



University of Calcutta
Faculty Academic Profile/CV

1. **Full name of the faculty member:** MD. SHAKEEL
2. **Designation:** Associate Professor
3. **Specialization:** Indo-Persian Studies

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6. **Academic Qualification:**

College/University	Degree
Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi	Ph. D.
Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi	M. A.
Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi	B. A. (Hons.)
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7. **Position Held:** **HEAD**, Department of Arabic and Persian, University of Calcutta, Kolkata (09 July, 2018 to 02 August, 2020).
8. **Research Interests:** Indo-Persian Studies, Persian Literature, Comparative Literature, Translation Studies, History and Culture Studies.

9. Select List of Publications:

a) Journals:

- “Aspect of Morality and Ethics in the Rubaiyyat of Omar Khayyam”, in *Arabic-Persian Studies: Journal of the Department of Arabic and Persian, University of Calcutta*, Kolkata, 2016-2017, Vol.-IX, pp.26-32, ISSN: 2394-9635.

b) Books / Book Chapters:

- *Looking Beyond the Wine Cup: Understanding the Rubaiyyat of Umar Khayyam*, Rohini Nandan, Kolkata, 2018, ISBN 978-81-938887-7-3
- *Bandi Jeevan: Seven Persian Short-stories of Sadeq Hedayat*, r, Rohini Nandan, Kolkata, 2018, ISBN 978-81-938887-8-0
- “Buddhist Philosophy and the Rubaiyyat of Omar Khayyam: A Comparative Study”, in *Buddhism and Globalization*, Bimalendra Kumar and Ujjwal Kumar (Eds.), 2019 Mahabodhi Society of India, Kolkata, pp.89-97. ISBN: 978-81-935234-2-1
- “Notion of Reality in the Rubaiyat of Omar Khayyam” in *Thoughts and Wisdom of Some Immortal Persian Poets: with Special Reference to Saadi, Hafiz, Khayyam & Rumi and Its Relevance in the 21st Century AD*. Prof. Rekitabuddin (Ed), 2015, Royal Publisher and Distributor, New Delhi. PP 158-171. ISBN: 81-7547-086-2.

c) Other Publications:

- “Kubra Dawood” Hindi translation of Persian short story of Sadeq Hedayat, published in ‘*Rashtra Bhasha*’ Wardha, February, 2017, issue-2, pp.17,18 & 28, ISSN: 2395-2792.
- “Haji Morad” Hindi translation of Persian short story of Sadeq Hedayat, published in ‘*Sar-Sansar*’, New Delhi, July-September, 2003, pp. 11-14.

10. Invited Lectures Delivered: 07

11. Membership of Learned Societies:

- Life Member of All India Oriental Conference, Bhandarkar Oriental Research Institute, Pune.
- Member of the Asiatic Society of Bengal, Kolkata.
- Member of the All India Persian Teachers’ Association.

12. Awards:

- Prof. Abha Kulshreshtha ‘Najma’ Prize for the Best Paper in Arabic-Persian and Iranian Section at 47th session of AIOC, Guwahati, Assam.
- Junior Research Fellowship (JRF), University Grants Commission, Delhi, Held in NET-JUNE, 1999.

13. Subjects Taught:

- M.A. Persian: Socio-political History of Persia, Modern Persian Prose (Novel and Dastan), Modern Persian Poetry (selected poets & their texts), Classical Persian Poetry (Rubaiyyat of Umar Khayyam).
- M.A. Comparative Literature: Deputy Nazir Ahmad’s *Miraat-ul Aroos* and Bankim Chandra Chatterjee’s *Rajmohan’s Wife*.
- M.Phil.Persian: Research Methodology, History of Persian Literature and Indo-Persian Cultural Relations.
- Ph.D: Research Methodology.

