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A dedicated academic leader with over 30 years of distinguished experience in education, research, and academic administration—internationally recognized by Jagat Punjabi Sabha, Canada, as one of the 51 Most Influential Personalities in Punjabi Language and Literature. Throughout my career, I have championed impactful reforms, contributed significantly to women's empowerment, and advanced the global standing of Punjabi scholarship. I have successfully fostered academic excellence, strengthened research culture, and built sustainable international partnerships across universities and cultural institutions. Having served multiple tenures as the Vice-Chancellor of a public sector university, I led transformational initiatives, institutional restructuring, and academic reforms that elevated standards of teaching, research, and governance. My scholarly contributions include 13 authored books and 100+ research publications in reputable national and international journals. I have proudly supervised and mentored 22 PhD scholars, 20 M.Phil., and 54 Master's theses, contributing to the development of future researchers, educators, and thought leaders. With a Post-Doctorate in Indology from Uppsala University, Sweden, a PhD on the societal impact of Sufism in Punjab, and certifications from Harvard University in Sikh Studies, I bring a unique multidisciplinary expertise that interlinks language, literature, culture, and spirituality. Currently serving as the Principal of Oriental College, I remain committed to advancing Punjabi literature and education through inclusive leadership, innovation, global academic collaboration, and culturally rooted pedagogy. My mission is to continue building bridges across communities, fostering cross-cultural dialogue, and upholding academic excellence that preserves heritage while shaping future generations.

Research Interests:

Classical and modern literature of Punjab, Sufism and its orders (especially Qadri & Chishti order) Cultural Studies, Common Cultural Heritage of Subcontinent, Sociological study of literature, Literary translations and textual research of manuscripts, Feminism and Lexicology.

Academic Qualification:

Post Doc (Indology) from Uppsala University, Sweden (2018)

Ph.D: (*Sufism in Punjab special reference of Qadri sufi order's poetry and its impact on society*)
Punjab University, Pakistan (2002)

Certified from Harvard University, USA (2019) in Sikhism through Its Scriptures.

DIPLOMA: Hindi(2002), Sindhi(2006) & Persian(2013) from Punjab University, Lahore

M.A: *Punjabi Literature (1990)* *Urdu Literature (1992)*

Professional & Administrative Experience:

- Vice Chancellor, University of Jhang, 3 August 2022 to 2nd Nov, 2022, 8 Feb, 2023 to 7th May, 2023 & 7th June to 6th Sep, 2023.
- Principal, University Oriental College, Punjab University from 1st Feb, 2024 to date
- Director, Institute of Punjabi & Cultural Studies, Punjab University, Lahore from Jan 2021 to Dec 2024.
- Chairperson, Punjabi Department, University Oriental College from August 2017 to Jan 2021.
- Member Board of Governors, Punjab Institute of Language, Art & Culture, 2018 to Dec, 2024.
- Convener Board of Studies Punjabi from 2017 to Dec, 2024.
- 18 years management experience of Hall Council in Punjab University.
- Acted as an education expert, member selection boards for the selection of Lecturer, Assistant Professor, Associate Professor & Professor in Punjab Public Service Commission, Government College University Faisalabad, Baba Guru Nanak University Nankana Sahib, Lahore College for Women, Lahore, Islamia University, Bahawal pur & Punjab University, Lahore.
- Performed as a Convener, Chairperson and member of many administrative, academic, co-curricular & editorial committees of Punjab University which have been assigned by authorities.
- Member Senate Punjab university

Teaching Experience

1) **Literature:** Visiting professor in Institute of Linguistic & Philology, Uppsala University, Sweden. From April 2018 to September 2018

II) Over 30 years Teaching experience of indigenous literature of Punjab specially Sufism, sociological studies of classical and modern literature of Punjab, Historical research methodology, Textual research and criticism, History of Punjabi language and literature also given special lectures on Sufi tradition in Punjabi literature at LUMS, School of Art & Design P.U, AIOU, Islamabad and Discourses of Baba Farid and Guru Nanak's in many Canadian organizations & Institutions.

