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Educational Qualifications: B.A. (Gold Medal), M.A., PhD.

Sr. No.	Degree	Subject	College/ University	Year of Passing
1.	B.A.	English	St. Bede's College	1993
2.	M.A.	English	Himachal Pradesh University	1995
3.	PhD.	English	Himachal Pradesh University	2008
4.	SET	English	Himachal Pradesh	2008
5	Specialization	English	Canadian Fiction	

Teaching Experience: Teaching at St. Bede's College since 25 years

Subject Taught: English



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UG: B.A. with English Honours- B.A.I- Indian Classical Literature, Indian Writing in English, B.A. II Popular Literature, Literature of the 19th Century, B.A.III- Postcolonial Literature.

B.A. with English- B.A.II literary Cross Currents, B.A. III- Soft Skills, Contemporary India Women and Empowerment.

PG: Semester-I and Semester-III, Fiction Paper.

Other Responsibilities:

Member IQAC, NAAC Steering Committee, Discipline Committee, Campus Maintenance Committee, Anti-Ragging Committee, Library Committee, Rusa Committee, Grievance Redressal Cell, Women Anti Harassment Cell, Staff Editor for College Magazine 'Echoes', Community Outreach, College Elections, Prospectus Committee, Evaluator for H.P. University examinations, Paper setter for H.P. University, Invigilator for H.P University examinations .

Papers Published:

- “Developing Intercultural Communicative Competence through World Literature”, Published in ‘Journal of Research: The Bede Athenaeum’, ISSN 0976-0598(Print), ISSN 0976-1748(Online), March 2021, Vol. 12, No. (1)’.
- “Role of Self Help Books for Improvement” published in ‘Conifers Call: Shimla Journal of Poetry and Criticism’, ISSN 0975-5365, Spring 2018.
- “Of Words and Emotions” Published in ‘Garden of Spice’ (Translated Stories from Marathi) Shubhangi Bhadbhade, edited



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by Usha Bande. Published by Kalp Foundation, Whitefield Press, 2018.

- “Effective Integration of ICT into Teaching and Learning English”. Published in ‘Conifers Call: Shimla Journal of Poetry and Criticism’, ISSN 0975-5365 Vol.8 No.1, March-April, 2018.
- “A Study of Magical Realism in One Hundred Years of Solitude by Gabriel Garcia Marquez and Supernatural Elements in the Culture of Himachal Pradesh”. Published in ‘Journal of Research: The Bede Athenaeum’, ISSN 0976-0598(Print), ISSN 0976-1748(Online), March 2017, Vol. 8, No. (1)’.2016.
- “The Writing Life Creativity and Mental Health”. ‘Journal of Research: The Bede Athenaeum’, ISSN 0976-0598(Print), ISSN 0976-1748(Online), March 2021, Vol. 6, No. (1)’. 2015.
- “Kamla Das as the Author, Narrator and Protagonist in *My Story*”. Published in ‘Conifer Call Shimla Journal of Poetry and Criticism’, ISSN 0975-5365 Vol. 6 No.1, March-April, 2014.
- “From Victim to Victor”: A Study of Githa Hariharan’s *The Thousand Faces of Night*.” Published in ‘Conifers Call, Shimla Journal of Poetry and Criticism’, ISSN 0975-5365, Vol. 4 No. 1, March- April, 2012.
- “Assimilation and Rejection of Culture in Anita Desai’s *Bye-Bye Black Bird*” Published in ‘Cabbages on the Bloom, Women’s Body and Space in the Sub –Continental Fiction’. Vol. 1 Adhyan Publishers & Distributers New Delhi-110002, 2012.



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- “Transcending the Self in R.K. Narayan’s *The Guide*”. Published in ‘Conifers Call, Shimla Journal of Poetry and Criticism’, Vol.3 No. 1, March-April, 2011.
- “Rapunzel Syndrome,” published in ‘Journal of Research: The Bede Athenaeum’, ISSN 0976-0598(Print), ISSN 0976-1748(Online), March 2011, Vol. 2, No. (2)’.
- “Problematics of Translation Praxis”, published in ‘Reflections’ ISSN0973-046x, Vol. X No. 1 & 2 January & July, 2011.
- “Assertive and Submissive Voices of Subaltern Women in Shakespeare”, published in ‘Subalterns in Shakespeare, A post Colonial Review’, Edited by Anand Prakash, ISBN 978-81-920137-5-9, 2008.
- “From Victim to Agent”, published in ‘Jodhpur Studies in English’ VOL. VII, 2008.

Papers Presented:

- “Developing Intercultural Communicative Competence through World Literature” in the National Conference on ‘Culture Language and Literature’ on December 4-5, 2019, organized by St. Bede’s College Shimla in collaboration with ELT@I (English Language Teachers Association of India).
- “Gandhi’s Philosophy of Inclusive Growth”, on March 9-10, 2018, in the ‘International Seminar on Sustainable



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Development, Gandhian Legacy & 21st Century Challenges', organized by Panjab University, Chandigarh.

