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SUBJECTS OF TEACHING:

Developments in Education and Special Education

Inclusive Education

Curriculum and Teaching Strategies for Children with Intellectual Disability

Curriculum and Teaching Strategies for Children with Visual Impairment

Research Methodology and Statistics

Curriculum Design & Development

Adulthood and Family Issues

Educational Management

TEACHING EXPERIENCES

- Worked as a **Teacher's Training Coordinator and Lecturer in Special Education (M.R)** at Teachers Training Unit, Alakendu Bodh Niketan Residential, Kolkata from **February, 2002 to 09th January, 2011.**
- Worked as **Lecturer in Special Education (M.R)** at Netaji Subhas Open University from **10th January, 2011 to 4th May, 2014.**
- Presently working as **Assistant Professor of Special Education (MR)** at Netaji Subhas Open University from **5th May, 2014 to till date.**

ACADEMIC AND PROFESSIONAL QUALIFICATIONS:

- M.A. Sociology
- M. Ed. Special Education (Specialization in Mental Retardation)
- B. Ed. Special Education (Specialization in Visual Impairment)
- D. Special Education (Specialization in Mental Retardation)
- P.G Diploma in Health Statistics
- Massive Open Online Course (MOOC) on **Enhancing Teacher Education** offered by **TESS India & U.K. University** in 2015.
- Massive Open Online Course (MOOC) on **ICT Integration in Higher Education** offered by **S. N. D.T Women's University, Mumbai** in 2016.
- Registered and Pursuing Ph.D. from Department of Special Education, SNTD Women's University, Mumbai.

MEMBERSHIP OF ACADEMIC BODIES:

- **Apex Advisory Committee (AAC) member** of NSOU and Rehabilitation Council of India, New Delhi.
- **Member and Convener of the Expert Committee for M. Ed. Spl. Ed. (H.I & I.D)-ODL Course**
- **Programme Advisory Committee (PAC) member** of NSOU and Abheda Foundation joint programme on Communicative English for B. Ed. Spl. Ed. learners.
- **Member of the Institutional Ethics Committee of ID & BG Hospital, Kolkata- 10.**
- **Indian Association for the Rehabilitation Professionals (Life Member).**
- **All India Association for Educational Research (AIAER) (Life Member).**
- **Expert Committee Member** of the Committee on **Curriculum Adaptation for CWSN** under **School Education Department, Govt. of West Bengal.**
- **Board of Studies** member under **WB State University** for the B.Ed. Special Education (Mental Retardation) course.
- **Board of Studies (BOS)** member for B. Ed. Special Education (Mental Retardation) course of the **University of Burdwan.**
- **BOS** member under **NSOU** for the B.Ed. Special Education course.
- **BOS** member under **NSOU** for the B.Ed. ODL course.
- **BOS** member under **NSOU** for the Pre- Primary Teachers' Training course.
- **BOS** member under **NSOU** for the P.G. Education course.

RESEARCH PROJECT SUBMITTED

Act as the **PRINCIPLE INVESTIGATOR** for the **UGC- DEB** sponsored **Minor Research Project** on "*A Study on the Awareness Level of Regular School Teachers Towards Intellectual Disabilities*" submitted on 25th July, 2017.

OTHER ACADEMIC INVOLVEMENTS

- **Act as a Visiting Expert of Rehabilitation Council of India (RCI), New Delhi and** was assigned to assess the Training facilities of different institutions for grant/ extension of recognition of RCI recognized training programmes like B.Ed. Special Education and D.Ed. Special Education and to submit a detailed inspection report to the Council for course approval.
- delivered lectures at **GyanVani FM Channel** on various intricate issues on Special Education.
- Act as an Academic Council Member of **School Guru** and delivered Audio- Video Lectures on different relevant topics on B. Ed. Spl. Edn and M.A. Education.

