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RESEARCH AREA:

I have looked at the concept of ‘Home’, Roots and Memory in the Indian Diaspora.

Title of the PhD Thesis: ‘Home’, Roots and Memory in V.S. Naipaul’s Oeuvre: An Interpretive Analysis.

Research Supervisor: Prof. N. Jayaram (Former Professor, TISS, Mumbai).

RESEARCH INTEREST:

V.S. Naipaul, Literature of the Indian Diaspora, Partition Literature, Oral History, Migration Theories

ACADEMIC QUALIFICATION

Ph.D. (Social Sciences), Tata Institute of Social Sciences, Mumbai 2015.

NET certification for lectureship in English from UGC 2012.

Pre-Doctoral Course work in Research Methodology from Tata Institute of Social Sciences, (Mumbai) 2012.

Masters in English (M.A) from Jadavpur University, Kolkata 2010.

Bachelors in English (B.A. Hons.) from Jadavpur University, Kolkata 2008.

ACADEMIC RECOGNITION

1. Integrated M.Phil-PhD Rank Holder (Promotion to direct PhD.) awarded by **Tata Institute of Social Sciences, Mumbai** (2012).
2. **Charles Wallace India Trust Doctoral Research Grant** (2014–2015) for PhD related research in London, United Kingdom.
3. **The 1947 Partition Archive Story Scholar Program Fellowship** (2019).

PUBLICATIONS

Editorials:

1. Sense of Belonging, *The Telegraph*, dated 07.01.2025. Kolkata. (Editorial/Opinion Section)

Book Chapter:

1. “V.S. Naipaul: From Memory en route to ‘Roots’”, *Contextualising Migration: Perspectives from Literature, Culture and Translation*. National Translation Mission. Central Institute of Indian Languages. 2022. Mysore.

Articles:

1. “Defining Nostalgia: From ‘Home’ to Homing Desire in Partition Narratives”, *Economic and Political Weekly*, 59 (32): 42-48.
2. “On the Margins: The ‘Subaltern Space’ in Partition Narratives”, *The Criterion*, 15 (2): 210-221.
3. “The Conundrum of ‘Home’ in the Literature of the Indian Diaspora: An Interpretive Analysis”, *Sociological Bulletin*, 64 (1): 77–90.

Book Review:

1. Surendra K. Gupta: *Indian Diaspora: Study of emerging sandwich cultures*, *Sociological Bulletin*, 62 (1): 181–182.
2. Juri Dutta: *Ethnic worlds in select Indian fictions*, *Sociological Bulletin*, 65 (1): 146–147.

PAPER PRESENTED AT CONFERENCES

1. Paper presented at the IACLALS Annual Conference, ‘Trauma, Resilience and healing: Representations in South Asian Literature and Culture’ organised by Indian Association of Commonwealth Literature and Language Studies in collaboration with Department of Humanities and Social Sciences, BITS Pilani, Hyderabad Campus from 20-22nd February, 2025 at BITS Pilani, Hyderabad Campus.

Title of the paper: Understanding Social Conflict: Locating the Family in Jhumpa Lahiri’s *The Lowland*.

2. Paper presented at the International Memory Studies Conference, ‘Memory, Security and Sustainability’ organised by the Centre for Memory Studies, IIT Madras (16th-18th September, 2024).

Title of the paper: Theorising Migration: Memory, Sustainability and Folklores.

3. Paper presented at the International Conference on ‘Crisis in/and South Asian Literature in English’ organised by the Department of English, Tezpur University, supported by the North Eastern Council (14th-16th December, 2023).

Title of the paper: On the Margins: The ‘Subaltern Space’ in Partition Narratives

4. Paper presented in One Day International Conference on ‘Negotiating Lives: Migration, Displacement and Resistance in Post-Colonial Nation-State’ organised by Midnapore College (autonomous), Midnapore, West Bengal (26th August, 2023)

Title of the paper: Defining Nostalgia: From ‘Home’ to ‘Homing Desire’

5. Paper presented in the ICSSR Sponsored International Conference on ‘The Other Side of Independence: Depiction of Silence, Trauma and Triumph of Refugees in Indian Cinema and Literature’ organised by RV University, Bengaluru (23rd-25th September, 2022).

Title of the paper: The Uprooted: ‘Homing Desire’ in Partition Narratives.

6. Paper presented at Departmental Seminar organised in collaboration with IQAC, Maharani Kasiswari College, Kolkata (4th September, 2020).

Title of the paper: ‘Locating the Child Narrator: Contesting Spaces in Chughtai’s *Lihaaf/The Quilt*’.

7. Paper presented at the National Conference on ‘Contextualizing Migration: Perspectives from Literature, Culture and Translation’ (6-9th January, 2020 at GITAM school of Humanities and Social Sciences in collaboration with CIIL, Mysuru)

Title of the paper: ‘V.S. Naipaul: From Memory enroute to Roots’.