- “Silent Voices: Revisiting the Anguish of Women of the Partition”, presented in the International Seminar on ‘Partition Revisited’ on September 19-20, 2018, organised by St. Bede’s College Shimla.
- “Self Help Books as emerging Genre of Young Adult Literature”, in the International Conference on ‘Transforming our World: Opportunities and Challenges’, held from November 30 to December 2, 2018, organized by RKMV Shimla in collaboration with Science and Management Society, Himachal Pradesh.
- “Sardar Patel the Architect of Modern India” on March 27, 2017, in the Indian Council of Social Science Research (ICSSR) Sponsored National Seminar on ‘Sardar Patel’s Contribution towards Modern India’, organized by the Department of Political Science H.P University.
- “Tourism Industry in Shimla: A Study” presented in the National Seminar on the ‘Social Concern of Tourism: Challenges and opportunities’, held from February 21-24, 2017, organized by Government College Sainj, District Kullu.
- “Ganga: The River of Life and Death- Protection & Healing”, at the ‘International Interdisciplinary Conference on Water Culture of India’. On May 18-19, 2017 at Government Degree College Sanjauli.



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- “Teaching English Literature with the aid of ICT”, in the International Conference on ‘Opportunities and Challenges of 21st Century’, held from December 7- 9, 2017.
- Presented a paper “Healing the Fractured Self through Narration” at a Workshop on ‘Dalit Literature’, organized by the Centre of Excellence, Government College Sanjauli, Shimla on March 16, 2016.
- “Finding Solace in a Stressful Job” in the 3rd Paramhansa Yogananda International Conference on ‘Spirituality in Science, Education and Fine Arts’, organized by Pratibha Sapandan Society, Shimla and H.P University, held on October 14-16, 2016.
- “Healing the Fractured Self through Narration” in the Workshop on ‘Dalit Literature’ on March 16, 2016.
- “Agricultural Innovations in Mashobra Block” in the International Conference on ‘Biodiversity: Current Scenario & Future Strategies’, held at St. Bede’s College from October 6-8, 2016.
- “Narrative Verses Virtual Reality in English Literature” in the International conference on ‘Media and its current Equation’, held on October 5-6, 2015.
- “The Writing Life, Creativity and Mental Health” at the International Conference on ‘Work, Stress and Health: Recent Perceptions, Future Trends’ on October 26-27, 2015 at St. Bede’s College, Shimla.



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- “Effective Integration of ICT into Teaching and Learning English”, in the NAAC Sponsored National Seminar on ‘Institutional Quality Improvement: Role of ICT’, organized by St. Bede’s College from November 14-15, 2014.
- “From Victim to Victor: A study of Githa Hariharan’s; The Thousand Faces of Night”, at the Indian Institute of Advanced Study in March, 2013.
- “Coping with Career Plateaus among Women” in the International Seminar on ‘Women Empowerment: Transforming lives, Milestones & Challenges organized by the Department of Home Science, St Bede’s College Shimla, from August 23-24, 2013.
- “The Sarvodaya Philosophy of Mahatma Gandhi”, at the National Seminar on ‘India of Mahatma Gandhi’s Dreams’ in M.D.S.D. Girls College, Ambala City, on March 10, 2012
- “From Victim to Victor: A study of Githa Hariharan’s; The Thousand Faces of Night”, at the Indian Institute of Advanced Study in March, 2012.
- “Submission as a Survival Strategy for Subaltern Women in Othello” in the International Seminar on Subalterns in Shakespeare—A Post- Postcolonial Scrutiny at St. Bede’s College, from September 22-24, 2011.
- “Shaw and the issue of Gender Discrimination and Reformation: A study of Mrs. Warren’s Profession”, at the Hindu Girls College, Jagadhri (Haryana), on November 29-30, 2011.



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- “Women and the Assertion of Selfhood in Shashi Deshpande’s Fiction”, at HP Institute of Management Studies on December 10-11, 2011.
- “Transcending the Self in R.K Narayan’s *The Guide*”. In the National Conference on ‘Re-Visiting the Fictional World of R.K Narayan’, organized by D.A.V. College, Dasuya Distt. Hoshiarpur (Punjab) on February 27-28, 2011.

Participation in Conferences/ Seminars

- Participated in the two week lecture series on “Contemporary Critical Theories”, organized by “Dath Voyage: An International Journal of Interdisciplinary Studies”, held from August 25 to September 7, 2020.
- Participated in the Ten Days Online Lecture Series on “Postcolonial Studies”, organized by “Dath Voyage: An International Journal of Interdisciplinary Studies”, held from November 23 to December 2, 2020.
- Participated in the one day National Webinar on “Gender Equality & Women Rights- in view of ongoing COVID-19” on July 14, 2020. Organized by ‘Centre for Women’s Studies & development, H.P. University’.
- Participated in the GRFDT International E-Seminar on “The Pandemic in Africa: Local Responses and Global Strategies”. On June 30, 2020.



