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Designation	Adjunct Professor of Linguistics Simon Fraser University, B. C. Vancouver, Canada Visiting Professor Goa University (2018-2020)
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Languages known	English, French, Hindi, Punjabi, Bengali and Sanskrit
Teaching/ Research Experience	During 1970-75 in USA and since 1976 in India at post-graduate level. Visiting Professor in Germany (1998, 2012), Australia (2001 and 2010), and UK (2011) Canada (2016).
Date and Place of Birth	January 9 th 1949. Agra.

AWARDS AND RECOGNITION

- 2016** **India Chair** by ICCR at Simon Fraser University, Vancouver, BC. Canada
- 2015** **Kenneth Hale Award** by the Linguistic Society of America. *‘For outstanding lifetime contributions to the documentation and description of languages of India, with particular note of her extraordinary contributions to*

the documentation of the Great Andamanese language, a moribund language that is a key isolate in understanding the peopling of Asia and Oceania.'

- 2015 Prof. Suniti Kumar Chatterjee Memorial Lectureship Award** by the Asiatic Society. Kolkata.
- 2013 Padma Shri 2013**, the fourth highest civilian award conferred by His Excellency the President of India for contribution to endangered and lesser-known languages of India.
- 2011** Awarded the prestigious **Leverhulme Professorship** at the University of London, UK for the year 2011. '*For pioneering work on the languages of the Andaman but especially for identifying the Sixth language family of India*'.
- 2005 Conferred Honorary Member of the *Linguistics Society of America* for life.
- 2003 Awarded the **Rashtriya Lok-Bhasha Sammaan 2003**, by Gandhi Hindustani Sahitya Sabha for contribution to tribal languages of India.
- 2001 Nominated as **Distinguished Visiting Fellow 2001, RCLT, La Trobe University**, Melbourne, Australia.
- 1990 **Fellow**, All India Institute of Advanced Study, Shimla.
- 1972 Awarded the **second prize in International Students' Writing Competition**, Cornell University, USA.
- 1970-73 Awarded the **Humanities and Social Sciences Fellowship**, Cornell University Ithaca, New York, USA.
- 1970 Awarded the **University Gold Medal**, for being adjudged the best candidate in M.A. in linguistics (University of Delhi).

VISITING NATIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL PROFESSORSHIPS

1. **Adjunct Professor**, Simon Fraser University, Vancouver, BC. Canada. Spring Semester 2017-2021.
2. **Visiting Professor**, Goa University, Goa. 2018-
3. **Guest Scientist, Max Planck Institute of Evolutionary Anthropology**, Leipzig, **Germany**. September 2014 – November 2014, July 2000 to December 2000, Summer 2003, July 2010-October 2010.
4. **Guest Professor, University of Wuerzburg, Germany**. November-December 2012.

5. **Leverhulme Professor, SOAS, University of London, UK.** March – December 2011.
6. **Visiting Professor, Essex University, UK** June 2011. Under ESRC-ICSSR exchange programme.
7. **Visiting professor, Cairns Institute, Cairns Australia** November 2010-January 2011.
8. **Special Invitee at UNESCO, Bilbao, the Basque Country, Spain** to advise on 'World Languages Report'. October 2000.
9. **Guest Professor, South Asia Institute, University of Heidelberg, Heidelberg, Germany.** Spring Semester (October- December 1998).
10. **Visiting Professor.** Advanced Centre of Linguistics. Osmania University. Hyderabad. December 1990-January 1991.
11. **Visiting Professor,** Kansas State University, Manhattan, Kansas, USA. January 1986. Winter Semester.
12. Have delivered Special lectures and Keynote addresses at various **American and European universities** on special invitation. Some of them are *Cornell University, University of Syracuse, University of Illinois, University of Texas, University of California at Berkeley and Santa Barbara, the Ohio State University at Columbus, Rutgers University at New Jersey, Rice University at Texas, University of North Texas at Denton,* in the **USA**; *Stuttgart University, University of Wuerzburg, Max Planck Institute at Leipzig, University of Hamburg, University of Leipzig, University of Dusseldorf and the University of Heidelberg* in **Germany**; *University of Toulouse,* in **France** and *University of Vitoria-Gasteiz,* The Basque Country, **Spain**, *Universitas Bung Hatta, Padang,* **Indonesia**, *University of Thessaloniki* at **Greece** and at the Aichi, Nagoya, *Kobe University,* **Japan**, *University of London, University of Manchester, York University, Essex University, and University of Cambridge,* **UK**, *Uppsala University* in **Sweden**, *Simon Fraser University at Vancouver* in **Canada**; the *University of Zurich,* **Switzerland**; *La Trobe University, Melbourne, Australia, James Cook University,* **Australia** and *MLI, Dhaka,* **Bangladesh** and *University of Nepal,* **Nepal**.

