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**Dr Devjani Ray**

**Current Designation:** Associate Professor

**Department:** English

**Teaching Experience:** 18 years 9 months.

**Teaching in Miranda House since** April 2006

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## **Academic Qualifications**

**PhD:** Department of Humanities and Social Sciences, Indian Institute of Technology, New Delhi

**Topic:** Children's Periodicals in Bengali- 1885-1920 –Study of *Sakha* and *Sandesh*

**M.Phil:** Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi.

**M.A** in English Literature: Miranda House, University of Delhi

**B.A** (Hons.) in English Literature: Presidency College, University of Calcutta

## **Research Interests**

Children's Literature, Childhood Studies, Critical Literacy and Pedagogy

## **Fellowship/Grants**

Recipient of Charles Wallace India Trust Professional Visit Grant 2015 to the UK for doctoral research.

## **Publications** (Latest)

- The Home and the World: Analysing Socio-Spatial Dynamics and Identity-Formation in Indian Picturebooks. *IAFOR Journal of Cultural Studies*, 9(2) 2024
- Reading the Rainbow: Seeing the Queer in Contemporary Indian Picturebooks. *Margins*, Vol.XIII 2024, 147-172



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- “Where are the Little Girls? Conceptualising Girlhood in Early Bengali Children’s Periodicals”, *Mizoram University Journal of Humanities & Social Sciences (MZUJHSS)*, Vol X(i) June 2024,
- “Reading the Political in Sukumar Ray’s Nonsense Poems”, *Himachal Pradesh University Journal (Humanities and Social Sciences)*, Vol.12, Issue- 1, June 2024, 193-208
- “Addressing Death and Grief through Contemporary Indian Picturebooks”, *WE-A Multidisciplinary and Multilingual Peer-Reviewed Research Journal*, University of Delhi, Vol.5, Issue-1, June 2024

### Talks Delivered

- *English For Everyday Communication*, Rashtriya Raksha University, Under Ministry of Home Affairs (An Institution of National Importance), Gujarat, September 2024
- *Workplace Communication*, Rashtriya Raksha University, Under Ministry of Home Affairs (An Institution of National Importance), Gujarat, May 2024
- *Trends in Contemporary Children’s Literature in India*, Literature Festival, Kulachi Hansraj Model School, Delhi, April 2024
- *Children’s Literature in Contemporary India: Reception, Challenges, and Possibilities*, Let’s Talk কথা বলি: Children and Their Storytellers, Educhange Foundation, Kolkata, March 2024.
- *Crime in Children’s and Young Adult Fiction*, Once Upon a Crime, Annual Festival, BlueQuill, Miranda House, University of Delhi, February 2023.
- *Where are the Little Girls? - Constructing Girlhood in Late 19<sup>th</sup> and Early 20<sup>th</sup> Century Bengali Children’s Periodicals*. St. Stephen’s College, University of Delhi, 21<sup>st</sup> October 2022.
- Delivered a talk at the International Webinar on *Nuances of Translation in India*, Nowgong College, Gauhati University June,2020
- *The Idea of Inclusion in Selected Periodicals for Children in the Late Nineteenth and Early Twentieth Century Bengal* at the Fourth Conference on Bengal Related Studies for Students and Young Scholars, October 28-30, 2016, Martin-Luther University Wittenberg, Halle.

### Books Edited

*The Miranda Chronicles: Daughters of Independence* ( Seventy-fifth Year Commemorative Volume, Miranda House) Haranand Publishers, 2024



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### Research Project(s)

*Erasure to Acceptance: Reading 'Difference' in Contemporary Picturebooks in India, 2023-24,*  
Funded by ICSSR, Delhi

