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**CAREER OBJECTIVES**

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To excel in a higher academic position utilizing my education and expertise in a progressive way where my primary focus would be the constructive application of my innovative ideas and teaching techniques so as to accomplish and implement a flawless and holistic teaching – learning environment.

**TEACHING EXPERIENCE**

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**2016 November to till time**

Working as an assistant Professor of English in Veer Surendra Sai University of Technology, Burla, Odisha. Basically I am teaching English for Business Communication to first year engineering students and executive B. Tech programs offered by the university. Besides I conduct Business Communication lab sessions for both the programs.

**2009- 2016**

Worked as Associate Professor and Head of the Department, English at Orissa Engineering College(OEC) Bhubaneswar. My job involves putting a sincere effort to enhance the English competency, especially the oral and written communication skills of my students along with the regular curriculum as prescribed by the university. Initiated various programs for the marginal students and facilitated them various remedial measures to nourish their English speaking Skills. Conducts various digital language lab sessions equipped with Liquid B software. I too conduct pre placement training and soft skills sessions to groom the employability of my students. As the Head of the Department I had to look after departmental administration and coordinate different activities as desired by my institution.

## 2006-2009

Worked as an Assistant Professor in Department of English at Ajay Binay Institute of Technology, Cuttack. My job involved teaching English Communication Skills and Business Communication in English, conducting Communicative Practice Lab. and Communication and Interpersonal Skills for Corporate Readiness Lab. I also conducted pre placement and soft skills training for higher semester students to groom them professionally for better career opportunities. As the HOD, English at Orissa Engineering College, I assisted in mentoring the establishment of a CALL (Computer Assisted Language Lab).

## 2000-2006

Worked as a Lecturer of English at Orissa Engineering College, Bhubaneswar. During these formative periods of my teaching career I taught Modern Prose, Drama and business writing to the engineering students under Utkal University. Besides I too have conducted spoken English Programs for my students. In 2003 when Biju Patnaik Institute of Technology came into existence, I taught Communicative English and conducted language lab sessions and closely associated with the training and placement cell to design and implement training modules to sharpen the soft skills of the students to make them employable.

## TRAININGS/WORKSHOPS/SEMINARS

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- ✓ Successfully Completed **14 days Internship** in Press Trust of India, Bhubaneswar from 7 to 20<sup>th</sup> April 1997.
- ✓ Successfully Completed **14 days Internship** in Eastern Media Limited, Bhubaneswar from 21<sup>th</sup> April to 4<sup>th</sup> May 1997.
- ✓ Successfully completed **Induction Training Program, Module – I** organized by Technical Teachers Training Institute, Eastern Region from 18 to 28<sup>th</sup> December 2001.
- ✓ Participated in the **International Convocation of Forum of Educators and Scholars of Tourism (FEAST)** held at Chandigarh on 12 and 13<sup>th</sup> October 2002.
- ✓ Participated in the **National Seminar on Global Writings in English since 1980** held at Cuttack from 14 to 16<sup>th</sup> May, 2008.
- ✓ Participated in a AICTE sponsored Staff Development Program on **Theory and Practice of Mechanical Translation** organized by ABIT, Cuttack from 7 to 20<sup>th</sup> January 2009.
- ✓ Attended a workshop on **Interpersonal Communication Skills** conducted by British Council on 16<sup>th</sup> February 2010.