MEMBER OF THE EDITORIAL BOARD:

1. *Oxford Research Encyclopedia of Linguistics*. (2013-
2. *Brill's Studies in South and Southwest Asian Languages* (2009-
3. *Linguistics of the Tibeto-Burman Area (LTBA)* (2014-
4. *World Atlas of Language Structures (WALS)*, Max Planck Institute for Evolutionary Anthropology, Leipzig, Germany. (2000-
5. *Journal of South Asian Languages and Linguistics*. De Gruyter. (2013-.
6. *Journal of the Heritage studies*. INTACH. Delhi.

MEMBERSHIP OF LEARNED BODIES

- **Member of the Jury** of the International Linguapax Award, an apex body of the UNESCO.
- **Advisor to UNESCO, Linguapax Institute** since 2000. To give advice on language policies.
- **President of the Linguistic Society of India**, India 2012-2017.
- External member of the **Academic Council of the Central University of Himachal Pradesh**, Dharamshala, Himachal Pradesh. 2013-2016
- Nominated by **His Excellency the President of India's nominee of the Executive Council of Indira Gandhi National Tribal University (IGNTU)**, Amarkantak, Madhya Pradesh. 2012-2016
- External member of the **Academic Council of the Central University of Hyderabad**, Andhra Pradesh. 2012-2015
- **External member of the Advisory Committee** to look into the issue of establishing *School of Cognitive Sciences* at the University of Hyderabad. 2013-2014
- Member of the **Board of Studies of School of Language Technology** at the International University of Hindi at Wardha 2012-2014

- **Advisory member** of the MHRD Committee on *Protection and preservation of indigenous traditional knowledge and endangered languages*. 2011.
- **Advisory member** of the UGC Expert Committee on Indigenous Languages. 2010-2013
- **Member** of the **Advisory Board of Sahitya Akademi** for 'Awarding the status of Classical Language' 2008-
- **Member** of the **Advisory Board of Sahitya Akademi** for 'Awarding the *Bhasha Samman* to tribal languages. 2008-
- **Life member**: *Dravidian Linguistic Association*, and *Linguistic Society of India*
- **Advisory member** of the CIIL, MHRD Committee on *Language development in the XII plan*.
- **Member** (elected) Board of Directors. **Terralingua**, A non-profit international organization devoted to maintain bio-diversity across the globe. Washington D.C. U.S.A. 1998-2001 and 2001-2004, 2004 - 2008.
- **Member** of the **Scientific Advisory Panel of Terralingua**. 2009-
- **Member** of the Advisory Board, *International University of Hindi*, Wardha. 1998-2000.
- **Member** of the Review Committee for the **Dravidian University, Kuppam**, Andhra Pradesh. 2006.
- **Advisor**, Konkani Survey 1991-1992, **Konkani Academy**, Goa.
- **Advisor**, Post-Graduate Hindi Linguistics Courses, 1991-1992. The University of Delhi, South Campus, New Delhi.
- Member of the **UGC Review Committee for the IX Plan of the Central Institute of English and Foreign Languages**, Hyderabad (1996).
- Nominated by the Ministry of HRD to serve as a **Member** of the **Advisory Committee** of the **Central Institute of Indian Languages**, Mysore. (Sept 1996-1999).
- **Member** of the Governing body of *Daulat Ram College*, Nominated by the University of Delhi, Delhi. 1995--2001.
- **Nominated** External Member of the *Faculty of Arts*, University of Delhi, Delhi. 1995—2000

- **Director:** South Asia Media Centre, Kansas State University, Kansas, 1975-76

RESEARCH AREAS OF INTEREST

1. Description and Documentation of Tribal and endangered languages of India.
2. Contact Linguistics, Language Obsolescence and Evolution of Grammar.
3. Multilingualism and Language Policy

EDUCATION

Ph.D. Linguistics, Cornell University, Ithaca, New York, USA, January 1975.

