

## ***Curriculum Vitae of Anvita Abbi, Ph.D.***

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Date and Place of birth	January 9 <sup>th</sup> 1949 at Agra (U.P.)
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.

### **RESEARCH AREAS OF INTEREST**

1. Areal Linguistics and Areal Typology, specifically identification of semantic universals in South Asian languages.
2. Sociolinguistic and Linguistic aspects of Indian languages including Language Change, Language Contact, Language Convergence, Language Obsolescence, and Bilingualism.
3. Documentation and Description of Tribal and endangered languages of India. Folk literature.

### **RESEARCH GUIDANCE**

18 Ph.D. and 23 M.Phil. [Till 2008]

### **EDUCATION**

Ph.D. Linguistics, Cornell University, Ithaca, New York, USA, January 1975. Major in General Linguistics, Minor in South Asian Linguistics.

- M.A. Linguistics, University of Delhi, 1970 with first division and first rank in the University (Gold Medallist)
- B.A. Economics (Hons). University of Delhi, 1968.

### VISITING NATIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL PROFESSORSHIPS

1. **Visiting Professor**, Kansas State University, Manhattan, Kansas, USA. January 1986. Winter Semester.
2. **Visiting Professor**. Advanced Centre of Linguistics. Osmania University. Hyderabad. December 1990-January 1991.
3. **Guest Professor**, South Asia Institute, *University of Heidelberg*, Heidelberg, Germany. Spring Semester (April- July 1998).
4. **Guest Scientist**, *Max Planck Institute*, Leipzig, Germany. July 2000 to December 2000.
5. **Special Invitee** at *UNESCO*, Bilbao, The Basque Country, Spain to advise on '*World Languages Report*'. October 2000.
6. Invited as a **Guest Scientist**, *Max Planck Institute*, Leipzig, Germany, May 2003-June 2003.
7. Have delivered lectures 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* in the **USA**; *Stuttgart University, Max Planck Institute 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, Aichi, Nagoya* and at the *Kobe University, Japan*.

### AWARDS AND RECOGNITION

- 1970            Awarded the **University Gold Medal**, for being adjudged the best candidate in M.A. in linguistics (Delhi University).
- 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.

- 1990 **Fellow**, All India Institute of Advanced Study, Shimla.
- 2001 Nominated as **Distinguished Visiting Fellow 2001, RCLT, La Trobe University**, Melbourne, Australia.
- 2003 Awarded the **Rashtriya Lok-Bhasha Sammaan 2003**, by Gandhi Hindustani Sahitya Sabha for contribution to tribal languages of India.

#### DETAILS OF EMPLOYMENT

<i>Institution</i>	<i>Designation</i>	<i>Period</i>	
		<i>From</i>	<i>To</i>
Jawaharlal Nehru University	Professor	Dec 1996	Till-date
	<b>Chairperson</b>	Feb 1995-	Feb 97
		Feb 2007-	Till date
Jawaharlal Nehru University	Associate Professor	Sep 1984	Dec 1996
Jawaharlal Nehru University	Assistant Professor	Sep 1978	Sep 1984
Jawaharlal Nehru University	CSIR Pool Officer	May 1976	Aug 1978
Kansas State University	<b>Director:</b> South Asia Media Centre	Fall 1975	May 1976

#### MEMBERSHIP OF LEARNED BODIES

- **Advisor to UNESCO on Language issues since 2002**
- **Advisor to Sahitya Academy, India for *Bhasha Samman, Classical Language*.**
- **Member of the Board of Directors of ‘Terralingua’,** A non profit international organization devoted to maintain bio-diversity across the globe. Washington D.C. U.S.A. since 1998-2001.
- **Member of the Advisory Board of Sahitya Akademi for *Bhasha Samman*.**
- **Honorary Member of the *Linguistics Society of America* 1997-99**
- **Honorary Member of the *Linguistics Society of America for life* 2005-**
- **Life member:**  
*Dravidian Linguistic Association,*  
*Linguistic Society of India*

- **Member of the Editorial Board:** *Indian Linguistics*, 1991-95;  
International Journal of Dravidian Linguistics,  
1992-96;

### **DETAILS OF SPONSORED/CONSULTANCY PROJECTS**

In addition to conducting academic research, each of these projects involved managing personnel and finances.

