

## CURRICULUM VITAE OF Dr. PRAMOD KUMAR

### PERSONAL INFORMATION

Name : Dr. Pramod Kumar

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PhD from Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi in collaboration with Max Planck  
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### ADDRESS OF COMMUNICATION

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### LANGUAGES KNOWN

English, Hindi, Magahi, Maithili; Besides, I have relative passive knowledge of Bhojpuri, Bangla, and Assamese

### TECHNICAL KNOWLEDGE

Performed computer-assisted data analysis employing software for lexicography, digitization of linguistic data, professional digital audio editing and acoustic analysis (Toolbox, Goldwave, Praat etc.). Experienced in Phonetic Lab and Documentation Lab related equipment and software use as well as other Language Technologies related to Language Analysis.

### AREAS OF INTEREST

Field Linguistics, Language documentation, Language description, Linguistic Typology, Endangered and Lesser-known languages of India, Language Technology and General Linguistics (This includes Phonetics, Phonology, Morphology, Syntax, Semantics, Pragmatics and Historical Linguistics). Apart from these areas I am also interested in interdisciplinary research which includes language, population migration and prehistory of humans with reference to Genetics, Psychology, Archaeology, linguistics and other related disciplines.

## AWARD

Doctoral Fellowship from Max Planck Institute for Evolutionary Anthropology (MPI-EVA), Leipzig/Germany (Feb. 2003 - Jan. 2007).

## MY WORK ON JARAWA LANGUAGE CITED IN INTERNATIONAL PUBLICATIONS

- ☞ Anvita Abbi. 2009. '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)
- ☞ Juliette Blevins. 2007. 'A Long Lost Sister of Austronesian? Proto-Ongan, Mother of Jarawa and Onge of the Andaman Islands' *Oceanic Linguistic* 46.1: 154-198.
- ☞ Bernard Comrie, Martin Haspelmath, Matthew Dryer & David Gill (ed.) 2005. *World Atlas of Language Structure* (WALS). London: Oxford University Press.

## COURSES TAUGHT

- ☞ Communication Skills (in Engineering Colleges of Delhi); Business English, English (A & B), English (LCC), English (LQC) (in the colleges of Delhi University); Introduction to Phonetics, Introduction to Morphology and Introduction to Sociolinguistics (JNU) at undergraduate level.
- ☞ Language Typology, Field Methods (JNU); Field Linguistics, Phonology, Phonetics, Language Universals and Language Typology, Historical Linguistics, Advanced Field Linguistics, Computational Linguistics, Language Documentation (Tezpur University); and Aspects of Language (IGNOU Study Centre, Delhi) at post-graduate level.
- ☞ Language Documentation, Readings in Linguistics at M. Phil level (JNU).

## TEACHING AND WORK EXPERIENCE (CONSISTENTLY SINCE 2007)

- ☞ Teaching **Linguistic** as an **Assistant Professor (contractual)** to the post-graduate students of Department of English & Foreign Languages of Tezpur University, Tezpur since 21<sup>st</sup> August 2015.
- ☞ Teaching **Linguistic** as an **Assistant Professor (Ad-hoc)** to the post-graduate students of Department of English & Foreign Languages of Tezpur University, Tezpur from 21<sup>st</sup> Nov 2012 to 19<sup>th</sup> August 2015.
- ☞ Taught **English** as an **Assistant Professor (Ad-hoc)** to the undergraduate students of Sri Aurobindo College (M), University of Delhi from 1<sup>st</sup> Nov 2010 to 19<sup>th</sup> of Nov 2012.
- ☞ Worked as a **Counselor** (Teacher) of English (MEG-04: Aspects of Language) in Indira Gandhi National Open University Regional Centre at Gargi College, University of Delhi, New Delhi from October 2008 to Nov 2012.
- ☞ Taught **English** as a **Guest Lecturer** to the undergraduate students of Sri Aurobindo College (E), University of Delhi from August, 2010 to April 2011.
- ☞ Taught the course **Introduction to Phonetics** to the undergraduate Students as a **Guest Faculty** in the Centre for Linguistics, Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi in Winter Semester 2010 (January-May 2010).