14. Academic Appointments:

- ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR, DEPARTMENT OF ARABIC AND PERSIAN, UNIVERSITY OF CALCUTTA, KOLKATA, Since 08 December, 2018 to till Date, Permanent in nature.
- ASSISTANT PROFESSOR, DEPARTMENT OF ARABIC AND PERSIAN, UNIVERSITY OF CALCUTTA, KOLKATA, SINCE 08 December, 2006 to 07 December, 2018, Permanent in nature.
- Guest Faculty, Department of Comparative Indian Languages and Literature (CILL), University of Calcutta, Kolkata, Since 01 April, 2018 to 31 March, 2019, Temporary in nature.
- Project Fellow, Centre for Persian and Central Asian Studies, Jawaharlal Nehru University (JNU), New Delhi, Since February, 2005 to 07 December, 2006, Temporary in nature.
- Casual News Monitor, Centre for Monitoring Services, All India Radio (AIR), New Delhi, Since February, 2003 to April, 2005, Temporary in nature.
- Guest Faculty, Centre for Persian and Central Asian Studies, Jawaharlal Nehru University (JNU), New Delhi, Since January, 2004 to December, 2004, Temporary in nature.
- Visiting Faculty, School of Foreign Languages (SFL), Ministry of Defense, Government of India, Lodhi Estate, New Delhi, Since August, 2003 to October, 2003, Temporary in Nature.

15. Professional Affiliations/Appointments:

- Member of the Senate, University of Calcutta, Kolkata. (July, 2018 to August, 2020).
- Convener of the Ph.D. Research Advisory Committee, at the Department of Arabic and Persian, University of Calcutta, Kolkata. (Since 25th February, 2019).
- Member of the Ph.D. Research Advisory Committee, at the Department of Comparative Indian Languages and Literature, University of Calcutta, Kolkata. (Since 19 July, 2018).
- Member of the Ph.D. Research Advisory Committee in Russian, Department of Languages, University of Calcutta, Kolkata. (Since 2018).
- Member of the M. Phil., Research Advisory Committee, Department of Arabic and Persian, University of Calcutta, Kolkata. (Since 2019).
- Chairman of the P.G. Board of Studies in Arabic and Persian at the Department of Arabic & Persian, University of Calcutta, Kolkata. (July, 2018 to August, 2020).
- Member of the U. G. Board of Studies in Arabic and Persian, attached to the Councils for Under Graduate Studies, University of Calcutta, Kolkata. (Since 2008).
- Member of the West Bengal Board of Madrasah Education, Kolkata. (July, 2018 to August, 2020).
- Member of the Centre's committee of the Centre for Persian and Central Asian Studies, SLL&CS, Jawaharlal Nehru University (JNU), New Delhi. (07 June, 2017 to 06 June, 2019).

Other Notable Experiences:

- Nominated as a Subject Expert for the Selection Committee for Promotion of Teachers under Career Advancement Scheme (CAS) in Persian at Lady Brabourne College, Kolkata.
- Nominated as a member of the Inspecting Team to visit and inspect Lady Brabourne College, Kolkata in connection with the reduction of intake of seats in B.A.(Hons.) courses.
- Selected as Subject Expert of the Personality Test Board at the West Bengal Central School service Commission, Salt Lake, Kolkata.
- Nominated as a Subject Expert of the Screening Committee for Promotion of Teachers under Career Advancement Scheme (CAS) in Persian at Maulana Azad College, Kolkata.
- Selected as a member of the Inspecting Team to visit and inspect Sukanta College, Bhangankhali, Basanti, 24-Pgs.(S), W.B. in connection with continuation of affiliation under University of Calcutta, Kolkata.

- Invited for the Evaluation by the Human Resource Development Centre/ASC, University of Calcutta, Kolkata, at the Winter School in Comparative Language and Literature held at the Department of English, University of Calcutta, Kolkata during December 31, 2018-January 22, 2019.

16. OP/RC and other Faculty Development Programmes Attended:

- Short Term Course (STC) on **Academic Leadership** (Online) at the UGC-Human Resource Development Centre (HRDC), Aligarh Muslim University (AMU), Aligarh, held during 06th to 12th October, 2021.
- Short Term Course (STC) in **Quality Assurance in Higher Education** with the focal theme of “Higher Education Administration and Leadership: The Contemporary Indian Perspective” at the UGC-Human Resource Development Centre (HRDC), University of Calcutta, Kolkata, during 15-16 March 2019.
- Refresher Course (RC) in **Comparative Literature** at the UGC-Human Resource Development Centre, Maulana Azad National Urdu University (MANUU), Hyderabad from 04/09/2018 to 24/09/2018.
- Refresher Course (RC) in **Computer Applications** at the UGC-Academic Staff College, Aligarh Muslim University (AMU), Aligarh from 27/02/2015 to 20/03/2015.
- Refresher Course (RC) in **Foreign Languages** at the UGC-Academic Staff College, Jawaharlal Nehru University (JNU), New Delhi from 09/01/2012 to 03/02/2012.
- Orientation Programme (OP) at the UGC- Academic Staff College, Jawaharlal Nehru University (JNU), New Delhi from 19/10/2009 to 13/11/2009.