8. Paper presented at CoHaB (Diasporic constructions of Home and Belonging) Summer School (University of Mumbai, 17–21 January, 2014).

Title of the paper: ‘Home’ and ‘Roots’ in V.S. Naipaul’s Works: A Study in the Sociology of Literature.

9. Paper presented at Indian Association for Commonwealth Literature and Language Studies Annual Conference (7–9 February, 2013, University of Lucknow).

Title of the paper: ‘The Pitfalls of Colonialism in Premchand’s *Godaan*.

TEACHING PROGRAMMES AND WORKSHOPS ATTENDED

1. Attended the One Day State Level Workshop on “Enhancing Skills, Ensuring Employability: Summer Internships as Hands-on-Pathways to Experiential Learning” jointly organised by Ramkrishna Mission Vidyamandira, Belur Math on 24th February, 2025.

2. Attended the Faculty Development Programme on **Researching Cultural Vulnerability: Concepts, Contexts, and Challenges** organised by National Institute of Technology, Tiruchirappalli, Department of Humanities and Social Sciences in association with The UNESCO Chair in Vulnerability Studies, University of Hyderabad. Dates: 27.01.2025-02.02.2025

3. Attended the Faculty Knowledge Sharing Program on “Strategic Direction in Higher Education” held at Kolkata organised by ICFAI Business School, Kolkata on 10th August, 2024.

4. Participated in NEP 2020 Orientation and Sensitization Programme under Malviya Mission Teacher Training Programme of University Grants Commission organised by Teaching Learning Center, Indian Institute of Technology (BHU) Varanasi from 01-10 April, 2024.

5. Participated in One Day Workshop on “Hands on Training of NAAC Methodology and Preparation” sponsored by the Department of Higher Education, Government of West Bengal organised by Women’s College, Calcutta on 09th January, 2024.

6. Participated in State Level Workshop on NIRF Ranking Preparations at College Level organised by Department of Higher Education, Government of West Bengal at Bethune College, Kolkata on 13th September, 2023.

7. Participated in Refreshers Course organised by HRDC- Mumbai University, Mumbai from 5th September, 2022 – 17th September, 2022.

8. Participated in Refreshers Course organised by HRDC-Jamia Millia Islamia, New Delhi from 26th November, 2020 – 10th December, 2020.

9. Participated in online Faculty Development Program on Life Skills for Educators organised by Teaching Learning Centre, Indian Institute of Technology (BHU) Varanasi, U.P., India from 2nd -6th November, 2020.

10. Participated in the four week Orientation Course organised during 05.10.2015–30.10.2015 (UGC sponsored Orientation Course, HRDC, Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi).

Chaired Sessions at Conferences

1. Invited to Chair a Session on ‘Literature of the Indian Diaspora: Perspectives’ at the National Conference on Contextualizing Migration: Perspectives from Literature, Culture and Translation (6-9th January, 2020 at GITAM school of Humanities and Social Sciences in collaboration with CIIL, Mysuru).
2. Chaired a Session at the International Memory Studies Conference, Memory, Security and Sustainability organised by the Centre for Memory Studies, IIT Madras on 16th September, 2024.

Invited Speaker

1. Invited to deliver a lecture in Extension Lecture Programme at the Department of English, Serampore Girls’ College on 09.07.2021.
Lecture topic: ‘Chinua Achebe’s *Things Fall Apart* – Special lecture’.
2. Invited to deliver a lecture at the Department of English, PSG College of Arts and Science, Coimbatore on 18.10.2022.
Lecture topic: ‘An Introduction to the Indian Diaspora: Its Representation in Literature’.
3. Invited to be a speaker in a webinar on the new Higher Secondary syllabus, “Professional Discussion on the New H.S. Syllabus of English (B) in WB” on 20.07.2024 organised by Professional Outreach for English Teachers in collaboration with AINET Association of English Teachers.

Resource Person

1. Invited Faculty, Department of English, S.A. Jaipuria College, Kolkata— 15.09.2023 to January 2024. & November 2024.
2. Invited Faculty, Department of English, Sister Nivedita Government General Degree College, Kolkata — 28.12.2024 to 29.01.2025.
3. Member of the Syllabus Review Committee for the New Higher Secondary Syllabus of English (B) in West Bengal appointed by the West Bengal Council of Higher Secondary Education.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Assistant Professor, Department of English **11th March 2015- Ongoing.**
Maharani Kasiswari College (University of Calcutta)
Appointed through selection panel of West Bengal College Service Commission.

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

- 1. Global Research Forum for Diaspora and Transnationalism (GRFDT) – Member**
- 2. Indian Association for Commonwealth Literature And Language Studies. (IACLALS) – Member**
- 3. Oral History Association of India (OHAI) –Member.**
- 4. Indian Network for Memory Studies (INMS, IIT Chennai) – Member.**
- 5. The 1947 Partition Archives – Citizen Historian (Member).**