

Curriculum Vitae

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Qualification/Fellowship: B.A. (Hons), M.A., LL.B. (Utkal), Ph.D. (Alberta, Canada)
FAPS (Fellow, Association of Psychological Science, USA)

EDUCATION & POST-DOCTORAL WORK

M.A. (Psychology): Utkal University (1969) First Class (1st Rank)

Ph. D. (Psycholinguistics) Dept. of Educational Psychology, University of Alberta, Canada (1977)

Post -Doctoral (Fulbright) Fellow (1981-82) University of Wisconsin, Madison

APPOINTMENTS, OFFICIAL/HONORARY POSITIONS

- Consultant, University of Cambridge & University of Reading, UK (2016 - 2020) for the project ES/N010345/1: Multilingualism and Multiliteracy: Raising Learning Outcomes in Education Systems
- Jawaharlal Nehru University: ICSSR National Fellow, 2011- 2013
- M. S. University, Baroda: Nehru Chair Professor (Dept. of Human Development & Family Studies), 2012
- Jawaharlal Nehru University: Founder Director & Chief Adviser, National Multilingual Education Resource Consortium (NMRC www.nmrc-jnu.org)
- Jawaharlal Nehru University: Professor, Zakir Husain Centre for Educational Studies, 2003- 2011 (Chairperson, 2005-2007)
- Utkal University: Professor of Psychology, 1983 – 2003 (Chairperson, 1992-94)
- Central Institute of Indian Languages, Mysore: Senior Fellow, 1986-87
- University of Alberta: Killam Doctoral Fellow (1974 -77), Sessional Lecturer (1975-77)

FELLOWSHIPS/AWARDS/ACADEMIC HONOURS

- National Fellow, Indian Council of Social Science Research (Fellowship awarded in 2011-2013)
- Nehru Chair Professor, M. S. University, Baroda (Dept. of Human Development & Family Studies, 2012)
- Fellow, Association of Psychological Science, USA. (Fellowship conferred in 2010)
- Fellow, National Academy of Psychology, India. (Fellowship conferred in 2010 & voluntarily relinquished in 2022)
- Fulbright Visiting Professor, Teachers College, Columbia University (2007-2008)
- President, National Academy of Psychology (India), 1997
- Senior Fulbright Fellow, University of Wisconsin, USA, (1981-82)
- Sir Izak Walton Killam Doctoral Fellow, Graduate Teaching Assistant, Lecturer & Assistant Professor (Special Sessions) 1973-77, University of Alberta, Canada.

MAJOR RESEARCH PROJECTS

- *MLE Plus: Breaking the Language and Culture Barrier in Multilingual Education of Tribal Children in Orissa.* (Bernard van Leer Foundation, The Netherlands)
- *National Multilingual Education Resource Consortium* (www.nmrc-jnu.org), (UNICEF, Delhi) Continuing since 2007. Founder Directors: A.K. Mohanty

- *Mother Tongue Based Multilingual Education in India: A Longitudinal Study in Andhra Pradesh and Orissa.* (NCERT, New Delhi)
- *From Mother Tongue to Other Tongue: Facilitating Transition in Multilingual Education of Tribal Children in India* (Project MLE+) (Bernard van Leer Foundation, The Netherlands)

POLICY & PLANNING ASSIGNMENTS

- Member, National Focus Group for Language Education Position Paper (based on the New Education Policy, 2020, India)
- Member, NCERT Focus Group for Wording Paper on Language Education Position Paper (based on the New Education Policy, 2020, India)
- Chaired Committee for Development of Early Childhood Care & Education Policy (0-6 years) for Odisha, India & Drafted the Policy (Pending with the Government of Odisha) (Collaboration with the Department of Psychology, Utkal University, Funded by UNICEF, Odisha).
- Chaired Committee for Development of Odisha Child Policy (0-18 years) for the Government of Odisha, India & Drafted the Policy (Pending with the Government of Odisha) (Collaboration with State Commission for Protection of Child Rights & the Department of Sociology, Utkal University, Funded by UNICEF, Odisha).
- Developed Multilingual Education Policy for Nepal in 2009 (with Tove Skutnabb-Kangas on invitation under Finland-Nepal Collaboration)
- Chaired Committee for Development of Multilingual Education Policy and Guidelines for Tribal Children of Odisha, India & Drafted the Policy accepted and notified by the Government of Odisha in July 2014.
- Executive Member, ECCE (Early Childhood Care and Education) Council, Government of Odisha (India) 2016-
- Member, Advisory Committee, Centre for Cognitive & Behavioural Sciences (UGC Centre for Excellence), University of Allahabad.

RESEARCH ACTIVITIES, PUBLICATIONS & GUIDANCE

Publications: Major Publications listed

Areas of current research:

- i) Multilingual Education
- ii) Multilingualism & Minority Language Issues
- iii) Language Policy

Research Guidance: Ph.D. Guidance: (Awarded – 23, Submitted - 1)

REFERENCES

- Prof. Tove Skutnabb-Kangas, Department of Language & Culture, Roskilde University Post Box-260, 4000 Roskilde, Denmark. email: skutnabbkangas@gmail.com
- Prof. Jim Cummins, OISE, University of Toronto, Canada. email: jcummins@oise.utoronto.ca
- Prof. Prakash Padakannaya, Former Professor of Psychology, University of Mysore & Ashoka University, INDIA. email: prakashp99@gmail.com