- ☞ Taught **English (Communication Skills-II)** as a **Guest Lecturer** to the B. Tech students of Delhi Institute of Tools Engineering, Okhla – II, New Delhi from January – April 2010.
- ☞ Taught **English (Communication Skills-I)** as a **Guest Lecturer** to the B. Tech students of Delhi Institute of Tools Engineering, Okhla – II, New Delhi from August - November 2009.
- ☞ Taught **English (Communication Skills-I)** as a **Guest Lecturer** to the B. Tech students of GB Pant Engineering College, Okhla – III, New Delhi from August - November 2009.
- ☞ Taught **English** as a **Guest Lecturer** to undergraduate students of Shaheed Bhagat Singh College (E), University of Delhi from July, 2009 to March 2010.
- ☞ Taught the course **Language Documentation & Description** to the M. Phil Students as a **Guest Faculty** in the Centre for Linguistics, Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi in Winter Semester 2009 (January-May 2009).
- ☞ Taught **Readings in Linguistics** to the M. Phil students as a **Guest Faculty** in the Centre for Linguistics, Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi in Monsoon Semester 2009 (July-December 2009).
- ☞ Taught the course **Introduction to Morphology** to the undergraduate Students as a **Guest Faculty** in the Centre for Linguistics, Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi in Winter Semester 2009 (January-May 2009).
- ☞ Taught **English** as a **Guest Lecturer** to undergraduate students of Shaheed Bhagat Singh College (E), University of Delhi from November, 2008 to March 2009.
- ☞ Taught the course **Language Typology** to the Post-Graduate Students as **Guest Faculty** in the Centre for Linguistics, Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi in Monsoon Semester 2008 (July-December 2008).
- ☞ Taught the course **Field Methods** to the Post-Graduate Students as **Guest Faculty** in the Centre for Linguistics, Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi in Monsoon Semester 2007 (July-December 2007).
- ☞ Taught **English** as a **Guest Lecturer** to undergraduate students of Sri Aurobindo College (E), University of Delhi from October 2001 to March 2002.
- ☞ Taught the course **Introduction to Sociolinguistics** to the undergraduate students in the Centre of Linguistics & English, Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi in Winter Semester 2000 (January-May 2000).

## RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

- ☞ Worked as a **Research Assistant** in a project entitled “A Pilot Survey of Tribal Languages and the Contact Language of the Andaman Islands” funded by the Department of Linguistics, Max Planck Institute for Evolutionary Anthropology, Leipzig/Germany during November 2001 to January 2002.
- ☞ Worked as a **Technical Staff** in the project “Vanishing Voices of Great Andamanese” funded by ELDP/SOAS, University of London between 2007 and 2011. The position was held frequently but not regularly.

## FIELD EXPERIENCE

- ☞ Conducted one week fieldwork in Majuli of Jorhat District of Assam for language elicitation on Mishing language as a faculty member of MA students of Department of English and Foreign Languages, Tezpur University, Tezpur in January 2016.
- ☞ Conducted one week fieldwork in Gogamukh of Dhemaji District of Assam for language elicitation on Mishing language as a faculty member of MA students of Department of English and Foreign Languages, Tezpur University, Tezpur in May-June 2015.
- ☞ Conducted one week fieldwork in Jagiroad of Nagaon District of Assam for language elicitation on **Tiwa language** as a faculty member of MA students of Department of English and Foreign Languages, Tezpur University, Tezpur in May 2014.
- ☞ Conducted one week fieldwork in Narayanpur of Lakhimpur Districts of Assam for language elicitation on **Tai-Khamti language** as a faculty member of MA students of Department of English and Foreign Languages, Tezpur University, Tezpur in March 2013.
- ☞ Conducted fieldwork for approximately 3 years spent in the Andaman Islands of Andaman & Nicobar Islands/India during November 2003 to June 2006 for doing linguistic research among monolingual **Jarawa** community.
- ☞ Conducted one month fieldwork in the Andaman Islands of Andaman & Nicobar Islands/India in December 2001 – January 2002 for doing linguistic research on the languages of the Andamans.
- ☞ Conducted one month fieldwork in Sardarshahar, Churu Districts of Rajasthan/India in December 1998 for doing linguistic research on **Marwari language**.

## EDUCATIONAL QUALIFICATION

- ☞ Ph.D. from Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi in collaboration with Max Planck Institute for Evolutionary Anthropology, Leipzig/Germany in 2012.  
Title: “**Descriptive & Typological Study of Jarawa**”  
Supervisors: Prof. Anvita Abbi (JNU, New Delhi) & Prof. Bernard Comrie (MPI-EVA, Leipzig/Germany)
- ☞ M. Phil. in Linguistics from Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi with 7.00 CGPA (on 10 point scale) in 2001.  
Title: “**Feature Spreads and Nasals in Hindi**”  
Supervisor: Prof. Anvita Abbi (JNU, New Delhi)
- ☞ M.A. in Linguistics from Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi with 6.18 CGPA (on 10 point scale) in 1999.  
M.A. Dissertation as the part of M.A. Degree  
Title: “**Case Relations in Marwari**”
- ☞ B.A. (English Hons.) from Vinoba Bhave University, Hazaribagh with 56.75% marks. The subjects were English (H), Sociology, Political Science, and Hindi in 1996.
- ☞ Intermediate/Higher Secondary in Science from Bihar Intermediate Education Council, Patna with 51.3% marks. The subjects were Biology, Physics, Chemistry, English and Hindi in 1990.

- ☞ Matriculation/Secondary from Bihar Secondary Examination Board, Patna with 63.5% marks. The Subjects were Math, Natural Sciences, Social Sciences, Hindi, English, Sanskrit, and Commerce in 1987.