<i>Title of the Project</i>	<i>Duration</i>	<i>Sponsoring Agency</i>	<i>Staff</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	2 Junior Research Fellows (JRF)	Principal Investigator
2. Explicator Compound Verbs in South Asian Languages	Three years (1988-91)	University Grants Commission	One Research Associate	Principal Investigator
3. English Language Teaching (Development of Courses)	1989-1991	Kota Open University	University Staff Members	Coordinator/ Editor
4. Konkani Survey	1991-1992	Konkani Academy, Goa	Staff Members of Konkani Academy	Advisor
5. Computerized Data Bank of Indigenous Languages of India	1995-1999	Jawaharlal Nehru University	2 JRF (Part-Time)	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	1 Research Associate	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	Four Project Assistants	Co-ordinator
9	A Pilot Survey of Languages of Andaman	2001-2002	Max Planck Institute, Leipzig, Germany	Two Research Assistants	Director
10.	Hindi Sangrah: Linguistic Database and Mapping of Varieties of Hindi.	2002-2004	MGI Hindi University, Delhi branch	2 software engineers +14 Project Assistants	Director
11.	“Speech Corpora and Speech to Text Synthesis of Standard Hindi and Indian English”	July 2003- Dec-2003	HP Labs, Bangalore	1 Senior Research Assistant	Principal Investigator
12.	A Major Documentation Project <i>Vanishing Voices of the Great Andamanese.</i>	November 2004 – November 2008	The Hans Rausing Endangered Language Documentation Programme, School of Oriental and African Studies, University of London	1 Post Doc Research Assistants 2 Research Assistants	Principal Investigator

## ORGANIZATIONAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE EXPERIENCE

1. **Chairperson**, Centre of Linguistics and English, JNU 1995-97, 2007 onwards.
2. **Proctor, Jawaharlal Nehru University**. The job included providing assistance to the Vice Chancellor in maintaining discipline, implementing rules and regulations and codes of conduct concerning student body of the university. The responsibilities included conducting enquiries related to all academic and non-academic complaints and preparing dossiers for court cases whenever required. [10-03-98 to 30-06-2000]
3. Member of the *UGC Review Committee for the IX Plan of the Central Institute of English and Foreign Languages*, Hyderabad (1996). .

4. 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).
5. **Member** of the **Advisory Board of Sahitya Akademi** for *Bhasha Samman* awards in Tribal and Lesser-known languages. 2002-onwards.
6. **Advisor** to **UNESCO, Linguapax Institute** since 2000. To give advice on language policies.
7. **Member** (elected) Board of Directors. **Terralingua**, Washington D.C. U.S.A. 1998-2001 and 2001-2004, 2004 - 2006.
8. **Member** of the Review Committee for the **Dravidian University, Kuppam**, Andhra Pradesh. 2006.
9. **External member** of the *Centre of German Studies, Centre of East Asian studies, and Centre of French studies* at Jawaharlal Nehru University. 1990-2002.
10. **Member** of the Governing body of *Daulat Ram College*, Nominated by the University of Delhi, Delhi. 1995--2001.
11. **Member** of the Advisory Board, *International University of Hindi*, Wardha. 1998-2000.
12. **Nominated** External Member of the *Faculty of Arts*, University of Delhi, Delhi. 1995—2000
13. **Member** of the Bifurcation Committee for the Centre of Afro-Asian Studies. The duties included reviewing the functioning of the Centre and viability of the bifurcation of the Centre in four distinct centers for efficient and smooth running.
14. **Member** of the **Academic Council**, JNU. 1995-1997
15. **Member** of the Telecommunication Committee, JNU 1995-1996.
16. **Member** of the Equivalence Committee, JNU. 1986-1988.
17. **President** of the Music Society, JNU. 1982-1986. Instrumental in bringing the Spic-Mcay to the University.
18. **Advisor**, Konkani Survey 1991-1992, **Konkani Academy**, Goa.
19. **Advisor**, Post-Graduate Hindi Linguistics Courses, 1991-1992. The University of Delhi, South Campus, New Delhi.
20. **Director**: South Asia Media Centre, Kansas State University, Kansas, 1975-76
21. **Member** of the **Advisory Board of Sahitya Akademi** for ‘Awarding the status of Classical Language’.

