

English Department

College of Vocational Studies

History

THE College of Vocational Studies was established in 1972. Initially, in addition to vocational courses, the departments of Hindi, English, Economics, History, and Political Science were setup. In the English department, Jayashree Chowdhury, Sunanda Gupta, Zoya Sandhu, and Gyanendra Tripathi were the first teachers to be appointed. Over the years, the department has evolved and now has made a distinct impact on English teaching in the University of Delhi. The department has had prominent intellectuals like Dr. Bharat Gupt who currently heads IGNCA, Puravi Panwar who has established her reputation in the field of book review, and Nandini Guha who has received many awards for translation from Bangla to English.

Currently, the department consists of eleven members many of whom are prominent names in the field of writing, translation and poetry. The English department is poised to establish itself as one of the preeminent departments in the University.

Faculty Profiles

Dr. Ranjana Kaul

Associate Professor

Ph.D. in English, JNU

Areas of interest and specialisation

Indian Writing in English, Women Studies

Experience

36 years of teaching English language and literature in University of Delhi



Publications

Women and Empowerment in Contemporary India edited with Dr. Brati Biswas. Published by Worldview.

Language through Literature edited with Dr. Gauri Mishra and Dr. Brati Biswas for Department of English, Delhi University. Published by Primus.

The Saga of Satisar by Chandrakanta. Published by Zubaan (Translation).

This Metropolis, collection of award-winning short stories by Kashmiri writer Hari Kishen Kaul. Published by Sahitya Academy (Translation).

Paper Bastions and Other Stories by Meera Kant. Published by Rupa (Translation).

Numerous translations of stories from Hindi to English in various journals including *Hindi*, *New Horizons* and *Indian Literature*.

Regular contributor to various newspapers and review journals including *The Hindu* and *The Book Review*.

Mohini Bawa

Associate Professor

M.Phil. in English, University of Delhi

Areas of interest and specialisation

Business Communication, English Proficiency Courses, Pedagogy and Teaching Techniques and Nineteenth Century English Literature, Romantic Literature

Experience

40 years of teaching English language and literature in University of Delhi



Publications

Created teaching material for English proficiency courses and revised existing texts, 2012-16.

Created teaching material communication course for the National University Student Skill Development – a project of Tata Institute of Social Sciences.

Research in the problem of runaway children and wrote a script for a short film entitled 'Ujaalae ki Ore' which was produced by Focus for the Government of India and released for publicity.

Published a book of essays for school and college students.

Published four lessons for 'Exemplar Material' for a resource book for school teachers under the auspices of Women Development Cell, NCERT.

Workshops

Conducted a workshop on 'Language Teaching and Child Psychology' in Andhra Public School, Saket.

Attended a workshop on Modern teaching techniques and interdisciplinary approach in academia at Indian Business School, Delhi.

Attended a workshop on Capacity Building Workshop on e-content creation in English Literature, Delhi University.

Attended a Workshop on material development for English language proficiency led by Professor Penny U. R. of Oranim Academic College of Education, Israel.

Attended a Workshop on English proficiency for teachers, Delhi University.

Attended ICT workshop for 'capacity building' of Delhi University staff.

Attended 6-day orientation programme for teachers as part of the English language proficiency course.

Attended a Workshop on finalisation of manuscripts on exemplar resource material under the auspices of NCERT, Delhi.

Sanjiv Kakkar

Associate Professor

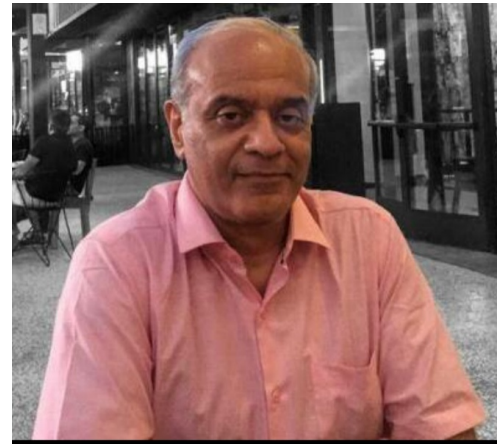
M.Phil. in English, University of Delhi

Areas of interest and specialisation

Oral History, Medical History, Gandhi Studies

Experience

35 years of teaching English language and literature in University of Delhi



Publications

Leprosy in India: the Intervention of Oral History, Oral History, Spring 1995, Vol. 23, No. 1, pp. 37-45, in Perks, R. and Thomson, A., "The Oral History Reader", Routledge, London, 1998, pp 258-68.

Leprosy, Myth and Medicine, Seminar 428, April 1995, pp. q32-35. Also contributed the Introductory Essay, "The Problem", pp. 12-14.

Leprosy in British India: Colonial Politics and Missionary Medicine, Medical History, Vol. 40, No. 2, April 1996, pp. 215-230.