Language & Script: I) I have taught **Hindi** language to Ph.D Students in **Urdu** Department, Government College University Lahore, In 2007.

II) I have also experience of teaching Punjabi language to probationary officers of Pakistan Administrative services in National School of Public Policy Civil Service Academy, Lahore in 2016, 2017, 2020, 2021, 2022 & 2024. Having honor for taking initiative to teach Gurmukhi script to M.Phil and Ph.D students in Punjabi department since 2002.

Foreign Projects:

- Message of Humanity and Harmony in Guru Granth Sahib (A book for Pakistani readers) 2500 Pounds Funded by European Punjabi Sath Walsall, UK.
- Female Punjabi Writers of Pakistan (An anthology of Devotion and Identity) 4000 (Canadian Dollar) Funded by Kalm Foundation Canada.

Research Projects Evaluation Experience

- Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada. Jan, 2017
- Member Punjab University Research Evaluation Committee 2012-2016
- Research Projects on Punjabi Language & Literature Higher Education Commission (HEC), Pakistan 2016, 2018, 2019.

Research Publications:

Books

1. **Historical Sikh Shrines**, The Sikh University Press, Belgium (2025)
2. **Aakhay Nanak Raah Eh** (Prologue of Baba Guru Nanak, other Gurus and themes of Sri Guru Granth Sahib), IPCS, University of the Punjab, Lahore (2024)
3. **Glossary of urdu idioms and proverbs with English Equivalents** by Prof. Dr. Ayaz, Dr. Heinz Werner Wessler & Prof. Dr. Nabila Rehman, Punjab University (2023)
4. **Sikh Dharam Baray 20 Mintaan Di Jankari (Translation from English to Punjabi)** written by Sardar Gian Singh Sandhu, Twenty Minute Guided to the Sikh Faith, (Canada), Sanjh Publisher, Lahore (2022)
5. **Lahu Lahu Punjab** (Urdu Translation of Punjabi (Gurmukhi) historical book by Joginder Shamsher) 2005, 2022, 2nd edition Sangat Publishers, Lahore.
6. **Lehnday Punjab Di Hass Ras Shairi** (Humorous Punjabi poetry of Pakistan, Introduction, importance & Text) Punjab University Chandigarh, India. 2022
7. **Maslay Sheikh Farid Kay**, Institute of Punjabi & Cultural Studies, Punjab University, Lahore. 2021
8. **Kalam Peer Fazal Gujrati** (Poetry of Peer Fazal Gujrati, Monograph & Textual Research), 2010, 2019, 2nd edition, Sangat Publishers, Lahore.
9. **Punjabi Adbi Te Tanqeedi Istllahan** (Literary Terminology of Punjabi Language), Punjab University, Lahore. 2013
10. **Ramz Wajood Wanjawan De** (Classical Punjabi Poetry of Faqir Qadir Bakhsh Beidal, Monograph & textual research), Punjab Institute of Language, Art & Culture, Lahore. 2010
11. **Gurumukhi/Shahmukhi (Script Reading & Writing)**, 2007, 2013, 2nd edition, Sangat Publishers, Lahore.
12. **Husan Jamal Ghazal Da** (Research & Criticism), Life and Poetic Contribution of Peer Fazal Gujrati (Awarded by Maqsood khaddar Posh Trust), 1998
13. **Talash-e-Fareed, Guru Garanth Sahib mein se** (urdu Translation of Guru Garanth Sahib walay Sheikh Farid di Bhaal by Prof. Pritam Singh)-(In Process)

Articles

I have published above 100 Research Articles in journals of international repute and book chapters in the field of "Sufism, Orientalism, feminism, textual criticism, sociological studies of Punjabi literature and some Monographs.