## PUBLICATIONS

### BOOKS

1. *Endangered Languages of the Andaman Islands*. 2006. Lincom Europa GMBH, Muenchen, Germany.
2. *A Manual of Linguistic Fieldwork and Structures of Indian Languages*. 2001. Lincom Europa, Muenchen, Germany.
3. *Language Structure and Language Dynamics in South Asia (Select papers from the SALA XVIII)*. 2001. Motilal Banarsidass. New Delhi. (Co-edited)
4. *Languages of Tribal and Indigenous Peoples of India. The Ethnic Space*. 1997. (edited). Motilal Banarsidass, Delhi.
5. *Language and The State. Perspectives on the Eighth Schedule*. 1995 (co-edited). Creative Books. New Delhi.
6. *Semantic Universals in Indian Languages*. 1994. Indian Institute of Advanced Study, Shimla.
7. *India as a Linguistic Area Revisited. (edited) 1991. A special volume of Language Sciences*. Vol.13, no.2, Pergamon Press, Tokyo.
8. *Reduplication in South Asian Languages. An Areal, Topological and Historical Study*. 1991. Allied. New Delhi.
9. *Studies in Bilingualism*. 1986. (Initially published as a special volume of IJOAL in 1985, Vol. XI, No.2). Bahri Publications. New Delhi.
10. *Semantic Theories and Language Teaching* (co-authored). 1986. Allied. New Delhi.
11. *Semantic Grammar of Hindi. A Study of Reduplication*. 1980. Bahri Publication. New Delhi.
12. *Mutthhi Bhar Pahcaan (A Handful of Recognition)*. A collection of short stories 1969. Radhakrishan Prakashan, Delhi.

**Note:** Publication number 4, 6, and 8 are being reviewed in French, German, Russian, Hungarian, and English journals of Europe, Russia, and the USA. Details can be sent on request.

### Others

- Launched the first Book of Letters of Great Andamanese, March 2008.

- Lunched the first CD Rom of Folk Songs of Great Andamanese March 2008

### **In Press**

- *An Island of Stories. Folk Tales of the Great Andamanese.* Orient Longman, Delhi [in press]
- *Ten illustrated children books on individual folk tales of the Great Andamanese.* The National Book Trust, India. [in press]

### **ADDITIONAL INFORMATION**

1. I have written short stories in Hindi. Some of my stories have been translated in English, German, French, Gujarati and Bangla.
2. 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 (Himachal Pradesh), Srinagar (Kashmir) and Andaman Islands, specifically the tribal areas of Onge, Jarawa and Great Andamanese.

### **POST GRADUATE COURSES TAUGHT AT JNU [in last 25 years]**

1. Introduction to Linguistics
2. Introduction to Phonetics
3. Phonology and Morphology
4. Seminar on Generative Phonology
5. Field Methods
6. Readings in Linguistics
7. Advance Course on Syntax and Semantics
8. Language in Society
9. Phonological Analysis
10. Area Study
11. Seminar on Syntax and Semantics
12. Current Trends in Linguistics
13. Semantic Theories and Analysis
14. Applied Linguistics: Lexicography
15. Language Typology
16. Areal Linguistics and Language Typology
17. Sociolinguistics
18. South Asia as a Linguistic Area
19. Language Contact and Convergence



## 20. Writing Grammars

Courses 15-20 are being taught in last five years.

