Dalit Poetry* in a symposium organized by Ambedkar Chair, JNU on April 15<sup>th</sup> 2013.
6. Participated in the three week Refresher Course in English organized by the UGC-ASC, Jamia Millia Islamia, New Delhi from 03 July to 23<sup>th</sup> July, 2014.
7. Participated and presented a paper in a symposium on Social Concerns in Dalit Literature organized by Dr.Ambedkar Chair, JNU on 13<sup>th</sup> Feb. 2015. The title of the paper was *English Language: Problems and Perspectives*.
8. Participated in the National Conference on “The Indian Vernacular: Languages, Literatures and Histories” organized by the Department of English, Delhi University on 7<sup>th</sup> – 9<sup>th</sup> September, 2015.

## **List of Publications:**

**List of Books/Monographs Published** (along with the Publisher's name and ISBN No. and year of Publication)

### **Book:**

1. *Politics of Writing: A Study of Dalits in Odia Literature* (publication in the process) **bond has been signed by Authors Press, New Delhi.**

### **Creative Writings:**

Three of my creative writings have been accepted for an OUP book project, entitled, *Dalit Writings from Eastern Regions*.

1. In what language shall I write (an Essay)
2. An Anthill man (Translation of Samir Ranjan's short story from Odia to English)
3. My First Day in the school (a Memoir).

### **Articles in Edited Books/Conference Proceedings/Book Chapter Published:**

#### **Journal proceedings:**

1. International Conference on New Trends in 20<sup>th</sup> – 21<sup>st</sup> Century English Literature and Language (NTELL,2015), edited by Department of English, Bhagat Phool Singh Mahila Vishwavidyalaya, 2015.
2. 2<sup>nd</sup> International Conference on Language, Literature, and Cultural Studies (ICLLCS) edited by Department of Western Languages, Burapha University, Thailand, 2015, ISBN:978-974-384-520-8.

### **Chapter in a Book:**

1. Article titled, *Quest for Identity in Odia Literature: A reading of Basudev Sunani's Poetry* in the book titled "Buddhism and Dalits: Vision on Modern India" edited by Basudev Sunani, published by Kalinga Bouddha Mahasangha Trust in 2014.

**Journal Proceedings/ Journals Edited (with title of the journal , year of publication etc.)**

1. Article titled, “Teaching of “Dalit Literature in Higher Educaiton” in journal, *Language Forum*, 2007, Vol.33.Jan-June 2007. Delhi: Bahri Publications.

**Book Review:**

1. “English Language and Dalit Empowerment” The Delhi University Journal of the Humanities and the Social Sciences, edited by Harish Trivedi, Vol.2, 2015. ISSN: 2348-4357. (Title of the book, *English in the Dalit Context*, edited by Aladi Uma, K.Suneetha Rani and D.Murali Manohar, Hyderabad: Orient Blackswan, 2014;182 pages.

**Leadership:**

1. Organized a talk cum poetry recital by Dr.Basudev Sunani on 20<sup>th</sup> Feb.2012. The title of his talk was “The Role of Literature in building Social Democracy.”

2. Organized a two day film Festival (13<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup> March, 2012) in Swami Shraddhanand College. Prof.Sambudha Sen, the Head of the Department of English, University of Delhi gave an inaugural address and Dr.Simi Malhotra, Department of English, Jamia Milia Islamia University, was invited on the second day to give a valedictory speech.

3. Convener of the organizing committee which organized a Three-day workshop (21<sup>st</sup> to 23<sup>rd</sup> January 2014) on *Skill Development* at Swami Shraddhanand College. Team Lease, one of the largest staffing company in collaboration with IIJT participated in the workshop.

4. Coordinator of the one and half month certificate course in BCBF (Business Correspondent & Business Facilitator) and IT Helpdesk Attendant, in collaboration with NSDC (National Skill Development Corporation) in March-April 2014 in Swami Shraddhanand College. Around 200 students from our college enrolled themselves in the training.

5. Secretary, Staff Council (2014-15).

6. Teacher in charge (2012-13)
7. Convener, Placement Cell (2013-14); Convener, Proctorial Board (2013-14).
8. Executive member DUTA (Delhi University Teachers' Association 2015-17).

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