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MA (Delhi University) M.Phil (JNU, New Delhi)

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I am currently teaching Linguistics in Tezpur Central University, Assam. Having completed Masters in Linguistics from Delhi University and MPhil from Jawaharlal Nehru University, I have developed particular interest in dialectology and language typology. Currently, I am pursuing my doctoral research with an objective of preparing the dialect geography of Assamese and of describing phonological structure of Nalbaria Assamese.

I have been teaching Phonetics, Phonology, Experimental Phonetics, Optimality Theory and Semantics to Post Graduate students of Linguistics along with introductory courses on English language and grammar as well as Communicative English to graduate students from other discipline for last 5 and half years. Previously, I was a research consultant for Assamese in the Evolution on Semantic System conducted by Max Plank Institute for Psycholinguistics, the Netherlands.

My specific theoretical research interest includes study on coronals in relation to their cluster formation and the phonotactics of vowel sequences with particular focus to the hiatus resolution strategies in Indo-Aryan, Tibeto-Burman and Tai languages of North East India. Retention and preservation of Proto Sino Tibetan phonetic features in Kuki Chin languages including affricates and voiceless nasals, vowel sequences, consonant clusters, voicing and nasal assimilation among other interacting phonological processes in these are also some interests that I pursue.

From a perspective of Field research orientation, I have been closely associated with the documentation and revitalisation project undertaken by the Centre for Endangered Languages, Tezpur University on 7 indigenous endangered languages of Assam (Dima Hasao), Manipur and Nagaland namely, Hrangkhoh, Khelma, Biate, Purum, Onamae, Yimchunger and Liangmai. I had edited the first grammar book on Nagaland Liangmai and currently I am editing the volume on Phonetics-Phonology of these languages.

AREAS OF INTEREST

Phonetics, Phonology, Historical Linguistics, Dialectology and Language Typology

ACADEMIC PROFILE

Examination	Subject/Stream	Year	Board/ University	Percentage	Remarks
Class X		2001	SEBA, Assam	82.8	State rank holder, 20 th Position
Class XI	Science	2003	AHSEC, Assam	62.6	1 st Division
Graduation	English Literature	2007	Gauhati University, Assam	52.7	2 nd Class
Masters	Linguistics	2009	Delhi University,	68.18	1 st Class 3 rd

			New Delhi		Position
MPhil	Linguistics (Phonology)	2011	Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi	7.33 (FGPA)	A Grade

DISSERTATIONS

Masters

- *A Phonemic Analysis of Kurux*, 2008, Supervisor: Dr Gail Coelho
- *A Comparative Study of the Nalbaria Dialect and the Standard Variety of the Assamese Language*, Delhi University, 2009, Supervisor: Dr Gail Coelho

M.Phil

- *A Comparative Phonological Study of Two Varieties of the Assamese Language*, JNU, New Delhi, 2011, Supervisor: Prof PKS Pandey

PhD

- *Phonological Structure of Nalbaria Assamese*, (ongoing), Tezpur University, Supervisor(s): Prof Madhumita Barbora, Tezpur University and Dr Gail Coelho, Delhi University

PAPER PRESENTATIONS IN NATIONAL/INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCES/SEMINARS

Presented a paper, Changes in Vowels and Aspiration of Stops in the Nalbaria Dialect of Assamese: Segmental and Morphophonemic Aspects, South Asian Languages Roundtable (SALA29), CIIL, Mysore, 6-8 January, 2011

Presented a paper, Prohibition: Negative Imperatives in the Assamese Language in Comparison with Bangla, Oriya and Maithili Language, South Asian Languages Roundtable (SALA29), CIIL, Mysore, 6-8 January, 2011 (joint)

Presented a paper, Vowel Harmony in Assamese and its Nalbaria dialect, All India Conference of Linguistics (AICL33), Punjab University, Chandigarh, 1-3 October, 2011

Presented a poster, Stress in the Nalbaria dialect of Assamese, International Seminar on Prosodic Interfaces (ISPI), Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi, 25-27 November, 2011

Presented a paper, Serial verb construction in Assamese, International Conference of Complex Predicates in South Asian Languages, Madras Institute of Technology, Chennai, December, 2011

Presented a paper, Typological Survey of Reciprocal Constructions: A Case Study of Typology Meitei, Nyishi, Assamese and Bangla, International Conference of North East Linguistic Society (NEILS), Department of EFL, Tezpur University, 31 January-2 February, 2011 (joint)