PUBLICATIONS

- **“Fostering Quality Education in Teacher Education through ICT”** – an article published in the book “Teacher Education: New Vista- New Challenges” by SoE, NSOU. ISBN: **978-93-82112-56-3**
- **“Universal Design for Learning: A Pedagogical Approach in Inclusive Education”** an article published in the book “Reconceptualising Teaching Learning” by Dept. of Education & UGC- HRDC, University of Calcutta with **ISBN: 978-81-929219-4-5**
- **“Skill Development of Special Education Teachers through ODL”**- an article published jointly in the book “Open and Distance Learning System: Recent Development” by School of Professional Studies, NSOU with **ISBN No: 978-93-82112-28-0**
- **“Women Entrepreneurship: Issues and Challenges”**- an article published jointly in the book “Women Empowerment for Girl’s Education in 21st Century” Vol- II with **ISBN No.: 978-93-85503-89-4**
- As **Content Writer (Block- II, Unit- 3 & 4)** for the Certificate Course on Capacity Building and Professional Development of Teachers and Teacher Educators for successful implementation of Inclusiveness under **School of Education, NSOU and Commonwealth Educational Media Centre for Asia (CEMCA), New Delhi.**
- As **Content Writer** for the Self- Learning Materials developed for B.Ed. Spl. Ed.- ODL and P.G. Education under School of Education, NSOU.
- As **Content Editor** for the Self- Learning Materials developed for B.Ed. Spl. Ed.- ODL programme under School of Education, NSOU.
- M. Ed. Dissertation on **“A Study of the Institutions in Mumbai and Pune offering services for the Visually Impaired and Multiple Disabled Visually Impaired”**.

PAPER PRESENTATIONS, WORKSHOPS/ SEMINARS CONVENER AND ATTENDED

Sl. No	Name of the Programme	Date	Status
1.	All India Cross- Disability Convention- “Summit of Mind” by RCI at India Habitat Centre, New Delhi.	7- 9 May, 2003	Participated
2.	Refresher Course at Malda, organized by NIMH- RC, Kolkata.	18.06.2003	Resource person and presented paper on <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Vocational Training and Placement • NIMH- VAPS
3.	17 th national Conference on Mental Retardation at Science City, Kolkata.	15- 17 December, 2003	Participated
4.	Training programme on “Trauma Management” by CLPOA, Kolkata.	26.04.2005	Resource person and presented paper on “Situation of Children in Need of Care and Protection and Role of Family”
5.	Workshop on Developmental Disability by the Dept. of Psychology, C.U.	3- 4 November, 2006	Attended
6.	National conference on “Education of Children with Disabilities: Making Inclusion Happens through Foundation Course” by MPBOU and RCI at India International Centre, New Delhi.	22.12.2006	Participated
7.	Guest Faculty at Pradip Centre for Autism Management, Kolkata.	02.08.2007	Topic: Concept, Definition and Provisions of Special Education.
8.	All India Course Coordinators’ Meet by RCI at ISIC, New Delhi.	27- 28 February and 1 st March, 2007	Participated
9.	Continuing Rehabilitation Education programme on “Integrated and Inclusive Education” under RCI, New Delhi ABNR, Kolkata.	27- 31 August, 2008	Coordinator and presented paper on “ Inclusive Education: Concept”
10.	Workshop for the Parents of Children with V.I and M.R, organized by NIVH- RC, Kolkata.	12.09.2008	Presented paper on “Problems of Parents of Visually Impaired Children with Mental Retardation and solution”.

11.	Continuing Rehabilitation Education programme on "Behaviour Management of Persons with M.R" under RCI, New Delhi at ABNR, Kolkata.	26- 30 August, 2009	Coordinator and Resource person and presented papers on <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Behavioural Management Programme: Skill Behaviour and Problem Behaviour Profile • BMP: Case Presentation
12.	Continuing Rehabilitation Education programme on "Integrated and Inclusive Education" under RCI, New Delhi ABNR, Kolkata.	12- 14 February, 2010	Coordinator and presented paper on " Perspectives in Special Needs Education in India: A Journey from Isolation to Inclusion"
13.	Workshop on "Preparation of Resource Group for Monitoring Various HRD Activities of RCI" by SHELTER.	14.03.2010	Delegate
14.	National Meet of NGOs- Rejuvenating Partnership, organized by RCI and IGNOU at IGNOU, New Delhi.	18- 19 March, 2010	Delegate
15.	Continuing Rehabilitation Education programme on "Training Programme in Special Education" under RCI, New Delhi.	20 th March, 2010	Presented papers on <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Preparation of IEP • The Scheme for IEDC
16.	Continuing Rehabilitation Education programme on "Integrated and Inclusive Education" under RCI, New Delhi ABNR, Kolkata.	27- 31 August, 2008	Coordinator and presented paper on " Perspectives in Special Needs Education in India: A Journey from Isolation to Inclusion"
17.	National seminar on "Global Warming and Climate Change: Save the One Earth"	19.04.2011	Participated
18.	Orientation programme for Teachers of Vocational Courses at NSOU, 1, Woodburn Park, Kolkata.	06.03.2012	Participated
19.	Seminar on "Including the Excluded through Open and Distance Learning in India: Opportunities and Challenges" at HQ, NSOU.	7 th March'2012	Presented paper on "Inclusive Education in the context of ODL: Issues and Challenges"
20.	National Conference on "Capacity Building of Faculty Working at ODL Institutes"	30- 31 January, 2012	Participated