M.A. Linguistics, University of Delhi, 1970 with first division and first rank in the University (Awarded Gold Medal)

B.A. Economics (Hons.) University of Delhi, 1968.

DETAILS OF EMPLOYMENT

<i>Institution</i>	<i>Designation</i>	<i>Period</i>	
		<i>From</i>	<i>To</i>
Sahitya Akademi Centre for Oral and Tribal Literature	Founder Director	Jan. 2015	Dec 2017
Jawaharlal Nehru University	Professor of Linguistics Chairperson	Dec 1996 Feb 1995- Feb 2007-	July 2014 Feb 1997 Feb 2010
Jawaharlal Nehru University	Associate Professor	Sep 1984	Dec 1996
Jawaharlal Nehru University	Assistant Professor	Sep 1978	Sep 1984
Jawaharlal Nehru University	CSIR Pool Officer (equivalent to Asst. Prof)	May 1976	Aug 1978

Kansas State University,
USA

Director: South Asia
Media Centre

Fall 1975

May 1976

DETAILS OF SPONSORED/CONSULTANCY PROJECTS COMPLETED

<i>Title of the Project</i>	<i>Duration</i>	<i>Sponsoring Agency</i>	<i>My Status</i>
1. Reduplicative Structures in Indian Languages: A Phenomenon of Linguistics Area	Two years & six months (1983-85)	University Grants Commission	Principal Investigator
2. Explicator Compound Verbs in South Asian Languages	Three years (1988-91)	University Grants Commission	Principal Investigator
3. English Language Teaching (Development of Courses)	1989-1991	Kota Open University	Coordinator / Editor
4. Konkani Survey	1991-1992	Konkani Academy, Goa	Advisor
5. Computerized Data Bank of Indigenous Languages of India	1995-1999	Jawaharlal Nehru University	Director
6. Linguistics and Hindi Language (writing text for MA Linguistics course)	1997	Indira Gandhi National Open University	Advisor
7. A Sociolinguistic Enquiry into the Acceptance level of Hindi as a Pan-Indian Language	1997-99	ICSSR	Director
8. Urdu in Contact with Other Indian Languages in Independent India. A Linguistic and Socio-Cultural Study	1999 to 2001	National Council of Promotion of Urdu Language, Ministry of HRD	Co-ordinator
9. A Pilot Survey of Languages of Andaman	2001-2002	Max Planck Institute, Leipzig, Germany	Director

10. Hindi Sangrah: Linguistic Database and Mapping of Varieties of Hindi.	2002-2004	MGI Hindi University, Delhi branch	Director
11. "Speech Corpora and Speech to Text Synthesis of Standard Hindi and Indian English"	July 2003- Dec-2003	HP Labs, Bangalore	Principal Investigator
12. A Major Documentation Project 'Vanishing Voices of the Great Andamanese (VOGA)'.	November 2004 – December 2009	The Hans Rausing Endangered Language Documentation Programme, SOAS, University of London, UK	Principal Investigator
13 'Documentation of Sanenyo and Lurö, the two endangered languages of the Nicobar Islands	March 2018 to September 2020	Central Institute of Indian Languages, Mysore	Four Junior Research Persons

PUBLICATIONS

BOOKS

1. *Semantics, Stylistics, & Pedagogics*. (Co-authored). 2018. Delhi. Allied Publishers.
2. *Unwritten languages of India* (Edited). 2017. Sahitya Akademi, New Delhi.
3. *A Grammar of the Great Andamanese Language. An Ethnolinguistic Study*. 2013. *Brill's Studies in South and Southwest Asian Language*. ISBN 978-90-04-23527-4.
4. *Jiro Mithe. Folk Tale of Great Andamanese*. 2013. National Book Trust. Delhi. ISBN 812376719-6
5. *An Ancient Tale from Andaman*. 2012. National Book Trust. India. ISBN 978-81-237-6351-4 (Translated in Hindi and Bangali)
6. *Great Andamanese Dictionary*. 2012. An interactive English-Great Andamanese-Hindi dictionary of the endangered language of the Andaman Islands with pictures and sounds. Ratna Sagar. Delhi. ISBN 978-

93-5036-125-2 log on to <http://www.andamanese.net/GA-Lexicon/lexicon/index.htm> for web version.

