

Ms Rupal Thakkar



Biography

Armed with Bachelors in Science and Education, a Master's in Science and Education and NET qualified, Ms Rupal Thakkar is presently Assistant Professor at the K J Somaiya Comprehensive College of Education, Training and Research. A first ranker throughout her course of Education, Ms Thakkar is a vibrant Practitioner of Childhood and growing up Environmental Education at the B Ed level., Ms Rupal made time to updated her professional skills by acquiring a first class at the PGDME level in 2010. Ms Rupal handles the Curriculum Studies course at the M Ed level and Organisational Behavior at the PGDME level. An ardent Environmentalist at heart, she has initiated as well as successfully concluded an assortment of Experiential Learning based activities as part of the Environmental club with the panache of an expert. Predictably her thrust areas in research include Experiential Learning in Environmental Education as well as developing strategies/modules for effective teaching learning of English. She is Associated as a Counselor for the M.Ed. (IGNOU) program in education. In November 2011, Ms Rupal Thakkar presented a joint paper with Dr Kalpana Kharade in the London International Conference on Education which was very well appreciated by the participants. She has completed ICSSR sponsored two year project for training vernacular medium teachers in using ICT for Language Teaching in the year 2015.

CAREER AND EDUCATION

Educational Qualification

B. Sc from Punjab University, Chandigarh
B. Ed from Punjab University, Chandigarh
M. Ed from Punjab University, Chandigarh
M. Sc from Sikkim Manipal University, Gangtok
P.G.D.M.E from Mumbai University, Mumbai
U.G.C.-NET QUALIFIED IN JUNE 2006.

JOURNAL ARTICLES

- Developing English Language Learning among Pre-service Vernacular Medium Teachers through a Social Constructivist Approach published in journal ACJELL with ISSN number 2278-876X , MARCH,2013.

- Moving beyond: Learning together Anytime Anywhere with Ms Usha Sharma, Research Paper, Proceedings of 19th in Senior scholar Seminar Series (March 10-11,2012),of UGC sponsored Two day National Seminar Building Asynchronous Learning Environments : Opportunities and Challenges, 2013,Volume 1 ,Pg 79-84,ISBN:978-81-7039-287-3.
- Promoting Servant Leadership through Service Learning-A Case Study joint research paper with Ms Usha Sharma , Leadership in Educational Institutions : Opportunities & Challenges -Guiding the way to 21st century, April 29-30,2016,Pg 125-131 ,ISBN-978-81-7039-287-3.

OTHER PUBLICATIONS

- Presented and published research based paper, “A Study of the Relationship between the Principals Role as a Transformational Leader and Job Satisfaction of Secondary School Teachers of Central Mumbai "in conference proceedings at National Seminar conducted by KJSCCETR .
- Presented a conceptual paper,” Capacity Building in Teacher Education: A Vogue to Professional Development," at World Conference at Lovely University, Phagwara.

INTERNATIONAL PUBLICATIONS

- Published a joint paper with Dr Kalpana Kharade entitled" Promoting ICT enhanced Constructivist Teaching Practices among Pre-service Teachers: a case Study “International Journal of Scientific Research and Publication IJSRP ISSN 2250-3153 in the January 2012 edition.
- Presented and published a joint paper entitled,” Fostering Students’ Engagement in Language Learning in ICT mediated Environment"with Dr. Kalpana Kharade at London International Conference of Education, London on 7thNov-11th Nov,2011."
- Published a joint paper with Dr. Kalpana Kharade entitled " “Exploring the Pedagogical Potential of ICT Mediation for Promoting Students’ Engagement: A Social Constructivist Perspective.”International Journal for Digital Society (IJDS), Volume 3, Issue 2, ISSN: 2040 2570 (Online), P. 624 - 631.