#### INVITED SPEAKER IN WORKSHOP, SEMINAR AND CONFERENCES

- ☞ Invited as a **Resource Person** in the training-cum-workshop on “**Language Documentation and Data Elicitation**” in the Department of Linguistics, Lucknow University, Lucknow from 21<sup>st</sup> February 2014 to 27<sup>th</sup> February 2014.
- ☞ Invited as a **Resource Person** in the training-cum-workshop on “**Tribal Language Survey and Dictionary-making**” in Indira Gandhi National Tribal University, Amarkantak (MP) from 14<sup>th</sup> September 2013 to 20<sup>th</sup> September 2013.
- ☞ Invited as a **Resource Person** in the workshop “**Introduction on Computational Phonetics, Phonology, and Prosody**” at the Department of Computer Science and Engineering, Tezpur University, Tezpur on 24<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup> December 2012.
- ☞ Invited as a **Resource Person** in the training-cum-workshop on “**Phonetic Training Programme**” conducted jointly by Central Institute of Indian Languages, Mysore and the Census, the Registrar General of India, Language Division, Ministry of Home Affairs, Govt. of India from 13<sup>th</sup> December 2012 to 15<sup>th</sup> December 2012.

#### PRESENTATIONS IN INTERNATIONAL WORKSHOPS AND CONFERENCES

- ☞ Presented a paper “**Data Elicitation in Monolingual Community: A Case Study of Jarawa**” in an international seminar “*Language Archiving in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century*” at Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi on 27<sup>th</sup> of October, 2009.
- ☞ Gave a talk on the “**Morphology of Jarawa**” in the Department of Linguistics, Max Planck Institute for Evolutionary Anthropology, Leipzig/Germany on 7<sup>th</sup> of November, 2006. (referred in Blevins 2007)
- ☞ Participated in an International Workshop on Historical Linguistics and Hunter-Gatherer Populations in Global Perspective held at Max Planck Institute for Evolutionary Anthropology, Leipzig/Germany during 10-12 August 2006.
- ☞ Gave a talk on “**Descriptive & Typological Study of Jarawa**” in the International Workshop on Language Documentation and Archiving held at SOAS, University of London, London/UK during 13-18 June 2005.
- ☞ Participated in the International Workshop on Language Documentation and Archiving held at SOAS, University of London, London/UK during 13-18 June 2005.
- ☞ Gave a talk on “**Phonological Structure of Jarawa**” in the Department of Linguistics, Max Planck Institute for Evolutionary Anthropology, Leipzig/Germany on 18<sup>th</sup> of Jan, 2005.
- ☞ Attended the International Conference “Syntax of World Languages” held at University of Leipzig, Leipzig, Germany during 5-8 August 2004.
- ☞ Attended the International Conference Association for Linguistic Typology-IV held at University of Cagliari, Cagliari, Italy during 15-17 September 2003.

- ☞ Attended a two weeks **Summer School Course in Linguistic Typology** held at University of Cagliari, Cagliari, Italy from 1<sup>st</sup> September, 2003 to 12<sup>th</sup> September, 2003.
- ☞ Presented a paper on “**Descriptive & Typological Study of Jarawa**” in the Department of Linguistics, Max Planck Institute for Evolutionary Anthropology, Leipzig/Germany on 30<sup>th</sup> of March, 2003. (**cited in WALS**)
- ☞ Presented a paper “**Case in Marwari: A Minimalist Approach**” in ICOSAL-III held at University of Hyderabad, Hyderabad, India during 4-7 January 2001.
- ☞ Attended the International Conference cum Workshop on “**Stress and Rhythm**” held at CIEFL, Hyderabad, India in December 2000.

## PUBLICATION

- ☞ Abbi, Anvita & Kumar, Pramod. 2011. ‘In search of language contact between Jarawa and Aka-Bea: The languages of South Andaman’. *Acta Orientalia* 72: 1-40. ISSN – 0001-6483

## ADMINISTRATIVE EXPERIENCES

- ☞ Worked as a Member of Departmental examination committee during Autumn 2014 and Spring 2015 in the Department of English and Foreign Languages, Tezpur University.
- ☞ Worked as a member of Student Council Election Committee in 2013 and 2014 in Tezpur University.
- ☞ Worked as a Member of Admission Committee in 2012 in Sri Aurobindo College (M) Delhi University, New Delhi.
- ☞ Worked as a Member of Student Union Election Committee in 2011 and 2012 in Sri Aurobindo College (M), Delhi University, New Delhi.

## SUPERVISION

- ☞ I have supervised 13 MA Dissertations in the Department of English and Foreign Languages, Tezpur University during 2013-2015.

## MEDIA COVERAGE AND INTERVIEWS

- ☞ [articles.timesofindia.indiatimes.com/2012-09-13/news/33816024\\_1\\_jarawa-anvita-abbi-language](http://articles.timesofindia.indiatimes.com/2012-09-13/news/33816024_1_jarawa-anvita-abbi-language)
- ☞ [articles.timesofindia.indiatimes.com/2012-01-12/india/30619032\\_1\\_jarawa-tribals-video-jnu-scholar](http://articles.timesofindia.indiatimes.com/2012-01-12/india/30619032_1_jarawa-tribals-video-jnu-scholar)
- ☞ [www.downtoearth.org.in/node/1884](http://www.downtoearth.org.in/node/1884)
- ☞ [www.openthemagazine.com/article/true-life/jaw-jaw-with-jarawas](http://www.openthemagazine.com/article/true-life/jaw-jaw-with-jarawas)