Medical Developments and Patient Unrest in the Leprosy Asylum, Social Scientist, Vol. 24, No. 4-6, April-June 1996, pp. 62-81.

Sonya Ghosh

Associate Professor

M.Phil. in English, University of Delhi

Areas of interest and specialisation

Post colonial theory and literatures, Detective fiction, Dalit writing, Modern and contemporary Italian and Chilean literature in translation

Experience

35 years of teaching English language and literature in University of Delhi



Publications

Translation in English of *Buon Giorno Italia: A complete course for learning Italian as a Foreign Language* (authors: Carlo Buldrini and Federica Oddera Lanfranchi) Langers, an imprint of Saraswati House, New Delhi, 2012.

The Sancity of Biological Life vs. Scientific Materialism, Ethics in Animal Experimentation, proceedings of the Thirteenth Round Table Conference , Ranbaxy Science Foundation, 2004.

Hopping mad in 'kangaroo court', The Hindu, Delhi, December 5, 2002.

Monkey business in kangaroo courts, The Hindu, Delhi, December 12, 2002.

The Anti-Fertility Vaccine That Never Was, Manushi: Forum for Women's Rights and Democratic Reform, No. 132, Sep–Oct 2002.

Questionable Logic: Animal Models and Extrapolation to Humans, Manushi: Forum for Women's Rights and Democratic Reform, No. 132, Sep–Oct 2002 (with Dr. Amita Singh).

Animal Experimentation and Ethics in India: The CPCSEA makes a difference, Altern Lab Anim, June 2004, 32, Suppl 1B: 411-5 (with Shiranee Periera, Prema Veeraghavan and Maneka Gandhi).

Professional Memberships

Official translator of legal documents and literature (Italian-English-Italian).

Member, Animal Welfare Board of India, a statutory body constituted under the Ministry of Environment, Forests and Climate Change (MoEFCC) on the Delhi Advisory Board for Animal Welfare.

Member of Ethics Committees constituted by the Committee for the Purpose of Control And Supervision of Experiments on Animals (CPCSEA constituted by MoEFCC).

Dr. M. Geetha

Associate Professor

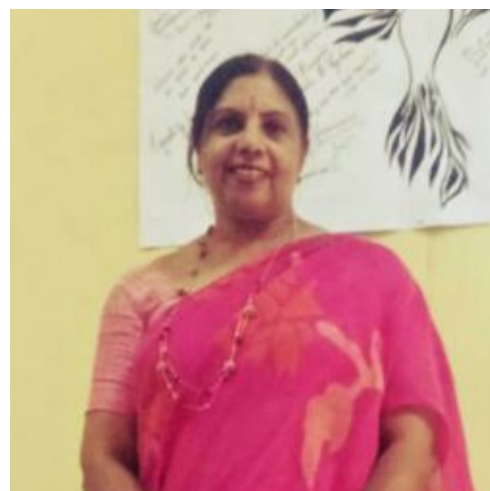
Ph.D. in English, Calicut University

Areas of interest and specialisation

American Drama, International Culture

Experience

35 years of teaching English language and literature in University of Delhi



Publications

Published a book *Themes, Vision and Structure in the plays of William Inge*, 2018.

Coauthored an English communication course textbook *Resource Book for Teachers*, 2014.

Published a chapter titled *Cross cultural communication* in the book “Tourism education and future initiatives”, 2013.

Published poems, short stories and articles in various magazines and newspapers.

Projects

Principal investigator of the project “Integrating NGOS with Tourism enterprises in NCR and beyond” which has been awarded the “Best Innovative Idea” award, 2014.

Member of materials committee of the collaborative project undertaken by Delhi University and Tata Institute of Social Sciences, 2013.

Mentor of Gyanodaya Project “Nagaland in the cultural spectrum of India”, 2014.

Workshops

Attended Foundation Course workshop at ILLL in May 2013.

Conducted workshops for school teachers at St. Paul's school, N. Delhi, and at Andra School, on Body Language and communication skills, 2013, 2014.

Attended a Refreshers course at CPDHE, Delhi University, 1987.

Attended an Orientation course on Environment at CPDHE, Delhi University, 1988.

Attended workshop on Business Communication, 2012.

Attended an Orientation program on English Proficiency course at ILL, Delhi University 2012, 2013.

Administrative Responsibilities

Chairperson, Internal Complaint Committee

Convener, Discipline Committee

Convener, Women Cell

Member, Anti-Ragging Cell, Student Union Committee, OBC Grievance Cell

Anuradha Bawa Singh

Associate Professor

M.Phil. in English, University of Delhi

Areas of interest and specialisation

European Classical Literature, Modern British Literature, Sufi Poetry, American Literature

Experience

30 years of teaching English language and literature in University of Delhi



Professional Memberships

Poetry Society of India, Member

Administrative Responsibilities

Nodal Officer NIRF, 2018–present

Coordinator NAAC Committee, 2018–present

Member, Time Table Committee, 2019–20, MOU Committee, 2018–19

Dr. Gauri Mishra

Associate Professor

Ph.D. in English, Central Institute of English and Foreign Languages

Areas of interest and specialisation

Indian Writing in English, Translations from Hindi, Urdu, and Bangla Literature, Gender Studies, Partition Literature, Soft Skills, Business Communication

Experience

30 years of teaching English language and literature in University of Delhi



Publications

Coedited a textbook *Language through literature*, published by Primus Publications for Department of English, University of Delhi, 2016.

