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### **Professional and Social Media Links:**

**Google Scholar:** <https://scholar.google.com/citations?hl=en&user=Sbe7LzsAAAAJ>

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**Instagram:** <https://instagram.com/ajayshukla503?igshid=YmMyMTA2M2Y=>

**Facebook:** <https://www.facebook.com/professorajayshukla?mibextid=ZbWKwL>

**LinkedIn:** <https://www.linkedin.com/in/dr-ajay-shukla-98218450>

**Thread:** <https://www.threads.net/@ajayshukla503>

**X (Twitter):** <https://twitter.com/ajayshukla2020?t=R9qFRpuDdoFXzuFZ5uYbsw&s=09>

**YouTube:** <https://youtube.com/@profajayshukla2331?si=kCGrhB-tstNxOhB>

**Experience: More than 26 years (11 Years as Professor) continuing...**

### **1. Teaching, Research and Administrative Experience:**

- Area of Interest: African American Fiction and Indian English Literature.
- Teaching Area: British Poetry, Popular Literature, Literary Criticism Theory, Indian English Literature.

### **2. University Corporate Contributions (1998 – 2024):**

1. Programme Officer, National Service Scheme(N.S.S.)
  - a. From 1999-2000 to 2002-2003.
  - b. From 2004-2005 to 2007-2008.
2. Flying Squad (Member): 1999-2000, 2009-2010, 2015-16

3. Chairman, Cross Country (Athletics): 2009-10,2010-11.
4. Member, Steering Committee, UGC XII five-year plan.
5. Member, Lyngdoh committee2012
6. Coordinator, National Service Scheme (NSS) –(2012 -2017)
7. Coordinator, Gorakhpur Empanelled Training Institute – (2013- 2015)
8. Coordinator, UGC sponsored Classes for preparation for NET–(2011- 2013)
9. Coordinator {BA LL.B. Program} Deen Dayal Upadhyay Gorakhpur University Gorakhpur - (2022-2023)
10. Public Relations Officer (PRO) – (2018-2020)
11. Warden - N.C. Hostel– (2018-2020)
12. President - Athletic Association – (2019-2020)
13. Evaluation In Charge – (2005-2006; 2011-2012)
14. In charge, University Website – 2013-2014)
15. Convenor/ Co-convenor (Various committees) 31<sup>st</sup>, 32<sup>nd</sup>, 33<sup>rd</sup>, 34<sup>th</sup>, 35<sup>th</sup>, 36<sup>th</sup>, 37<sup>th</sup>,38<sup>th</sup>, 39<sup>th</sup> and 40<sup>th</sup>, 41<sup>st</sup> and 42<sup>nd</sup> Convocation.
16. Superintendent (Sant Kabir Hostel) – (2005-2007; 2009-2011)
17. Assistant Proctor – (2005-2007)
18. Additional Dean Student Welfare (ADSW) – (2005-2007)
19. State Convenor, NSS Online Monitoring – (2017)
- 20.Coordinator, UGC . 18.11.2017
20. Coordinator Special Awareness Cell , DDU Gorakhpur University, 2019
21. Incharge, Padhe Gorakhpur Gorakhpur Region, DDU Gorakhpur University 2019-20
22. Incharge, Swayamprabha Channel, DDU Gorakhpur University Gorakhpur, 2018
23. Incharge, Operation of BHEEMApp, DDU Gorakhpur University Gorakhpur, 2019
24. Co-Convenor, Gorakhpur Intellectual Forum – (2020-2022)

### 3. Ph.D. Supervision– (28)

### 4. Books & Research Papers:

Author of **07 books** published by renowned publishers like Orient Blackswan and Macmillan, along with a substantial collection of high-impact research papers published in prestigious national and international journals. **11 book Chapters** and **26 Research papers** in Peer-reviewed and UGC CARE listed journals.