### In Popular Media

- 'DU's advisory on college fests casts onus of 'safety' and 'protection' on victims', *The Indian Express*, 28<sup>th</sup> January 2024  
<https://indianexpress.com/article/opinion/columns/dus-advisory-on-college-fests-smacks-of-patriarchal-hypocrisy-9131213/>
- 'Incidents of harassment on women-only campuses point to many failures', *The Indian Express*, 10<sup>th</sup> April 2023  
<https://indianexpress.com/article/opinion/columns/delhi-university-professor-writes-incidents-of-harassment-8545798/>
- 'How a Bengali Book Series Is Attempting to Make Partition History 'Real' for Children', *The Wire*, 31<sup>st</sup> December 2022  
<https://thewire.in/books/how-a-bengali-book-series-is-attempting-to-make-partition-history-real-for-children>
- 'A Street Library, or, A Silent Movement?', *The Wire*, 2<sup>nd</sup> August, 2022  
<https://livewire.thewire.in/out-and-about/books/a-street-library-or-a-silent-movement/>
- 'A Tribute to Aparajita Sharma, a Dear Friend and Artist', *The Wire*, 1<sup>st</sup> November, 2021  
<https://thewire.in/education/aparajitha-sharma-delhi-university-professor-tribute>
- 'A Letter to My Students: Reflections on a Dehumanising Education System', *LiveWire*, *The Wire*, 18<sup>th</sup> May, 2021  
<https://livewire.thewire.in/personal/a-letter-to-my-students-reflections-of-a-dehumanising-education-system/>
- 'ऑनलाइन शिक्षण सर्वांना कसे झेपणार?', ORF (Marathi), 5<sup>th</sup> May 2020  
<https://www.orfonline.org/marathi/sustained-shift-to-virtual-classrooms-may-not-be-a-good-idea-for-india-65701/>
- 'Sustained shift to virtual classrooms may not be a good idea for India', *ORF*, 1<sup>st</sup> May 2020



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<https://www.orfonline.org/expert-speak/sustained-shift-to-virtual-classrooms-may-not-be-a-good-idea-for-india-65514/>

- ‘Mental Health Helplines Can’t be a Solution for Distressed Students’, *The Wire*, 9<sup>th</sup> April 2020 <https://m.thewire.in/author/Devjani-Ray>
- ‘What We Can Do to Reform the University Admission Process in India’, *The Wire*, 18<sup>th</sup> July, 2018

<https://thewire.in/education/what-we-can-do-to-reform-the-university-admission-process-in-india>

## Courses Attended

--*Workshop on Pedagogy in Pre-service Teacher Education* 5-10<sup>th</sup> June 2023, Azim Premji University, Bangalore.

--*Visual Communication, Photography, Graphic Design & Animation and Digital Film Production* 04<sup>th</sup> – 11<sup>th</sup> November 2022. TLC, SGTB Khalsa College, University of Delhi

-- *Literary Studies and the Question of Interdisciplinarity*, UGC Sponsored Refresher Course, 7<sup>th</sup> January- 21<sup>st</sup> January 2021 Comparative Literature Department, Jadavpur University, Kolkata

--"*Managing Online Classes and Co-Creating MOOCS:2.0*", UGC Sponsored 2 weeks FDP, 18<sup>th</sup> May – 3<sup>rd</sup> June, 2020. TLC, Ramanujan College, University of Delhi

--*English Literature and Language*, UGC Sponsored Refresher Course, 26<sup>th</sup> November-10<sup>th</sup> December 2020, English Department, Jamia Milia Islamia, Delhi

--*Women in Politics- Family, Community and State*, UGC Sponsored Refresher Course, 9<sup>th</sup> February to 2<sup>nd</sup> March 2011, School of Women’s Studies, Jadavpur University, Kolkata

## Talks Organised

--\*CYA LIT Talk Series 2022-23. 2023-24, Department of English, Miranda House, University of Delhi



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-- Bengali Partition Literature Talks 2021- 2022, 2022-24, Department of English Miranda House, University of Delhi

\* Children's and Young Adult Literature

### **Administrative and Management Responsibilities**

- Deputy Coordinator, CEC (University Examinations) Miranda House: 2022-2023
- Member, Screening Committee for Selection of Assistant Professors, Miranda House: 2022-23
- Member, Hostel Committee: 2021-23
- Member, Moderation Committee: 2020-2021
- Member, College Admissions Committee: 2021, 2017
- In Charge, M A Admissions: 2017
- Member, College Admissions Committee: 2012
- In Charge, M A Admissions: 2011
- In-Charge, House Examinations: 2011
- Department Teacher-in-Charge: 2010-2012
- Member Internal Assessment Committee: 2010-2012

### **Extracurricular Cultural Activities**

- Convenor, Adwitiya- The Fine Arts Society: 2021-24
- Convenor, English Literary Society: 2022-23
- Convenor, Foreign Students' Association: 2021-24
- Advisor, Enabling Society: 2019-21, 2021-23
- Advisor, Foreign Students' Association: 2010-2012, 2018-2021
- Advisor, College Magazine Committee: 2007-2009
- Advisor, English Literary Society: 2007-2008

### **Synergy**

- **Member, Editorial Board** -*Children First- Journal on Children's Lives*- Delhi Commission for Protection of Child Rights (DCPCR) initiative. Government of NCT of Delhi

**Languages Known:** English, Hindi, Bengali