



BRIEF

She strikes a coherent balance between academic-administrative laces of coordinating academic programmes under the School of Education of the University. She has been engaged in higher education for the last 14 years with more than 50 national and international publications (in authored book, edited volumes, book chapters, reputed peer-reviewed Journals, Newsletter etc.). She is avidly connected to research projects and keen in developing and facilitating digital pedagogy (CC: SWAYAM MOOCs). She has achieved success in inducing solidarity among heterogeneity, synchronizing multiplicity, reinforcing collaboration, and triggering the feeling of equity, empathy, and belongingness among diverse learners. Her insatiable craving for harnessing innovation in teaching-learning dynamics inspires her in carrying out the unflagging mission of creating sustainable curriculum and pedagogy with outcome orientation.

CONTACT

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TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Netaji Subhas Open University, Assistant Professor of Education

[29-05-2015]– [till date]

Dept of Education, the University of Burdwan, Whole-Time Faculty (Contractual)

[02-09-2008]– [31-10-2013]

AWARDS AND FELLOWSHIPS

1. **Winner of the Change Maker Award, 2024** from the Making India Employable Awards and Conference, 2024.
2. **Winner of the Making India Employable Awards, 2023** as Teacher Training Innovator from the Making India Employable Awards and Conference, 2023.
3. Received **sponsorship** (for registration & accommodation) from the Commonwealth of Learning (COL) to attend the Tenth Pan-Commonwealth Forum of Open Learning (PCF10) in Calgary, Canada. 2022
4. Selected as the **grantee of AAOU-COL Fellowship 2022** to attend 35th AAOU Annual Conference at Jeju, South Korea, 2022
5. Recipient of Silver medal at the 20th Convocation of the University of Kalyani held on 26th April 2007 for obtaining **highest marks** among all the successful candidates of the M.A./M.Sc. in Education of 2005.
6. Recipient of Bronze medal at the 20th Convocation of the University of Kalyani held on 26th April 2007 for **standing first** among all the successful candidates of the M.A./M.Sc. in Education of 2005.
7. Recipient of “Divabati Memorial Award” for meritorious performance in M.A./M.Sc. in Education by Kalyani Civic Association, Kalyani, Nadia, West Bengal, 2006.

7. Recipient of “**Academic Merit Award**” as a mark of appreciation of brilliant performance in Higher Secondary Examination, 1996 by Bidhan Chandra Institution for Girls, Durgapur, Burdwan, West Bengal.

RESEARCH INTERESTS

Educational Technology, Teacher Education, Environmental Education, Education for Sustainable Development

EXPERTISE

Teacher Training & Innovation, Blended Learning, Development of Curriculum & Pedagogy

FUNDED PROJECT & RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

1. **Principal Investigator**, DEB-UGC funded project on Academic integrity among faculties engaged in Higher Education Institutions, 2015-16
2. **Academic Coordinator**, CoL-CEMCA & NSOU funded collaborative **Major Project** on “Capacity Building & Professional Development of Teachers & Teacher Educators for successful implementation of Inclusiveness” 2016-18
3. **Project Coordinator**, CoL-CEMCA funded **Major Project** on Implementation of Blended learning in Higher Education Institutions in West Bengal”, 2021-22
4. **Principal Investigator**, NSOU funded **Minor Research Project** on ‘The Mind Space of Teachers in the Context of Blended Learning (BL) at Higher education Level”, 2021-2022
5. **Project Associate**, AAOU-CRP on MOOCs for Mobilizing Higher Education in India: A Case Study, 2021-2022
6. **Project Coordinator**, CoL-CEMCA funded **Major Project** on “Implementation of Blended learning Designs in Higher Education Institutions in West Bengal,” 2022- 23
7. **Received Grant** from SWAYAM (NC: IGNOU) for development of an 8-week MOOC on ‘Reading & Reflecting on Text’, 2023-2024
8. **Co-Principal Investigator**, NIEPA funded **Collaborative National Project** on ‘Integrating Digital Technology with Teaching-Learning in Higher Education’, 2024 (**ongoing**)
9. **Principal Investigator**, NSOU funded **Minor Research Project** on ‘Exploring the key indicators for possible intervention/improvement in FDP towards CPD among faculties engaged in higher education’, 2024 (**ongoing**)
10. **Jt. Project Coordinator**, under a COL-CEMCA project entitled ‘Strengthening Institutional Effectiveness for

Graduate Employability: Pilot Case of ODL Higher Education Institutions in India', 2024 (ongoing)

11. **Principal Investigator, Minor Research Project** entitled, "Innovative pedagogical approaches to cultivate creative & critical thinking skills" funded by IITE, Gujarat, 2025 (ongoing)

No. of Candidates Awarded/ Registered for Ph.D.