## 5. Digital Initiatives:

Creation of a YouTube Channel named "**English Literature Pathshala**", it is credited with more than 175 video-lectures recorded on diverse literary texts, literary terms, theories and writers. These topics range from UG to PG level, NET/JRF and Research Areas etc.

## 6. Invited Lectures:

More than 110 invited lectures in different National/ International Seminars, Orientation Programmes, Refresher Courses, Workshops, Short Term Courses, Faculty Induction Programs, and Webinars on a variety of topics such as “ Aims and Objectives of Teaching English in India” “Importance of Community Service in Higher Education” “Feminism and Literature” "Academic Integrity and prevention of Plagiarism” “African American Fiction, Indian English Literature”, Rhetoric and Prosody, Literature and Environment, Climate Change, Virtual Community and Social Networking Sites, Research Methodology, Use of English in India, Personality Development, Mechanics of writing, NEP-2020 etc.

Many lectures were delivered in different teacher training programs organised by UGC-HRDC, DDU Gorakhpur University, UGC-HRDC, Lucknow University, UGC-HRDC, JNV University Jodhpur, Dr. Harisingh Gour University, Sagar, MP Guru Ghasi Das University Bilaspur Chhattisgarh and Pt. Ravishankar Shukla University Raipur.

UGC Academic Staff College/ UGC-HRDC/ Malaviya Mission Teacher Training Programme: **58 lectures**

Lecture Delivered at National and International Seminars/ Conferences: **20 lectures**

Lecture Delivered at Universities/ Colleges Level/: **21 lectures**

Radio Talk: **12**

## 7. Participation in Seminar/ Conference:

Presented more than 30 papers in different National and International Seminars/ Conferences.

## 8. Convenor/ Organising Secretary of National/ International -Conference/Seminars/Webinars:

- a) U.G.C. National Seminar on “Global Literatures, National Identity, and the Subaltern: Emerging Trends in Indian English Writing” (February 11-12, 2009).
- b) U.G.C. National Seminar on “Literature and Environment” (February 14-15, 2012)
- c) U.G.C. National Seminar on “Literature and History” March 16-17, 2013.

- d) U.G.C. National Seminar on “Feminism and Beyond: Identity, Gender and Politics” February 26-27, 2015.4.
- e) U.G.C. National Seminar on “Fifty years of Culture Studies: Promise, Euphoria & After” March 11-12, 2016.
- f) U.G.C. National Seminar on “Translation Studies: Poetics, Politics & Beyond “March 23-34, 2017.
- g) National Seminar on “National Education Policy-2020: Prospects and Challenges’ 9<sup>th</sup> September, 2020.
- h) National Seminar on Higher Education and online education system: In the light of National Education Policy 2020 ,14 September 2020.
- i) Convenor: Online workshop on “Rural Entrepreneurship and Development” under the auspices of Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Education Council, Department of Higher Education, MHRD, Government of India. August 19, 2020.
- j) Convenor: Seminar/ Webinar on the topic ‘Nath Panth aur Lok Sarokar” organized by Gorakhpur Mahotsav committee 2021 on 12.1.2021.
- k) Coordinator seven-day online workshop on “Research Methodology in Humanities: Changing Paradigms(June24 to June 30,2021).
- l) Coordinator,Three-day International conference on the State, Society and Economic democracy of Pt.Deendayal Upadhyay ji from 24.9.2022 to 26.9.2022 organised by Deen Dayal Upadhyaya Gorakhpur University, Gorakhpur.
- m) Coordinator, Value Added Course on Communication Skills and Personality Development organized by Dept. of English (15.05.2024- 21.05.2024)
- n) Convenor, International Conference on Environmental and Apocalyptic Imagination: Ecocritical Readings in South Asian Literature organized by Dept. of English, DDU Gorakhpur University (19 & 20 Sep.2024)
- o) Convenor , Value Added Course on “ Environmental Humanities” organized by Dept. of English from October 16, 2024.