21.	CRE on “Inclusive Education” for Kolkata District and organized By SHELTER	07- 11 January, 2013	Key Resource Person
22.	CRE on “Inclusive Education” for North 24 PGS District and organized By SHELTER	25 th February to 1 st March, 2013	Key Resource Person
23.	Seminar on “Promoting Teacher Education Through ODL” by SoE, NSOU.	23.03.2013	Member of the Seminar Organizing Committee, School of Education, NSOU.
24.	Workshop on “Launching of B.Ed. ODL programme for Un-Trained In-Service Upper Primary School Teachers of West Bengal by NSOU”.	24.04.2013	Member of the Workshop Organizing Committee, School of Education, NSOU.
25.	Workshop cum Tele- Conference on “Issues of Quality in Elementary Education” at SSA, Tripura	10-14 June’2013	Key Resource Person and presented papers on <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Innovative Teaching Learning Methods • Making Classroom Practice Effective • Quality Monitoring • Making Schools Inclusive • Developing Independent Learners • Action Research
26.	Seminar for the Parents of children with Special Needs at Noble Mission, Kolkata.	26.07.2013	Resource Person and presented paper on “Activity- based Intervention”.
27.	Workshop on “Ensuring Quality B.Ed.Programme through ODL Mode in West Bengal” at RKMSM, Belur	23.10.2013	Coordinator and presented paper on “Evaluation System in B.Ed.Programme: An Analysis”.
28.	Workshop on “Ensuring Quality B.Ed.Programme through ODL Mode in West Bengal” at Siliguri B.Ed. College	28.10.2013	Coordinator and presented paper on “structure of Curriculum for B.Ed. programme through ODL Mode: An Overview”.
29.	State Level Seminar on “Siksha, Sanskriti, ChhatroAndolon- Sikshakerbhumika”	15.11.2014	participated
30.	CRE programme on “Best out of Waste- Workshop on TLM Preparation” by ABNR	20.11.2013	Resource person and presented paper on “TLM preparation”.

31.	CRE programme on “Best out of Waste- Workshop on TLM Preparation” by ABNR	23.11.2013	Resource person and presented paper on “Supporting Children with LD: Classroom Intervention”
32.	Workshop on “Quality Intervention of B.Ed. (SEDE) Curriculum” at SCERT, Kolkata-19.	21 st and 22 nd March, 2014	Joint Conveners, Workshop Organizing Committee
33.	Cluster-wise Orientation Programmes for Counsellors of B.Ed.ODL Course of NSOU at DDE, University of Burdwan	20.05.2013	Convener and presented paper on “Teaching Practicals and Minor Practicum in B.Ed. ODL”.
34.	Cluster-wise Orientation Programmes for Counsellors of B.Ed.ODL Course of NSOU at NSOU Kalyani Campus.	22.05.2013	Convener and presented paper on “Evaluation System in B.Ed.Programme: An Analysis”.
35.	Workshop on “Quality Intervention of B.Ed.(SEDE) Curriculum” at the Board Room, NSOU, D.D- 26, Salt Lake City, Kolkata- 700 064	29.08.2014	Joint Conveners, Workshop Organising Committee
36.	National Seminar on “Creating Professionals for Child Development and Child Protection through ODL” at NSOU, D.D- 26, Salt Lake City, Kolkata- 700 064	14.08.2014	Member of the Workshop Organizing Committee
37.	National workshop on “Designing New Look Curriculum of B.Ed. ODL Mode” at Ramakrishna Mission Institute of Culture, Golpark.	4 th and 5 th April, 2014	Member of the Workshop Organizing Committee
38.	National workshop on “Capacity Building of Teachers for Special Education in ODL Mode”	3- 4 September, 2015	Presented paper on “Capacity building of Special Education Teachers in ODL mode ”
39.	National Conference on “Open Educational Resources”	18- 19 December, 2015	Presented paper on “MOOC: A new era in Education:- Opportunities and Challenges”
40.	National Seminar on “Creating Professionals for Child Development and Child Protection through ODL”	14 th August, 2014	Participated
41.	Raining and Sensitization of Key Functionaries of Central/ State Govt. by SoE, NSOU and funded by RCI, New Delhi.	26- 28 November, 2015	Presented paper on “Identification, Intervention and Prevention”