Covered by

Lawson, A., 2011. First Andaman dictionary a 'linguistic treasure trove'. In: BBC News. Available from: <http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/world-asia-15754058>

7. *Ethno-ornithology. Birds of Great Andamanese - Names, Classification and Culture*. 2011 (co-authored with Satish Pande). Oxford University Press, Oxford, Ela foundation with Bombay Natural History Society.
8. *Urvar Pradesh*. 2010. Edited. Anthology of Hindi poems of Bharat Bhushan Agrawal Award winners. Delhi. Rajkamal Prakashan.
9. *Endangered Languages of the Andaman Islands*. 2006. Lincom Europa GMBH, Muenchen, Germany.
10. *A Manual of Linguistic Fieldwork and Structures of Indian Languages*. 2001. Lincom Europa, Muenchen, Germany.
11. *Language Structure and Language Dynamics in South Asia (Select papers from the SALA XVIII)*. 2001. Motilal Banarsidass. New Delhi. (Co-edited)
12. *Languages of Tribal and Indigenous Peoples of India. The Ethnic Space*. 1997. (edited). Motilal Banarsidass, Delhi.
13. *Language and The State. Perspectives on the Eighth Schedule*. 1995 (co-edited). Creative Books. New Delhi.
14. *Semantic Universals in Indian Languages*. 1994. Indian Institute of Advanced Study, Shimla.
15. *India as a Linguistic Area Revisited. (edited) 1991. A special volume of Language Sciences*. Vol.13, no.2, Pergamon Press, Tokyo.
16. *Reduplication in South Asian Languages. An Areal, Typological and Historical Study*. 1991. Allied. New Delhi.
17. *Studies in Bilingualism*. 1986. (Initially published as a special volume of IJOAL in 1985, Vol. XI, No.2). Bahri Publications. New Delhi.

18. *Semantic Theories and Language Teaching* (co-authored). 1986. Allied. New Delhi.
19. *Semantic Grammar of Hindi. A Study of Reduplication*. 1980. Bahri Publication. New Delhi.
20. *Mutthhi Bhar Pahcaan (A Handful of Recognition)*. A collection of short stories 1969. Radhakrishan Prakashan, Delhi.

Others

- Launched the first **Book of Letters of Great Andamanese**, March 2008.
- Launched the first CD Rom of **Folk Songs of Great Andamanese** March 2008
- Started Tribal literature and Oral Tradition Series under the name of *Unwritten languages* with Sahitya Akademi, New Delhi. These are with DVDs documenting oral tradition in audio and video formats:
 - *Kalahandi ke Vachik Kaavya* by Mahendra Kr. Mishra. 2017.
 - *Toda Oral tradition* by Karthick Narayan and Vasamalli. 2017.
 - *Halbi* by Ajay Kr. Singh. 2017.
 - *Aathe jagaar*.(Halbi epic). Harihar Vaishnav 2018.

In Press

- *Ten illustrated children books on individual folk tales of the Great Andamanese*. The National Book Trust, India.
- **Violation of fundamental rights and weakening of tribal language speakers**. *Language and Power*. Edited by Rajeshwari Pandharipande and Girish N. Jha.
- *Identification of a New Language Family in the Andamans and Tracing “Possible Human Language” in the Speech of the Early Colonizers of South Asia*. Asiatic Society. Calcutta.
- *‘Expressives as semantically complex category in South Asian languages’*. Included in the book titled *The Aesthetics of Grammar II: Sound and Meaning in the languages of South Asia, Including the Himalayas*. Edited by Jeffrey P. Williams. Cambridge University Press.
- *Language Encodes Knowledge-System of a Civilization: Don’t Let It Slip Away*. NUEPA
- *How Crucial is Language Documentation and how essential is Multilingual Education to maintain social cohesion?* Bangladesh. Dhaka.

- **Restructuring of Grammar in the Emerging Varieties of Hindi across India.** *Annals of Hindi.* Hamburg, Germany.
- **Adivasi Creation tales: An inquiry into our beginnings.** 'Adivasi / Indigenous peoples issue of SOUTHASIA. Germany.
- **Route to Oral Literature.** Edited. Sahitya Akademi. "Unwritten Languages". 2018.