17. M. Phil. Supervision: 01

18. National and International Conferences attended:

- Presented a Paper titled “*Mapping the Contours of Persian Studies in Deccan in post Mughal Period*” at the three-day International Conference on “ **History of Deccan (India) with special reference to Persian Sources**” in XXXVII th. All India Persian Teachers’ Conference (International Session) organized at the Department of Persian, Maulana Azad National Urdu University (MANUU), Gachibowli, Hyderabad on 5th, 6th, and 7th, March, 2020.
- Presented a paper titled “ *Role of Translations in the Development of Persian Language & Literature*” at the **International Seminar on “ Together Towards Tomorrow: The Role of Persian, Marathi, Hindi and other Languages for Sustainable Development**” jointly organized by Department of Arabic, Persian, Urdu & Islamic Studies, Visva-Bharati, Department of Marathi, Visva-Bharati & Rajbhasha Cell, Visva-Bharati, Santiniketan on 22 & 23 February, 2020.
- Presented a paper titled “*Prem Chand ke Upanyas ‘Godan’ ke Farsi Anuwad ki ek Samikchha*” at the **International Seminar on “Desh-Videsh mein Hindi Bhasha aur Hindi Sahitya**” organized by the Department of Hindi, University of Calcutta on 25th February 2019.
- Presented a paper titled “*Persian studies and its trajectories in colonial India*” at the three-day International Conference on “**The Contribution of Deccan (India) to Persian Language and Literature**” in XXXVI th. All India Persian Teachers’ Conference (International Session) organized at the Department of Persian, Maulana Azad National Urdu University (MANUU), Gachibowli, Hyderabad on 5th, 6th, and 7th, February, 2019.

- Presented a paper titled “ *Sarojini Naidu: An Ambassador of Indo-Persian Cultural Relations*” at the two-day **International Seminar** on “ **The Contribution of Non-Muslim Poets and Writers to the Development of Urdu, Persian & Arabic Studies**” on the Occasion of Platinum Jubilee of the Department of Arabic, Persian, Urdu & Islamic Studies organized by the Department of Arabic, Persian, Urdu & Islamic Studies, Bhasha-Bhavana, Visva-Bharati (A Central University) Santiniketan, W.B., India on 20th & 21st November, 2018.
- Presented a paper titled “*Sarojini Naidu and a Persian Ecosphere*” at the two-day **National Seminar** on “**The contribution of Women in the Promotion of Persian Language, Literature, Science, Art and Culture in the Indian Sub-Continent**” organized by the Department of Persian, Maulana Azad National Urdu University (MANUU), Gachibowli, Hyderabad on 27th and 28th February, 2018.
- Presented a paper titled “*Influence of Buddhist Philosophy on the Rubaiyyat of Omar Khayyam*” at the three-day **Global Conference on Buddhism and Globalization** organized by Mahabodhi Society of India held at Maha Bodhi society of India, Buddhagaya Centre, Buddhagaya, Gaya, Bihar from 30th January to 01st February, 2018.
- Presented a Paper titled “*Existentialist Elements in Sadeq Hedayat’s Short Stories*” at the **48th session** of the **All India Oriental Conference** organized by Uttarakhand Sanskrit University & University of Patanjali, Haridwar (Uttarakhand) from 12th to 14th November, 2016.
- Presented a Paper titled “*Role of Persian Poetry in the Development of Cultural Contacts among the Communities in Mughal Period*” at the two-day **International Seminar** on “**Taqreeb- Propagation of Harmonious Relations in Mughal, British and Independent India**” organized by the Department of Arabic & Persian, University of Calcutta, Kolkata in collaboration with Qutbi Jubilee Scholarship Program (QJSP), Mumbai held on 27-28 September 2016.
- Presented a Paper titled “*Significance of the Writings of Nehru and Azad in Understanding the Indo-Persian Relations*” at the two-day **International Seminar** on “**Nehru, Azad and Perso-Arab World**” organized by the Department of Arabic & Persian, University of Calcutta, in collaboration with Maulana Abul Kalam Azad Institute of Asian Studies, Kolkata held on 30-31 March 2016.
- Presented a Paper titled “*Reflections of Buddhist Philosophy on the Rubaiyyat-i-Omar Khayyam*” at a two-day **International Seminar** on “**Revival of Theravada Buddhism in Bengal**” organized by the Department of Pali, University of Calcutta, Kolkata on January 13-14, 2015.
- Presented a Paper titled “*Morality and Ethics in the Rubaiyyat-i-Omar Khayyam*” at the **47th session** of the **All India Oriental Conference** organized by the Department of Sanskrit, University of Gauhati, Guwahati (Assam) held during 2nd to 4th January, 2015.
- Presented a Paper titled “*Notion of Reality in the Rubaiyyat of Omar Khayyam*” at a three-day **National Seminar** on “**Philosophical Wisdom of Umar Khayyam & Its Impact on Eastern & Western Philosophical Circles**” organized by the Department of Persian, University of Gauhati, Guwahati (Assam) held from 29th to 31st March, 2014.
- Presented a Paper titled “*Trends of Persian Poetry during Sultanate Period*” at the **UGC sponsored (XII Plan) Two-day International Seminar** on “**The Arabic & Persian Poetry in India**” organized by the Department of Arabic & Persian, University of Calcutta, Kolkata, held on 24th & 25th February 2014.
- Presented a Paper titled “*Indo-Iranian Cultural Relations at a Glance*” at the **International Seminar on Perso-Arabic Threads in Indian Tapestry**, organized by the Department of Arabic & Persian, University of Calcutta, Kolkata held from 05 to 07 February 2007.