Awarded-01; Submitted-01; Registered-02

Supervised around 33 M. Ed Dissertations under Dept of Education, University of Burdwan, W.B & NSOU

ADMINISTRATIVE EXPERIENCE

Academic administrative responsibilities-

1. Coordinator, Ph.D. in Education (since 2021)
2. Coordinator, PG in Education (since 2015)
3. Coordinator, One-Year Diploma in Inclusive Education
4. Assistant Coordinator, NAAC, NSOU
5. Convener, Graduate Employability Committee, NSOU

MEMBERSHIP OF DIFFERENT COMMITTEES

1. **Member**, Departmental Research Committee (**DRC**), SoE, Individual RACs & DAIP
2. **BOS** member, P.G. Education Programme, NSOU.
3. **BOS** member, HED (Education Hons), NSOU
4. **General Member**, Centre for Life Long Learning, SVS
5. **General member**, CDSER, SoE
6. **Member**, Academic Advisory committee, Diploma IE
7. **Member**, PG BoS (Education), Kanyashree University
8. **Member**, School Council, SoE, NSOU
9. **Member**, Institution's Innovation Council, NSOU
10. **Member**, NCVET committee, NSOU
11. **Member**, NSOU-OER committee

MEMBERSHIP OF PROFESSIONAL BODIES

1. **Visiting Team Member**, NCTE, New Delhi (since 2019)

2. **Life Member**, Indian Distance Education Association (IDEA) on and from May 2021

DEVELOPMENT OF POLICY DOCUMENT:

- ✚ Assigned as a **Member Role of State Focus Group** (*Teacher Education, Curriculum & Pedagogy and Educational Technology in School Education*) on the NPC Tech Platform to access and contribute to State Curriculum Framework by the NCF-Ministry of Education (under NEP 2020), GoI (ncfhelppdesk-moe@gov.in), 2022-2023.
- ✚ **Resource Person** for developing policy document (**03 Position papers**) on Focus Group of Teacher Education, Curriculum & Pedagogy and Educational Technology in School Education under SCERT, West Bengal (under National Education Policy 2020, India), July 2022-July 2023.
- ✚ **Resource Person, National-level District Consultation Committee for Teacher Education**, under SCERT, West Bengal (National Education Policy 2020, India) July-Aug 2023.
- ✚ **Resource Person** for developing a Framework for Assessment and Accreditation of School Quality for schools (SQAAF) in West Bengal, 2024.

CONTRIBUTIONS IN DIGITAL PEDAGOGY/EDUCATION (MOOCS, ONLINE MODULES, AUDIO-VIDEO LECTURES, SELF-LEARNING MATERIALS ETC.

Sl. No.	Development of complete MOOCs in 4 quadrants (credit course)	LMS Platform	Content writer/subject matter expert for each module of MOOCs	Course coordinator for MOOCs
1	4- week MOOC on Foundations of Heutagogy	SWAYAM (NC: IGNOU)	Foundations of Heutagogy-all 04 Modules, 08 units	Course Coordinator, since 2022
2	5-week MOOC on Understanding Neurodiversity, Module-5	NSOU-LMS	5-week MOOC on Understanding Neurodiversity, Module-5	Course Instructor Since 2022
3.	8-week MOOC on Reading & Reflecting on Text	SWAYAM (NC: IGNOU)	All Modules	Course Coordinator, since 2023
4.	5-week MOOC on ICT for Educators	NSOU-LMS	Courses-III & IV Quadrant-I	Course Instructor, since 2023
5.	8-week MOOC on Research & Publication Ethics	SWAYAM (NC: IGNOU)	Module-37 & 38	Course Instructor since Jan 2023-continuing
6	5-week online Module Introduction to Educational Technology	Development completed, 2023		Course Coordinator
7	Audio Video Lectures & Audio Lectures UG, PG, B.Ed Spl Ed & Diploma in IE, SoE	NSOU-OER Repository & NSOU-LMS		Since 2016-continuing
8.	FDP on 'MOOCs: Development of Online Course for SWAYAM'	NSOU-LMS		Course Mentor, 2 nd & 3 rd Cycles, 2021

9.	OER for achieving educational goals (5 days 5 hours online training course; [A CEMCA-CIET initiative])	CIET-NCERT (DIKSHA)	SME & Facilitator (July 2024) in English & Hindi
10	Siksha mein AI ka Parichay aur vikas (5 days 5 hours online training course; [A CEMCA-CIET initiative])	CIET-NCERT (DIKSHA)	SME & Facilitator (Nov 2024) in Hindi
11	E-content development of 4 credit course (PG level) on Educational Technology	SWAYAM PRABHA Channel-14	Course Coordinator & SME (2024-2025)
12	E-content development of 4 credit course (PG level) on Education and Society	SWAYAM PRABHA Channel-14	Course Coordinator & SME (2024-2025)

ODL forte: Development, designing and maintenance of courses under UG & PG programmes of Education and creating innovative pedagogies in ODL. Preparation of Self-Learning Material (SLM) (writing/editing/formatting/coordinating) for UG, PG, B.Ed. Spl Ed, M.Ed. Spl Ed. and Diploma programmes of Education, Special Education & Inclusive Education (NSOU, DDE-University of Kalyani, IGNOU etc.).