Presented a paper, Comparative segmental differences in two dialects of Assamese and Bangla, International Conference of North East Linguistic Society NEILS, Don Bosco Institute of Technology, Guwahati, 2-4 February, 2012 (joint)

Presented a paper, Assamese subjects: Ergative or agentive, 6th Students Conference of Linguistics India (SCONLI-6), Department of Linguistics, Banaras Hindu University, 17-19 February, 2012 (joint)

Presented a paper, Some segmental issues of Nalbaria Assamese, All India Conference of Linguistics (AICL34), NEHU, Shillong, 1-3 November, 2012

Presented a paper, Animal motif in Indo-Aryan proverbs, All India Conference of Linguistics (AICL34), NEHU, Shillong, 1-3 November, 2012 (joint)

Presented a paper, Spectral Quality as a Measure of Prominence in Assamese, All India Conference of Linguistics (AICL34), NEHU, Shillong, 1-3 November, 2012 (joint)

Presented a paper, Syntax and semantics of sub-ordinate clauses in Assamese, 18th Himalayan Languages Symposium (HLS-18), Department of Linguistics, Banaras Hindu University, September, 2012

Presented a paper, Metrical Structure of Prosodic words in Nalbaria Assamese, 11th International Conference of South Asian Languages and Literatures (ICOSAL-11), Department of Linguistics, Banaras Hindu University, 23-25 January, 2014

Presented a paper, Hiatus Resolution Strategies, 12th International Conference on South Asian Languages and Literatures (ICOSAL-12), Centre for Endangered Languages and Mother Tongue Studies, University of Hyderabad, 7-9 January, 2016

Presented a paper, Coronal Underspecification: Evidence from coronal geminates in Nalbaria Assamese, 22nd Himalayan Languages Symposium (HLS-22), Indian Institute of Technology Guwahati in Assam, June 8- 10, 2016

Presented a paper, Nature of vowel sequences and hiatus resolution in Nalbaria Assamese, 38th International Conference of the Linguistic Society of India (ICOLSI-38), the Centre for Linguistics Science and Technology, Indian Institute of Technology Guwahati, November 10-12, 2016

Presented a paper, Neutralisation and Voicing Assimilation in Mishng, 45th All India Conference of Dravidian Linguistics and International Symposium on Case and Agreement (AICDL-45), Department of Linguistics, University of Delhi, 23-25 June, 2017

Presented a paper, Onomastics of some Tribal Languages with Special References to Tai Phake, 23rd Himalayan Languages Symposium (HLS-23), Department of English and Foreign Languages and Centre for Endangered Languages, Tezpur University, 5 - 7 July, 2017 (joint)

Presented a paper, Rising Pitch in Declarative Sentences in Nepali: A Semantic Approach, 23rd Himalayan Languages Symposium (HLS-23), Department of English and Foreign Languages and Centre for Endangered Languages, Tezpur University, 5 - 7 July, 2017 (joint)

Bipasha Patgiri attended and presented a paper, Kuki Chin Phonology of Dimasa District: A Historical Account, International Conference of Endangered languages of Delhi-NCR: the North East India Focus, National Law University, New Delhi, 8 May, 2018

Presented a paper, Onset-Controlled Voicing Assimilation in Mising, 34th South Asian Languages Analysis Roundtable (SALA-34), Department of Linguistics, University of Konstanz, Germany, 19 - 21 June, 2018

PARTICIPATION IN COURSES/SEMINARS/CONFERENCES/WORKSHOPS/SYMPOSIUMS

Completed a short-term certificate course in Psychological Assessment for Competency Building, Department of Adult, Continuing Education and Extension, Faculty of Social Sciences, University of Delhi, 17 November - 11 December, 2009

Attended the International Seminar on Language Archiving in the 21st Century, Centre for Linguistics, Jawaharlal Nehru University, November, 2009

Participated in JNU Lang-scape, the linguistic survey of JNU on multilingualism conducted by Centre for Linguistics and National Translation Mission, Jawaharlal Nehru University, 15-30 September, 2011

Attended a workshop on Linguistic Fieldwork and Language Analysis, NEILS6, Department of EFL, Tezpur University, Tezpur, 29-30 January, 2011

