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*Research interests*

Cognitive Linguistics, Discourse Analysis, Dravidian Languages, Historical Linguistics, Kannada, Morphology, Semantics, Syntax

*Professional skills*

Teaching and Research, Linguistics, English Language and Communication, Translation (English to Kannada, Kannada to English)

*Employment*

Assistant Professor of Linguistics and Tribal Languages, June 2016 to present, Tripura University  
Temporary Faculty of English, July 2015 to June 2016, National Institute of Technology Tiruchirappalli

*Education*

Ph.D. (Linguistics), 2015, Indian Institute of Technology Kanpur, Kanpur  
M.Phil. (Applied Linguistics), 2009, University of Hyderabad, Hyderabad  
M.A. (Applied Linguistics), 2008, University of Hyderabad, Hyderabad, with U.G.C. N.E.T. December 2007  
B.A. (History, Economics, English), 2006, Mangalore University, Mangalore

*Publications*

1. Periphrastic causative in Tulu. *International Journal of Dravidian Linguistics*, vol. 45 (2), 32-46, 2016.
2. Distribution of the Kannada plural suffixes *-gaḷu* and *-ru*. *Indian Linguistics*, vol. 74 (3-4), 41-48, 2013.
3. Event structure polysemy in English and Kannada. Full paper in the *Proceedings of the 32<sup>nd</sup> All India Conference of Linguistics*, 56-59, held at Lucknow University, Lucknow from 21 to 23 December 2010.
4. Kannada samasapadagala mele samkratada prabhava (English to Kannada translation of 'Influence of Sanskrit on Kannada compound formation'). *Bhasa vishleshane*, ed. by Basavaraja Kodagunti, 38-52. Raichuru: Bandara Prakashana. ISBN-978-81-920111-0-3. 2010.

*Paper presentations*

1. Relativization Patterns in Medieval and Modern Kannada. *International Workshop on Noun Modifying Expressions in South Asian Languages* held at Deccan Collage Post-Graduate

- Institute, Pune on 21 and 22 December 2015. (With Achla M. Raina)
2. Causation in purposive constructions. The 11<sup>th</sup> *International Conference on South Asian Languages* held at Banaras Hindu University, Varanasi from 23 to 25 January 2014. (With Achla M. Raina)
  3. Periphrastic causatives in Kannada. The 7<sup>th</sup> *Student's Conference of Linguistics* held at Aligarh Muslim University, Aligarh on 8 and 9 February 2013.
  4. Quantified antecedents and pronominal anaphora in Kashmiri and Kannada: A Cognitive Grammar approach. *Interdisciplinary Perspectives on Semantics* held at Aligarh Muslim University, Aligarh from 25 to 27 February 2011. (With Achla M. Raina)
  5. Anaphora in Kannada: A Cognitive Grammar approach. The 29<sup>th</sup> *South Asian Languages Analysis Roundtable* held at Central Institute of Indian Languages, Mysore from 6 to 8 January 2011.
  6. Spatial and temporal modifiers in Kannada. The 9<sup>th</sup> *International Conference on South Asian Languages* held at Punjabi University, Patiala from 7 to 9 January 2010.
  7. Words denoting space and time in Kannada. The 31<sup>st</sup> *All India Conference of Linguistics* held at University of Hyderabad, Hyderabad from 15 to 17 December 2009.
  8. Locative nouns in Kannada. *Tradition of Kannada Grammar* held at Dravidian University, Kuppam from 20 to 22 March 2009.

#### *Teaching and evaluation*

1. Assistant Professor, Department of Linguistics and Tribal Languages, Tripura University, (June 2016 – present)
2. Temporary Faculty of English, Department of Humanities, N.I.T. Trichy, (July 2015 – May 2016), courses: HM101 ‘English for Communication’ and HM102 ‘Professional Communication’. Job profile involved teaching English to undergraduate students of engineering and managing the English language laboratory.
3. Tutor, Department of Humanities and Social Sciences, I.I.T. Kanpur, (2 semesters, 2010-11-II and 2012-13-II), course: ENG124 ‘Language and Society’, instructor: Achla M. Raina. Tutorship involved attending classes of the assigned course regularly and taking tutorial for one day every week to address the doubts and queries of students (Ph.D. students are required to clear interviews conducted by departments to become tutors for courses at I.I.T. Kanpur).

#### *Workshops*

1. Workshop of 10 days on *Logic* organized by Indian Council of Philosophical Research at I.C.P.R. Academic Centre, Lucknow from 11 to 22 March 2013.
2. Workshop of 12 days on *Foundations of Cognition* organized by National Institute of Advanced Studies, Bengaluru from 2 to 13 July 2012.
3. Workshop of 10 days on *Advanced Course in Computational Linguistics* organized by the Dravidian University, Kuppam from 16 to 25 March 2008.

#### *Institute service*

1. Member, Annual Report Committee of the academic year 2015-16, Tripura University.
2. Member, Organizing Committee, Group Level Youth Parliament Competition, 2016-17, Tripura

University.

*Membership in professional bodies*

1. Life member of Linguistic Society of India
2. Life member of Dravidian Linguistics Association

*Languages*

1. Kannada (mother tongue)
2. English, Hindi (fluent)
3. Malayalam, Tamil, Telugu, Tulu (research knowledge)