- ✓ Attended a workshop on **Effective Classroom Teaching in the Classroom and Beyond** conducted by British Council on 17<sup>th</sup> February 2010.
- ✓ Participated in the **Campus Connect Soft Skills** Workshop at Infosys Technologies Limited, Bhubaneswar from 1 to 3<sup>rd</sup> July 2010.
- ✓ Successfully completed a Short Term Training Program on **Organized Problem Solving and Decision Making** conducted by National Institute of Technical Teachers Training and Research, Kolkata from 23 to 27 June 2014.
- ✓ Participated in a National Seminar on **Publishing and Editing** conducted by PG Department of English, Utkal University from 28 to 29<sup>th</sup> March 2014.
- ✓ Participated in GIAN course on **Comparative literature for the Twenty First Century** held at IIT, Bhubaneswar from 6<sup>th</sup> December 2017 to 16<sup>th</sup> December 2017.
- ✓ Participated and presented a paper titled “**Life Skills Through English**” in the **International Conference on English Studies Across and Beyond Borders (ICES,19)** held at Kanya Mahavidyalaya, Jalandhar from 6<sup>th</sup> to 8<sup>th</sup> March 2019.
- ✓ Presented a lecture on **Accent Neutralization** as a resource person for teachers training of senior secondary level of DAV schools on 14<sup>th</sup> May 2019.
- ✓ Presented a paper titled “**A Study of Self Identity in the Early Indian Novels**” in the **International Seminar on Revisiting Early Indian Fiction: Representation of Reading, Writing and Society** held at Karanjia Autonomous College, Orissa on 22<sup>nd</sup> November 2019.
- ✓ Acted as the Resource Person for **Spoken English** program under skill enhancement program at Godavaris Mahavidyalaya, Banpur, Orissa.
- ✓ Successfully completed a SWAYAM two weeks TEQIP online certification program on **Digital Transformation in Teaching Learning Process** under the mentorship of IIT Mumbai.
- ✓ Participated in a webinar for faculty development program programme on **Outcome Based Education Software** under mentorship of Vmedulife.
- ✓ Participated in a 3day webinar FDP on **Digital Era of Teaching** conducted by Diksoochi, Mysore from 11<sup>th</sup> to 13<sup>th</sup> May 2020.
- ✓ Participated in a Faculty Development Programme on **Advanced Academic Writing** conducted by Sri Sri University on 25<sup>th</sup> May 2020.
- ✓ Completed a 12 weeks NPTEL MOOC on **Soft skills** from IIT Roorkee.

## EDUCATION

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**PhD, English:** Utkal University, 2014

**PGDTE:** CIEFL, Hyderabad, 2001

**MPhil, English:** Berhampur University, 1998

**MA, English:** Berhampur University, 1996

**Graduation:** Utkal University, 1994

**Intermediate:** CHSE, Orissa

**Matriculation:** BSE, Orissa

## ACHIEVEMENTS

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- ✓ Worked as a resource person for pre placement and soft skills training at BOSE, Cuttack.
- ✓ Worked as the Hostel Superintendent during my service at ABIT, Cuttack.
- ✓ Organized two guest lecture sessions on **Phonetics and Spoken English** and **Business Communication and Effective E-Mail Writing** as the Chief Coordinator.
- ✓ Worked as the Chairman, Sports Council in Orissa Engineering College during 2003-04.
- ✓ Member, Disciplinary Committee, Publication Committee and Anti Ragging Committee in Orissa Engineering College.
- ✓ Worked as center supervisor for BPUT during its University Examinations.
- ✓ Represented University Football Team Twice in 1993 and 1994.

## RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

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Completed PhD in Back American Women Writings and submitted a thesis on **Black Womanhood in the Major Novels of Toni Morrison and Alice Walker**, my research work primarily focuses on the major novels of Toni Morrison and Alice Walker which explores the miseries of black women and their persistent struggle for the celebration of black womanhood. It further investigates into the various social and economic causes for the suffering of black women. It deals with the black women characters who are raised from their poor, down trodden and most humiliating position to a new sense of awareness of freedom, liberty and

equality in their society. They are filled with new desires, aspirations and ambitions and thereby are made conscious of social honor and dignity. Toni Morrison and Alice Walker manifest in their fiction the major values of women's position in the society, the thesis chiefly focuses on their chief achievement which lies in the celebration of black womanhood in the society. I am also interested in ELT/ESP and other micro-subjects in Business Communication, Language Skills, Effective Communication skills, Essentials of English Phonetics and soft skills training.