- Presented a Paper titled “*Colonial Impact on Iranian Studies in India*” at the **43rd session** of the **All India Oriental Conference** organized by the Department of Sanskrit, University of Jammu, Jammu (J&K) held from 12-10- 2006 to 14-10-2006.

Seminars and Conferences attended (without Paper):

- Participated in the **UGC supported Three-Day National Level ‘Centenary Commemoration Seminar on the Establishment of the Department of Modern Indian Languages at the university of Calcutta’** Organized by the Department of Comparative Indian Languages and Literature, University of Calcutta, in collaboration with CIIL, Mysore on 06th-08th March,2019.
- Participated in the **One-day Seminar on “New Perspective on Language Classification”** Organized by the Department of Linguistics, University of Calcutta, on 26th February, 2019.
- Participated in the **UGC supported Three-Day National Seminar on “Celebrating Birth Centenary: Kaifi Azmi, Subhash Mukhopadhyay and Amrita Pritam”** Organized by the Department of Comparative Indian Languages and Literature, University of Calcutta on 30th January-1st February,2019.
- Participated the **UGC-sponsored one-day International Seminar** entitled “**Veda**” Organized by the Department of Sanskrit, University of Calcutta, Kolkata on 15th January, 2018.
- Participated in the **UGC-sponsored State-level Seminar** entitled “**A Tribute to Prof. Suniti Kumar Chatterji on his 125th. Birth Anniversary**” Organized by the Department of Sanskrit, University of Calcutta on 21st.March, 2016.
- Participated in the **International Seminar to “Commemorate 125th. Birth Anniversary Celebration of Prof. Suniti Kumar Chatterji”** organized by the Department of Linguistics, University of Calcutta in collaboration with Govt. of W.B. and CIIL, Mysore held at University of Calcutta, Salt Lake Campus on December 22nd, 2015.
- Participated in the **International Seminar to Commemorate 125th. Birth Anniversary Celebration of Prof.Suniti Kumar Chatterji on “Revisiting Prof.S.K.Chatterji as a Key to the Future of Indological Studies”** jointly organized by the Department of Linguistics, University of Calcutta, Govt. of W.B. and CIIL, Mysore held at University of Calcutta, Salt Lake Campus during November 26th -27th, 2015.
- Participated in the **Seminar on “Man-making Education of Swami Vivekanand”** jointly organized by the Department of Sanskrit, Calcutta University and Akhil Bharat Vivekanand Siksha Parishad at the Darbhanga Hall of Calcutta University on 22nd January, 2015.
- Participated in the **UGC-sponsored National Seminar on “Recent Reforms in Education in India: Trends and Challenges”** Jointly organized by University B.T. & Evening College and Tufanganj College, Cooch Behar (W.B.) on 1st -2nd October, 2010.
- Participated in the **National Seminar on “Reforms in Higher Education: Meeting the Challenges”** organized by WBCUTA in collaboration with Vidyasagar University Teachers’ Association held at Vidyasagar University, Midnapore, Paschim Medinipur on February 12, 2010.
- Participated in the **UGC-sponsored State-level Seminar on “Higher Education and Employability”** organized in collaboration with Malda College, Malda (W.B.) on 15th -16th November, 2008.

