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Prof. Shabina Nishat Omar is Officer on Special Duty (OSD), Directorate of Public Instruction, Department of Higher Education, Government of West Bengal. She has served for 19 years as Professor of English and Head, Department of English out of which she spent 15 years as Principal-in-Charge in Milli Al-Ameen College (for girls), affiliated to University of Calcutta.

She has previously taught in the leading colleges and universities of West Bengal, including St. Xavier's College and Presidency University and Aliah University. An alumna of Loreto College, Kolkata, and University of Calcutta, Kolkata, she has numerous national and international publications in books and journals.

She was nominated for the International Visitor Program by the U.S. Department of State and invited to visit many universities across U.S.A. to participate in various academic programmes. She was invited as resource person in the first of its kind Online Refresher Course under MHRD National Resource Centre in English Language Teaching in Gujarat University and on Gender Studies in Jamia Millia Islamia and she prepared several modules on both topics which are available as MOOCs on SWAYAM in this pioneering effort in digital online educational training by the Government of India called ARPIT.

An academician, trainer, educational administrator, Prof. Omar remains a lifelong scholar committed to women's empowerment through education.



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Sangeeta Jalan

Vice President

Sangeeta is a multi-faceted individual, whose experience has primarily been in the field of communications. As a dual gold medalist from the University of Madras, her academic prowess led to her teaching Accountancy, Economics and Commerce at Modern High School for Girls, Kolkata. Following that, she took up the role of Manager of Corporate Communications at Infinity Infotech Parks Ltd, a pan-India real estate company headquartered in Kolkata.

Extending her passion for communication to the field of Arts and Culture, she has been the Project Co-ordinator for the Kolkata Artslane Festival for the last two years. Passionate about education, she is a firm believer that technology will drive the next wave of evolution in the educational system.



Oindrilla Hazra Pratapan

Council Member

Born and brought up in Kolkata, Oindrilla Hazra Pratapan has a masters degree in English literature followed by a brief training in media studies, from the University of Calcutta. She is an alumni of the Film and TV institute of India, where she specialized in cinematography thus becoming one of the few of an enterprising tribe of women cinematographers.

She is currently employed with the Satyajit Ray Film and TV Institute as the Assoc. Prof., in the department cinematography. She has shot and directed on documentaries, short films and advertorials. In 2008, British Council recognized her work as a young Screen entrepreneur. Oindrilla has won the UGC-CEC award for the best film in art and culture along with her husband P.Prathapan in 2005 for the film Koodiyattom-Surviving change. Her documentary on women's empowerment in West Bengal "On Our Own But Not Alone" was funded by the United Nations Development Project . Draupadi's Descendant's had secured the Jan Vrijman fund for scripting and project development, and later funding from Public service Broadcasting trust for completion to mention a few of her well received films.

She has been closely associated with the International Film Festival of Kerala and the International Documentary and Short Film Festival of Kerala in her brief tenure as Deputy director of the Kerala State Chalachitra Academy as well. She has served as Jury in many Indian Festivals and is recognized by FIPRESCI-INDIA for her writing on and contributions to cinema.



Heleena Sengupta
Council Member

Expert in strategic planning and implementation – Guiding and directing enterprise through substantial change management utilizing strong and effective strategic leadership.

Seasoned, Innovative and result oriented leader with about 32 years of experience focused on achieving exceptional results in highly competitive environment that demands continuous improvement.

Experienced in driving products, process, delivering in time, and customer satisfaction improvement. Through knowledge of Project Management, Contract Management, Customer Relationship Management and Multi-Vendor Managed Services Operations, credited with the successful completion of large projects for green field high voltage transmission lines, telecom network deployment, retail chain development and execution of large projects. Proficient in developing & streamlining systems with proven ability to enhance operational effectiveness and meet operational goals within the cost, time and quality parameters.



Dr. Meenakshi Khemka
Council Member

A doctorate from IIT Delhi, Dr. Khemka has about two decades of teaching experience which include her involvement as a faculty with institutes like IIT Kharagpur, IIT Delhi, IMT Ghaziabad, and Unitedworld School of Business, Kolkata. She is an expert in the area of OB (Organization Behavior) and OD (Organization Development). She is currently the Editor of Kolkata Kindle – A publication of National HRD Network, Kolkata Chapter.

She has been associated with the M. Phil. Program of Calcutta University as also an external examiner on the panel for Ph.D. student of BESU, Shibpur. She has quite a number of papers and publications, in National and International journals and periodicals, and has been associated with various workshops. Her involvement in a number of research projects has naturally paved the way in her role as a Reviewer of some prominent management research journals.

Dr. Khemka also has rich experience in conducting training and development programs in both indoor and outdoor formats. She believes in capacity building and has successfully steered programs in identifying and developing talent. Professionally, her leadership and initiating skills are widely acknowledged.

Her inherent skills of close observation and connecting with people around receives a thrust with added certifications like –

- Certified Practitioner of the Art and Science of Neuro-Linguistic Programming certified by the American Board of Neuro-Linguistic Programming
- Certified Psychometric Assessor from Chally Worldwide



Sanskriti Jhunjunwala
Council Member

Sanskriti Jhunjunwala is a graduate of the University of Virginia, and has also studied at University College London as well as the University of Warwick, giving her a personal insight into various education systems. She has written for Outlook Traveller as well as The Writers Web.

She has also completed all three levels of CFA, and can guide students through a variety of career options. Her aim is to be relatable to the students, so she can be a friend to understand their needs, while at the same time be their mentor to ensure that all college requirements as well as student needs are met.

