

## BRIEF CV

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**Qualifications:** M.Sc. (Chemistry), M.Ed., Ph.D. (Education), NET (Education) qualified.

**Specializations:** Teacher Education, Science Education

### **Professional Experience:**

- **Current Position:** Head, Department of Curriculum Studies & Development (DCS&D), National Council of Educational Research and Training (NCERT).
- **Years of Service:** Over 27 years at NCERT, specializing in research, training, development, and extension in school and teacher education.

### **Previous Roles:**

- **Faculty Member at Regional Institute of Education, Ajmer:** Taught Integrated Teacher Education and Guidance and Counselling Courses and coordinated major projects focusing on teacher educators' capacity building in areas such as communication skills, community singing, teaching-learning at the night schools and school-based assessment.
- **National Institute of Education, NCERT, New Delhi (Since 2003):** Contributions to teacher education and school curriculum, including coordination of the National Curriculum Framework-2005 and its dissemination. Led the quality components implementation of Rashtriya Madhyamik Shiksha Abhiyan (RMSA), facilitating capacity building for about 1000 teacher educators and conducting curriculum studies across various states.

### **Key Projects:**

- **Research and Development:** Conducted extensive research and coordinated national projects, including studies on Advanced Studies in Education, In-service Teacher Education Programmes, Curriculum Evaluation in 18 states and Curriculum Survey in six states as a follow-up of the NCF-2005, development of National Curriculum Framework for Foundational Stage, National Curriculum Framework for School Education -2023 and Handbook on Toy-based Pedagogy.
- **International Presentations:** Represented India at educational forums in Sweden, South Korea, Australia, South Africa, and Bhutan, and at the UKFIET Conference in London.

- **Innovations in Education:** Developed research-based in-service teacher training models like NISHTHA and IMPACT; coordinated the development of the Alternative Academic Calendar and PRAGYATA Guidelines for Digital Education during the COVID-19 pandemic.

**Publications and Contributions:**

- Authored numerous articles on various aspects of school education and teacher education.
- Contributed to several NCERT documents, including guidelines and textbooks related to school education reforms and innovative pedagogies.

**Current Focus**

- Coordinating the implementation of NEP 2020 and implementation of NCF-FS and NCF-SE 2023 and also Vidya Pravesh Programme Evaluation across the States and UTs.

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