### **POST GRADUATE COURSES TAUGHT IN GERMANY**

1. Probleme Linguisticsher Feldforschung in Indien
2. Transkription und Analyse Linguistischer Felddaten

### **PUBLISHED RESEARCH PAPERS**

- 1977a Reduplicated Adverbs of Manner and Cause of Hindi. *Indian Linguistics*. Vol. 38, No.2. 125-135.
- 1977b Audio Visual Materials. Chapter IV of *Learning About India : An Annotated Guide for Non Specialists*. Edited by Barbara J. Harrison. The University of State of New York ERC Publication.
- 1978 Sound System of Khasi. *Jan Jati Bhashayen evam Hindi Shikshan*. Central Institute of Hindi, Shillong. 221- 234.
- 1980 Co-ordination in Hindi. *Language Forum*. Vol. V, Nos. 3,4. Also included in *Topics in Hindi Linguistics*. Volume 1. Bahri Publications. 61-69.
- 1981 Aspects of Hindi - Review Article. *Language Forum*. Vol. VI, Nos. 3,4. 57-67.
- 1982a Rejoinder to the review of the book 'A Semantic Grammar of Hindi. A Study in Reduplication'. *International Journal of Dravidian Linguistics*. Vol. XI, No.2. 347-355.
- 1982b Reduplicative Structures: A Phenomenon of South Asian Linguistic Area. *Occasional Papers in English and Linguistics*. Vol.1, No.1. Jawaharlal Nehru University.
- 1984 Conjunctive Participles in Hindi-Urdu. *International Journal of Dravidian Linguistics*. Vol. XIII, No.2. 252-263.
- 1985a Forms of Address and Terms of Reference in Hindi. *Occasional Papers in English and Linguistics*. Vol. 1, No.2.
- 1985b Consonant Clusters and Syllabic Structures of Meitei. (with A.K.Mishra) *Linguistics of the Tibeto Burman Area*. Vol. 8, No.2. UCLA, USA. 81-92.

- 1985c Reduplicative Structures: A Phenomenon of the South Asian Linguistic Area. *For Gordan H. Fairbanks*. Edited by Vaneeta Z. Acson and Richard L. Leed. *Oceanic Linguistics Special Publication. No. 20*. University of Hawaii Press.
- 1985d Exaphoric Referencing and Code Switching in Indian Context. (with C. Bhuvaneshwari).
- 1986 *Indian Journal of Applied Linguistics*. Vol. XI, No. 2. Also included in *Studies in Bilingualism*. Bahri Publications.
- 1987a On Teaching-Learning Strategies: Contrastive Analysis Error Analysis or Interlanguage ? *Indian Journal of Applied Linguistics*. Vol. XIII, No.1. 25-36.
- 1987b Semantic Correlates of the Indian Linguistic Area: A Study in Reduplicative Structures. *Select Papers form South Asian Language Analysis 7*. Edited by E. Bashir, M.M. Deshpande, P.E. Hook. Indiana University Linguistics Club. USA. 1-12.
- 1987c Concept of Simultaneity and Iteration in Indian Languages. An Exercise in Linguistic Area. (with M.K.Mishra). *Studies in the Linguistic Sciences*. Vol. XVII, No.1. 1-14.
- 1987d Palatals or Lamino-Dentals in Khasi ? A Probe into Feature Theory. *International Journal of Dravidian Linguistics*. Vol. XVI, No.1. 99-107.
- 1988a Lexical Modernization and its Socio-linguistic Effects. A Case from Indian Urdu. *Indian Journal of Applied Linguistics*. Vol. XIV, No. 1. Also included in *ERIC Documentation Reproduction Service*, Washington D.C. ED 286375.
- 1988b Some Aspects of Meitei Phonology. (with A.K. Mishra). *ERIC Documentation Reproduction Service*, ED 286374
- 1990a Reduplication in Tibeto Burman languages of South Asia. *South East Asian Studies*. Tokyo. 171-181.
- 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.Mohan. 253-267. CSLI, Stanford University Press. Stanford, USA.
- 1991a Identity Crisis of Dative Subjects and Experiencer Nominals in Indian Languages. *International Journal of Dravidian Linguistics*. Vol. XX, No. 1. 1-50.
- 1991b Language of Women. *International Journal of Dravidian Linguistics*. Vol. XX, No. 2. 35-47.