#### **9. Coordinator of different courses of UGC-HRDC:**

- a) Coordinator: A three-day workshop on “Research proposals for university teachers” sponsored by UGC. Academic Staff college, D.D.U. Gorakhpur University, Gorakhpur (from Nov. 08 to Nov. 10, 2012)
- b) Coordinator: 14 Day online Refresher Course in Languages on the topic “Higher Education: Recent Trends and Innovation in Teaching of Language and Literature organized by UGCHRDC,and Dept of English D.D.U. Gorakhpur University, Gorakhpur (9.10.2020 to 22.10.2020)
- c) Coordinator: 2nd Online one month Faculty Induction Program (FIP) organized by UGC- HRDC, D.D.U. Gorakhpur University, Gorakhpur (25.11.2021-24.12.2021)
- d) Coordinator: 3rd Online one month Faculty Induction Program(FIP) organized by UGC-HRDC, D.D.U. Gorakhpur University, Gorakhpur(06.01.2021-04-02-2022)
- e) Coordinator: 4th Online one month Faculty Induction Program(FIP) organized by UGC-HRDC, D.D.U. Gorakhpur University, Gorakhpur(14.05.2022 - 12.05.2022)

- f) Coordinator, 1st Online Workshop on “Multi-Disciplinary Education” organized -HRDC, Deen Dayal Upadhyaya Gorakhpur University, Gorakhpur DATE: 15th of June 2022.
- g) Coordinator, 2nd Online Workshop on “CUET” organized by UGC-HRDC Deen Dayal Upadhyay Gorakhpur University Gorakhpur. DATE: 16th of June 2022.
- h) Coordinator, 3rd Online Workshop on “Academic Bank of Credits (ABC)” organized by UGC-HRDC, Deen Dayal Upadhyaya Gorakhpur University, Gorakhpur DATE: 17th of June 2022.
- i) Coordinator, 4th Online Workshop on “Good Academic Research Practices/Academic Research Integrity” organized by UGC-HRDC, Deen Dayal Upadhyaya Gorakhpur University, Gorakhpur DATE: 28th of June 2022
- j) Coordinator, Refresher Course in “Indian Languages and Literature organized by UGC- HRDC, D.D.U. Gorakhpur University, Gorakhpur and Department of English (From 20th July to 02nd August, 2022)

#### **10. Board of Studies/RDC / Academic Council:**

- a. External member, Board of Studies, Indira Gandhi National Tribal University, Amarkantak, Madhya Pradesh
- b. External member Board of Studies, Central University of Gujarat, Gandhinagar
- c. External member, Research Degree Committee, Ram Manohar Lohia, Awadh University, Ayodhya, Uttar Pradesh
- d. External member, Research Degree Committee, MJP Rohilkhand University, Bareilly.
- e. External member, Board of Studies, LalBahadurShashtri National Sanskrit University, New Delhi.
- f. External member, Research Degree Committee, Indira Gandhi National Tribal University, Amarkantak, Madhya Pradesh.
- g. External member, Board of Studies, Dr. Ram Manohar Lohia, Awadh University, Ayodhya, Uttar Pradesh.
- h. External Member, Board of studies, CSJM University, Kanpur.
- i. External Member, Board of studies, Siddharth University, Kapilvastu
- j. External member, Research Degree Committee, CCS University, Meerut.
- k. External member, Research Degree Committee, Jan Nayak Chandrashekhar University, Ballia.
- h. External Member, Board of Studies, Mahatma Gandhi Antarrashtriya Hindi VishwaVidyalaya Wardha, Maharashtra.
- i. Member, Academic Council, DDU Gorakhpur University, Gorakhpur

j. External Member, Board of Studies, Pt. Ravishankar Shukla University Chhattisgarh May 2024

