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Curriculum Vitae

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Present Status

Guest Faculty (Communication) IISER Berhampur

Current Research

Studying plurality and classifier syntax in Eastern Indo-Aryan languages and other Indo-Aryan languages like Kashmiri, Dogri, Pahadi, and Tibetic language Balti

Linguistic analysis of Entrepreneurial Pitches

Education

July 2018–June 2024 **PhD, Linguistics**, *Department of Humanities and Social Sciences, Indian Institute of Technology, Delhi, New Delhi, India*

Topic: Exploring The Relationship Between Eastern Indo-Aryan Classifiers And Definiteness, Number, And Numerals: A Comparative Analysis Of Maithili, Magahi, And Bangla

Supervisor: Prof. Pritha Chandra

2015-2017 **M.Phil, Linguistics**, *Centre for Linguistics, Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi, India*

Topic: (Un-)Ethical Undercurrents in Legal Language: A Study of Language Manipulation in the Register of Legalese

Supervisor: Prof. Vaishna Narang

2013-2015 **M.A., Linguistics**, *Centre for Linguistics, Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi, India*

2010-2013 **B.A., English(H)**, *M.U.C. Women's College, The University of Burdwan, Bardhaman, West Bengal, India*

Research Interest

Theoretical Syntax

Language Variation

Language and Communication

Intercultural Communication

Language of Law

Teaching Experience

Sep, 2025–present *Course Instructor* Basic Communication Skills (HSS 101), IISER Berhampur

Aug, 2025–present *Course Instructor* Technical Writing and Communication Skills (HSS 209), IISER Berhampur

- Aug-Dec, 2022 *Teaching Assistant*, Workshop on Scientific Writing (HSP 700), IIT Delhi
- July, 2021-May, 2022 *Teaching Assistant*, Fundamentals of Language Sciences (HUL 242), IIT Delhi
- July-Dec, 2021 *Teaching Assistant*, Fundamentals of Language Sciences (HUL 242), IIT Delhi
- Jan-May, 2021 *Teaching Assistant*, Language and Communication (HUL 243), IIT Delhi
- July, 2018-Dec, 2020 *Teaching Assistant*, Fundamentals of Language Sciences (HUL 242), IIT Delhi
- Monsoon 2018 *Taught BA Optional course*: Introduction to Morphology, Centre for Linguistics, JNU, New Delhi
- Winter 2017 *Taught BA Optional course*: Historical And Comparative Linguistics, Centre for Linguistics, JNU, New Delhi

Other Academic Experiences

- Feb-May, 2018 *Research Associate* Indo-Aryan Microvariation Project, IIT Delhi, New Delhi, India
PI: Prof. Pritha Chandra, Department of Humanities and Social Sciences, IIT Delhi
- Dec 2014 *Field work on Tinkar-lo language, Nepal*: Data Collection and Phonetic Transcription
Course Supervisor: Prof. Pradeep Kumar Das, Centre for Linguistics, JNU, New Delhi

Conferences

- Nov 2024 *Classifier Reduplication in Maithili*. With Preeti Kumari. The Western Conference on Linguistics (WECOL 2024), California State University, Fresno (virtual).
- Nov 2024 *Hybrid Case Assignment on Odia Pronominal DP*. With Biswanath Dash and Sayantani Banerjee. The Western Conference on Linguistics (WECOL 2024), California State University, Fresno (Virtual).
- Aug 2024 *Interaction of animacy and number: The case of classifier language Odia*. With Sayantani Banerjee and Biswanath Dash. The 26th Seoul International Conference on Generative Grammar (SICOGG-26). Jeonbuk National University, Jeonju, South Korea.
- Apr 2023 *-Te marker as a plural in Bangla*. With Sayantani Banerjee. The (formal) Approaches to South Asian Languages conference (FASAL 13). Department of Linguistics at the University of Michigan (virtual).
- Nov 2022 *Plural inflection in a classifier language? the case of -Te inflection in Bangla*. With Sayantani Banerjee. Workshop on Flexible and Multiple Plural Marking in Language Contact and Creolization: Social and Situational Correlates. The CRC 1412 at Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin and Leibniz-Zentrum Allgemeine Sprachwissenschaft Berlin (virtual).
- Nov 2022 *Genitive Case Assignment in Bangla Subjects*. With Sayantani Banerjee. 36th South-Asian Language Roundtable Analysis Conference (SALA-36). The Central Department of Linguistics, Tribhuvan University, Kirtipur, Nepal.
- Sept 2022 *Higher Numerals and Classifier-less DPs in Classifier languages*. The Conference on Syntax, Phonology and Language Analysis (SinfoniJa-15) University of Udine, Italy.