- 1991c Semantics of Explicator Compound Verbs in South Asian Languages. (with D. Gopalakrishanan). *Language Sciences* Tokyo. Vol. XIII, No.2. 161-180.
- 1992a Pan Indian Universals. *Seminar*. March issue. 20-25.
- 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.
- 1992c Language Death and Language Conflation. A Paradoxical Oscillation. *South Asian Language Review*. Vol. II, No2. 39-49.
- 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.
- 1992e The Explicator Compound Verbs : Some Definitional Issues and Criteria for Identification. *Indian Linguistics*. Vol. 51. No.1.
- 1992f Osmose Culturelle et Universaux Pan Indiens. *Recontre avec l'Inde* 1992. Tome 21, Numero 4.
- 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.
- 1993b Towards Natural Functional Grammar. (Co-authored with V. Prakasam.) *New Horizons in Functional Linguistics* Edited by S.K.Verma. 1993. Booklinks Corporation, Hyderabad.
- 1993c Some Aspects of Meitei Phonology.(Co-authored with A.K.Mishra). *International Journal of Dravidian Linguistics*. Vol 22. No2. January. Pp 51-66.
- 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
- 1995a Morphological Change in Tribal Languages of Central India. *PILC Journal of Dravidic Studies*. Vol. 5:1. 1-9
- 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
- 1995c We Shall Overcome One Day. *South Asian Language Review* Vol. 5, No.2. 64-70

- 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.
- 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.
- 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.
- 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.
- 1998a 'Typological Homogeneity or Language Attrition ? A Case of Tribal Languages in Central India'. *From Tribe to Caste*. Indian Institute of Advanced Study, Shimla.
- 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.
- 1998c 'Debate on Archaism of some select Bangani words'. *Indian Linguistics*. Volume 58. No. 1-4, 1997. Pages1-14.
- 1998 a 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.
- 1999b '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
- 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
- 2000b 'Competing Languages, Structural Conflicts and Grammatical Compromises. The Dynamics of languages-in-Contact' . *Sociolinguistic Perspectives*. IAS, Simla.

- 2001 Mere dil men Laddu Phuut Rahe Hain". The Concept of Happiness in Indian languages. *Case for Language Studies*. Edited by V. Swarajya Lakshmi. Festschrift volume of Prof. Lakshmi Bai. Booklinks Corporation, Hyderabad.
- 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.
- 2003b Tribal Languages of India: Our Neglected Heritage. *Sannidhi*, Delhi Pp 11-19.
- 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.
- 2004b Typology of 'Manner' in Verb Sequences in South Asian Languages. *Indian Linguistics*. Volume 65. Nos. 1-4 Pp 1-29
- 2005a Bharat ki Janjatiya Bhashayen: Hamaari Upekshit Virasat. In *Aam Aadmi*. Vol. 75. Pp 135-139.
- 2005b Areal Typology, Convergence Models and Gene Linguistics. *Indian Linguistics*. Vol 66 No.1-4, Pp 1-13
- 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
- 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.
- 2007 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.
- 2007 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,
- 2008 Tribal Languages. *Languages in South Asia*. Edited by Braj B. Kachru, Yamuna Kachru, and S.N. Sridhar. New York. Cambridge University Press. March 2008.

## REVIEWS

- 1991 Review of 'South Asian Languages. Structure, Convergence, and Diglossia'. Edited by Bh. Krishnamurti, C.P. Masica and A.K. Sinha. *South Asian Language Review*. Vol. I, No.1. 116-123.
- 1992 Review of 'Tribal Languages of Himachal Pradesh, Part I. Studies in Tibeto Himalayan languages Series II,' by D.D. Sharma. *South Asian Language Review*. Vol. II, No2. 107-108
- 1993a Review of 'The Other Tongue. English Across Cultures'. Edited by Braj B. Kachru. Second edition. 1992. University of Illinois Press. *The Book Review*. March issue. 13-14
- 1993b Review of 'Investigating Obsolescence. Studies in Language Contraction and Death'. Edited by Nancy C. Dorian. 1989. Cambridge University Press. *South Asian Language Review*. Vol. 3. No. 2 June 1993.
- 1995 Review of 'Languages and Scripts. People of India' Volume IX. K.S.Singh and S. Manoharan. 1994. Oxford University Press. *The Book Review*. Vol. XIX- No.8. 19-21
- 1996 'Language as Social Truth' Review of 'Explorations in Indian Sociolinguistics Language and Development Series-2 . *The Book Review*. Vol XX No 8. Pp 30-1.
- 1998 'How Humans Use Language' Review of 'Linguistics An Introduction To Language and Communication' by Adrian Akmajian, Richard A Demers, ann K Farmer and Robert M Harnish. Prentice Hall, 1996 Indian edition. In *The Book Review* Vol. 22, No. 12, December 1998

## RESEARCH GUIDANCE

Number of students guided so far: 18 (Ph.D.), 23 (M.Phil.)  
Number of students being guided at present: 6 (Ph.D.), 03 (M.Phil.)

