

Curriculum Vitae

Academic Qualifications:

Ph.D. in Linguistics (2010): Deccan College P. G. & R. I., Pune.

Thesis title: “Evolution of the concept of Synchronic Linguistics and its effect on the study of Language in the 20th century”

MA in Linguistics (1997): Deccan College P. G. & R. I., Pune.

B. Sc. in Electronics (1995): Garware college, Pune

Teaching Experience:

2004 till present: Department of Linguistics, University of Mumbai

Current position: Associate Professor

Teaching Experience: 18 years.

Area of Specialization: Linguistic Theory, Pragmatics-Semantics-Syntax, Acoustic Phonetics, Language-in-Education, Language-in-Society.

Visiting faculty at:

2019-20: Tata Institute for Social Sciences, Mumbai (MA in Elementary Education)

2017-18: Nair Hospital, Mumbai (MA Speech & Language Pathology)

2011 – 2018: Aliyaware Jung Institute, Mumbai (BA Speech & Language Pathology)

Research Projects:

1. “Lexicalization patterns in Gormati” – A UGC funded minor research project (2018-19; 2019-2020) which examines a lesser studied language Gormati spoken by Banjara people in Maharashtra.
2. “Development of pronunciation lexicon and associated experimental study of phonemic, phonetic and acoustic features for Indic languages (Marathi)”: a two-year project funded by DIT, New Delhi. Collaborating with Dr. Nandini Bhondale, TIFR as a Co-Principal Investigator (2012-2015).
3. “Orality in the Structuralist Philosophy of Language” – a two-year project funded by ICPR, New Delhi (2011-13).
4. “Linguistic Landscape of Vasai” – a UGC funded minor research project (2011-12) on a relatively less researched area of linguistic landscape and multilingualism.

Fellowships:

1. Associateship of the UGC Inter-University Centre for Humanities and Social Sciences (IUC), IAS, Shimla (2012-2014).
2. JRF/SRF of the UGC for the Ph.D. programme (1998-2002).

Publications:

Books:

Pandey, Avinash. 2022. *Apprehending Language, Anchoring Linguistics: Analogies at work in the Saussurean Theory of Language*. Deccan College Bicentenary Monograph Series. Deccan College PG & RI, Pune.

Pandey, Avinash & Vinaya Malti Hari (eds.). 2018. *बहुभाषिकता : गुणवत्तापूर्ण शिक्षणाचा पाया*. Pune: Unique Academy. ISBN: 978-81-936051-3-4

Text-book:

Pandey, Avinash (*forthcoming*) *Introduction to Phonetics & Phonology*. Yashwantrao Chavan Maharashtra Open University. [Book 1 for M.A. paper on General Linguistics].

Articles:

- 2023 पांडे, अविनाश व रेणुका ओझरकर. २०२३. 'बहुभाषिक राष्ट्र : इतिहास आणि भविष्य', *बदलता भारत : पारतंत्र्यातून महासत्तेकडे...*, संपा. दत्ता देसाई, मनोविकास प्रकाशन. पृ. ४५-६५.
- Pandey, Avinash. 2023. 'Language, Mother-Tongue Education and Sustainable Development: Some Reflections on Gandhian Thought'. *Contemporary Education Dialogue*, 20(1), Pp. 65-90. <https://doi.org/10.1177/09731849221148801>
- 2022 Pandey, Avinash. 2022. 'Linguistic diversity and sustainable development: lessons from grassroot multilingualism', in *Sambhashan Quarterly*, vol. 3.4, *Special Issue Discourses on Sustainability*, pp. 84-97. ISSN: 2583-1496.
- 2021 पांडे, अविनाश व रेणुका ओझरकर. २०२१. 'मात्रा की शिरोबिंदू? मराठीतील लेखनसंकेतांची श्रमविभागणी'. *मुक्त शब्द*, ऑगस्ट २०२१, वर्ष बारावे अंक चौथा, पृ. ३४-४२. ISSN: 2347-3150. (UGC-CARE list 1, 2020-21)
- पांडे, अविनाश व रेणुका ओझरकर. २०२१. 'लैंगिक विषमता आणि भाषिक संघर्ष', *संभाषित १-५, जानेवारी*, (स्त्रीवाद विशेषांक), पृ. १४७-१६४.
- (Ozarkar, Renuka & Avinash Pandey. 'Gender inequality and linguistic conflict', *Sambhashit vol. 1-5, January* (Special issue on Feminism), Pp. 147-164. (Marathi))
- 2019: Pandey, Avinash & Renuka Ozarkar. The making and unmaking of languages in schools. In *Journal of Exclusion Studies*: Vol.9, Issue 2, Pp. 95-110. ISSN: 2231-4547 (print), 2231-4555 (online). IF: 6.016.