- Published a paper entitled “Scaffolding Vernacular medium English language teachers in creating ICT mediated learning environment” International Journal of Education Transacademia Vol 3,No:1,January-June,2014,ISSN 2319-3492:PgNo.74-81.
- Published a paper entitled “Empowering Teachers with ICT Competencies” International Multidisciplinary e –Journal, Vol-IV. Issue- VI, June – 2015, ISSN: 2277- 4262, SJIF: 4.081.
- Published a paper entitled "Opening up the minds of Vernacular Medium English Language Teachers with ICT tools language" in the Conference Proceedings of Indo-Canadian International Conference of Business and Behavioural Sciences,Vol:6-7 PgNo. 17-19, ISSN: 2278-5671.
- Published a joint paper with Dr. Kalpana Kharade entitled "Pre-Service Teachers' Perceptions about Using Experiential Learning for Teaching Environmental Education: How Close is the Partnership?" in Global Online Electronic International Interdisciplinary Research Journal (GOEIIRJ) {Bi-Monthly} Volume – V Issue – V February 2017 Peer-Reviewed Journal,ISSN : 2278 – 5639,Impact Factor : 3.541.
- Published a joint paper with Dr. Kalpana Kharade entitled” Extending Experiential Learning Approach for Changing the Perceptions of Prospective teachers about Environmental Education.” Electronic International Interdisciplinary Research Journal (EIIRJ), EduIndex Impact Factor 5.20 UGC Approved Journal No 48833.
- Published a joint paper with Dr. Kalpana Kharade entitled “Using Experiential learning Approach for teaching of Environmental education: Exploring Promising Connections.” International Journal of Research in Social Sciences,Double Peer Reviewed,Vol. 8 Issue 9(1), September 2018, ISSN: 2249-2496 Impact Factor: 7.081.

RESEARCH INTERESTS

ICT in Language Learning

Experiential Learning and Environmental Education

Promoting Reflective practices in teacher education

ACHIEVEMENTS

Awarded Mumbai University Minor Research Grant for the following Project “Engaging pre-service Vernacular medium teachers in learning English language:A Social Constructivist Approach.”

Awarded Major Research Project sponsored by ICSSR entitled , "Scaffolding ICT integrated English language teaching (L3) of Secondary School Vernacular medium teachers: A blended learning Approach."

Bestowed with the Outstanding Achievement Award on the occasion of Foundation Day.

CONSULTANCY:

Training of in- service teachers of Manohar Kotwal Trust Madhyamik Vidyalaya, Vikhroli in the Techniques of Personality Assessments of students on Feb 16, 2016.

Conducted a one day workshop for college teachers on the themes-Preparing a Research Proposal, Orientation to NAAC, Orientation to ‘Teaching Skills’ at S K College of Science & Commerce, Nerul, Navi Mumbai on August 7, 2016.

SEMINARS/WORKSHOPS ATTENDED

June 25-30, 2012	Participated	Workshop on ‘Qualitative Research in Education’ at Department of Education Sponsored by ICSSR	Department of Education, Vidyanagari,University of Mumbai, Kalina
December 1-8, 2012	Participated	ICSSR sponsored 7 Days Workshop on Research Methodology in Social Sciences- Sponsored by UGC	KJSCERT

March 22-23, 2013	Participated	ICSSR Sponsored Two days National Seminar on 'Nobody can bring you peace but yourself' 20th in the Senior Scholars' Seminar Series	KJSCERT
13th December, 2014	Participated	One Day Workshop on Role of Academic Audit & Documentation for NAAC	IQAC, K J Somaiya Arts & Commerce College
21st February 2015	Participated	One day International Colloquium on Emerging Trends in Education	Pillai College of Education and Research
14th March, 2015	Participated	Higher Education Forum ,6th Annual Convention, 2015 on the theme 'Excellence in Higher Education'	SIMSR, Vidyavihar
11th February, 2016	Participated	Educational & Employment Opportunities in UK and India	Bombay Chamber of Commerce & Industry & UKIERI (UK India Education & Research Initiative) at The Leela , Airport Road.
2nd April, 2016	Participated	One Day Seminar- 'COP21: Building Synergies, Shaping	Kalina Campus, University of Mumbai

		Actions'	
May 15-20, 2017	Participated	ICSSR sponsored 6 Days Workshop on " Research Methodology and Data Analysis Using Excel for Social Sciences	KJSCERT

EXAMINATIONS

As an Examiner of the University of Mumbai for Bachelor of Education (Revised) examinations

(for the subjects Psychology of learner, Teaching of English, Environmental Education)

Senior Supervisor for conducting B. Ed. ,M.Ed University Examination in the college.