PUBLISHED RESEARCH PAPERS

- 2018c 'A sixth language family of India: Great Andamanese, its historical status and salient present-day features. In *Dynamics of Language. Plenary and focus lectures from the 20th International Congress of Linguists.* Edited by Rajend Mesthrie and David Bradley. International Congress of Linguists. Cape Town, South Africa. UCT Press. Chapter 9. 134-152.
- 2018b 'Echo Formations and Expressives in South Asian languages: A Probe into Significant Areal Phenomena'. Included in the book *Non-Proto Typical Reduplication.* Edited by Aina Urdze under the De Gruyter Mouton series "Studia Typologica" Pp 01-33.
- 2018a Hegemony of One Language as a Tool of Subjugation. *Lokaratna* Vol XI (I) 178-184
- 2017b. 'Human Cognitive Abilities and Safeguarding Linguistic Diversity'. IIC Quarterly. A much-revised version of 2016c.
- 2017a. Expansion of human capabilities and Eradication of Poverty through Mother Tongue Medium of Education'. *Martyrs' Day. International Mother Language Day.* 2017. Dhaka. Bangladesh.
- 2016c 'Human cognitive abilities and safeguarding linguistic diversity'. Keynote Address printed in *Nepalese Linguistics.* Volume 31, November 2016. 76-85.
- 2016b 'Language Endangerment and Documentation: The situation in India and Adjacent Areas. A Chapter in *The Languages and Linguistics of South Asia: A Comprehensive Guide,* edited by Hans Henrich Hock and Elena Bashir. The World of Linguistics Series. Berlin/ Boston. Mouton de Gruyter. 632-637.
- 2016a 'Andaman languages'. A Chapter in *The Languages and Linguistics of South Asia: A Comprehensive Guide,* edited by Hans Henrich Hock and Elena Bashir. The World of Linguistics Series. Berlin/ Boston. Mouton de Gruyter. 157-165.
- 2014 'Hindi as a contact language of India'. (co-authored with Maansi Sharma). In *Defining the Indefinable: Delimiting Hindi.* Edited by Agnieszka Kuczkiewicz-

- Fraś. Peter Lang Academic Research. Frankfurt, Germany. Pp 107-124.
- 2013d In search of language contact between Jarawa and Aka-Bea: The languages of South Andaman. Anvita Abbi and Pramod Kumar. *Acta Orientalia*. November 2013.
- 2013c 'Leave Us Alone'. *Geography and You*. Mar – Apr 2013. Pp 50 -53.
- 2013b Traces of prehistoric human language structure in the Great Andamanese language. In *Grammatica et Verba, Glamor and Verve: Studies in South Asian, Historical, and Indo-European Linguistics in Honor of Hans Henrich Hock on his Seventy-Fifth birthday*, ed. Benjamin Slade and Shu-Fen Chen. Ann Arbor: Beech Stave Press, 2013.
- 2013a Language Conservation and Cognitive Abilities of Human Species. In *Language Endangerment in South Asia. Vol 1*. 3-25. Chief Editor: M Ganesan. Annamalai University Publication. Annamalai Nagar. Tamil Nadu.
- 2012 Declining Adivasi knowledge-systems and killing of linguistic diversity. *Social Exclusion and Adverse Inclusion: Development and Deprivation of Adivasis in India*. Edited by Dev Nathan and Verinius Xaxa. Oxford University Press. 188-199.
- 2011d Documenting a Dying Language: Challenges and Solutions. *Selected Papers from the International Conference on Language Documentation and Tradition with a special interest in the Kalasha of the Hindu Kush Valleys, Himalayas*. Thessaloniki, Greece.
- 2011c Universal Grammar, Language Evolution, and Documenting an Ancient Language. *Language Documentation and Linguistic Theory*. Vol 3. SOAS, London.
- 2011b Body divisions in Great Andamanese: Possessive classification, the semantics of inherency and grammaticalization. *Studies in Language*. 35:4 (2011), 739–792. doi 10.1075/sl.35.4.01abb
- 2011a Unique Structure of the Present Great Andamanese: An overview of the grammar. *Indian Linguistics*. 72:27-46.
- 2010b Vanishing Languages. *G&Y Geography and You*. Vol. 10. Issue 59 April 2010.
- 2010a Where have all the Speakers gone? A case of Depleting Populations, Depleting languages and loss of Biocultural diversity in the Andaman Islands. In *Endangered languages in India*. Edited by Kamalini Sengupta. New Delhi, INTACH.
- 2009c Is Great Andamanese genealogically and typologically distinct from Onge and Jarawa? *Language Sciences* 31:6. 791-812. (doi:10.1016/j.langsci.2008.02.002)
- 2009b The Last Word. A Multilingual Interactive Dictionary of the Great Andamanese language. *Hindi*. January-March 2009. Vardha. 228-235.