Contributed a chapter titled *Gender and Partition* in an anthology of essays “Women and Empowerment in Contemporary India”, published by Worldview publications, 2016.

Prepared coursework and book draft for the text *Fluency in English Part II* under the guidance of Prof. Rajiv Varma at launch of semester system.

Projects

Awarded the Innovation Project CVS-101 by University of Delhi for the year 2012–2013. The title of the Project was *Impact of Socio-Economic – Cultural profile of students on their Academic performance*. The project was successfully completed in July 2013.

Awarded the Innovation Project CVS 301 by University of Delhi titled *Innovating College Placements: Challenges and Changing Dynamics with the Industry* in the

year 2015. The project was completed in August 2016. It was selected for Innovation display on the occasion of University Convocation and got an Appreciation certificate from the Vice Chancellor and the Research Council in November 2016.

Administrative Responsibilities

Faculty advisor for ASPIRE, the placement cell of college, 2013–present

Convener, Debating Society

Dharitri Gogoi

Assistant Professor (Ad-hoc)

M.A. in English, University of Delhi

Areas of interest and specialisation

American Literature, Film Studies

Experience

2 years of teaching English language and literature in University of Delhi



Publications

Published articles in magazines and newspapers.

Nidhi Madan

Assistant Professor (Ad-hoc)

M.Phil. in English, University of Delhi

Areas of interest and specialisation

Partition Literature, Indian Writing in English, English Language Teaching, Literature and Film, Shakespeare Studies

Experience

14 years of teaching English language and literature in University of Delhi



Publications

Published fourteen papers and write-ups in Journals, books and as e-learning content.

Coedited a book on American Literature that was recently published by Macmillan publishers.

Pavitra Kumari

Assistant Professor (Ad-hoc)

M.Phil. in Comparative Indian Literature, Delhi University

Areas of interest and specialisation

Indian Literature, Translation Studies, Folkloristics, Oral Narratives, Performance Studies, Gender Studies

Experience

2 years of teaching English language and literature in University of Delhi



Publications

Developed e-contents for Comparative Literature under e-PG Pathshala Programme of UGC and MHRD, New Delhi, on the following topics: a) Bhakti Literature b) Short Story in Indian Languages.

Published a paper titled *Jalwa Pujan of Haryana: A Feminist Perspective* in the Journal of Advanced Research in English & Education (ISSN: 2456-4370) in Volume 2, Issue 2, 2017.

Published a paper *Lal Ded: Re-defining the Socio-Religious Realms of Kashmiri Culture* in Journal of Advanced Research in English & Education (ISSN: 2456-4370) in Volume 2, Issues 3&4, 2017.

Administrative Responsibilities

Assistant faculty advisor for ASPIRE, the placement cell of college, 2019–present

Swati Chandra

Assistant Professor (Ad-hoc)

M.Phil. in Comparative Indian Literature, Delhi University

Areas of interest and specialisation

Indian Literature, Comparative Literature, Translation Studies, Gender Studies

Experience

6 years of experience teaching English and literature in University of Delhi



Publications

A critical essay *The Satanic Predicament: From the “lost archangel” to the “infernal serpent”* featured in a course book on Milton’s *Paradise Lost* edited by Prerna Malhotra and Guntasha Kochar. Published by Book Age publishers in 2017–18.

Migration and the Sex Industry: ‘Feminization’ of Migration and ‘Masculinization’ of Prostitution and things/people in between published as a chapter in a conference proceedings book of UGC sponsored National Seminar on “Migration and Identity: The Urban Subject” held at Daulat Ram College, DU.

Book review of Igniting Key published in the February, 2016 issue of the international e-journal LANGLIT. ISSN: 2349-5189.

Interview with author Ketan Bhagat published in the November, 2015 issue of the international e-journal Langlit. ISSN: 2349-5189.

No More a Guarded Tongue: A Feminist Study of Modern Tamil Poetry by Women published in *Critical Space*, ISSN: 2319-3689, on November 29, 2013.

Women and Violence: What Remains Unseen? published in *Universal Research Journal of Humanities and Social Sciences*, in January, 2013 (Munger, Bihar). ISSN: 2321- 6018.

Why Retrieve the Transgressor?: A Survey of some Literary Classics published in the June 2014 issue of the International Journal of Research. ISSN: 2348-6848.