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Professional Summary

Experienced multimedia academic and department head with over 25 years in teaching, animation production, and institutional development. Currently leading the Department of Multimedia at St. Xavier's College (Autonomous), Kolkata, with a focus on AI-integrated curriculum design. Specialises in 2D/3D rigging, story design, video editing, and academic media strategy.

Academic Qualification

- M.Sc. in Computer Animation, University of Bedfordshire, United Kingdom

Areas of Specialisation

- 3D Rigging and Animation (Maya)
- 2D Rigging and Animation (Flash)
- Story Designing
- Video Editing and Film Production
- Media and Communication

Professional Experience

- 1994 – Graphic Animator, EMRC Kolkata
- 1995–2000 – Secretary of Schools, Budge Budge, Kalyanpur, Keorapukur
- 2000–2012 – Assistant Director and System Analyst, NISCORT, NCR-Delhi – Developed multimedia training modules and coordinated national-level social communication projects.
- 2012–2021 – Assistant Professor, Department of Multimedia, St. Xavier's College (Autonomous), Kolkata – Taught courses in animation, film making, and guided award-winning student projects.
- 2022–Present – Associate Professor & Head, Department of Multimedia, St. Xavier's College (Autonomous), Kolkata – Leading academic and strategic initiatives, including NEP syllabus redesign.
- Led syllabus redesign aligning with NEP, significantly increasing curriculum relevance and student employability.

Academic Responsibilities

- Leading the Department of Multimedia offering a 5-Year Integrated MSc in Animation, Design, and Film Studies.

- Designing and updating curriculum aligned with NEP 2020 standards.
- Teaching and mentoring in Story Design, 2D & 3D Animation, Photography, and Film Production.
- Guiding award-winning student projects at platforms like Chitrakatha, NID.

Consultancy and Training

- Conducted three-phase camera and video editing training for Madha TV, significantly enhancing production quality and team skills.
- Member, Technical Committee, EMRC Kolkata – supported studio setup and infrastructure
- Delivered NEP 2020 workshop at St. Xavier's College, Jaipur (June 2023):
    - **Day 1:** Curriculum Design for HEIs
    - **Day 2:** Web Design, Social Media for Academic Publicity

Recent Academic Engagements (2023–2024)

- Conducted Five-Day FDP on AI for HEIs, titled "Improving Outcomes, Enhancing Experience," organised by St. Xavier's College, Jaipur (24–28 Oct. 2024):
    - **Day 1:** Understanding AI for HEIs
    - **Day 2:** AI and Teaching Tools
    - **Days 3–5:** Prompt Engineering and Reverse Prompt Engineering
- Delivered talks on social media's impact on youth at Morning Star College and various schools in West Bengal

Publications & Creative Work

- Illustrator, "The Routledge Handbook of International Environmental Policy," Routledge UK (2024)
  ISBN (HB): 978-1-032-49634-4 | ISBN (PB): 978-1-032-57696-1 | ISBN (eBook): 978-1-003-44057-4
- Illustrator, "Chapter 4: Impact of Mercury and Its Toxicity on Health and Environment: A General Perspective"; in the book titled 'Mercury Toxicity: Challenges and Solutions'; Publisher- Springer. ISBN 978-981-99-7718-5 | ISBN 978-981-99-7719-2 (eBook)

Research & Creative Interests
- Photography
- Rigging and Animation
- Scripting
- Filmmaking
- Video & Audio Editing
- Research Methodology and Guidance