- Pandey, Avinash. Identity-Work in Complex Societies. In Rajesh Kumar & Om Prakash (eds), *Text, Context and Construction of Identity*. Pp. 136-156. Newcastle: Cambridge Scholars Publishing. ISBN (10): 1-5275-3302-6; ISBN (13): 978-1-5275-3302-8
- Pandey, Avinash. Exploiting the arbitrary: the opacity-transparency dynamics in the patterns of language use of the Nath Panthi Davri Gosavi community. In J.-Y. Beziau (ed). *The arbitrariness of the sign in question - Proceedings of a CLG100 Workshop, Geneva, January 10-12, 2017*, College Publications, London, 2019, pp. 87-106. ISBN: 978-1-84890-313-5; <http://www.collegepublications.co.uk/las/?00001>
- 2018: Pandey, Avinash. विशेष संपादकीय. In Avinash Pandey & Vinaya Malti Hari (eds.). *बहुभाषिकता : गुणवत्तापूर्ण शिक्षणाचा पाया*. Pp. 12-32. Pune: Unique Academy. ISBN: 978-81-936051-3-4.
- Pandey, Avinash. शिक्षण हक्क कायद्याचा संदर्भात भाषिक वादाचा अन्वयार्थ. In Avinash Pandey & Vinaya Malti Hari (eds.). *बहुभाषिकता : गुणवत्तापूर्ण शिक्षणाचा पाया*. Pp. 105-113. Pune: Unique Academy. ISBN: 978-81-936051-3-4.
- Pandey, Avinash and Renuka Ozarkar. भाषाशिक्षण, बहुभाषिकता आणि लोकशाही. In Avinash Pandey & Vinaya Malti Hari (eds.). *बहुभाषिकता : गुणवत्तापूर्ण शिक्षणाचा पाया*. Pp. 163-171. Pune: Unique Academy. ISBN: 978-81-936051-3-4.
- Irani, Shireen & Avinash Pandey. अंध व्यक्तींना शिक्षणाचा मुख्य प्रवाहात आणणे : मृगजळ तर नाही ? In Avinash Pandey & Vinaya Malti Hari (eds.). *बहुभाषिकता : गुणवत्तापूर्ण शिक्षणाचा पाया*. Pp. 208-216. Pune: Unique Academy. ISBN: 978-81-936051-3-4.
- 2016: Pandey, Avinash. A Pragmatic Study of “Paroshi” as a Linguistic Variety used by the Nath Panthi Dauri Gosavi people. In *Language Colonization and Endangerment: long-term effects, echoes and reactions (Proceedings of the XX FEL Conference held in University of Hyderabad from 9th - 12th December, 2016)*. Pp. 162-169. ISBN: 978-0-9560210-8-3.
- Pandey, Avinash & Kinjal Joshi. Role of negative data and spoken corpora in corpus building. In *Computational Techniques in Information and Communication Technologies (ICCTICT), 2016 International Conference on* (pp. 404-408). IEEE
- Pandey, Avinash. प्रश्न भाषेचा. In Vinaya Malti Hari (ed.). *अर्थपूर्ण शिक्षणाच्या दिशेने पृ. ६०-७३*. Pune: Unique Academy.
- 2015: Pandey, Avinash & Renuka Ozarkar. मराठीचा विकास... पण कोणाची मराठी? In *परिवर्तनाचा वाटसरू* issue of March 1st-15th, 2015. Pp. 15-21. ISSN: 2250-3145.
- Pandey, Avinash. ‘Right to Language’ in the context of globalization and democracy. In *Social Vision: vol. 1, issue 4, (January-March, 2015)*. Pp. 87-96. ISSN: 2349-0519.
- 2014: Pandey, Avinash. प्रश्न भाषेचा. In *परिवर्तनाचा वाटसरू* issue of December 16th -31st, 2014. Pp. 61-68. ISSN: 2250-3145.
- Pandey, Avinash. Quality in Right to Education Act (RTE): The Challenge of Language. In Sarumathy M. & Gyanmudra (eds), *Right to Education: Challenges and Strategies*.