### Research Topics of Ph.D. dissertations that I guided

1. *The Srtructure of Kharia: A Study of Linguistic Typology and Language Change*. Ph.D. 1982. Veena Malhotra.
2. *Bilingual Behaviour of the Naikan Community in Kerala*. Ph.D. 1984. C.V. Bhuwaneshwari.
3. *Some Syntactic Aspects of Meitei*. Ph.D. 1985. C.Yashwanta Singh.

4. *Verb Sequences in Malayalam*. Ph.D. 1986. Devi Gopalakrishanan.
5. *Elements of Spatial and Temporal Relations: A Semantic Study of Malayalam*. Ph.D. 1986. Franson D. Manjali.
6. *Standardization and Modernization of Languages: A Case Study of Modernization of North Indian Urdu*. Ph.D. 1987. Imtiaz Hasnain.
7. *Word Formation in Mangolian*. Ph.D. 1992. M. Khurelbat.
8. *Word Formation Processes in Kurux. A Study of Linguistic Typology and Language Change*. Ph.D. 1992. Awdhesh K. Mishra.
9. *Word Order and Binding Phenomena in Hindi and Urdu*. Ph.D. 1995. Ayesha Kidwai.
10. *Word Formation in Tangkhul Naga*. Ph.D. 1997. Ahum Victor.
11. *Descriptive Grammar of Bagri*. Ph.D. 1999. Lakhan Gosain
12. *Grammatical Sketch of Laria. A Case of Language Death and Obsolescence* Ph.D. 1999. Ajit K. Naik
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.
15. *Grammatical Agreement in Hindi-Urdu and its Major Varieties*. Ph.D. 2004. Pradeep Kumar Das
16. *Grammar of Kiranti- Koints*. Ph.D. 2005. Lal Rapcha.
17. *On the Mental Representation of Inflectional Morphology: A Neurolinguistic Study of Hindi Speaking Aphasics*. Ph.D. 2005. Nishant Kumar Ranjan.
18. *A Lexico-Semantic Study of Great Andamanese: A Thematic Approach*. Ph. D. 2006. Bidisha Som.

**LECTURES DELIVERED AND SESSIONS CHAIRED OUTSIDE INDIA  
(since 1995)**

1. Invited to deliver a lecture on '**Reduplication in South Asian Languages**' University of Heidelberg, Heidelberg, Germany. May 30, 1995.

2. Invited to read a paper on '**Semantic Versatility and the Degree of Grammaticalization of Explicator Verb 'GO' in South Asian languages**', South Asian Languages Analysis Roundtable XVII, June 2-4, 1995, University of Texas at Austin, Texas, USA.
3. Chaired a session on '**Semantics**' at the South Asian Languages Analysis Roundtable XVII, June 3, 1995 at the University of Texas at Austin, Texas, USA.
4. Invited to deliver a talk on '**Redundancies and Restructuring in Bangani Syntax. A Case of Inlanguage contact in the Western Himalaya**'. III Himalayan Language Symposium, July 18-20, 1997. University of California, Santa Barbara, USA.
5. Invited to deliver a talk on "**Laddus are bursting in my heart**" (A Hindi-Urdu proverb). **Conceptualization of "Happiness" in Indian languages**'. October 1, 1997. University of California at Berkeley, USA.
6. Invited to deliver a series of two lectures on '**The Dynamics of languages in contact in India: Structural Conflicts and Grammatical Compromises**'. October 8<sup>th</sup>, 1997. The University of Texas at Austin, USA.
7. Invited to deliver a public lecture on '**Fifty years after independence: Language, Ethnicity, and Politics in India**'. October 14<sup>th</sup>, 1997. University of Illinois at Urbana Champaign, USA.
8. Invited to deliver a lecture on '**Restructuring in Bangani**', Oct 17<sup>th</sup>, 1997. The Central University of Michigan, USA.
9. Invited to deliver a talk on '**Fifty Years after India's independence: Language, Ethnicity and Politics in India**', Oct 1997, Cornell University, USA.
10. Invited paper on '**Optionality and Redundancies in Bangani Syntax: A Case of Language Contact in Western Himalayas**. *European Cooperation Project on Himalayan Languages*. June 4-6, 1998. University of Heidelberg, Germany.
11. Special Talk on **Languages of Minority Communities of India: Issues and Perspectives** South Asian language Analysis Roundtable 20. University of Illinois, Urbana Champaign, USA. July 9-11, 1999
12. '**Restructuring Grammars in Contact Situations in Indian Languages**'. *RCLT. La Trobe University, Melbourne, Australia*. June 2001
13. '**Typology of 'Manner' in Verb Sequences in South Asian languages**'. *RCLT. La Trobe University, Melbourne, Australia*. August 2001.
14. Chaired a session in International Conference on **Mirativity**. La Trobe University, Melbourne, Australia. August 2001.