Prefaces/Falaps & Reviews

Written 20 prefaces /falaps of literary & historic books and reviewed many research work

Distinction and Honors

- Bibi Daleep Kaur Tiwana Award for promoting Punjabi Cultural Heritage through Education and outstanding research by Punjabi Sath, Lamberra, India, **UK**, 14th Dec, 2024.
- Life Time Achievement Award by Punjab Institute of Language, Art & Culture, Lahore. 2024
- Award for strong Advocacy to promote Punjabi Language in Pakistan by Guru Singh Sabha Gurdawara, Surrey B.C **Canada** 17th Sep, 2023.
- Esteemed Daughter of Punjab Award for her unparalleled contribution to promote Punjabi Language and Literature and for elevating the discourse in the global academic stage by Hardarshan Memorial International Trust, **Canada** 19th Sep, 2023.
- Life Time Achievement Award by Maharaja Jassa Singh Ramgarhia Memorial Award Gurdawara Sahib Brookside, Surrey, B.C **Canada**, 17th Sep, 2023.
- Recognition certificate of Academic Excellence by Sri Guru Singh Sabha, Gurdawara Sahib B.C **Canada** 17th Sep, 2023.
- Recognition award for exceptional commitment to a lifetime of education and awareness of the Punjabi Language by Khalsa Diwan Society, New **Westminster**, 19th Sep, 2023.
- Award of honor in recognition of contribution for Punjabi Language & Culture by Khalsa School B.C **Canada** Sep, 2023.
- Declared one of the 51 most influential prominent personalities of Punjabi in the World who has served Punjabi Language & Literature, First female who has organized International Punjabi Conference in Pakistan and First Guru Nanak International seminar in Pakistan on the historic day of announcement of Kartarpur Corridor opening by Jagat Punjabi Sabha, **Canada** September, 2021
- Life Time Achievement Award by Kalam Foundation, **Canada** on the eve of Dr. Darshan Singh Bains memorial World Punjabi Conference, September, 2021
- Certificate of appreciation - Kendri Sahit Sabha, Wolver Hampton, **U.K.** 2018
- Torch Bearer of change award, Unique group of institutions, **Pakistan** 8th March,(women day) 2018
- Roll of Honor Awarded by - Qalam Foundation, **Canada**, 20 June 2015
- Baba Farid Award - Punjabi university ,Patiala, **India**, 2012
- Mata Darshan Kaur Award - Punjabi Adbi Sangat Literary Society of **Canada**. 2012
- Khalsa Heritage Award - Punjabi University Patiala, **India**, 2004
- Sharif Kunjahi Award - Writers Club Gujrat, 1999
- Masood Khadar Posh Award - Lahore 1999
- Pride of performance for best debater of the year, Pakistan Bright Youth Council, 1990
- Masood Khadar Posh Scholarship, 1989
- Roll of Honor - Best Performance in Cultural Activities, Punjab University, Lahore 1989
- Roll of Honor - Best Debater (national level) Pakistan Bright Youth Council, Lahore, 1989.
- Roll of Honor - Best debater, University Oriental College, Lahore, 1989
- Roll of Honor - Best performance in W.G activities, Govt. Islamia College for women Eidgah Road Faisalabad 1987
- 4 Books and 2 articles are a part of syllabus as reference material in M.A (Gender Studies) BS(Punjabi) M.Phil and CSS Examinations
- M.A Punjabi language & literature with distinction in University of the Punjab 1989-90

Workshops & Training Courses (International & National):

- Vice Chancellor's Conference on Civic Education, PHEC and Center for Peace & Secular Studies, Lahore (16-17 Aug, 2023)
- Leadership and Management Program PHEC, Lahore (20-23 June, 2023)
- International One Week Training Workshop on Natural Language Processing (NLP), Allama Iqbal Open University, Islamabad (29 August, 2022)
- International Training workshop on Language Documentation, Centre for Language & Translation Studies, Allama Iqbal Open university, Islamabad (27-30 June 2022)
- Early Hindi Online Workshop, Barjbhasa, Wolfson College, University of Oxford, U.K (12-24 July, 2021)
- Early Hindi Online Workshop, Barjbhasa, Wolfson College, University of Oxford, U.K (13-25 July, 2020)
- Self-Narratives in South Asian Literatures with presentation on 'Female self-narratives in modern Punjabi Literature', Uppsala University, Sweden (8 June, 2018)
- Textual Identification organized by Persian Department, University Oriental College, Lahore (29-30 Jan, 2016)