Hyderabad: National Institute of Rural Development and Panchayati Raj. Pp. 204-224. ISBN: 978-81-85542-99-7

Pandey, Avinash. Getting our language right: freedom, language and RTE. In *Right to Education: Issues & Challenges (Proceedings of the National Conference organised by the Department of Education, Osmania University, Hyderabad.)* Pp. 63-67. ISBN: 978-81-926678-6-7

2013: Pandey, Avinash, Nandini Bondale, et al. Issues in developing pronunciation lexicon for Marathi. In *Oriental COCOSDA held jointly with 2013 Conference on Asian Spoken Language Research and Evaluation (O-COCOSDA/CASLRE), 2013 International Conference*. Pp. 1 – 4. DOI: 10.1109/ICSODA.2013.6709894.

Pandey, Avinash. धुमसते भाषिक संघर्ष. In Uttam Kamble (ed.), *जागतिकीकरणातील सांस्कृतिक संघर्ष*, Festschrift for Prof. Vilas Wagh. Pune: Sugawa Prakashan, pages 86-104. ISBN - 978-93-80166-83-4

Articles in Popular Publications

Pandey, Avinash. 2013. नव्या जगात कुठं असतील भाषा ? in *Shabdadeep Vol. 5.5*. November, 2013. Editor: Uttam Kamble. Pp. 120-129. Sakaal Publications.

Paper Presentations:

1. “Language, Democracy & Sustainable Development: Some Reflections on Gandhian Thought” presented at the **International Conference on “Revisiting Gandhi: Peace, Justice and Development”**, organized by Association of Asia Scholars, New Delhi from 30th- 31st October, 2020.
2. “Re-imagining Linguistic Diversity: From Function to Form” presented as a special invitee at the **2ND International Conference on Indigenous Languages: Towards Sustainable Multilingualism (ICOIL-2)** organized at Department of Humanities and Social Sciences, IIT Madras from 13-14 February, 2020.
3. “Orality in the Structuralist Philosophy of Language” presented in a National Seminar on "History, Myth and Orality: Cultural and Literary Traditions in India" organized by the Department of English, Banaras Hindu University from 14-15 November 2018.
4. "Preparing the Ground for Consilience: Unprivileging Language" presented in an **International Symposium on Linguistics Across Disciplines** organized by the Department of Linguistics, AMU from November 2-4, 2018.
5. “भटक्यांच्या भाषेचे नवे संदर्भ” presented in the Seminar titled “महाराष्ट्रातील भटके-विमुक्त जाती-जमाती : सध्यास्थिती आणि आव्हाने” organized Phule-Ambedkar Chair at the Mumbai University from 28th to 29th September, 2017.
6. (with Dr. Renuka Ozarkar) "लेखनातील बोलणे की लेखनातलं बोलणं" presented in the National Seminar titled ‘तौलनिक साहित्य अभ्यास : मराठीच्या संदर्भात’ organized by Gurudev Tagore Chair for Comparative Literature, University of Mumbai from 9 - 10th of March, 2017.