## RESEARCH PUBLICATIONS

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1. Published a research paper on "*The Influence of Slave Narratives on the Black Women Writers*" in **Thematics**, A peer reviewed international research journal of English studies, Vol – 3, Issue-1, Jan 2012, ISSN: 0975-8313, Page No-50-56.
2. Published a research paper on "*Toni Morrison's Projection of Black Womanhood through Pecola and Sethe in The Bluest Eye and Beloved*" in **Researchers World**, an International refereed research journal, Vol- V, Issue- 2, April 2014, p-ISSN: 2231-4172, e-ISSN: 2229- 4686, Page No-143- 147.
3. Published a research paper on "*Soft Skills: Education beyond Academics*" in **IOSR Journal of Humanities and Social Science**, Vol-19, Issue-5, Version- VI, May 2014, p-ISSN: 2279-0845, e-ISSN: 2279- 0837, Page no- 01-3.
4. Published a research paper on "*Black Woman: The Dehumanized and Objectified Self in Alice Walker's The Color Purple*" in **Researchers World**, an International refereed research journal, Vol- V, Issue- 3(I), July 2014, p-ISSN: 2231-4172, e-ISSN: 2229- 4686, Page no- 41-45.
5. Published a research paper on "*The Rise of Feminism and the Growth of Black American Women*" in **IOSR Journal of Humanities and Social Science**, Vol-19, Issue-7, Version- IV, July 2014, p-ISSN: 2279- 0845, e-ISSN: 2279- 0837, Page 38-42.
6. Published a research paper on "*The Growing Importance of Soft Skills in the Workplace*" in **Sahitya Anand: An Inter-Disciplinary Referred International Research Journal**, Vol – I, Issue – 12, ISSN: 2320-5075, Page 139-145.
7. Published a research paper on "*Thematic Concerns in Zora Neale Hurston's Their Eyes Were Watching God*" in **IOSR Journal of Humanities and Social Science**, Volume 19, Issue 9, Ver. V, Sep. 2014, p-ISSN: 2279- 0845, e-ISSN: 2279- 0837, Page no- 48-52.

8. Published a research paper on “The Emergence of Black Literature and the Tragic Portrayal Black Women in the Slave Narratives” in **IOSR Journal of Humanities and Social Science**, Volume 19, Issue 11, Ver. IV, Nov. 2014, p-ISSN: 2279-0845, e-ISSN: 2279- 0837, Page no. 23-28.
9. Published a research paper on “English Competency: The need of the hour for Engineering students” in **International Journal of English Language, Literature and Humanities (IJELLH)**, Volume – II, Issue VIII, December 2014, ISSN: 2321-7065, Page no - 207-216.
10. Published a research paper on “A Study of Celie’s Emancipation in Alice Walker’s The Color Purple” in **International Journal of Humanities and Social Science Invention (IJHSSI)**, Volume-4, Issue-2, February 2015, ISSN: 2319-7714, Page no. 1-5.
11. Published a research paper on “The rising importance of Cross cultural communication in global business scenario” in **Journal of Research in Humanities and Social Science (Quest Journals)**, Volume-4, Issue-1, 2016, ISSN: 2321-9467, Page no-20-26.
12. Published a research paper on “An Analysis of the Teaching Objectives of English for Communication Prescribed for Engineering Students Under Veer Surendra Sai University of Technology” in **Researchers World**, an International refereed research journal, Vol.– VIII, Issue –2(10), April 2017, ISSN: 2231- 4172, Page no-56-61.
13. Published a research paper on “Indian Campus Novels: An Emerging Genre in Literary Writing” in **IOSR Journal of Humanities and Social Science**, Volume-22, Issue-11, Ver.7, November 2017, ISSN: 2279-0845, Page no. 1-8.
14. Published a research paper on “The Relevance of Reading Literature in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century” in **International Journal of Management, Technology and Engineering (IJMTE)** Volume- 8, Issue-IX, September 2018, ISSN:2249-7455, Page No: 2089-2094.
15. Published a research paper on “A Critical Interpretation of Black Humour in Charles Wright’s The Messenger and The Wig” in **International Journal of Recent Technology and Engineering (IJRTE)** Volume-8, Issue-4, November 2019, ISSN: 2277-3878. (SCOPUS indexed) Page no. 7328-7334.