#### 11. Member of Academic Bodies:

- a. Member, Editorial Board, *Poorva*, Souvenir, Convocation, 2006 D.D.U. Gorakhpur University, Gorakhpur
- b. Member, Editorial Board, *Parisband*, Souvenir, 30<sup>th</sup> Convocation, Sep. 21, 2011.
- c. Member, Editorial Board, Humanities and Social Sciences, Inter disciplinary Approach: Half Yearly Multilingual Research Journal (ISSN 0975-7090)
- d. Member, Editorial Board, *Parisband*, Souvenir, 31<sup>st</sup> Convocation, October, 2012, D.D.U. Gorakhpur University, Gorakhpur
- e. Member, Editorial Board, Souvenir, 87<sup>th</sup> All India Vice Chancellors' Meet.
- f. Member, Editorial Board, *Oasis* ISSN 0975-4334)
- g. Member, Editorial Board, *Ruminations* (ISSN 2229-6751)
- h. Member, Advisory Board, *Critical Paradigm* (ISSN 2249-5665)
- i. Member, Advisory Board, *Indian Research Spectrum* (ISSN 0976-5964)
- j. Editor, Souvenir, *Abhyuday*, Gorakhpur Mahotsav (11-13 January, 2018).
- k. Editor, Souvenir, *Abhyuday*, Gorakhpur Mahotsav (11-13 January, 2019)
- l. Editor, Souvenir, *Abhyuday*, Gorakhpur Mahotsav (12-13 January, 2021).
- m. Editor, Souvenir, *Abhyuday*, Gorakhpur Mahotsav (11-13 January, 2024).
- n. Member, All India English Teachers' Association
- o. Member, Advisory Board *Explorer* (A bi-annual Refereed Journal of Creative And Critical Writing in English)
- p. Member, Editorial Advisory Board *LitCult: A Journal of Literary and Cultural Exploration*., A bimonthly peer-reviewed open access e-Journal
- q. Member, Editorial Advisory Board *Creative Saplings: A Journal of English Language and Literature*, (ISSN 0974-536X).
- r. Member, Peer Reviewer, *Patahar: A Peer Reviewed Hindi Magazine*, UPHIN/2016/67435 |ISSN-2456-0413

- s. Member, National Editorial Advisory Board *LangLit: an International Journal*, Peer Reviewed & Refereed Journal. ISSN: 2349-5189 . August 2024 onwards.
- t. Member, Advisory Board *Kundalini: A Magazine of Nath Pant: Yoga and Health*, Half yearly published.

## 12. External Examiner (Ph.D.)

- Vikram University, Ujjain
- Vinoba Bhave university, Hazaribagh, Jharkhand
- ManonmaniamSundaranar University, Tirunelveli
- Mewar University,Chittorgarh, Rajasthan
- Indira Gandhi National Tribal University, Amarkantak Madhya Pradesh
- English and Foreign Languages University, Hyderabad
- H.N.B. Garhwal University,Srinagar Garhwal.
- HNB Central university, Garhwal, Srinagar
- Dr R.M.L. Awadh University Ayodhya U.P
- M.J.P. Rohilkhand University, Bareilly
- Veer Kunwar Singh University, Ara, Bihar
- Bhagalpur University,Bihar
- J. P. University Chhapra, Bihar
- BBD University, Lucknow
- Magadh University, Bihar
- B.R Ambedkar University, Muzaffarpur, Bihar
- C.C.S. University,Meerut
- Lucknow University
- Awadhesh Pratap Singh University - [APSU], Rewa, Madhya Pradesh
- Dr RML Law university, Lucknow
- Lalit Narayan Mithila University, Darbhanga, Bihar
- Allahabad University, Prayagraj
- Rajiv Gandhi central university Arunachal Pradesh
- Bhupendra Narayan Mandal University (B. N. Mandal University), Madhepura
- Pt. Ravishankar Shukla University Chhattisgarh
- EFLU