At Eduworks, Sanskriti mentors each student personally and uses the power of conversation to unravel his or her unique personality, talents, strengths and voice. With college applications, the destination has to be the one that fits the student best, but the journey to it is equally important. The journey is one for building on the students passions, skills and confidence, finally leading to the student making informed choices about their future trajectory.



Nafisa Yeasmin
Council Member

Nafisa is a young entrepreneur with a strong corporate background. She is the Founder, Director and CEO of Kiandas Business Academy and also Co- Founder and Executive Director (East) of Innovation Society (India).

She has an M.Sc in Environmental Science and MBA in Marketing Management. Her active involvement in Kiandas Business Academy and Innovation Society exposes her to the different corners of the modern society.

Her role has provided her the opportunity to mingle with like-minded people and innovative organizations. With her background in industrial training and development support assignments, she is forced to Organizational Development Consultancy.

Prior to starting her journey as Entrepreneur, she was employed with ICICI Group and People Group. Her experience towards Customer handling and leading Sales Force of the organization helped her be grounded in the dynamics of the organization culture. She is well equipped with her team to provides solutions that help the organization to excel operational excellence and to become sustainable in the competitive market.

Nafisa is also an artist. She is specialist in water colour painting. Her painting has been displayed in various art exhibitions across the country.

Above all she is person, who has direct involvement in various social development activities such as education of underprivileged children, menstruation hygienic program, women empowerment program for rural people and so on.



Meghna Shahani
Council Member

Meghna Shahani, aids young students to achieve their ambitions and realize their full potential.

As a SAT instructor and coach, she has enabled countless students to enroll in the universities of their dreams and to pursue higher studies in premiere institutes round the globe like Warrick, Singapore, Texas, San Diego, Boston and Halifax. With a flair for languages, she has coached students in English, Hindi and Bengali for close to a decade. A major portion of her time is devoted to tutorials, mentoring students for ICSE and CBSE Board Examinations. As a freelance soft skills trainer, she has worked in multiple corporate settings such as Vodafone, Sky-Tech Solutions & Top-Line Products.

Born and raised in Kolkata, she has a deep and abiding love for books, music and the performing arts, which has enabled her to expand and hone her communication skills. As a student of Geography, (B.Sc. Hons.), from Loreto College Kolkata, she is passionate about places, people and Nature.

She has initiated literacy and numeracy activities at Lotus Rescue, an NGO for slum dwellers and aided them to integrate with the mainstream education system. Her mission is to achieve universal education for all.



Dr. Bhabhani Dhar
Council Member

Dr. Bhabhani Dhar, a M.Sc. Ph.D. in Chemistry from Jadavpur University is a post doctoral fellow on Water Pollution, who has published papers in national and international journals and authored a Chemistry book for technical students.

She served as an Associate Professor in a College under Calcutta University in the Department of Chemistry, and was the Convener of NSS and Routine committees. She retired as Head of the Department and post retirement joined another college and helped to setup its Chemistry laboratory.

An ardent social worker since the age of 18, she has taught at free adult literacy school and a school for challenged children; trained the teachers of a street-children school and is an active member of International Women's Voluntary Organizations like Soroptimist International of Calcutta, Inner Wheel Club of District 329; having served various posts at the national level, she has been a regular speaker at Yuvabani and Mahil Mahal programmes of AIR Kolkata; speaker and moderator in National seminars of NGOs on various social issues and in an administrative body to establish a kindergarten school in Kolkata. She has served as a Principal of a newly established College. At present, serving as Governing Body member and Academic Coordinator of the College.

Hobby is Gardening specially Bonsai gardening.



Dr. Debolina Chatterjee
Council Member

Dr. Debolina Chatterjee is Assistant Professor in the Department of Human Development, J.D. Birla Institute affiliated to Jadavpur University.

She has her PhD in Sociology from Indian Institute of Technology Kharagpur. Her areas of interests include issues of women, health and elder care.

Her doctoral research has focused on health issues of women in prisons of West Bengal. She actively collaborates with prisons, NGOs and old age homes to engage in extension activities.



Fahmeeda Ghezaal Kazmi
Council Member

In a decade-old professional association with academic institutions, Fahmeeda Ghezaal Kazmi has devotedly served the cause of education in the capacity of teacher, trainer and academician.

Besides a brilliant academic record and extensive teaching experience, she also has considerable experience in public speaking, theatre, film-making and journalism.

She completed her Masters in English with a First Class from the University of Calcutta in 2009. She has also served as sub-editor with The Telegraph for a year (in 2007) but returned to academics where her primary interest lay.

She is currently serving as Assistant Professor, Department of English, Domkal Girls' College, Murshidabad. She also teaches at the Post-Graduate Section of Berhampore Girls' College. She is a dedicated scholar and a renowned motivational speaker who has directed her efforts towards social causes with consistency.



Caroline Servaia
Council Member

Caroline Servaia is an accomplished teacher of English Language, with over 20 years of experience in the field and a passion for encouraging learners to reach their potential.

She has taught at the Primary and Secondary Level, English/Language and Elocution at Mahadevi Birla Shishu Vihar and Ashok Hall Schools, and has provided a wide range of teaching services and expertise to the students including holding classes for Soft Skills.

Established her own Centre for English, Royton Academy for the teaching of English as a language, and teaching undergraduates for competitive exams such as SATs, ACTs, IELTS, and A-Level English.

Academic Counselor for undergraduate students who wish to study abroad. Has taught children from almost all schools and boards across Calcutta.

First-time author of the book, *The Kings Court Case*, a murder mystery published in 2018. Drawn from a murder that took place in her childhood home, the book chronicles her childhood and the lives of those who lived in that building in the Calcutta of the '60s and '70s.