Attended a workshop on Tone and Intonation: Theory, Typology and Computation, IIT Guwahati, 26-27 January, 2012

Attended a National Seminar on The Practice of Everyday Life in North East India: An Interdisciplinary Approach, Tezpur University, 14-15 March, 2014

Attended a National Seminar on Modern Assamese Society, Literature and Bezbaroa, Centre for Assamese Studies, Tezpur University, 3-4 April, 2014

Participated in the workshop on Research Methodology in Social Sciences, Department of Mass Communication and Journalism, Tezpur University, 24 November – 3 December, 2014

Attended a National Seminar on Biography: Western Theories, Indigenous Practices in Assam, UGC-SAP, Department of EFL, Tezpur University, 30 March, 2016

Attended the Summer School in Linguistic Typology organized jointly by University of Amsterdam, Netherlands and University of Kohn, Germany, Centre IGESA, Hyeres, France, 4-17 September, 2016

Attended a workshop on Massive Open Online Courses (MOOCs), Teaching Learning Centre, Tezpur University, 24-25 November, 2016

Participated in the workshop on Cognitive Linguistics, Centre for Endangered Languages, Tezpur University, 4-5 February, 2017

Attended a training programme in Human Rights, Department of Law and Community College, Tezpur University, 25 March, 2017

Attended a workshop on the prosody of South Asian languages, Department of Linguistics, University of Konstanz, Germany, June 18, 2018

BOOKS

Widinibou, Charenga, Patgiri, Bipasha and Amalesh Gope (Ed.) 2017. *Liangkhun Ketibu Khuang (A Learner's Book of the Liangmai Language)*. Tezpur, Assam: Centre for Endangered Languages, Tezpur University

Patgiri, Bipasha, Amalesh Gope and Bobita Sarangthem (Ed.) 2018. *Phonetics and Phonology of Some Kuki Chin Languages of North East India*. Tezpur, Assam: Centre for Endangered Languages, Tezpur University (forthcoming)

BOOK CHAPTERS

Patgiri, Bipasha. 2016 (May). Dhwanitatwa: Bikax aru Avadharona Bisar in Das, Dipak Kumar (edited). *Tothyo aru totwor adharot bhaxar bisar*, Guwahati, Assam: Bhawani books. pp.1-9. ISBN 978-81-931983-2-2

Patgiri, Bipasha. 2016 (November). Death of a language: Why we care? Should we care? in Kalita, Nabanita (edited) *Anuronon (Resonance)*. Nalbari, Assam: IQAC, MNC Balika Mahavidyalaya. pp 106- 114. ISBN 978-81-932297-1-2

Patgiri, Bipasha. 2017 (February). Dhwanitatwik Prakriya aru Bixistatar Tatwa in Padun, Nahendra (edited) *Bhaxabigyanor Goti-Prokriti*. Shivasagar, Assam: Axom Xahityo Xobha. pp 68-87

Patgiri, Bipasha. 2017 (March). Language Death: A Concern in Dutta, R C and Chetia, Pratima (edited.) *Spectrum: Multidisciplinary Thoughts*. Guwahati, Assam: Purbayon Publication. pp 20-27. ISBN 978-81-92955-68-1

Patgiri, Bipasha. 2018 (February). What's in a Name? Evidences from Tai Phake Onomastics, Saharia, Nitu (edited) *Kaleidoscope*. Guwahati, Assam: Purbayon Publication. pp 77- 84 ISBN 978-93-87263-34-5

INVITED TALKS

Delivered a talk, Morphophonology, DIT Sponsored workshop on Computational Phonetics, Phonology and Prosody Department of Computer Science and Engineering, Tezpur University, Tezpur, 23-29 December, 2012

Delivered a talk, Ergativity in Axomiya, Workshop on Case and Agreement in South Asian languages during the 9th Students Conference of Linguistics India (SCONLI 9), IIT Delhi, 15 March, 2015

Delivered a talk, History and Evolution of Writing Systems, Symposium on Aka (Hrusso) Script, West Kameng District, Arunachal Pradesh, 13 - 14 May, 2016

SEMINAR/WORKSHOP ORGANIZED

Organised the International Seminar on Prosodic Interfaces (ISPI), Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi, 25-27 November, 2011