CO-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES / EXPERIENCE

Sl. No.	Details (STC/RC/OP/MOOC/Extended Activities)
1	Certified with merit the 3-month STC on “Science Communication & Media Practice” organized by Indian Science News Association & University of Calcutta in 2004
2	Completed MOOC on “Introduction to Technology Enabled Learning”, offered jointly by COL & Athabasca University, Canada, 2020
3	Completed MOOC on “Enhancing Teacher Education through OER” organized by OEC, U.K. & Tess India, 2016
4	Successfully <i>completed</i> Two Week “FDP on MOOCs: Development of Online Course for SWAYAM” during 19 th May-2 nd June,2021 jointly offered by NSOU and CEMCA.
5	Completed online Refresher Course on Teacher Education organized by UGC-HRDC Aligarh Muslim University during 21 st August-4 th September 2021
6	Head Examiner, Paper-setter, Evaluator of various HEIs (NSOU, BU, WBSU, CU)
7	Completed UGC-HRDC Refresher Course on Teacher Educators, Oct-Nov 2017 organized by HRDC, Jadavpur University
8	Developer & Facilitator, 15 Day Online Training Programme on ‘Inclusive Education: Best Practices’, 17 th -31 st May 2020 jointly offered by CoL-CEMCA & NSOU
9	Reviewer, Geo Journal, Springer Nature Journals
10	Reviewer, Brainwave, An Online Journal of Brainware University
11	Reviewer, Asian Journal of Education & Social Studies
12	Reviewer, NSOU Open Journal
13	Reviewer, Edited volumes of repute (national, state & university-level)

RESEARCH PROJECTS:

1	Principal Investigator , DEB-UGC funded project on Academic integrity among faculties engaged in Higher Education Institutions	DEB-UGC	2015-16	25, 000/-	Completed & <i>Report as a Chapter published in a book</i>
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2.	Academic Coordinator, 'Capacity Building & Professional Development of Teachers & Teacher Educators for successful implementation of Inclusiveness'	CoL-CEMCA	2016-18	14 Lakhs	Completed & a <i>Certificate course on Inclusive Education launched in 2018</i> Extended to 1-Year <i>Diploma course in 2021</i>
3	Project Coordinator, 'Implementation of Blended learning in Higher Education Institutions in West Bengal'	CoL-CEMCA	2021-22	7.5 Lakhs	Completed & a MOOC developed <i>Report published in the form of a Book</i>
4	Project Associate, 'MOOCs for Mobilizing Higher Education in India: A Case Study'	AAOU	2021-22	3 Lakhs	Completed & Report submitted. <i>Book published</i>
5	Principal Investigator, 'The Mind Space of Teachers in the Context of Blended Learning (BL) at Higher education Level'	NSOU	2021-2022	1, 10, 000/-	Completed & Report submitted Book published
6.	Project Coordinator, 'Implementation of Blended Learning Designs in Higher Education Institutions of West Bengal'	CoL-CEMCA	2022-2023	5. 5 Lakhs	Completed & Report submitted. <i>Book published</i>
7.	Project Coordinator, 'Implementation of Blended Learning in Education Institutions including Higher Education Institutions of West Bengal'	CoL-CEMCA	2023-2024	6.97 Lakhs	Completed & Report submitted
8.	Co-Principal Investigator, National Collaborative Project, 'Integrating digital technology with teaching-learning in higher education'	NIEPA	2024-2025	3.35	ongoing
9.	Principal Investigator 'Exploring the key indicators for possible intervention/improvement in FDP towards CPD among faculties engaged in higher education'	NSOU	2024-2025	1.10 Lakhs	ongoing
10.	Principal Investigator, "Innovative pedagogical approaches to cultivate creative & critical thinking skills" funded by, 2025 (ongoing)	Centre of Research, IITE, Gujarat	2025-2026	3 Lakh	ongoing

DETAILS OF PUBLICATIONS (BOOKS/ EDITED VOLUME / RESEARCH PAPERS ETC.): 59
Details available at- [Google Scholar](#) | [ResearchGate](#)

SEMINARS, CONFERENCES, WORKSHOPS, ETC (Paper presenter/ Invited speaker/ Resource speaker/consultant): Around 120 (International, National, State, University, NGOs and other Institutions of the Govt. of West Bengal and Govt. of India)

INTERNATIONAL, NATIONAL AND STATE-LEVEL CONFERENCE/SEMINAR/WORKSHOP /WEBINAR COORDINATED/ ORGANISED AS CONVENER / ORGANISING SECRETARY AT NETAJI SUBHAS OPEN UNIVERSITY

Around **55** academic and community outreach/extension programmes organized/coordinated/convened at the University since 2016 and continuing.

Disclaimer: I assert that the details furnished above are all true to the best of my knowledge.