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<b>DESIGNATION</b>	Assistant Professor
<b>SUBJECT</b>	English
<b>DATE OF APPOINTMENT (HPPSC)</b>	11 <sup>th</sup> Sept. 2009
<b>TEACHING EXPERIENCE</b>	<b>20</b> Yrs. (five yrs. on contract, before joining through HPPSC)
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**EDUCATIONAL QUALIFICATION:**

B.A. English Honours, St. Bede's College Shimla.

M.A. English, H.P.U. Shimla.

M.Phil. English (Changing Dynamics: Parent-Child Relationship in *The Vendor of Sweets* and *The Last Burden*) H.P.U. Shimla.

PhD English (Invisible in a Body: Personhood and Selfhood in the Life Narratives of Hijras) H.P.U. Shimla.

Diploma in Fashion Designing (NIFD, Chandigarh)

Certificate course on Queering Identities: LGBTQ+Sexuality and Gender Identity, authorized by University of Colorado System and offered through Coursera (On-line, non-credit course, completed on 27<sup>th</sup> Jan 2024).

## **ORIENTATION/ REFRESHER COURSES/ FDPs :**

Attended and completed UGC Sponsored (four week) Orientation Program conducted by Human Resource Development Centre, H.P. University, Shimla, w.e.f. 22<sup>nd</sup> June to 18<sup>th</sup> July 2015.

Attended a four day workshop on ‘**ToT on Community Based Disaster Preparedness,**’ w.e.f. 1<sup>st</sup> Aug.to 4<sup>th</sup> Aug. 2017, organised by H.P. Disaster Management Authority in collaboration with UNDP, Distt. Kullu, H.P.

Attended and completed UGC-Sponsored Refresher Course on **Ethics, Spirituality and Yoga** (IDC) conducted by Human Resource Development Centre, Kumaun University, Nainital (Uttarakhand) w.e.f. 10<sup>th</sup> March to 30<sup>th</sup> March 2018.

Attended and completed an International Five- Day, E-Learning Workshop, organised by Department of English and Cultural Studies, Punjab University, Chandigarh, w.e.f. 6<sup>th</sup> June to 10<sup>th</sup> June 2020

Attended and completed One -Week International e-Workshop on **Language Translation Skills**, organised by Higher Education Department, Government of Union Territory of Jammu and Kashmir in collaboration with National Translation Mission, Central Institute of Indian Languages, Ministry of Education, Govt. of India, w.e.f. 8<sup>th</sup> Aug. to 12<sup>th</sup> Aug 2020

Attended and completed One-Week Workshop on **NAAC Revised Accreditation Framework-Resolving the Practical Snags** (under UGC PARAMARSH Scheme) held from Aug 17 to 24, 2020, organised by GHS Khalsa College of Education Gurusar Sadhar, Ludhiana.

Attended and completed a five-day workshop on **Tankari-Lipi** organised by **सांभ**, w.e.f. 27<sup>th</sup> Sept. to 1<sup>st</sup> Oct. 2021.

Attended and completed UGC-Sponsored online Refresher Course **on Indian Writing in English: Class, Caste and Gender**, conducted by Human Resource Development Centre, University of Mumbai, w.e.f. 18<sup>th</sup> Oct. to 30<sup>th</sup> Oct. 2021.

Attended and completed one week in-service Teacher’s Training Programme (Capacity Building) for Assistant/Associate Professors College Cadre from 7<sup>th</sup> August 2023-12<sup>th</sup> August 2023 at Govt. College of Teacher Education, Dharamshala, H.P.

## **CONFERENCES/ SEMINARS/ WEBINARS attended and participated:**

Attended two-days National Seminar on “सिनेमा और सामाजिक सरोकार,” organised by Govt. College Kullu in collaboration with Indian Council of Social Science Research, held on 4<sup>th</sup> - 5<sup>th</sup> Dec. 2013 and presented a paper on the same.

Attended the Two-Day International Conference on “भारतीय सिनेमा और नारी” organised by Govt. College Kullu in collaboration with Indian Council of Social Science Research, held on 22-23

Sept.2014 and presented a paper on “**Changing Dynamics of Female Character in Indian Cinema**”

Attended a Two-Day National Conference on ‘**Higher Education: Issues and Challenges**’, organised by Himachal Govt. College Teacher’ Association(HGCTA) on 18-19 Sept.2015 at Hotel Peterhof, Shimla and **presented a paper** on the above mentioned topic.