15. **'Whose Language is Urdu?: Attitudes towards Urdu'** University of Heidelberg, Germany. June 5<sup>th</sup> 2003.
16. **Vanishing Voices of the Andaman Islands.** Max Planck Institute, Leipzig, Germany. June 13<sup>th</sup>, 2003.
17. Invited talk *Dialogue on Language Diversity, Sustainability and Peace*. May 20-23, 2004 Barcelona, Spain.
18. **Vanishing Languages of the Andaman Islands.** Michigan State University, Ann Arbor. Sept 20, 2004.
19. **The Great Andamanese, Present and Future.** SOAS, University of London. June 13, 2005.
20. **Vanishing Voices of the Andaman Islands: The Case of Intriguing Sounds of Great Andamanese.** Lecture delivered at the 6<sup>th</sup> ALT Biennial Conference. 21, July 2005. Padang, Indonesia.
21. **Is Great Andamanese Typologically Divergent From the Standard Average Andamanese?** Lecture delivered at the 6<sup>th</sup> ALT Biennial Conference. 22, July 2005. Padang, Indonesia.
22. **Protection, Maintenance and Restoration of the World's Biological, Cultural, and Linguistic Diversity.** Paper presented at the International Symposium on the World's Indigenous Languages. August 9-11, 2005. Nagoya, Aichi, Japan.
23. **Typology of Reduplication of South Asian languages.** August 12, 2005. Kobe University, Japan
24. **Is there a Sixth Language Family in Indian Subcontinent? A Probe into the Typology of Great Andamanese.** June 14, 2006, ICOSALL 7, Moscow, Russia.
25. **Polemics of Hindi.** June 13, 2006, ICOSALL 7, Moscow, Russia.
26. **Clitics And Incorporation In Pnar: Devices Distancing It From Khasi.** June 28, 2006, Siem Reap, Cambodia.
27. **Reconstructing Pre-Colonization Knowledge-Base of Ecological Environment and Sociolinguistic Practices of Great Andamanese.** *Anvita Abbi and Abhishek Avtans.* August 9-11, 2006, Historical Linguistics and Hunter-Gatherer Populations in Global Perspective. Max Planck Institute of Evolutionary Anthropology, Leipzig, Germany.
28. **Documenting a Dying Language: Challenges and Solutions.** International Conference on Language Documentation and Tradition with a special interest in the Kalasha of the Hindu Kush Valleys, Himalayas, Thessaloniki, Greece 7-9 November 2008.

29. **Acceptance of Hindi in India.** Workshop on ‘Where Linguistics and Politics meet: Defining Hindi’ Martin Luther –Universität Halle-Wittenberg. November 21-22, 2008.
30. **Hindi and the Eighth Schedule.** Workshop on ‘Where Linguistics and Politics meet: Defining Hindi’ Martin Luther –Universität Halle-Wittenberg. November 21-22, 2008.
31. **Possessive Constructions in Great Andamanese.** Max Planck Institute, Leipzig Germany. 20<sup>th</sup> November 2008.