7. "Exploiting the Arbitrary: the opacity-transparency dynamics in the patterns of language-use of the Nath Panthi Dauri Gosavi people" presented in the **International Conference titled *The Course in General Linguistics 1916-2016***, organized by the University of Geneva at Geneva, Switzerland from 9-14th of January, 2017.
8. "The Soviet Model of Language: Presuppositions and Consequences" presented in the **International Seminar on *Evaluating the Development models in Soviet and Post-Soviet space 1917-2016***, organized by the Centre for Central Eurasian Studies, University of Mumbai in the University of Mumbai from 7th to 8th of November, 2016.
9. (With Dr. Renuka Ozarkar) "आदिवासी भाषांचे प्रश्न " presented in the Seminar titled 'स्वातंत्र्योत्तर काळातील महाराष्ट्रातील आदिवासी समाज आणि संस्कृती' organized by the organized by Phule-Ambedkar Chair, University of Mumbai at the Mumbai University from 25 - 26th of August, 2016.
10. "Changing roles of Russian Language in Eurasia" presented in **International Seminar on *The Rise of new Russia*** organized by the Centre for Central Eurasian Studies and the Department of Civics and Politics, University of Mumbai in the University of Mumbai from 29th to 30th January, 2016.
11. "Exorcising the Social: The case of Structural Linguistics" presented in the **International Seminar on *Current debates in Philosophy of Science*** organized by Philosophy of Science Group in India in TISS from 19th – 21st of December, 2015.
12. "Language and Emancipation: Some notes on Jotiba Phule" presented in a **National Seminar titled *Reading Jotirao Phule in and for our times*** organized by Phule-Ambedkar Chair, University of Mumbai at the Mumbai University, 11th -12th of December, 2015.
13. "Aphasia and the Being of Bhasha" presented in the **National Seminar on *Amnesia, Aphasia and Margins: In Thought and Action*** organized by Bhasha Research and Publication Centre on 25th of July, 2015 at Baroda.
14. "Democracy, Difference and Diglossia" presented in Indian Institute of Advanced Study, Shimla in April, 2015.
15. "Current Language Debates in the Context of RTE" presented at the **National Symposium on *Right to Education and the Future of Our Languages***, at the University of Mumbai, 9th-11th of March, 2015.
16. (with Renuka Ozarkar)
"भाषाशिक्षण आणि मराठीचा विकास: कोत्तापल्ले समितीच्या मसुद्याचे मूल्यमापन" presented at the **National Symposium on *Right to Education and the Future of Our Languages***, at the University of Mumbai, 9th-11th of March, 2015.
17. (with Shireen Irani) "The Mirage of Integration: Visual Impairment and Visibility" presented at the **National Symposium on *Right to Education and the Future of Our Languages***, at the University of Mumbai, 9th-11th of March, 2015.
18. "Russian Bilingualism in the 20th Century: The Caucasian Exception" presented in the **International Seminar on *The Caucasus Region in the Era of Globalization: Challenges and Opportunities*** organized by the Centre for Central Eurasian Studies, University of Mumbai in the University of Mumbai from 19th - 20th November, 2014.

