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Current position

Assistant Professor and Head, Department of English Language and Literature, School of Liberal Arts and Cultural Studies, Adamas University, Kolkata (from 1st February 2021 to present).

Coordinator, Centre for Study of Contemporary Theory and Research, Adamas University.

Project

Principal Investigator (since 15th February 2024) of Indian Council of Social Science Research (ICSSR) funded major project titled “Developing an AI Based Toto-Bangla-English Trilingual Language Learning Application: A Step Towards Digital Archiving of the Endangered Toto Language of West Bengal.”

Principal Investigator (since 16th March 2023) of Adamas University Seed Fund Project titled ‘Developing Metacognitive Awareness, Critical Thinking Ability, and Prediction System through ICT based Language Learning Application: A Case Study of Dormant English as Second Language Learners.’

Awards and Recognition

Received an award of Outstanding Assistant Professor, Admas University, October 2024.

Past Teaching Experiences

Teaching Fellow in the Department of English at Vellore Institute of Technology University, Bhopal (from June, 2019 till January 2021).

Guest Faculty in the School of Languages and Linguistics, Jadavpur University, Kolkata (from January 2019 till June 2019).

Invited to teach a paper on Syntax in the School of Language and Linguistics, Jadavpur University, Kolkata (March – June 2022).

Educational Qualification

Ph.D awarded in Linguistics (2019) from English and Foreign Languages University, Hyderabad.

	M.A Linguistics (2009-2011) from University of Calcutta.
	B.A English Honours (2006-2009) from University of Calcutta.
	Qualified UGC NET in the subject Linguistics on 15 th June, 2015
Areas of expertise	Linguistics (Syntax and Semantics), English as Second Language Acquisition, English Language Teaching, Cognitive Linguistics.
Courses Taught	<p>In the current semester at Adamas University, I am teaching the courses titled Introduction to Linguistics; Language, Society and Culture; Language and Gender; Language, Mind and Brain; Language Teaching; and Communicative English.</p> <p>In 2022 (March – June), I was invited by the School of Language and Linguistics, Jadavpur University, to teach a course titled ‘Introduction to Syntax.’</p> <p>I have taught several courses in Communication and Linguistics at VIT (Bhopal), such as Communication for Technical Professionals, Soft Skills for Engineers, Logic and Language Structure, and Technical Writing and Composition.</p> <p>I have taught Cognitive Linguistics for the even semester (January-June, 2019) in the School of Language and Linguistics, Jadavpur University.</p> <p>I have taught the B.A course ‘Functional Writing in English’ for one semester (January-April, 2015) in the Department of Foreign Languages, The English and Foreign Languages University, Hyderabad.</p> <p>I have taught the PGDTE course ‘Introduction to Linguistics’ for one semester (August-November, 2016) at The English and Foreign Languages University, Hyderabad.</p> <p>I have also taught in the English Proficiency Course (July, 2015 – April, 2018) in the Department of Non-Formal Courses and Resources, at The English and Foreign Languages University, Hyderabad.</p>
Other Job experience	<p>Served in the position of English Language Proficiency Trainer at Texas Review, Hyderabad, from 1st September to 5th December, 2018.</p> <p>Served in the position of Voice and Accent Trainer (from 17th January till 11th August, 2012) at an educational institute, Orion Edutech, Kolkata.</p>
Research Guidance	<p>Ph.D scholar: 2 (ongoing)</p> <p>Topic: Queerness in Comics of Batman and Batwoman.</p> <p>Topic: Syntactic Distribution of Classifiers in Atong Dialect</p>

M.A dissertation: 1 (completed), Topic: Hindi Language and Gender Identity.

External Examiner

M.Phil Dissertation, Title: A Morpho-Syntactic Analysis of Tag Questions in Indian English and Bangla, submitted in the School of Language and Linguistics, Jadavpur University.

MA dissertation, Title: Model Theoretic Interpretation of Bangla

Syntax-Semantics Interface, School of Languages and Linguistics, Jadavpur University

MA dissertation, Title: Social and Communication Disorders following Traumatic Brain Injury, School of Languages and Linguistics, Jadavpur University

Invited Lectures organized

Organized a three-week long lecture series on Contextualising and Theorising Human Experiences during COVID-19 Pandemic, from 15th November – 3rd December 2021.

Organized an invited lecture on The Science of Meaning and Structure in Language on 2nd November 2022. Dr. Diti Bhadra, Assistant Professor in University of Minnesota, was invited for the talk.

Organized a panel discussion on ‘Is India’s Linguistics Diversity Under Threat?’ on 27th September 2022.

Organized a research forum talk on The Evolution of Artificial Intelligence and Machine Learning: Opportunities and Challenges to Society on 5th May 2023.

Organized a research forum talk on Food, Memory, and Caste on 31st August 2023.

Seminar organized

On 14th March, 2020 I organised a seminar talk on Logic and its Applications at VIT University, Bhopal. For the talk, Dr. Srinibas Swain, Assistant Professor, Department of Computer Science and Engineering, IIT Guwahati, was invited.

On 25th September, 2023 I organized a seminar on Dalit Literature in the Department of English Language and Literature, Adamas University.

Academic Interview

I was interviewed on Saussure’s Structuralism and Derrida’s Deconstruction. The session was conducted by the organization *Rashtrabigyan Charchakendra* and the interviewer was Dr. Pradip Basu, Former Professor, Department of Political Science, Ex Dean of Arts, Presidency University.