- 2009a Vanishing Diversities and Submerging Identities. In *Language and Politics*. Ed. by Asha Sarangi. Oxford University Press. ISBN 13:978-0-19-569786-5
- 2008d Reduplication. Chapter contributed to *Encyclopaedia of the Linguistic Sciences. Issues and Theories*. Edited by V. Prakasam. Allied Publishers. Delhi. ISBN: 10:81-8424-270-4
- 2008c Generative Semantics (Chafe). Chapter contributed to *Encyclopaedia of the Linguistic Sciences. Issues and Theories*. Edited by V. Prakasam. Allied Publishers. Delhi. ISBN: 10:81-8424-270-4
- 2008b Linguistic Area. Chapter contributed to *Encyclopaedia of the Linguistic Sciences. Issues and Theories*. Edited by V. Prakasam. Allied Publishers. Delhi. ISBN: 10:81-8424-270-4
- 2008a Tribal Languages. *Languages in South Asia*. Edited by Braj B. Kachru, Yamuna Kachru, and S.N. Sridhar. New York. Cambridge University Press. March 2008.
- 2007b Co-authored with Narayan Choudhary and Girish Nath Jha March 2007. 'Morphological Analyzer for Great Andamanese Verbs: Implementing a Concatenative Template'. *Vishwabharat* (April 2007 - January 2008 Journal) 113-118. TDIL, New Delhi,
- 2007a Where Have All The Speakers Gone? A Sociolinguistic Study of The Great Andamanese. (co authors Bidisha Som and Alok Das). *Indian Linguistics*. Vol. 68. No. 3-4 (July-Dec) Pp 325-343.
- 2006c Vanishing diversities and Submerging Identities. *Indian Linguistics*. Vol. 67. No. 1-4; PP 1-10.
- 2006b Abhishek Avtans and Anvita Abbi 'Language Documentation in Andamans: Highs and Lows'. *The Proceedings of the Tenth Foundation of Endangered Languages Conference, Vital Voices: Endangered languages and Multilingualism*, Ed- R Elangaiyan, R.Mckenna Brown, Nicholas D.M. Ostler and Mahendra K Verma. 73-76. CIIL, Mysore.
- 2006a Vanishing Voices: A Typological Sketch of Great Andamanese. *Lesser-Known Languages in South Asia Status and Policies, Case Studies and Applications of Information Technology*. Edited by Anju Saxena and Lars Borin. Mouton. Walter de Gruyter.
- 2005b Areal Typology, Convergence Models and Gene Linguistics. *Indian Linguistics*. Vol. 66 No.1-4, Pp 1-13.
- 2005a Bharat ki Janjatiya Bhashayen: Hamaari Upekshit Virasat. In *Aam Aadmi*. Vol. 75. Pp 135-139.
- 2004b Typology of 'Manner' in Verb Sequences in South Asian Languages. *Indian Linguistics*. Volume 65. Nos. 1-4 Pp 1-29