19. "Right to Education Act (RTE) and the Future of Our Languages" presented in Indian Institute of Advanced Study, Shimla on 25th of April, 2014.
20. "दलित साहित्य की भाषा और अंग्रेजी" presented at the **National Seminar on वर्तमान संदर्भ में दलित अस्मिता से जुड़े सवाल और साहित्यलेखन** organized at IIAS, Shimla from 14-15th April, 2014.
21. "Quality in Right to Education Act (RTE): The Challenge of Language" presented at the **National Seminar on Right to Education (RTE): Challenges and Strategies**, held at NIRD, Hyderabad during 29 - 31st August, 2013.
22. "Exorcising the Oral: The Notion of Text in Structural Linguistics" presented in Indian Institute of Advanced Study, Shimla on 29th of April, 2013.
23. "Countering Discrimination through Language: the Dynamics of Resistance" presented in the **National Seminar on Caste and Culture in India** organized by Phule-Ambedkar Chair at the Mumbai University, 13-14th March, 2013.
24. "Voices for Demarginalization: The Language issue" Plenary lecture delivered during the **National Seminar on Voices of Marginalized** organized by the Department of English, Political Science and History on 17-18 January, 2013 at Jhunjhunwala College, Mumbai.
25. "Status of Russian Language in Russia" presented in **International Seminar on Two Decades of Re-emerging Russia**, organized by the Centre for Central Eurasian Studies, University of Mumbai in the University of Mumbai from 6th - 7th March, 2012.
26. "The Legacy of Soviet Language Policy in India" presented in the **International Seminar titled Role & Place of People's Diplomacy**, organized by Russian Cultural Centre, Mumbai and Centre of Central Eurasian Studies, University of Mumbai on the 29th of October, 2010.
27. "Role of Language in Tradition & Modernity" presented in the **International Austro-Asian Conference of Philosophy**, organized by the Department of Philosophy, University of Mumbai from 21-23rd of October, 2010.
28. "Wording a Legislation" presented in the **National Seminar on Law and Language**, organized by the Department of Applied Linguistics, SNDT University, in SNDT University from 25 - 26th of March, 2010.
29. (With Renuka Ozarkar) "महाराष्ट्राच्या भाषा संस्कृतीतील संक्रमण" presented in the **National Seminar titled Cultures in Transition**, organized by Shivaji University and Academy of Social and Political Sciences, Pune, at Kolhapur from 8 -10th of January, 2009.
30. "On the Terminological Variants of the Saussurean Sign" presented in **the 30th All India Conference of Linguistics**, hosted by DCPRI, Pune from 26 -28th of November, 2008.
31. "Wording a Conversation" presented in the **Seminar on Natural Semantics** organized by the Department of Civics and Politics, University of Mumbai in the University of Mumbai on the 26th of October, 2007.

32. "A Realist Interpretation of Structuralism" presented in the **National Seminar on Nature, Science and Mankind: Philosophy in the 21st Century**, organized by the Department of Philosophy, University of Kerala at Thiruvananthapuram from 19 - 21st of November, 2007.
33. "The Making of CLG" presented in the **Seminar on Ferdinand de Saussure**, organized by the Department of Linguistics, University of Mumbai in the University of Mumbai on 26th of November, 2007.
34. "Understanding Pluralism through Bhagat Singh" presented in **the National Seminar titled Radicalism in Indian Politics: Bhagat Singh and beyond**, organized by the Department of Civics and Politics, University of Mumbai in the University of Mumbai from 28 - 29th of March, 2007.
35. "सोस्यूर व चॉम्स्की यांचे भाषाविषयक विचार" presented in the **Seminar on भाषाविज्ञानाची मूलतत्त्वे**, organized by the Department of Marathi, University of Mumbai in the University of Mumbai from 14 - 15th of March, 2007.
36. "Realist tendencies in Saussurean thought" presented in **the Annual LSI Conference**, hosted by the Department of Linguistics, BHU from 4 - 6th of November, 2006.
37. "Structuralist theory of Value" presented at **the Annual LSI Conference**, hosted by IIT Kanpur in December, 1999.
38. "Structural Linguistics in America" presented in the **XXXI Annual Conference of Indian Association for American Studies** organized in the Department of English, University of Pune from 4th - 6th of December, 1997.

Special Lectures & Invited Talks:

1. "University connect with schools" in Multilingual Education in Schools : Discourse, Dialogue and Conversation, organized by MLE Conclave and Unnati Institute for Social & Educational Change, at Gandhi Ashram, Sevagram, Wardha. 21st and 22nd January, 2023.
2. Delivered a talk titled "Key properties of human languages" before scholars of the NTSE programme of the Homi Bhabha Centre for Science Education on 14th January, 2020.
3. Two lectures on "Modality in Indian languages" and "Language and Brain" delivered at the Refresher Course in Linguistics, organised by Ranchi University, Ranchi and UGC HRDC (23rd July – 5th August, 2019).
4. Delivered a talk titled "Recursion in human languages" before scholars of the NTSE programme of the Homi Bhabha Centre for Science Education on 27th of March, 2019.
5. Keynote speaker during the discussion programme organized by Deputy High Commission of Bangladesh to commemorate the 'Martyr's Day' of Bangladesh and 'International Mother Language Day' on 21 February 2018. The title of the talk was "Multilingual Societies and the Relevance of Mother Tongue Education".
6. Roundtable discussion with Prof. Krishnaswami Alladi (Professor, Department of Mathematics, University of Florida) and Dr. Manoj Gopalkrishnan (Associate Professor,

