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Qualifications

Ph.D. Candidate in Educational Studies, Zakir Husain Centre for Educational Studies, Jawaharlal Nehru University
M.Phil. in Educational studies, Zakir Husain Centre for Educational Studies, Jawaharlal Nehru University
MA Linguistics, Centre for Linguistics, Jawaharlal Nehru University
M.Ed., Regional Institute of Education, National Council of Educational Research and Training, Mysore
M.A, English Language and Literature, Kerala University
B.Ed., Kerala University
B.A English Language and Literature, Kerala University

Areas of Specialization

Second Language Acquisition
Applied Linguistics (Specific area: Socio-cultural theory and second language learning)
Mother Tongue Based Multilingual Education
Cultural Linguistics

Papers Taught

I teach two papers in Linguistics, Nature of Language (C1.1) and Language Acquisition (F2.4) for undergraduate students in the Elementary Education Department. The Nature of Language is an introductory course in Linguistics which provides exposure to students about the theory and structure of languages, analysis of linguistic structures, relationship of language and society, language mind and brain, multilingual education and linguistic scenario of Indian context. Language Acquisition is a theoretical paper that explores the basic principles of language learning from socio- psychological-cultural perspectives and its applications to language pedagogy. This paper provides a thorough understanding of the acquisition of first and second languages by children in cross cultural linguistic communities. Both the papers prepare the students to understand the underlying processes of teaching and learning of languages and its relevance to the elementary education curriculum. I am also involved in mentoring students with the preparation of teaching plans for the school internship program and projects as a part of the coursework.

Responsibilities at JMC

- (i) II year coordinator, Department of Elementary Education, Jesus and Mary College, 2018-2019.
- (ii) Staff Secretary, Department of Elementary Education, Jesus and Mary College, 2019-2020.

(iii) Data compilation for NAAC, Department of Elementary Education, Jesus and Mary College, 2019-2020.

(iv) Member, PTSA, Department of Elementary Education, Jesus and Mary College, 2019-2020.

Working Papers

Theories in second language acquisition: A critical review

Trans-linguaging spaces and discursive construction of identities in multilingual contexts

Language Education policies in India: A Historical Analysis

Paper presentations

'National Conference on Learning, NCL-2015', Paper presented on Language Learning in a Multilingual Context, organized by Department of Education, Lady Irwin College, University of Delhi, New Delhi, March 13th2015

Workshops, Seminars Attended and Participated:

Discussant in National Symposium, A Dialogue between Generative and Cultural Cognitive Approach to Language Acquisition and Language Pedagogy organized by Zakir Husain Centre for Educational Studies, Jawaharlal Nehru University and National Multilingual Education Resource Consortium, March 29th2019

Participated in the one day seminar on Roundtable on Deconstructing Mother Tongue organized by Zakir Husain Centre for Educational Studies, Jawaharlal Nehru University and National Multilingual Education Resource Consortium, February 23rd 2019

Participated in a two week summer course on Second Language Acquisition conducted by Department of Linguistics, K.M Institute of Hindi and Linguistics, Bhim Rao Ambedkar University, Agra, May 8th - 19th 2017

Participated in a two day workshop on EAW: Mind Mapping for Academic Writing organized by Linguistic Empowerment Cell, Jawaharlal Nehru University, April 6th- 7th 2016

Participated in National Seminar on NCTE Regulation 2014 organized by Faculty and Department of Education and Govt. College of Education, Ambajogai at Department of Education, Dr. Babasaheb Ambedkar Marathwada University, Aurangabad, March 8th2015