Attended a Two-Day National conference on “**पर्यटन के सामाजिक सरोकार: चुनौतियाँ और संभावनाएं**” organised by Govt. College Sainj, Distt. Kullu on 23-24 Feb. 2017 and presented a paper on “**हिमाचल का इतिहास एवं पर्यटन के विविध आयाम**”.

Attended a Two-Day National Conference on **Contemporary Indian Literature in English**, on 3-4 Aug.2018, organised by Govt. College Basa (Gohar) and English Teachers’ Forum, H.P.

Attended a One Day National Webinar on ‘**Gender Equality and Women’s Rights-in view of ongoing COVID-19**’ on 14<sup>th</sup> July, 2020 organised by Centre for Women’s Studies and Development, H.P.U. Shimla.

Attended the Three day International Conference **organised by Inspirare Arts Foundation** in collaboration with H.P.U,Shimla and Alliance Francaise du Bengale entitled **Cultural Studies in Retrospect: Text/Theory/Praxis**, held on the 4<sup>th</sup>,5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> Oct. 2021 and **presented a paper** titled: “**Going Beyond the Gender Binary in A.Revathi’s *The Truth About Me* and Jennifer F. Boylan’s *She’s Not There*: Indian and Western Perspective on Transgenderism in Contemporary Times**”

Attended a webinar on “**Supporting LGBTQI+ Communities on Campus**” organised by U.S.Consulate General, Mumbai and the University of Notre Dame on 8<sup>th</sup> Feb.2022.

Attended a webinar on “**Avoiding Plagiarism and Building Academic Integrity**” organised by U.S. Consulate General, Mumbai on 18<sup>th</sup> Feb.2022.

Attended the Two-Day National Conference on “**Gender and ethnicity in Literature**” on 5-6 May2022 organised by English Teachers’ Forum, H.P. and Govt. College Dhama (at 16 miles), Shimla and **presented a paper** titled: “**Social Location and Struggles of Selfhood in Laxmi’s *Me Hijra Me Laxmi* and Revathi’s *The Truth About Me*.”**

Acted as **Resource Person** in the In-Service Training Programme in English for School Lecturers, organized at SCERT, Solan on 15th May 2023 and delivered two lectures on “**Literary Texts Usage to Teach Reading Comprehension.**”

Attended the Two-Day National Conference on “**Exploring the Intersections: Autobiographies, Biographies and Travel Writing in Contemporary Literature**” on 15-16 March 2024 organised by English Teachers’ Forum, H.P. and Govt. College Karsog, Mandi (HP) and **presented a paper** titled: “**Unraveling Truths through Memory: Life Narratives of Hijras in the Kullu and Mandi Districts of Himachal Pradesh.**”

**PAPERS PUBLISHED in JOURNALS/ BOOKS:**

“हिमाचल का इतिहास एवं पर्यटन के विविध आयाम” in *पर्यटन के सामाजिक सरोकार: चुनौतियाँ एवं संभावनाएं*, ISBN: 978-81-89482-90-0, pp. 70-74.

“Going Beyond the Gender Binary: A Cross Cultural Comparison between A. Revathi’s *The Truth About Me* and Jennifer F. Boylan’s *She’s Not There*” in *Kala Sarovar* (quarterly Journal approved by UGC Care List), Vol.24-No.-4-Part-3-2021,ISSN-0975-4520, Impact factor 4.015, PP. 387-390.

“Social Location and Struggles of Selfhood in Laxmi’s *Me Hijra Me Laxmi* and Revathi’s *The Truth About Me*” in *The Criterion: An International Journal in English*, Vol.13, Issue-IV, ISSN 0976-8165, Impact factor 7.86, Aug.2022, pp.11-22

Three poems “मैं” “पहचान” और “ज़िन्दगी” are published in The **ETF Mosaic: From Tabriz to Rumi’s Soul**; ISBN: 978-93-6095-615-8; pp. 154-157.