## 13. Subject Experts in Selection committees/ Screening committees

- Central university of Gujrat
- Central University of South Bihar, Gaya
- Bihar Public Service Commission
- UP Higher Education services commission
- Uttarakhand Public Service Commission
- UP Secondary Education service selection board
- Mohan Lal Sukhadia University, Udaipur, Rajasthan
- B.R Ambedkar University, Muzaffarpur
- Dr R.M.L. Awadh University Ayodhya.
- M.J.P. Rohilkhand University, Bareilly



- Indira Gandhi National Tribal University, Amarkantak Madhya Pradesh
- Lucknow University, Lucknow.
- Mohan Lal Sukhadia University, Udaipur, Rajasthan.
- Madan Mohan Malviya university of technology.
- Siddharth university, Kapilvastu
- Jan Nayak Chandra Shekhar university, Ballia
- Bundelkhand University, Jhansi
- Maharaja Suhel Dev State University, Azamgarh
- Raja Mahendra Pratap Singh State University, Aligarh.
- Dr.ShakuntalaMisra National Rehabilitation University, Lucknow.
- Purnea University, Purnia, Bihar.

#### 14. Placement of Ph.D. Students:

- a) Dr. DiwakarTiwari: **Assistant Professor, National PG College Barhalganj.**
- b) Dr.Sandeep RaoGautam:**Assistant Teacher, Gov. Inter College, Dhuriyapar, Gorakhpur**
- c) Dr. BhardwajShukla: **Gov. Inter College, Sidharth Nagar**
- d) Dr. KushharSahani: **Assistant Professor, KA PG College Kasaganj UP.**
- e) Dr. TulikaTripathi: **St. Joseph's Degree College, Gorakhpur**
- f) Dr BajrangiLalGupta:**Assistant Professor, MLK PG College, Balarampur**
- g) Pritee Yadav:**Assistant Professor, Mahila PG College, Bahraich.**
- h) Ashwni Kumar:**DB Inter College, Beniganj, Gorakhpur**

#### 15. State & National Awards:

- By Honourable Governor Shri B. L. Joshi for outstanding performance in NSS on 25.01.14 at Indira Gandhi Prathisthan, Lucknow.
- By Govt. of India for exemplary work (November 2015)
- Nominated for National Award-2016 for immense contribution in the field of Academics and social services.
- By Deputy Chief Election Commission, Govt. of India on 25th January, 2017 for remarkable contribution in SVEEP activities.
- Best teacher Award by Lions Club International in the year 2010
- Received Teachers' Day Award on the 5th September 2021 for immense contribution in the field of higher education and National Education Policy 2020 Implementation from Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor Prof. Rajesh Singh, DDU Gorakhpur University on behalf of the government of Uttar Pradesh.
- Recipient of Teacher's Appreciation Award for outstanding contribution to the field of education, honoured at an event organized by DainikJagran, Gorakhpur on September 05, 2023.
- Honoured with the Big Gorakhpur Pride Award by 92.7 Big FM for outstanding contributions in the field of education (10 October 2023)
- Honoured with *Rashtra Gaurav Samman* awarded by Dharadham International for commendable

services in the field of Academics, social culture and Humanity at AyodhyaDham on 22<sup>nd</sup> of February 2024.

- Honored with *SARC Pride Award* on May 05, 2024 by Dharadam International and Asia Book of World Records at Lumbini, Nepal.
- Nominated Brand Ambassador of Gorakhpur 2024 by District Administration of Gorakhpur under Sawachh Bharat Mission.
- Felicitated for contribution as the Swachhata Brand Ambassador for Gorakhpur by Honorable **Minister Shri Arvind Kumar Sharma, Minister of Urban Development**, Urban Comprehensive Development, Urban Employment and Poverty Alleviation, and Energy and Additional Energy Sources, at the Urban Training and Research Institute, Lucknow, on International Youth Day, August 12, 2024.

