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Summary

- Served as **Assistant Professor** (English) in the Department of Humanities and Social Sciences, Madan Mohan Malaviya University of Technology (MMMUT), Gorakhpur.
- Awarded **Ph.D.** in **English** from Aligarh Muslim University, Aligarh in 2023.
- Awarded **M. Phil.** in the **Novels of Arun Joshi** from the Department of English, **Aligarh Muslim University**, Aligarh in 2016.
- Qualified **CTET** in 2015.
- Earned **B.Ed. in English** from **Maulana Azad National Urdu University**, Hyderabad in 2013.
- Completed **M.A. in English** with specialization in **English Language Teaching** from the Department of English, **Aligarh Muslim University**, Aligarh in 2012.
- Obtained **B.A. in English** with specialization in **Translation and Interpretation Skills** from the Department of English, **Aligarh Muslim University**, Aligarh in 2010.

Areas of Interest

- Translation and Interpretation Skills
- Indian Novels
- English Language Teaching

Academic Credentials

2023

Doctorate of Philosophy (PhD), awarded on the Novels of Arun Joshi from the Department of English, Aligarh Muslim University, Aligarh

- **Thesis Title:** *"Problems of Existence and Identity in the Novels of Arun Joshi"*
- **Summary:** The study, which critically examines Arun Joshi's novels, shows how deeply concerned the writer is with the issues of identity and existence in the modern world. Joshi portrays modern man's mental and spiritual sufferings due to excruciatingly painful life experiences, resulting in rootlessness, estrangement, anxiety and alienation. In all the novels of Arun Joshi, it is manifested that he was strongly influenced by Bhagavad Gita, Upanishads and other Hindu holy scriptures. In the final analysis, it can be said that Joshi presents the dark realities of life, as manifested in all his novels, but he holds an optimistic outlook. Like the existentialists, Joshi highlights that man has no predestined identity. He has to create his own essence through actions by rising above the materialistic pursuit. He should evolve himself by transcending the present situation.

2016

Master of Philosophy on the Novels of Arun Joshi from the Department of

English, Aligarh Muslim University, Aligarh

- **Dissertation Title:** “*Existential Quest and Spiritual Crisis in the Select Novels of Arun Joshi*”
 - **Summary:** The study evaluates the existential quest and spiritual crisis in Arun Joshi’s novels, *The Foreigner* and *The Strange Case of Billy Biswas*. The study shows that Western Civilization failed to provide solution to the sufferings of the ontological problems of the modern man. So, Arun Joshi through the portrayal of his characters turns to religious India and primitivism to find solution.
- 2013** **B.Ed. in English** from **Maulana Azad National Urdu University**, Hyderabad
- 2012** **Master of Arts in English** with specialization in **English Language Teaching** from the Department of English, **Aligarh Muslim University, Aligarh**
- 2010** **Bachelor of Arts in English with specialization in Translation and Interpretation Skills** from the **Department of English, Aligarh Muslim University, Aligarh**

Additional Academic Credentials

- 2018** **Diploma in Translation (Part Time), Aligarh Muslim University, Aligarh**
- 2017** **PG Diploma in Linguistics (Part Time), Aligarh Muslim University, Aligarh**
- 2017** **Master of Arts in Islamic Studies (Distance), Maulana Azad National Urdu University, Hyderabad**

Publications

- Ahmad, F. “Existential Problem and Spiritual Quest: A Philosophical Study of Arun Joshi’s *The Foreigner* and *The Strange Case of Billy Biswas*.” *Dabeer*, vol.10, no.3,4 2023, pp.55-59.
- Ahmad, F. “Quest for Identity: A Study of Arun Joshi’s *The Foreigner*.” *Literary Endeavour*, vol. 12, no. 4, 2021, pp. 88-91.
- Ahmad, F. “Does Utopia Exist? A Critical Study of Arun Joshi’s *The Strange Case of Billy Biswas*.” *Literary Endeavor*, vol. 10, no. 4, 2019, pp. 55-59.
- Ahmad, F. “Pre-writing.” *Academic Writing*, Directorate of Distance Education Maulana Azad National Urdu University, Hyderabad, 2024, pp. 176-88.
- Ahmad, F. “Revising.” *Academic Writing*, Directorate of Distance Education Maulana Azad National Urdu University, Hyderabad, 2024, pp. 216-31.

Course Completed, Seminar/Conference/Workshop Attended

- Presented a paper entitled, “Quest for Peace and Harmony: A Philosophical Reading of Arun Joshi’s *The Foreigner* and *The Strange Case of Billy Biswas*” in a two-day 3rd International Conference on Peace and Harmony: A Religious Concern, organized by Department of Islamic Studies, MANUU, Hyderabad in Collaboration with Henry Martyn Institute, Shivrampally, Hyderabad on 8th & 9th October 2025.

