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Having keen interest in the Classical Urdu poetry, he is involved in the comparative, critical and sociological study of the classical texts. He is actively involved in teaching for the last fifteen years. He has been associated with the University of Delhi and SDBI College, University of Calcutta in the past. He is associated with the University of Hyderabad for more than a decade now and presently working as an Associate Professor in the Dept. of Urdu, University of Hyderabad. He has successfully guided 06 Ph. D theses and 25 M. Phil Dissertations so far and around ten research scholars of Ph. D and M. Phil are working under his supervision.

He has five books and more than 45 articles, few book reviews and translations published in reputed international and national level UGC CARE listed journals along with some chapter in books to his credit. His books include "Inamullah Khan Yaqeen : Ahad aur Shaeri" (2007), "Bisaat e Naqd" (2015), "Pas e Arz e Hunar" (2017), "Dunya Ajab Bazar Hai" (2017) and the transliterated poetry collection "Haasil e Sahra Navardi" (2018).

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He has participated and presented his Ghazals in many International and National level Mushairas like the Mushaira Jashn e Bahar, Bazm e Sadaf International Mushaira, Jashn e Telangana, International Mushaira organised by the Bihar Urdu Academy, Maulana Azad National Urdu University Mushaira, University of Hyderabad Mushaira etc are some of the important names to be mentioned.

He is recipient of the **Imdad Imam Asar Research Award (2007)** and the **Second Award in the year 2016** by the **Bihar Urdu Academy, Govt. of Bihar**. He also received the prestigious **Chancellor's award (2018)**, University of Hyderabad for young faculty members for overall contribution in teaching & research.