Served as a member of the Organizing Committee for the Seventh Biennial Conference on Global Change, Ecosystem and Sustainability organized by Indian Society for Ecological Economics, Tezpur University, Tezpur, 5-7 December, 2013

Organized a workshop on Acoustic Phonetics and Tone, Department of EFL, Tezpur University, Tezpur, 24-26 February, 2015

Served as a member of the Organizing Committee for the 23rd Himalayan Languages Symposium, Department of English and Foreign Languages and Centre for Endangered Languages, Tezpur University, 5 - 7 July, 2017

REVIEWER/EDITOR

Reviewer of abstracts for the 4th Endangered and Lesser Known Languages Conference (ELKL 4) with the theme of Language Resources and Technologies for Endangered and Lesser-known Languages organised by Department of Linguistics, K.M.I., Dr. Bhim Rao Ambedkar University, Agra

Reviewer of the journal *English Language Teaching* published by Canadian Centre of Science and Education, Toronto, Canada

Member of Editorial Committee for “Assamese Language” for Bharatvani Project, Central Institute of Indian Languages under MHRD and Dept. of Higher Education, Government of India, Mysore, India

Member of Editorial Committee for Annual Report Preparation Committee of Tezpur University for the year 2014-2015

Editor of the Souvenir for TechXetra, the Annual Event of School of Engineering, Tezpur University

Member of editorial committee, *Spectrum: Multidisciplinary Thoughts*. Guwahati, Assam: Purbayon Publication. pp 20-27. ISBN 978-81-92955-68-1

COURSES OFFERED

Sl No	Course Title	Course Code	Credit	Program	Semester	Year
1	Phonetics and Phonology	LG 422	4	1 st Sem, MA in Linguistics and Language Technology	Autumn	2012, 2013, 2014, 2015, 2016, 2017
2	Phonology II	LG 426	4	2 nd , MA in Linguistics and Language Technology	Spring	2013, 2014, 2015, 2016, 2017, 2018
3	Advanced Phonology I (Specialisation)	LG 507	4	3 rd Sem, MA in Linguistics and Language Technology	Autumn	2013, 2014, 2015, 2017
4	Advanced Phonology II (Specialisation)	LG 513	4	4 th Sem, MA in Linguistics and Language Technology	Spring	2014, 2015, 2016, 2018
5	Historical Linguistics	LG 508	3	4 th Sem, MA in Linguistics and Language Technology	Spring	2017, 2018
6	Semantics	LG 502	4	3 rd Sem, MA in Linguistics and Language Technology	Autumn	2013, 2014, 2016, 2017
7	Basic Phonetics and Phonology	LE 101	4	1 st Sem, MA in Linguistics and Endangered Languages	Autumn	2015
8	Sociolinguistics and Sociology of Language	LE 106	4	2 nd Sem, MA in Linguistics and Endangered Languages	Spring	2016
9	Modern English Grammar	EG 103	4	2 nd Sem, Integrated BA/MA in English	Spring	2013, 2014, 2016
10	Structure of English	EG 447	4	1 st Sem, MA in English Literature	Autumn	2014
11	English Comprehension Skill	IC 101	3	1 st Sem, Integrated MCom (Dept of Commerce)	Autumn	2015

MA DISSERTATIONS SUPERVISED

Sl No	Title of the dissertation	Name of the Student	Year	Remarks
1	Phonology and Phonotactics in Tai-Khamti	Sybil Naushad	2014	Currently pursuing PhD in HCU, Hyderabad
2	A Descriptive Account of Syllable Structure, Tone and Mophophonemics in Boro	Jupitora Boro	2015	Cleared UGC-NET/JRF; Currently pursuing PhD in EFLU, Shillong
3	An Account of the Phonological Structure of the Nepali Language Spoken in the Tezpur District of Assam	Bandita Saikia	2015	Cleared UGC-NET; Currently pursuing PhD in EFLU, Shillong
4	The Segmental Phonology of Nalbaria Dialect of Assamese	Riniva Thakuria	2015	Assistant Professor in USTM, Meghalaya and pursuing PhD in Tezpur University

