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Academic Qualification

Degree	Subject	Institution	Distinction
Ph.D.	Urdu	University of Calcutta	—
M.A.	Urdu	University of Calcutta	<i>First in First Class, Gold Medalist</i>
B.A.	Urdu Hons	Lady Brabourne College, (University of Calcutta)	<i>First Class</i>

Professional Appointments

- **Professor**, Department of Urdu, University of Calcutta (2020–Present)
- **Associate Professor**, University of Calcutta (2017–2020)
- **Assistant Professor & Head**, Department of Urdu, Milli Al-Ameen College for Girls (2009–2017)
- **Senior Lecturer & Head, Department of Urdu**, Milli Al-Ameen College (2004–2009)
- **Lecturer & Head, Department of Urdu**, Milli Al-Ameen College (2000–2004)

(**Total Service at Milli Al-Ameen College**: 16 years, 8 months, and 16 days)
- **Lecturer (Part-Time)**, Lady Brabourne College, University of Calcutta (1996–2000)

Administrative and Academic Leadership

- **Head**, Department of Urdu, University of Calcutta (2019–2021 & 2023–2025)
- **Convenor**, Ph.D. Advisory Committee, Urdu, University of Calcutta
- **Chairperson**, UG Board of Studies, Urdu, University of Calcutta
- **Member**, M.Phil. and Ph.D. Committees, Departments of Pali, University of Calcutta
- **Former Member**, Advisory Committee, PG Diploma in Media Studies: Film and Television, University of Calcutta

- **Member**, Governing Body, Maulana Azad College, Kolkata
- **Member**, Board of Studies, Department of Urdu, School of Humanities, University of Hyderabad
- **Member**, Governing Body, Maulana Azad College
- **Member**, Board of Studies, Department of Urdu, Kazi
- **Teacher-in-Charge**, Milli Al-Ameen College (2011–2012)
- **Teacher's Representative**, Governing Body, Milli Al-Ameen College (2005-2017)

Research and Teaching Interests

- Classical, Progressive, Modern and Post Modern Poetry(Ghazal Aur Nazm)
- Literary Criticism
- Women's Empowerment in Muslim Societies
- Urdu Journalism and Media
- Translation

Publications – Authored Books

1. *Halqa-e-Arab-e-Zauq Aur Urdu Nazm*
2. *Sahir Aur Unki Nazm Nigari*
3. *Meer, Dard, Ghalib, Zafar, Dagh, Iqbal, Jigar aur Faiz: Pasandida Chalees Ghazlein*
4. *Urdu Mein Amali Tanqeed ke Mukhtalif Pehluon ka Tanqeedi Mutalia*
5. *Raqs-e-Musalsal*

Translated Works

1. *Khayalon Ka Safar* (Poetry of **Dr. Keshrinath Tripathi**, Late Former Honourable Governor of West Bengal)
2. *Zakhmon Par Shabab* (Poetry of **Dr. Keshrinath Tripathi**, Late Former Honourable Governor of West Bengal)
3. *Ehsas-e-Zindagi* (Poetry of **Dr. Keshrinath Tripathi**, Late Former Honourable Governor of West Bengal)

Awards and Distinctions

- Gold Medalist, University of Calcutta
- Swar Kokila Habba Khatoon Sahitya Samman
- Mahadevi Verma Samman
- Shatabdi Manushi Sahitya Samman
- Sahitya Bhushan Samman
- Appreciation Award, Indian High Commission, London
- Mahakavi Award, Belfast, Ireland
- Kavya Rang Award, Nottingham, UK
- Kavita Samman, Liverpool, England
- Kavita Samman, Slaugh, UK
- Kavita Samman, Consulate General of India, Birmingham, UK
- West Bengal Urdu Academy Award
- Srijan Award
- Best Poetess Award, Muslim Institute, Kolkata
- Parveen Shakir Award
- Jahanara Begum Award
- Shiksha Samman, Bhartiya Bhasha Parishad

Lectures, Conferences, and Academic Engagements

International Participation and Invited Talks

- **UNESCO World Poetry Day** (Manchester & Birmingham)
- **Virat Kavi Sammelan** (UK & Ireland, ICCR)
- **Kokosai Bharat Japan Samvad** – Multiple lectures, including on *Mahadevi Verma, Translation, Women in Literature*
- **SAARC Literary Festival**, Nottingham
- **Sahitya Akademi Events** – Special lecture on *Urdu Poetry & Peace*
- **Indian High Commission, London** – Recitation of self-composed poetry and translation lectures
- **Bharti Parishad (Prayag)** – Literary lectures on *Faiz Ahmed Faiz, Chhayavad, Hindi-Urdu Samanvay*

National Conferences and Keynotes

- *Writing for Adults and Children* – Maulana Azad College
- *Nazir Akbarabadi: Shakhshiyat aur Sha'iri* – West Bengal Urdu Academy
- *Premchand ki Afsana Nigari* – Aliah University
- *Sir Syed Ahmed Khan: Legacy and Education* – Government Girls' College
- *Contemporary Urdu Ghazal* – Bhawanipur Education Society
- *Women's Empowerment through Literature* – University of Calcutta (Home Science Dept.)
- *Sufism and Urdu Literature* – World Urdu Association
- *Kaifi Azmi: Hayaat aur Shayeri* - University of Calcutta
- *Media, Film & Television Education* – PG Diploma Programme, CU

- *Multilingual Poetry and Translation* – Bhartiya Bhasha Parishad(Kolkata) and Bharti Parishad (Prayagraj)
- *Faiz Ahmad Faiz: Art and Resistance* – Multiple forums
- *Role of Women in Islam* - UGC-MMTTC sponsored **Online Refresher Course** on " Comparative Religion and Collective Wisdom- From the Gender Perspective", University of Calcutta

And many more

Chairing, Presiding and Presenting Roles

- Chaired multiple national seminars on Urdu poetry, Sufism, and aesthetics
- Delivered over **35 invited lectures**, both academic and public-facing, across institutions like Visva-Bharati and Jadavpur University.
- Presented papers at **national literary meets**, *Nazm ke Tanaazur Mein Urdu Adab*, and *Sufism in Persian and Urdu Traditions*

Media and Cultural Contributions

- Urdu Announcer, *All India Radio Kolkata* (1994–2016)
- RJ and Programme Producer (1998–2012)
- *Akashvani Urdu Magazine Mata-e-Shahar*
- Regular contributor to literary panels on Doordarshan and ETV Urdu
- Guest poet at National Mushairas held in Bhopal, Mumbai, Bangalore, Delhi(Republic Day Mushaira, Red Fort), and West Bengal)