## **16. Transformative initiatives as Head of the Department**

Professor Ajay Kumar Shukla, currently serving as the Head of the Department of English at DeenDayalUpadhyay Gorakhpur University, has been a beacon of innovation and leadership. His initiatives have significantly enhanced the academic environment, fostering a culture of excellence and holistic development among students. Below is an in-depth look at his remarkable initiatives and their impact.

### **1. Organized Mock Interviews for Higher Education Aspirants**

Understanding the crucial role of interviews in the admission process for higher education, Professor Shukla organized a series of mock interviews tailored for students aspiring to advance their academic careers. This initiative provided students with a simulated interview environment, helping them develop confidence and refine their interview skills. The success of this initiative is evident from the fact that 7 out of 10 students who participated in these mock interviews secured positions in esteemed institutions. This effort not only boosted the students' confidence but also prepared them for real-world challenges.

### **2. Peer Teachers Concept**

Professor Shukla introduced the peer teachers concept to promote collaborative learning and peer-to-peer mentorship within the department. This innovative approach encouraged senior students to assist their juniors in understanding complex concepts and coursework. By fostering a supportive learning environment, this initiative enhanced the overall academic performance and created a sense

of community among students. Peer teaching also developed leadership and teaching skills among senior students, preparing them for future academic and professional roles.

### **3. Launch of “SahityaVimarsh” Monthly Magazine**

In an effort to provide students with a platform to showcase their literary talents, Professor Shukla launched a monthly magazine titled “SahityaVimarsh.” This magazine, which has seen the publication of seven editions so far, is edited by students under his supervision. “SahityaVimarsh” serves as a vibrant forum for students to express their thoughts, engage in literary critique, and develop editorial skills. This initiative has not only enhanced students’ writing and critical thinking abilities but also instilled a sense of responsibility and pride in their work. 12 issues have so far been brought out.

### **4. Formation of “Discourse” Literary Club**

To encourage holistic development and foster a love for literature, Professor Shukla established “Discourse,” a literary club within the department. This club organizes a variety of activities, including literary discussions, debates, poetry readings, and guest lectures. Through these activities, students are exposed to diverse literary perspectives and are encouraged to think critically and creatively. The literary club has become a cornerstone of the department’s extracurricular activities, enriching the academic experience and promoting a vibrant literary culture.

### **5. Establishment of Research Forum**

Recognizing the importance of research in academia, Professor Shukla established a research forum dedicated to supporting and encouraging research activities among students and faculty. This forum provides resources and guidance for research projects, facilitating collaboration and the sharing of ideas. It also organizes seminars, workshops, and conferences to promote scholarly dialogue and dissemination of research findings. The research forum has significantly contributed to the department’s academic output, fostering a culture of inquiry and intellectual growth.

### **6. Compulsory PowerPoint Presentations for PG Students**

To ensure that postgraduate students are proficient in using modern technology, Professor Shukla made PowerPoint presentations a compulsory part of their curriculum. This initiative aims to enhance students’ presentation skills and their ability to effectively communicate complex ideas using digital tools. By integrating technology into the learning process, this initiative has equipped students with essential skills that are highly valued in both academic and professional settings.

## **7. Induction Programme**

The Special Induction Programme, spearheaded by Prof. Ajay Kumar Shukla as Head of the Department, was designed to welcome and orient newly admitted students. This initiative aims to familiarize students with the various course structures, facilitating their academic and professional development. A key feature of the programme is the introduction to the Choice Based Credit System (CBCS), enabling students to understand and navigate the flexibility and options within their academic journey effectively. The programme also includes interactive sessions with senior students, faculty members, and research scholars, fostering a supportive community and providing insights into departmental culture and expectations

## **8. Doubt clearing classes**

The doubt-clearing classes initiated by Professor Ajay Kumar Shukla set a benchmark for others. Conducted prior to examinations, these classes provided targeted support and preparation for students. This initiative was highly successful, significantly enhancing students' exam performance and boosting overall academic achievement

9. NET Preparation Classes. Conducted NET preparation classes at the Departmental level which got high success rate.