42.	National Seminar on “Issues and Challenges of Teacher Education in India”	11 th December, 2015	Act as a member of the Organizing Committee
43.	National workshop on “Preparing and Sharing Guidelines for making Pre- service Teacher Training Degree Programme Inclusive, In the light of recent development” organized by NCERT, New Delhi at RIE, Mysore.	8- 10 December, 2015	Participated and act as a Resource Person
44.	CRE programme on “Researches in Disability Rehabilitation” by ABNR	23.11.2015	Resource person and presented paper on “Action Research”.
45.	Orientation Programme cum Course Coordinators Meet organized by RCI, New Delhi at Kolkata.	13- 14 August, 2015	Participated
46.	National Workshop on “Enhancing Teacher Education through OER”	19 th November, 2015	Convener, Workshop Organizing Committee
47.	RCI, New Delhi, Sponsored In-Service Training And Sensitization Programme at NSOU Regional Centre, Kalyani on and from 26 th to 28 th Nov. 2015	25 November, 2015	Paper presented on “Screening tools for identification and referrals”
48.	National Seminar on “ICT in Teacher Education and Training”	4 th March, 2016	Participated and presented paper on “ICT: A new approach towards inclusive practices”
49	International Conference on “Teaching Learning Methodology under ODL system”	5 th March, 2016	Participated and presented paper on “Creating a Virtual Learning Environment in ODL System”
50	National Capacity Building Workshop on Institutional OER Policy	01- 03 June, 2016	Participated
51.	National Conference on “Pedagogical Issues and Priorities in B. Ed. Special. Education through ODL Mode”	10 th June, 2016	Convener
52.	National Seminar on “Teacher Education: New Vistas New Challenges”	2- 3 September, 2016	Participated and presented paper on “Fostering Quality Education through ICT”
53.	RCI, New Delhi, Sponsored In-Service Training and Sensitization of Key Functionaries of Central and State Governments, Local	11- 13 November, 2016	Programme Coordinator

	Bodies and other service providers-		
54.	RCI, New Delhi, Sponsored In-Service Training And Sensitization Programme at <i>Ramakrishna Mission Sikshana Mandira, Belur Math</i> on and from 16- 18 March, 2017.	17 th March, 2017	Paper presented on “Identification, Intervention & Prevention of CWSN”.
55.	RCI, New Delhi, Sponsored In-Service Training And Sensitization Programme at North Bengal Handicapped Rehabilitation Society on and from 16 th to 18 th February, 2017.	17 th February, 2017	Paper presented on “Screening Tools for Identification and Referrals of ID”.
56.	RCI, New Delhi, Sponsored In-Service Training And Sensitization Programme at Assembly Hall, Ramakrishna Mission Blind Boys Academy, Narendrapur, Kolkata-700103 on and from 5 th , 6 th and 8 th January, 2017.	8 th January, 2017	Paper presented on “Creating Accessible & Barrier Free Environment (BFE) for PwDs and Universal Design for Learning”.
57.	National Workshop on “THERAPEUTIC INTERVENTION THROUGH VARIOUS AVENUES”	22 nd April, 2017	Convener
58.	National Convention on “Emanating Issues and Priorities in Teacher Education”	12 th May, 2017	Participated
59.	Workshop on “E- Content Development and Online Facilitation for Teachers”	October 30-31 and November 1, 2017	Participated
60.	RCI, New Delhi, Sponsored five (5) day Refresher Programme on Research Methodology	16- 20 January, 2017	Programme Coordinator
61.	RCI, New Delhi, Sponsored In-Service Training And Sensitization Programme at Deshbandhu Girls’ College, 45 Rashbihari Avenue, Kalighat, Kolkata on and from 10- 12 May, 2018	10 th May, 2018	Paper presented on “Creating Accessible & Barrier Free Environment (BFE) for PwDs and Universal Design for Learning”.
62.	RCI, New Delhi, Sponsored In-Service Training And Sensitization Programme at Bankura Christian College P.O. – Bankura, Pin-722101, West	25 th May, 2018	Paper presented on “ Concept of Disability and RPWD Act 2016 & Creating Accessible &