- Aug 2022 *Higher Numerals and Classifier-less DPs*. The Seoul International Conference on Generative Grammar (SICOGG-24). Korean Generative Circle and Sogang University, South Korea. (virtual).
- July 2021 *Plural Inflection in a Classifier Language*. With Preeti Kumari and Pritha Chandra. Israel Association for Theoretical Linguistics (IATL-36). Bar Ilan University, Jerusalem. (virtual).
- Dec 2020 *Case Stacking in Bangla*. with Sayantani Banerjee. International Conference of Linguistic Society of India (ICOLSI 42). At GLA University, Mathura, India. (virtual).
- Feb 2020 *Genitive Case in Bangla*. 2nd International Conference on Indigenous Languages (ICOIL-2) At IIT Madras, India.
- Jan 2020 *Comparative Study Between Chinese and EIA Classifiers*. In 2nd Workshop on Approaches to Language Variation (WALV II). At IIT Kanpur, India.
- Dec 2019 *Laryngeal cues in Hindi and Bangla: An exploratory study*. with Paroma Sanyal, Krishan Chaurasiya, Sayantani Banerjee. In Bridging Research On Cognition And Speech (BROCAS) 2019. At IIT Ropar, India.
- Dec 2017 *Linguistic Manipulation in the Register of Legalese: A Study of Ambiguity and Multiple Interpretations in Legal Cases of India*. At 39th International Conference of Linguistic Society of India (ICOLSI-39), IIT Patna, India.

Workshops

- March 2023 **Student Organizer and Participant** Workshop on Experimental linguistics. At IIT Delhi, India
- July 2020 **Participant** 5th Naxos Summer School and Workshop On Diachronic Linguistics: Language Variation and Change in Ancient and Medieval Europe, Naxos, Greece . Online due to Covid
- Sept 2019 **Student Organizer and Participant** Workshop on Formal Semantics. At IIT Delhi, India
- March, 2019 **Student Volunteer** Graduate Students Conference, IIT Delhi. At IIT Delhi, India
- March 2019 **Participant** Research Writing Workshop. At IIT Delhi, India
- Feb 2019 **Student Organizer and Participant** Workshop on approaches to Language Variation (WALV 2019). At IIT Delhi, India
- Oct 2018 **Student Organizer and Participant** One-Day Symposium IITD-Utrecht University on Microvariation (over Skype Business). At IIT Delhi, India
- Oct 2017 **Participant** Language, Structure, and Variation: Insights from Theoretical and Applied Perspectives. At IIT Madras, India
- Dec, 2016 **Student Volunteer and Participant** Workshop on Plagiarism. At JNU, New Delhi, India
- Aug 2016 **Student Volunteer and Participant** English For Academic Writing. JNU, New Delhi, India
- Oct 2015 **Student Volunteer** 37th International Conference of Linguistic Society of India (ICOLSI-37). JNU, New Delhi, India

Invited Talks

- Feb 2024 **Written Communication: Email, Report, and Proposal Writing**. Skill Development Programme, AVSAR Scheme. Organized by Centre for Essential Skills, IIT Jammu, India
- Sept 2024 **The DP Story: The (development) of the Extended Structure of DP**. Generative Grammar Reading Group, IIT Delhi, India

Nov 2024 **Classifier Reduplication and Plurality in Maithili.** With Preeti Kumari. GLiF Seminar, Universitat Pompeu Fabra, Barcelona

Publication and Proceeding

Classifier Reduplication and Plurality in Maithili . With Preeti Kumari. Proceedings of The 36th Western Conference on Linguistics (WECOL, 2024), 2025

Hybrid Case Assignment on Odia Pronominal DP. With Biswanath Dash and Sayantani Banerjee. Proceedings of The 36th Western Conference on Linguistics (WECOL 2024), 2025

Interaction of Animacy and Number: The Case of Odia, a Classifier Language. With Sayantani Banerjee and Biswanath Dash. Proceedings of The Seoul International Conference on Generative Grammar (SICOGG 26), 2024

Do strong expectations cancel locality effects in Bangla. Book Chapter. Psycholinguistic Approaches to the Study of Linguistic Structures. Olga Ivanova, Anik Nandi, and Prasannanshu (eds) Cambridge Scholars Publishing. ISBN: 1-0364-0250-9. 2024

-Te/-e marker as a plural in Bangla. With Sayantani Banerjee. Proceedings of Formal Approaches to South Asian Languages (FASAL 13), 2024

Case Stacking in Indo-Aryan Languages. With Sayantani Banerjee. Interdisciplinary Journal of Linguistics, Vol-14, Online ISSN: 0974-3421. 2021

Plural Inflection in Classifier Language. With Preeti Kumari and Pritha Chandra. IATL proceedings at MIT Working Papers in Linguistics (forthcoming)

Assessing Bangla. Book Chapter. With Sayantani Banerjee. In Assessing Language Proficiency Around the World, Wiley-Blackwell Publishing. (under review)

Pitch Perfect: A Cross-Cultural Linguistic Analysis of Entrepreneurial Language in Shark Tank India and USA. With Apurva. (In submission)

Computational Skills

R programming

Blue J (Basic)

Languages

Bangla Native Language

English Fluent

Hindi Fluent