Invited Talks & Workshops

I was invited to conduct a session of Pragmatics in a workshop on Linguistic Field Survey and Analysis, organized by the School of Language and Linguistics, Jadavpur University in collaboration with the Department of Humanities and Social Science, IIT Delhi, September 2023.

I gave a talk as an invited panelist in a Symposium on Structuralism and Cognition, conducted by the Department of Linguistics at Jadavpur University, May 2019.

I was invited as a Head Tutor in the Workshop on Formal Semantics organised by the Department of Humanities and Social Sciences at IIT, Delhi on 19th-22nd September, 2019.

International Conferences

Presented a paper titled 'ki: the interrogative disjunction morpheme in Bangla' at Formal Approaches to South Asian Languages 11, held on March 26-28, 2021 at University of Minnesota.

Presented a paper titled 'Wh movement in the Bangla DP' at Formal Approaches to South Asian Languages 8 (FASAL8), held on March 31-April 1, 2018 at Wichita State University.

Presented a poster titled 'Focus and Nominal Ellipsis in the Bangla DP' at GLOW in ASIA XI, held on 20-22 February, 2017 at National University of Singapore.

Presented a co-authored poster on 'Modal and Tense-Aspect interaction in Bangla' with Prof. Utpal Lahiri at GLOW in ASIA X, held on 24-26 May, 2014 at National Tsing Hua University, Taiwan.

National Conferences

Presented a paper titled 'ki and naki: Alternative Question Particles in Bangla' in the 43rd International Conference of Linguistic Society of India (ICOLSI 43), held at CIIL Mysore, from 21 – 23 December 2021.

Presented a paper titled 'Focus and Deletion in the Bangla DP' in the 38th International Conference of linguistic Society of India (ICOLSI 38), held at IIT Guwahati from 10-12 November, 2016.

Presented a paper titled 'Leftward movement of adjectives in the Bangla DP' in the 12th International Conference on South Asian Languages and Literature (ICOSAL-12), held at the Centre for Endangered Languages and Mother Tongue Studies, School of Humanities, University of Hyderabad from 7-9 January 2016.

Presented co-authored paper titled 'Modal and Lexical properties of paraa in Bangla and Odia' with Bhamati Dash in the 35th International Conference of linguistic Society of India (ICOLSI), held at CIIL Mysore from 27-29 November, 2013.

International Publications

Authored Book titled *Issues in the Syntax of the Determiner Phrases in Bangla* published in Brill EALT series, July 2023.

Co-authored book chapter on 'Information and Communication Technology Tools in Language Learning Classroom: Developing Metacognitive Skills and its Social Ramifications' with Dr. Arjab Roy (IIT Guwahati), published in Springer Nature, July 2023.

Book chapter on A Comparative Study of the Lexicalization of the Bangla Polar Question Particle 'ki' and the Assamese polar Question Particle 'ne', published in Springer Nature, September 2023.

'Ki: the interrogative disjunction morpheme in Bangla', published in the conference proceedings of Formal Approaches to South Asian Languages 11 in the site of Journal of South Asian Linguistics, 2022.

'Wh-movement and the Distribution of Sei and Wh in the Bangla DP' published in the conference proceedings of Formal Approaches to South Asian Languages 8 in the site of Journal of South Asian Linguistics, 2020.

'Focus and Nominal Ellipsis in the Bangla DP' in the proceedings of GLOW in ASIA XI, volume 2, edited by Michael Yoshitaka Erlewine, has been published with Massachusetts Institute of Technology Working Papers in Linguistics, 2017.

National Publication

'ki and naki: Alternative Question Particles in Bangla,' published in the Indian Journal of Language and Linguistics, 2022.

'Unique and Anaphoric Definiteness in the Bangla DP' in the Jadavpur Journal of Languages and Linguistics, volume 3, no.2, 2019.

'Origin of the Bangla Modal *para* and its Semantics when it Interacts with the Progressive' in The EFL Journal, volume 8; No 1 (2017), edited by Rahul Balusu.

Linguistics

Summer School attended

Participated in the 8th Linguistics Summer School in the Indian Mountains (LISSIM 8) organised by the Formal Studies in the Syntax and Semantics of Indian Languages society (FOSSSIL), held from 24th May to 6th June, 2014.

Participated in the 9th Linguistics Summer School in the Indian Mountains (LISSIM 9) organised by the Formal Studies in the

Syntax and Semantics of Indian Languages society
(FOSSSIL), held from 24th May to 6th June, 2015.

Faculty Development Programme

Participated in an FDP on Online Teaching Practices in English, organised by Amity University (Tashkent), from 14th June – 18th June, 2021.

Participated in an FDP on Innovative Teaching-Learning Resources in Liberal Studies, organized by the School of Liberal Arts and Cultural Studies, Adamas University, Kolkata (25th February- 5th March, 2021).

Linguistics Project

Participated in the short term goal oriented project – Bengali Language held at Linguistics Data Consortium for Indian Languages (LDC-IL) Project, Central Institute of Indian Languages, Mysore from 19th November to 28th December, 2012.

Editor

Joint Editor of Adamas University Newsletter

Reviewer of Journals

1. Journal of English Language Teaching (English Language Teachers' Association of India).
2. Journal of English Language Teaching (English Language Teaching Forum)
3. International Journal of Humanities and Social Sciences Review.

Language Skills

English (proficient)

Bengali (native)

Hindi (beginner)