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- Participated in the International Webinar on “The Saga of Native American Indian Resistance through the Prism of Literature”. Organized by Central University of Himachal Pradesh (CUHP) from July 7-9, 2020
- Participated in the one day Webinar on “Mahatma Gandhi: Message for Youth in Contemporary Context” by Mr. Tushar Gandhi held on July 14, 2020.
- Participated in an International Webinar on “Impact of COVID-19 on Global Politics and Role of Literature”, held on June 27-28, 2020.
- Participated in two days ‘Faculty Development Program’ organized by Department of Computer Science, St. Bede’s College on August 4-5, 2020.
- Participated and Completed one week Short Term Course on “Gender Sensitization” from 9-11-2018 to 24-11-2018, at Human Resource Development Centre H.P. University Shimla.
- “Talking the Talk”, National Workshop on ‘The Changing Face of Language’, on December 15, 2018 at Government College Theog, organized by English Language Teachers’ Association of India Shimla.
- Knowledge Sharing Program on “Perspectives of Modern Teaching Techniques” at St. Bede’s College on September 22, 2017.



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- Participated in “Kafla Intercontinental’s 11th International Writers’ Festival- India” on October 14-15, 2016.
- “Faculty Development Programme” conducted by M.R. Pai Foundation jointly with Forum of Free Enterprise on August 27-28, 2015 at St. Bede’s College Shimla.
- “Faculty Development Program on Research Methodology”, held at St. Bede’s College, Shimla on April 23, 2015.
- “Heritage Awareness Workshop organized by ‘INTACH’s Heritage Education Programme’, from May 7-8, 2015.
- “National Seminar on Web Based Technologies: Present & the Future”, organized by Department of Computer Science, St. Bede’s College Shimla, on April 30 to May 1, 2015.
- Availed the Third Spell of Associateship at Indian Institute of Advanced Study from (March 01 to 31, 2013)
- National Seminar on “ The Impact of Disasters on Economic Development” organized by ‘ Disaster Management Centre’ on May 5, 2012 at Himachal Pradesh Institute of Public Administration (HIPA)
- Availed the Second Spell of Associateship at Indian Institute of Advanced Study from (March 01 - 31, 2012)
- Participated in the Workshop/ Short Term Course on “Research Supervision” from 12-9-2011 to 14-9-2011 at Academic Staff College Punjabi University, Patiala.



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- Availed the first Spell of Associateship from 01-03-2011 to 31-03-2011 at the Inter University Centre, Indian Institute of Advanced Study Shimla.
- Participated in the Refresher Course in English from 6-3-2010 to 26-3-2010 at Academic Staff College Panjab University Chandigarh.
- Participated in the 4 week Orientation Programme OP 85. 2007. Held from 18-2-2008 to 15-3-2008 at Academic Staff College H.P. University Shimla.
- Attended the Training Programme on “Research Methodology and Methods of Research in Social Science” at ICSSR Complex, Panjab University, Chandigarh from March 26-30, 2007.

Resource Person

- Invited by the Principal Loreto Convent Tara Hall as a Judge for Debate competition held on June 19, 2021.
- Delivered a lecture on “Communication Skills for Workplace Success” during the three days Workshop on ‘Communication Skills: A Multi-pronged approach’, organized by the Department of Interdisciplinary Studies H.P University, Summer Hill, Shimla, from May 14-16, 2021.
- Invited to deliver a lecture in Online ‘Capacity Building and Skill Enhancement Workshop’ on “Learning the Art of



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Communication” organized by the Department of English under SAMPARK- A social Outreach Initiative by Kumaun University, Nainital on June 24, 2020.

- Invited by Loreto Convent Tara Hall to Judge the Inter School Debate and Turn Court Competition on April 24, 2019
- Invited as Chief Guest on July 26, 2019 for the Junior School Elocution.
- Participated as a Chairperson and was a member of the Organizing Committee in the International Seminar on “Partition Revisited” at St. Bede’s College on September 19-20, 2018.
- Invited as Resource Person to deliver a Talk on “Communication and Soft Skills” in NSS Camp, held at St. Bede’s College on December 8, 2018.
- In service Training for (English) for PGT’s, organized by State Council of Educational Research & Training from May 1-6, 2017.
- Conducted a one day Workshop on “Creative Writing and Communication Skills” in AP Goyal Shimla University from October 12, 2017.
- In service Training for (English) for PGT’s, organized by State Council of Educational Research & Training from 28.11.2016 to 03.12. 2016.



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- Co- Chaired a Session at the International Conference on “Work, Stress and Health: Recent Perceptions, Future Trends”, held on October 26-27, 2015
- Invited as a resource person to make a presentation on “Communication Skills” on September 6, 2013 at Bahara University, Wakhnaghat, District Solan.

Member of Organizations

- Member of Kalp Foundation dedicated for upholding Culture and Biodiversity.
- Shakespeare Association India
- ELTAI English Language Teachers' Association India.