- 2004a Whose Language is Urdu? Anvita Abbi, Imtiaz Hasnain and Ayesha Kidwai. *Heidelberg Papers in South Asian and Comparative Politics*, Working Paper No. 24. Heidelberg. Germany.
- 2003b Tribal Languages of India: Our Neglected Heritage. *Sannidhi*, Delhi
- 2003a Restructuring Grammars in Contact Situations: A Case of Causative Constructions in Endangered Languages. *International Journal of Dravidian Linguistics* Vol 32:2 Pp 69-80.
- 2001 "Mere dil men Laddu Phuut Rahe Hain": The Concept of Happiness in Indian languages. *Case for Language Studies*. Edited by V. Swarajya Lakshmi. Feschrift volume of Prof. Lakshmi Bai. Booklinks Corporation, Hyderabad.
- 2000b 'Competing Languages, Structural Conflicts and Grammatical Compromises. The Dynamics of languages-in-Contact'. *Sociolinguistic Perspectives*. IAS, Simla.
- 2000a 'Redundancies and Restructuring in Bangani Syntax: A Case of Language Contact in Western Himalaya'. *International Journal of Dravidian Linguistics* Vol. 25:1 Pp 47-56
- 1999 'What is 'Indian' in Indian Languages? A Case for Grammaticalization of Explicator Verb GO '. *PILC Journal of Dravidic studies*.9:2/July 1999. Also in R.E.Asher and Roy Harris edited *Linguisticoliterary*. 2000. Pilgrims Books Pvt. Ltd. New Delhi
- 1998d The Dynamics of Languages-in-Contact. Competing Languages, Structural Conflicts and Grammatical Compromises'. *Institute of Asian and African Studies, Moscow State University*. Moscow. 1998. Pp24 – 39.
- 1998c 'Debate on Archaism of some select Bangani words'. *Indian Linguistics*. Volume 58. No. 1-4, 1997. Pages1-14.
- 1998b 'Morphological Change in Austro-Asiatic and Dravidian Tribal languages of Central India'. *Studies in Indian Sociolinguistics*. Edited by R.S. Gupta and K. Aggarwal. Creative Books, Delhi.
- 1998a 'Typological Homogeneity or Language Attrition? A Case of Tribal Languages in Central India'. *From Tribe to Caste*. (edited by Dev Nathan) Indian Institute of Advanced Study, Shimla.
- 1997b Expressive Morphology as Manner Adverbs in Khasi, Tangkhul Naga and Kuki Chin Languages. (co-authored with Ahum Victor). *Languages of Tribal and Indigenous Peoples of India. The Ethnic Space*. edited by Anvita Abbi Motilal Benarsidass Delhi.
- 1997a Languages in Contact in Jharkhand. A Case of Language Conflation, Language Change and Language Convergence. *Languages of Tribal and Indigenous Peoples of India. The Ethnic Space*. Edited by Anvita Abbi Motilal Benarsidass Delhi.

- 1997/1998 Le redoublement dans les langues d'Asie du sud. *Faites de Langues. Les langues d'Asie du Sud. Revue de Linguistique*. N. 10. Ophrys, Paris.
- 1996 Don't Kill My Mother (tongue). Against Excessive Modernization of Hindi. *Perspectives on Language and Society (Papers in Memory of Prof Srivastava)*. Edited by S.K. Verma and Dilip Singh. Pp 115-167. Kalinga Publications, Delhi.
- 1995c We Shall Overcome One Day. *South Asian Language Review* Vol. 5, No.2.
- 1995b Language Contact and Language Restructuring. A Case Study of Tribal languages of Central India. *International Journal of Sociology of Language*. vol.116. 175-185
- 1995a Morphological Change in Tribal Languages of Central India. *PILC Journal of Dravidic Studies*. Vol. 5:1. 1-9
- 1994 Why Explicators are not Auxiliaries? An Area between Morphology and Syntax. *Compound Verbs in Indian Languages* edited by Alice Davison. Iowa Univ. Press. Pp 1-10
- 1993c Some Aspects of Meitei Phonology.(Co-authored with A.K.Mishra). *International Journal of Dravidian Linguistics*. Vol 22. No2. January. Pp 51-66.
- 1993b Towards Natural Functional Grammar. (Co-authored with V. Prakasam.) *New Horizons in Functional Linguistics* Edited by S.K.Verma. 1993. Booklinks Corporation, Hyderabad.
- 1993a Language Contraction, Language Shrink, and Language Conflation: A Case Study of Kharia. *Continuity and Change in Tribal Society*. Edited by Mrinal Miri. 1993 Indian Institute of Advanced Study, Shimla.
- 1992f Osmose Culturelle et Universaux Pan Indiens. *Recontre avec l'Inde* 1992. Tome 21, Numero 4.
- 1992e The Explicator Compound Verbs: Some Definitional Issues and Criteria for Identification. *Indian Linguistics*. Vol. 51. No.1.
- 1992d Contact, Conflict and Compromise: The Genesis of Reduplicated Structures in South Asian Languages. *Dimensions of South Asia as a Sociolinguistic Area*. Edited by E.Dimock, B.B.Kachru and Bh. Krishnamurti. Oxford & IBH. New Delhi. 131-148.
- 1992c Language Death and Language Conflation. A Paradoxical Oscillation. *South Asian Language Review*. Vol. II, No2. 39-49.
- 1992b Semantic and Pragmatic Analysis of Conjunctive Participle in Hindi. *Saidhantik and Anuprayukta Bhasha Vigyan*. Edited by R.N. Srivastava, Mahendra and M. Priyadarshini. Sahitya Sahkar. Delhi. 258-277.
- 1992a Pan Indian Universals. *Seminar*. March issue. 20-25.
- 1991c Semantics of Explicator Compound Verbs in South Asian Languages. (with D. Gopalakrishanan). *Language Sciences* Tokyo. Vol. XIII, No.2. 161-180.