- Indigenous on-Campus Training Program, Punjab University Lahore (17-21 Nov, 2014)
- Punjabi Imla, organized by Punjab Institute of Language, Art & Culture at PC Hotel, Lahore (13th Sep, 2005)
- Managing Human Resources in Universities, one day Interactive workshop, Governance and management services, Institute of Administrative Sciences. Punjab university, Lahore (12th Jan, 2011)
- Computer training course in Lotus 123, Department of Administrative Science, Punjab University, Lahore (July to September, 1992)
- Civil Defense Basic General Training Course, Civil Defense Department, Govt. of the Punjab, Lahore (12-11-1984 to 27-11-1984)

Conferences/Seminars

- Chaired and Participated above 80 conferences & seminars (national & international) held in various Universities & Organizations in Pakistan and abroad in the capacity of delegate/discussant.
- Organized & Conducted 11 national & international conferences/Seminars and so many literary functions in Punjab university, Lahore.

Curriculum Development / Syllabus Designing

- Chairperson B.S (Punjabi) & Associate degree of Arts (Punjabi) Syllabus Committee, 2018-2019.
- Designed syllabus for M.A Punjabi semester system 2002, (Gurumukhi and Sociology), Punjabi Department Punjab University, Lahore
- Designed syllabus for Ph.D. (Sociological study of Punjabi Literature), Punjabi Department, Punjab University, Lahore
- Member syllabus committee HEC (BS) Punjabi 2015

Membership Of International Academic Institution & Literary Forums

- Member Initiative Committee of Guru Nanak Institute of Global Studies, Surrey ,Canada
- Regional Head, Pakistani Languages, Englishers International, Turkey
- Member Advisory Board, Sikhs: past & present, Research Journal of Guru Nanak Research Institute, Birmingham, England.
- Chairperson Qalam Foundation, Canada (Pakistan Chapter)
- Chairperson Pak Punjabi Adbi Council, Pakistan
- Member Maan Boli Parchaar Committee,(regd), Pakistan

Editorial / Reviewer & Advisory Experience

- Editor, Oriental College Magazine, Oriental College, Punjab University, (2024)
- Editor, Six monthly "KHOJ" Research Journal, Department of Punjabi Language & Literature, University of the Punjab, Lahore (2016 to date)
- Honorary editor, "Kikly" First Feminist Magazine in Punjabi Language, Qalam Foundation Canada (Pakistan Chapter) (July 2017)
- Member Editorial Board, International Journal of Punjabi Literature, Canada,
- Member Editorial Board, Oriental College Magazine, January 2005 to 2023.
- Member Faculty News, University of the Punjab, Lahore, Pakistan. (2005 - 2006)
- Member Editorial Board, Six Monthly "KHOJ" Research journal, Department of Punjabi Language & Literature, University of the Punjab, Lahore. (From Jan. 1995 to June, 2016)
- Member Editorial Board Three Monthly "PUNJABI" magazine, Bazm-e-Faqir, Lahore, Pakistan. (2001-2003)
- Member Students magazine "SHARQ", University Oriental College, Lahore. (1988-1989)
- Reviewer for the journal "Oriental College Magazine ", 2010
- Reviewer for the journal of Kashmir Studies "Sangar Mall" (2012-13) and Oriental College Magazine (2018)

Research Supervision

- **Ph.d Thesis:** 22(completed) 5 (on going)
- **M.Phil Thesis:** 20 (Completed) 4 (on going)
- **M.A Thesis:** 54 (Completed)

Countries Visited

- Canada, India, UAE, Sweden, Spain, Denmark, Netherlands, U.K, Finland, Estonia, Saudi Arabia, China