	Bengal on and from 25 th to 27 th May, 2018.		Barrier Free Environment (BFE) for PwDs”
63.	RCI, New Delhi, Sponsored In-Service Training And Sensitization Programme at <i>Kadambini Ganguly Memorial Hall</i> , 3 rd Floor, Composite Arts Building, Golapbag, Burdwan University on and from 01- 03 June, 2018.	1 st to 3 rd June, 2018	Programme Coordinator
64.	RCI, New Delhi, Sponsored In-Service Training And Sensitization Programme at Surendralal Das Teachers Training College, Bally, Howrah on and from 13- 15 June, 2018.	13th June, 2018	Paper presented on “Causes and Prevention of Disability”.
65.	One Day National Seminar on “ <i>Observing International Day of Person with Disability</i> ”	6 th December, 2018	Participated
66.	International Seminar on “Peace, Well-being & Education: A pedagogical Discourse” organised by Department of Education, Jadavpur University in collaboration with Bhattar College, Datan, W.B.	28- 29 December, 2018	Paper presented on “Well-being & Quality of Life of Adult with Special Needs”
67.	RCI, New Delhi, Sponsored five (5) day Refresher Programme on Research Methodology	2- 6 February, 2019	Programme Coordinator
68.	UGC Sponsored Interdisciplinary Refresher Course in Teacher Education organised by HRDC, Calcutta University	14 th February to 6 th March, 2019	Participated
69.	National Conference on “Including the Excluded: A Spectrum of Emerging Changes in Education” organised by CDSER, SoE, NSOU.	23- 24 February, 2019	Presented paper on “Teaching Every Student in the Inclusive Era: Universal Design for Learning”
70.	International Conference on “Be the Difference: Equality and Equity in Education” organised by the Department of Special Education, SNTD Women’s University, Mumbai.	18- 19 January, 2019	Presented paper on “ICT: A New Vista towards Inclusive Practices”
71.	NSS Special Camp at Basanti Devi College.	16 th April, 2019	Presented Paper on “Rehabilitation of differently abled persons and how to set up effective

			communication with the differently abled persons”
72.	CRE programme on “ Individualized Educational Programming ” from 29th to 31st JULY 2019 conducted by Alakendu Bodh Niketan Residential, Kolkata and RCI, New Delhi	31 st July, 2019	Presented Paper on “Individualised Educational Programme for children with Visual Impairment”
73.	CRE programme on “Training to be Teacher in a College/Institute” from 18 th to 20 th July, 2019 conducted by Voice of World, Kolkata and RCI, New Delhi	18 th July, 2019	Presented Paper on “Counselling and Mentoring”
74.	RCI, New Delhi, Sponsored In-Service Training and Sensitization Programme at Gobardanga Hindu College, Gobardanga, District: North 24 PGS organised by SoE, NSOU.	13 th & 14 th June, 2019	Programme Coordinator
75.	RCI, New Delhi, Sponsored In-Service Training and Sensitization Programme at B K M College, Nituria. District: Purulia organised by SoE, NSOU from 30- 31 May, 2019	31 st may, 2019	Paper presented on “Creating Accessible & Barrier Free Environment (BFE) for PwDs and Universal Design for Learning”.
76.	RCI, New Delhi, Sponsored In-Service Training and Sensitization Programme at N. B. Sikshan Mahavidyalaya, Bishnupur. District: Bankura organised by SoE, NSOU from 08- 09 June, 2019	09 th June, 2019	Paper presented on “Creating Accessible & Barrier Free Environment (BFE) for PwDs and Universal Design for Learning”.
76.	CRE programme on “Classroom Management” conducted by Alakendu Bodh Niketan Residential, Kolkata and RCI, New Delhi	01 st December, 2019	Presented Paper on “Classroom Management in Inclusive Environment”
77.	CRE accredited One-Day Workshop on “Behavioural Issues of Children with Special Needs” at NSOU Regional Centre, Durgapur	05 th January, 2020	Presented Paper on “Management of Problem Behaviors in Inclusive Classroom”

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