- Participated in the **National Seminar** on “**National Knowledge Commission: New Commandments in Higher Education**” organized by West Bengal College & University Teachers’ Association (WBCUTA) held at Darbhanga Hall, University of Calcutta, Kolkata (W.B.) on 24th November, 2007.

Lectures Delivered:

- Delivered a special lecture on “*The Need of Language Teaching to Understand the Cultural Discourse in Today’s World*” at a One-day **International Seminar** on “**Biography of Prophet Mohammad (PBUH)**” on the Occasion of ‘**World Arabic Language Day**’ organized by the Calcutta University Arabic Alumani Association, Department of Arabic & Persian, University of Calcutta, Kolkata held on 16th December 2017.
- Delivered a special lecture on “the *Literary Development in Persia during the Abbasid Period*” at a One-day **National Seminar** on “**The Development of Arabic Language in Bengal**” organized by the Arabic Alumani Association, Department of Arabic & Persian, University of Calcutta, Kolkata in collaboration with All India Association of Arabic Teachers and Scholars held on 22nd December 2016.
- Delivered a lecture as a subject expert at the **International Seminar** on “**Kavita Mein Kitna Dum**” Organized by the Department of Hindi, University of Calcutta, Kolkata held on 21st March 2014.
- Delivered comments as a subject expert at the three-day **G.D.Birla Lecture Series-2011** on “**Hindi-Urdu ke Beech Sajha Rishta**” Organized by the Department of Hindi, University of Calcutta, Kolkata held during 31st July- 02 August 2013.
- Delivered a lecture as a subject expert at the **National Seminar** on “**Bhartiye Sahitya aur Dalit Sahitya**” Organised by the Department of Hindi, University of Calcutta, Kolkata held on 22nd March 2013.

Lectures Delivered as a Resource Person (at RC/OP & other Programme):

- Delivered a Lecture as a Resource Person on the topic: “*Discourse of Environment Awareness in Various Socio-Cultural Milieus in Indian Sub-Continent*” on 14/03/2019 during **NSS Unit-I & Unit-II Seven Days Special Camping Programme** held from 12th March to 18th March 2019 at Bhangar Mahavidyalaya, Bhangar.
- Delivered a Lecture as a Resource Person on the topic “*Umar Khayyam in the Twentieth Century*” on January 03, 2019, at the **Winter School in Comparative Language and Literature** organised by the Human Resource Development Centre/ASC, University of Calcutta, Kolkata, held at the Department of English, University of Calcutta, Kolkata during December 31, 2018- January 22, 2019.

Session Chaired at Seminars and Conferences:

- Chaired a session at the two-day **International Seminar** on “**The Contribution of Non-Muslim Poets and Writers to the Development of Urdu, Persian & Arabic Studies**” on the Occasion of Platinum Jubilee of the Department of Arabic, Persian, Urdu & Islamic Studies organized by the Department of Arabic, Persian, Urdu & Islamic Studies, Bhasha-Bhavana, Visva-Bharati (A Central University) Santiniketan, W.B., India on 20th & 21st November, 2018.

- Chaired a session at the One-day **International Seminar** on “**Biography of Prophet Mohammad (PBUH)**” on the occasion of ‘**World Arabic Language Day**’ organized by the Calcutta University Arabic Alumni Association, Department of Arabic and Persian, University of Calcutta, Kolkata held on 16th December 2017.
- Chaired a Session at the two-day **International Seminar** on “**Taqreeb- Propagation of Harmonious Relations in Mughal, British and Independent India**” organized by the Department of Arabic & Persian, University of Calcutta, Kolkata in collaboration with Qutbi Jublee Scholarship Program (QJSP), Mumbai held on 27th -28th September 2016.
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