Paper setter at SY B A (Education) in University of Mumbai for the subject Guidance and Counselling

LINKAGE WITH OPEN UNIVERSITIES

Associated with IGNOU as Counselor for Guidance and Counseling for M Ed ,M.A(Education)Program.

INNOVATIONS

Conducted Experiential Learning based activities for teaching Environmental Education

Prepared Innovative lesson plans for Science Class VII-VIII (CBSE) for Tata Interactive Systems.

RESPONSIBILITIES HANDLED

At the B.Ed level : Practice Teaching, Academic Calendar (B.Ed),writing minutes of LMC meetings, Time Table in charge(B.Ed), Simulated Teaching, In charge of Psychology Laboratory & Language Lab, Examination, Pedagogical Analysis workshop, Co- convenor of Autonomous Examination Cell, Contributed in accreditation of the college

Worked as a counsellor for NET/SET exam

Syllabus Revision Committee Member

Member of Syllabus Revision Committee for developing the Syllabus for:

B Ed Practicum on 03.03.2015 at K J Somaiya Comprehensive College of Education, Training and Research

Learning and Teaching on 23.3. 2015 at Bombay Teachers' Training College, Colaba

Childhood and Growing Up on 13.2.15, 27.3.2015 at H.J.College of Education, Khar

Participation in Orientation Programmes:

Participated in Orientation Programme for Teacher Educators organised by UGC Academic Staff College, University of Mumbai. (3rd August to 31st August 2011)

Participation in Refresher Course:

Participated in Refresher Course For Teacher Educators organised by UGC Academic Staff College in Collaboration with Department of Education , University of Mumbai on the theme “Technology Integration in Teacher Education”(14th October to 2nd November 2013)

Participated in Refresher Course for Teacher Educators organised by UGC Academic Staff College in Collaboration with Department of Education Under RUSA , University of Mumbai on the theme “Technology and Academic Engagement" (August 1-22, 2017)

School Audit

School audit conducted at SK Somaiya Vinay Mandir Jr College and School

Honors

Invited as a Judge for "L Ward Science Exhibition" at G B M High School, Kurla on 3rd December, 2014.

Judged the elocution competition on the theme “Women Empowerment” at S. K. Somaiya Junior College of Education on 19th July 2010.

Paper Presentations:

- Poster Presentation of Minor Research Grant for the Project: ‘Engaging Pre-service Vernacular medium Teachers in learning English language: A Social Constructivist Approach’ at Mumbai University.

- Presented a joint paper with Ms Usha Sharma at UGC sponsored Two Day National Seminar on 'Building Asynchronous Learning Environments: Opportunities and Challenges' held at K.J. Somaiya Comprehensive College of Education, Training and Research.
- Presented paper in National conference entitled: "Scaffolding Vernacular medium English Language Teachers in creating ICT mediated learning environment" at B.S.Abdur Rahman University, Chennai.
- Presented a joint paper with Ms Usha Sharma titled 'Promoting Servant Leadership through Service Learning: A Case Study' at National Seminar at K J Somaiya Comprehensive College of Education, Training & Research.
- Presented paper in International Conference entitled "Opening up the minds of Vernacular Medium English Language Teachers with ICT tools language" at Indo-Canadian International Conference of Business and Behavioural Sciences, Panji.
- Presented a joint paper titled "Looking behind & beyond Selfie" at National Seminar on the theme 'Education for Peace' at K J Somaiya College of Education, Training & Research on March 9-10, 2016.

Personal Interests

Listening music and Visiting new places.