5	The Mising Language: Its Sound System, Syllable Structure and Phonological processes	Neha Saikia	2015	
6	A Phonological Description of the Tai-Phake Language spoken in Namphake	Sukanya Bordoloi	2015	
7	The Metrical Stress Pattern in Pathsalia Variety of Assamese	Kasmita Talukdar	2016	
8	The Intonational pattern of declarative and interrogative sentences in Nepali: A descriptive account	Sandhya Upadhyaya	2016	Currently pursuing MEd in Dibrugarh Univeristy after completing BEd in Tezpur University
9	A Comparative Phonological Study of Two varieties of Napali: An Optimality Theoretic Account	Mayurima Timsina	2016	
10	Nasal Assimilation in Mising: An OT Account	Jimly Gogoi	2018	
11	An OT Account of Voicing Assimilation in Assamese and Loanword Phonology	Tusmita Deka	2018	Cleared UGC-NET;
12	Nature of Vowels and Vowel Sequences in Nalbaria Assamese: An OT Account	Bidisha Kashyap	2018	
13	Segmental Phonology in Bodo	Mandira Sana Basumatary	2018	Cleared UGC-NET;
14	Vowels in Syrian Arabic: A Generative Approach	Malek al Hassan	2018	

ACADEMIC INVOLVEMENT

Wrote Self Learning Material on Unit 2 Introductory Phonetics and Phonology for the course Aspect of Language of MA (English) Programme, Centre for Open and Distance Learning, Tezpur University. July, 2014

Wrote Self Learning Material on Unit 3 Phonetics, Morphology, Syntax and Semantics of MA (Assamese) Programme, Centre for Open and Distance Learning, Tezpur University, October, 2014

ADMINISTRATIVE AND OTHER INVOLVEMENT

Served as the Associate Warden, *Pobitora Madam Curie Womens' Hostel*, Tezpur University, July 2013 – January, 2014

Served as the Warden, *Pobitora Madam Curie Womens' Hostel*, Tezpur University, January, 2013 – January, 2017

Hold an exhibition of personal art and craft brand *PepiQ* in SAMPARK, the Annual Event of School of Management Studies, Tezpur University, Tezpur, 5-7 February, 2015

Accompanied a 24 member student team and participated in *All India Adventure Training Course*, Indian Adventure Seekers and Highlanders Association, Guwahati, 23 – 27 January, 2016

Accompanied a 19 member student team to field work in Namphakey and Tipamphakey Village as to conduct research in Tai Phake language, Naharkatia, Dibrugarh, 10-15 June, 2016

Accompanied a 22 member student team to field work in Randhonisuk and Morituni Village to conduct research in Mising language, Majuli, 18-22 April, 2017

Organised a Painting competition for the *Fine Arts Hobby Club, TUSC 2015*, Tezpur University, Tezpur, 17 May, 2015

Organised a Painting competition for the *Annual Event, TUSC 2015*, Tezpur University, Tezpur, September, 2015

Judged a Painting competition for the *Annual Event, TUSC 2016*, Tezpur University, Tezpur

Judged a Painting competition for *World Heritage Day*, Department of Cultural Studies, Tezpur University, Tezpur, 18 April, 2016

Judged an Installation competition as a part of *Swarnil Basanta*, the Spring Fest in Tezpur University, Tezpur University, Tezpur, 20 April, 2016

Examination coordinator, Department of English and Foreign Languages Tezpur University during Spring, 2016, Autumn, 2017 and Spring, 2017

Faculty Coordinator from EFL Department for Training and Placement Cell, Tezpur University since 2014 till date

ORIENTATION/REFRESHER COURSE ATTENDED

Attended 111th Orientation Programme organised by Human Resource Development Program, Gauhati University, 23rd February - 22nd March, 2017

Attended Refresher Course on English and Other North Eastern Languages (IDC) organised by Human Resource Development Program, Gauhati University, 19th February to 11th March, 2018

WORK EXPERIENCE

Teaching Assistant, Centre for Linguistics, Jawaharlal Nehru University, Jawaharlal Nehru University, 1 August - 20 September, 2012

Assistant Professor (Linguistics), Department of English and Foreign Languages, Tezpur University, 21 September, 2012 till date

AWARDS AND MEMBERSHIPS OF PROFESSIONAL BODIES/ASSOCIATIONS

Junior Research Fellow, University Grant Commission (2009)

Life Member, Linguistics Society of India (LSI Life Time membership Number: LM-53/2016)

Life Member, Dravidian Linguistic Association (DLA Life Time membership Number: 1314/2017)

Member, International Phonetic Association (since 2008)