- 1991b Language of Women. *International Journal of Dravidian Linguistics*. Vol. XX, No. 2. 35-47.
- 1991a Identity Crisis of Dative Subjects and Experiencer Nominals in Indian Languages. *International Journal of Dravidian Linguistics*. Vol. XX, No. 1. 1-50.
- 1990b Experiencer Constructions and the 'Subjecthood' of the Experiencer NPs in Indian languages. *Experiencer Subjects in Indian Languages*. Edited by M.K.Verma and K.P.Mohanar. 253-267. CSLI, Stanford University Press. Stanford, USA.
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ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

1. Currently I am engaged in documenting Lurö and Sanenyo, two languages of the Nicobarese language family.
2. I have been a short story writer in Hindi. Some of my stories have been translated in English, German, French, Gujarati and Bangla.
- 3 I have an **extensive fieldwork experience** in various Indian languages most of them tribal and lesser-known including those of very remote areas such as Churachandpur (Manipur), Cherapunji (Meghalaya), Netarhaat, Chotanagpur (Bihar), Hanumangarh (Rajasthan), Bargarh (Orissa), Bangan (Western Garhwal Himalayas), Shiroda, Choraon (Goa), Solan, Nahan, Sungal (Himachal Pradesh), Srinagar (Kashmir) and Andaman Islands, specifically the tribal areas of Onge, Jarawa and Great Andamanese. Currently in Chowra and Terrassa Islands.

RESEARCH GUIDANCE

Number of students guided so far: 28 (Ph.D.), 35 (M.Phil.)
Number of students continuing: 03 (Ph.D.)

Research Topics of Ph.D. dissertations that I guided are given below.

1. *The Structure of Kharia: A Study of Linguistic Typology and Language Change.* Ph.D. 1982. Veena Malhotra.
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13. *Tribal Identity and Acceptance of Hindi: A Sociolinguistic Study of Tribals in Jharkhand.* Ph.D.2004. Shailendra Mohan
14. *Typological Study of Causative Constructions in Thai and Pali.* Ph.D. 2004. Phramaha Ranavi Papol.
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16. *Grammar of Kiranti-Koints.* Ph.D. 2005. Lal Rapcha.
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18. *A Lexico-Semantic Study of Great Andamanese: A Thematic Approach.* Ph. D. 2006. Bidisha Som.
19. *A Descriptive Grammar of Tai Ahom.* Ph.D. 2010 Ms. Dipima Buragohain

20. *A Lexico-Semantic Study of Tiwa and Deori: Two Endangered Languages of the Tibeto-Burman Family.* Arup Nath 2010.
21. *Grammar of Jarawa: A Typological study.* Pramod Kumar 2012 (co-guide: Bernard Comrie).
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23. *Grammar of Thadou-Kuki: A Descriptive study.* 2014. D. Marykim Haopkip.
24. *Typological Study of Cases in Eastern Indo-Aryan Languages* 2014. Bornini Lahiri.
25. *A Descriptive grammar of Tai-Khamti.* 2014. Bishakha Das.
26. *Contact Hindi in Bihar and Jharkhand: Structure and Use.* 2015. Sabiha Hashmi.
27. *The Typology of Clitics in the Austroasiatic languages of India.* 2015. Anish Koshy.
28. Resmi Prakash. 2017. *Contact-Induced Grammaticalization in the language of Kudumbis of Kerala.*

Research Topics of M. Phil. guidance can be provided on request.

Most of the research guidance at M.Phil level had been in the area of language endangerment and structures of lesser-known languages.

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