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Devjani Ray

Current Designation: Associate Professor

Department: English

Teaching Experience: 19 years 3 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, Partition, Translation Studies.

Fellowship/Grants

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

Publications (Recent)

- Stolen Childhoods: Intersectional Marginalities in Indian Picturebooks, *IAFOR Journal of Cultural Studies*, 10(2) 2025, Forthcoming, December 2025) [SCOPUS-indexed]



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- Criminals, Curiosity, and Consequences: Tracing Crime in Indian Children's Literature, *WE-A Multidisciplinary and Multilingual Peer-Reviewed Research Journal*, University of Delhi, Vol. 6, Issue 2, (Forthcoming, December 2025)
- What Disables the 'Disabled'? Interrogating Ableism through Indian Picturebooks. *English Forum, Journal of Department of English, Gauhati University*, Vol 14, 2025, [UGC-CARE listed]
- 'Doing Gender' in Contemporary Indian Picturebooks. *The IUP Journal of English Studies*, Vol. 20, No.1, 2025, 1-10 [SCOPUS indexed]
- The Home and the World: Analysing Socio-Spatial Dynamics and Identity-Formation in Indian Picturebooks. *IAFOR Journal of Cultural Studies*, 9(2) 2024, 36-60 [SCOPUS indexed]
- Reading the Rainbow: Seeing the Queer in Contemporary Indian Picturebooks. *Margins, A Journal of Literature and Culture*, Vol.XIII 2024, 147-172 [UGC-CARE listed]
- "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 (Recent)

- *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.



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- *Where are the Little Girls? - Constructing Girlhood in Late 19th and Early 20th Century Bengali Children's Periodicals*. St. Stephen's College, University of Delhi, 21st October 2022.

Translations

Translations of writings by two Bangla women writers on Partition from Bengali to Hindi will be published in an Edited Volume. Publisher: Rajkamal Prakashan. Publication, August 2025

Books Edited

The Miranda Chronicles: Daughters of Independence (Seventy-fifth Year Commemorative Volume, Miranda House) Haranand Publishers, Delhi, 2024. ISBN: 978-81-19798-47-6

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*, 28th 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*, 10th 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*, 31st 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*, 2nd August, 2022
<https://livewire.thewire.in/out-and-about/books/a-street-library-or-a-silent-movement/>



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- 'A Tribute to Aparajita Sharma, a Dear Friend and Artist', *The Wire*, 1st 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*, 18th 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), 5th 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*, 1st May 2020
<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*, 9th April 2020 <https://m.thewire.in/author/Devjani-Ray>
- 'What We Can Do to Reform the University Admission Process in India', *The Wire*, 18th 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* 5-10th June 2023, Azim Premji University, Bangalore.

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

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

--"*Managing Online Classes and Co-Creating MOOCS:2.0*", UGC Sponsored 2 weeks FDP, 18th



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May – 3rd June, 2020. TLC, Ramanujan College, University of Delhi

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

--*Women in Politics- Family, Community and State*, UGC Sponsored Refresher Course, 9th February to 2nd 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

-- 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



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- 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