- Presented a paper entitled, "Does Utopia Exist? Analyzing Arun Joshi's (Un) brave New Worlds in The Strange Case of Billy Biswas" in the 18th international MELOW conference on Sunny Pleasure Domes and Caves of Ice: Utopias and Dystopias in World Literature held at Jamia Millia Islamia, Delhi, from 15-17 March 2019.
- Presented a paper entitled, "Globalization-A Curse or Bliss: A Study of Arun Joshi's The Foreigner" in the National Seminar on Globalization, Development and Social Movements in India organized by Department of Sociology on 18th- 19th February, 2019.
- Presented a paper entitled, "Translation and Untranslatability: A Study of Saadat Hasan Manto's Select Short Stories" in the Two Day UGC SAP DRS-II National Seminar on Translation Identity: Assimilations, Assertions, Affiliations, Aversions during 29-30 March 2019 at Department of English, Aligarh Muslim University.
- Presented a paper entitled, "Teaching English in Non-English Medium with fun Method" at the international Conference on English from classes to Masses organized by the English language teacher's association of India and Vivekananda Global University, Jaipur from 21st to 23rd August 2014.
- Completed the GIAN Course "*Subtitling Screened Dialogue: The Pragmatics of Audiovisual Translation*" secured "A" grade, organised by the Department of English, Aligarh Muslim University, Aligarh, from 1st – 5th November 2022.
- Participated in the One Day National Webinar on "*Role of NSS Volunteers & Counsellors During Covid-19 Pandemic*" organized by NSS unit & Department of Zoology Paliwal PG College, Shikohabad, Uttar Pradesh, on 25th September 2020.
- Participating in the E-Lecture Series on "*Literature and Philosophy: Revisiting Existentialism in the Contemporary Times*" organised by the Departments of English & French Pondicherry University, Puducherry, during August 14 - September 15, 2020.
- Participated in the Web Workshop entitled "*Digital Skills for Virtual Teaching and Learning, A Step Towards Virtual Classroom*" organised by Faculty of Education, Karim City College, Jamshedpur, from 3rd August to 7th August 2020.
- Participated in the One Week Faculty Development Programme (FDP) on "*Futuristic Trends of Language and Literature - Impact on 21st Century Learners*", organized by the Department of English and Other Foreign Languages, SRM Institute of Science and Technology, Ramapuram Campus, Chennai, from 13th to 18th July 2020.
- Participated in webinar titled, "*Career Opportunities in Corporate Sector for Language Connoisseurs*" organised by the Department of English, Bengaluru North University, Kolar on 4th July 2020.
- Participated in the National e-Workshop on "*Designing e-Content for English Language and Literature*" organized by Department of English and IQAC of Arts, Commerce and Science College, Lanja on 29th June 2020.

- Attended 03-Day International E-Conference on *“Revisiting William Shakespeare”* jointly organized by the Department of English, Baba Ghulam Shah Badshah University, Rajouri, J&K and Government Arts and Commerce College Netrang-Bharuch Gujarat from 20th June to 22nd June 2020.
- Participated in the Online Faculty Development Programme on *“Changing Aspirations in Dynamic Scenario - An Intellectual Deliberation”* organised by Department of Collegiate Education, Government of Karnataka, held from 8th June to 18th June 2020.
- Participated in the online National Webinar entitled *“Educational Scenario in the Unlocked World Ahead”* organised by Faculty of Education, Karim City College, Jamshedpur, from 16th to 17th June 2020.
- Participated as a Delegate in the International Webinar on the theme *“Indian Literature and Culture in respect of COVID 19”* Organised by Department of Hindi Bareilly College, Bareilly, held on 12th June 2020.
- Participated in National Webinar on *“United By Pens, Divided By Fence: Perspectives on Partition Literature”* organised by the Department of English, Netaji Subhash Mahavidyalaya, Udaipur, Tripura, from 10th July to 12th July.
- Attended the National Webinar on *“Role of Libraries in Institutional Ranking”* organized by Maulana Azad Library, Aligarh Muslim University, Aligarh, held on 10th June 2020.
- Participated in National Webinar on *“The Future of Translation Studies: Challenges & Prospects”* organised by the Department of English and IQAC on 10th June 2020.
- Participated in National Webinar on *“Online Teaching Learning and Online Accreditation”* Organized by Department of Commerce & IQAC Cell on 4th June 2020.
- Attended online Workshop on *“Quality Research and Scholarly Publication using Scopus and Mendeley”* organised by Faculty of Social Sciences, Aligarh Muslim University, Aligarh in collaboration with Elsevier, on 19th May 2020.
- Attended online lecture on *“Challenges and Possibilities of Literary History: Reading Against the Grain”* by Prof. Banibrata Mahanta, organised by the Department of English, Isabella Thoburn College, Lucknow, held on 10th June 2020.
- Participated in a Seven-Day Online Faculty Development Programme on *“Paradigm Shifts in Emergent English Literary Discourses”* organized by the PG & Research Department of English, Nazareth Margoschis College at Pillaiyanmanai, from 24th to 30th November 2024.
- Served as Co-chair in a Technical Session at the 3rd International Conference (ELLC-2024) on *“Sustainable Global Goals in World Literature and Contemporary Studies: Remodelling Gynocological Interlinkage”*, organized by The Achievers Foundation for English Studies in collaboration with MMMUT, Gorakhpur and LNH Girls College, Himachal Pradesh, held on 14–15 December 2024.

- Successfully completed a One Week International Level Virtual FDP on “*Integrating AI in Research Writing*” organized by IVARIN Publication, Chennai, in association with the Ministry of MSME, held from 6th to 12th January 2025.
- Ten Days Orientation & Sensitisation Programme (NEP-2020) under Malaviya Mission Teacher Training Programme (MM-TTP) of University Grants Commission (UGC) organised by UGC-MM-TTC, Maulana Azad National Urdu University, Hyderabad, from 21st to 20th October, 2025.
- A tow-day workshop on “content development” organized by the Centre for Distance and Online Education, MANUU, Hyderabad, 2025.

Personal Details

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DateofBirth: **16 December 1987**

Marital Status: **Married**

I hereby certify that the particulars were given herein are true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Place: **Aligarh**

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