16. Published a research paper with Avisek Pattnaik on “A Journey of Africa through the Heart of Darkness by Joseph Conrad as an Outsider and Things Fall Apart by Chinua Achebe as an Insider” in **Journal of Critical Reviews**, Volume-7, Issue-2, 2020, ISSN: 2394-5125, (SCOPUS indexed), Page no. 167-169.
17. Published a research paper on “An Empirical Study of Robert Frost’s Stopping by Woods on a Snowy Evening” in UGC CARE Listed Journal **Our Heritage**, Volume-68, Issue-1, January 2020, ISSN: 0474-9030, Page no. 10575- 10579.
18. Published a research paper on “Life Skills Through English” in UGC CARE Listed Journal **Our Heritage**, Volume-68, Issue-30, February 2020, ISSN: 0474-9030, Page no.- 6838-6845.
19. Published a research paper on “Bridging the Self and its Identity Through the Works of Vikram Seth” in International Journal of Psychosocial Rehabilitation Vol. 24, Issue 03, 2020 (SCOPUS indexed), ISSN: 1475-7192, Page no.- 1978-82.
20. Published a research paper with M Aishvarya on “**Neopagan and Reconstructionist Spirituality and Religion in Australia**” in Kala: Journal of Indian Art History Congress, Volume 25, No-10, 2020- 2021, (UGC Care indexed) ISSN-0975-7945, Page No. 26-32.
21. Published a research paper with Bidya Singh on “**Diasporic love and identity: the case of displaced during the Partition**” in Turkish Online Journal of Qualitative Inquiry (TOJQI), Volume 6, July 2021, (SCOPUS indexed) e-ISSN- 1309-6591 , Page No. 6072-6077.
22. Padhi, P. K., et al. "**Integrating Soft Skill Training in Professional Courses for Sustainable Employment: An overview**" in BOHR International Journal of Social Science and Humanities Research. Vol. 1, No. 1, 2022, p. 17–24 DOI: 10.54646/bijsshr.0001
23. Padhi, P. K., et al. "**Shifting roles of Women through the Lens of Indian Popular Media**" in International Journal of Social Sciences and Humanities Invention . Vol. 10, No. II, 2023, ISSN 2349-2031 p. 7742–48 DOI: 10.18535/ijsshi/v10i02.07

## BOOK CHAPTER

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1. Published a book chapter titled “Women as the marginalized self in the early Indian novels” in the book titled **Revisiting Early Indian Fiction: Reading, writing, Society** published by Authors Press with ISBN No- 978-93-90155-91-0. Page No. 173-180.

## BOOKS

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1. Published a book titled “Emergence of Black Womanhood: A Study in the Major Novels of Toni Morrison and Alice Walker” published by Asian Books publishers with ISBN No- 978-93-90238-32-3, Page no 1-190.
2. Published a book titled “Soft Skills Manual: Tips for an Impressive Personality” published by Asian Books publishers with ISBN No- 978-93-90238-90-3, December 2020, Page no 1-296.
3. Published a book titled “A Comprehensive Handbook of English Language” published by A Comprehensive Handbook of English Language with ISBN No- 978-93-90970-44-5, May 2021, Page no 1-319.

## RESEARCH GUIDANCE

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- ✓ Four research scholars are continuing PhD.

## PERSONAL PROFILE

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**Date of Birth:** 20<sup>th</sup> July, 1974  
**Father's Name:** Mr. Kuber Kumar Padhi  
**Present Address:** Dr. Prasanta Kumar Padhi  
AT - Gopinathpur  
PO. - Balugaon  
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Odisha, India  
**Nationality:** Indian  
**Marital Status:** Married



**Language Proficiency:** Can speak read, write and read English, Hindi, Oriya

**Causes I Support:**

- Education
- Human Rights
- PETA
- Social Services

**Professional Body Membership:** Life member ISTE, Rotary Club

## REFERENCES

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