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Sonu Saini, Assistant Professor at the Center for Russian Studies (CRS) in Jawaharlal Nehru University (JNU) is well-known for his expertise in the area of Russian literature and language. Born in Delhi in April 1984; after his graduation, he earned his Master degree in three areas: English, Business Administration (with a specialization in HR & IT) and Russian Studies (University Gold Medallist). Having done his post-graduate diploma in Translation (English-Hindi-English) along with a Training course in Book Publishing from NPT, he went ahead with completing M.Phil & PhD in Russian literature. He took up teaching Russian language and literature at his alma mater for several years before his move to JNU in 2012.

He is the Expert at BRICS TV, Member, Council of Additional Educational Programs on Russian Language, Saint Petersburg State University. Dr. Saini has been one of the experts of Moscow Economic Forum in 2023, participant of the International Seminar on International North—South Transport Corridor, Mumbai University, etc.

Dr. Saini is considered one of the leading experts in the field of innovative methods of teaching Russian as a foreign language with the aid of the latest technology. In this regard, he has received many awards and prizes from both the Government of Russia as well as several organizations in Russia and India.

He has been working as simultaneous interpreters from Russian-English-Hindi for more than 15 years. He has served as interpreter for the Hon'ble President of India, Hon'ble Prime Minister of India, Hon'ble Minister of External Affairs, NSA, along with other ministers of India and Russia.

For the last ten years, he has won accolades for having taught Russian language without charging any fee through a website that he himself manages. His particular in translating fiction from Russian, English, Hindi along with his over twelve years of experience in the field of translations has resulted in his many translated works of M. Zoshchenko, A. Chekhov, I. Bunin, A. Pushkin and several other authors. He has also translated works of S.L. Bhayrappa, Vanshi Maheshwari, Irshad Kamil, Sachidanand Joshi and others from Indian languages to Russian.

He has published more than 35 research articles in various national and international journals, 10 books, 6 research journals, etc.

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