### **LECTURES DELIVERED AND SESSIONS CHAIRED IN INDIA (since 1995)**

1. Delivered *a series of four lectures* in the Refresher Course in **Applied Linguistics and Language Teaching**, CIEFL, Hyderabad. February 13-16 1995.
2. Delivered a series of *two lectures* on **Phonetics and Morphology** at the Refresher Course for Urdu teachers. Osmania University Hyderabad. February 17, 18 1995.
3. Delivered a series of *two lectures* on ‘**What is Indian in Indian Languages? A Case of Structural Congruity and Semantic Universals**’. ‘at I.I.T Kanpur. March 1,2 1995.
4. Chaired a symposium on ‘**Indian Languages: Current Challenges in Education and Economy**’ XVIII All India Linguists’ Conference, CIIL, Mysore. October 6, 1995.
5. Delivered Extension lecture on ‘**Contact, Conflict, and Compromise: Issue of Language Identity and Dominance**’. Kota Open University, Kota. March 26, 1996.
6. Delivered a series of *two lectures* in International Seminar on **Morphology**. CIEFL. Hyderabad. 10-11 July 1996.
7. Chaired a session in the International Seminar on **Morphology**, CIEFL. Hyderabad. July 12, 1996.
8. Chaired a session on ‘**Machine Translation**’ in the Indo French Symposium on Natural Language Processing. University of Hyderabad. March 1997.
9. Delivered a series of *two lectures* on ‘**Language Typology**’ in UGC Refresher Course in Linguistics at CIEFL, Hyderabad. 26-29 March 1997.
10. Chaired a session on ‘**Sociolinguistics**’ in 21<sup>st</sup> All India Conference of Linguists, Aligarh Muslim University, Aligarh. February 8-10, 1999.

11. Invited talk on '***Boliyaan aur Maanak Hindi kii Asmitaa***' in the seminar on 'Bhasha Na Smjhii Jaani Waalii Bhaashayeen', January 4<sup>th</sup> 1999 Deshkaal, New Delhi
12. Invited talk in the seminar on '**Language, literature, and Communication**', Indira Gandhi National Open University, New Delhi. 22-24<sup>th</sup> March 1999.
13. Invited to discuss and present a paper on the '**Structure of School of Language of the Mahatma Gandhi International University of Hindi**, May 27-28, 1999, Hyderabad.
14. '**Ecolinguistics and Andamanese Languages: A Lesson for Educationists**'. In the seminar on 'Teachers, Technology and Textbooks', University of Delhi, Feb 2, 2002.
15. A series of **six** lectures on '**Sociolinguistic Field Methodology**', CIIL, Mysore. April 2-5, 2003.
16. The Keynote Address. **Areal typology, Convergence Models and Gene Linguistics**. The 26<sup>th</sup> All India Conference of Linguistics of the Linguistic Society of India. North Easter Hill University Shillong, Meghalaya. November 29, 2004
17. The Keynote address **Areal Linguistics and Gene Linguistics**, University of Delhi. March 23, 2005.
18. Chaired a session on Hindi Support and Compatibility for Computers. JNU March 31, 2005.
19. Inaugural Address at the LSI Platinum Jubilee **Is Great Andamanese Typologically Divergent from the Average Andamanese?** November 6<sup>th</sup> 2005. University of Hyderabad, Hyderabad.
20. **Is Great Andamanese Genealogically and Typologically distinct from Jarawa and Onge?** The EMBO International Workshop on Human Evolution and Disease. December 6-9, 2006. CCMB Hyderabad.
21. **Is There A Sixth Language Family In The Indian Subcontinent?** Historical and Ethno-semantic Evidences Paper read at the International Conference on Semantic Theories, Mumbai University, Mumbai. 2007
22. **Is Linguistic Assimilation Leading to Abandonment Of Ancestral Languages?** Paper read at International Semiat on Cultural Diversity in South Asia, India International Centre, University of Delhi, 27, February 2007
23. **Vanishing Voices of the Great Andamanese The First Language Family of India**. Lecture delivered at the Central University of Hyderabad. April 11, 2008.

24. **Is Great Andamanese the sixth language family of India?** A probe into Historical, Typological and Ethnosemantic Parameters. Indian Institute of Technology, Mumbai. July 2008.
25. **Reconstructing Great Andamanese: The Sixth Language Family of India.** Inter University Centre for Astronomy and Astrophysics, 14<sup>th</sup> August 2008, Pune.