Department of Electrical Engineering, IIT Bombay, Mumbai), organized by Syntalk on the 17th of December, 2016. The theme of the discussion was “The Patterns and Distribution”. The recording of the talk is available on <https://soundcloud.com/syntalk/tpad-the-patterns-and-distributions-syntalk>

7. Delivered two lectures on “Sound Patterns” and “Writing Systems” during the Panini Linguistics Olympiad workshop organized in May, 2016 by IIIT, Hyderabad
8. Delivered a talk as a resource person in the state-level training programme for Bal Vidyan Utsavs in Adivasi Ashram Shala's in Kolhapur, Raigad, and Pune district being organized by Bharat Gyan Vigyan Samudaya and Parivartan Academy, Solapur on 21- 22nd February 2016. The theme of the talk was “Language in Science”. his programme is sponsored by Vigyan Prasar, S & T Dept., Government of India, New Delhi with the help of Ekatmik Adivasi Vikas Prkalp, Govt of Maharashtra.
9. Delivered a talk titled “Discrete infinity and its manifestations in language” before scholars of the NTSE programme of the Homi Bhabha Centre for Science Education on 5th of January, 2016.
10. Two talks on “Concept of Multilingualism” and “Language Debates in India” (both in Marathi) at the 3-day Workshop on “Right to Education and Development of Languages”, for school teachers, organized by Dr. Rakhmabai Educational Research and Resource Centre, Unique Foundation, Pune with SRT Marathwada University, Nanded at SRT Marathwada University, Nanded from 17th to 19th November, 2015.
11. Invited speaker for a workshop on New Education Policy Document 2015. The workshop was organized by Dr. Rakhamabai Educational Research & Resource Centre, Pune on 6th of September, 2015. The theme of the talk was a critical commentary on *Promotions of Languages*, given in the New Education Policy by Central Government for consultation.
12. Invited to conduct two sessions and deliver lectures on “Language across Curriculum” during the Refresher Course organized by the UGC Human Resource Centre. The sessions were conducted on 1st of July, 2015.
13. Delivered two lectures on “Phonological Systems” and “Writing Systems” during the Panini Linguistics Olympiad workshop organized in Microsoft Research, Bangalore from 24th to 31st May, 2015.
14. Special lectures on “Field Linguistics” at the Department of Linguistics, Central University of Kerala, 23rd February, 2015.
15. Lecture on “भाषा आणि जागतिकीकरण” in the seminar on “इंग्रजी माध्यमांच्या शाळा बंद कराव्यात का” organised as part of विद्रोही साहित्य-संस्कृती संमेलन, organized by विद्रोही सांस्कृतिक चळवळ, मुंबई, on 22nd February, 2015.
16. Roundtable discussion with Prof. Pushpak Bhattacharya (Professor, IIT-B, Mumbai) and Prof. G. N. Jha (Professor, JNU, New Delhi), organised by Syntalk on the 15th of November, 2014. The theme of the discussion was “The Philosophy of Names”. The recording of the talk is available on syntalk.wordpress.com/episodes/turn-one/tnoan/

Conferences/Seminars/Workshops/Special Lecture Series organized:

1. A workshop on *Acoustic Phonetics for Indian Languages*, was organized from 26th of February – 1st of March, 2020 at the Department of Linguistics, University of Mumbai. Dr. Priyankoo Sarmah (IIT-Guwahati) was invited to conduct this workshop.
2. A workshop on “(in)definiteness” on 8th January, 2020 in the Department of Linguistics, University of Mumbai. Prof Veneeta Dayal, USA was invited as the guest speaker conducted the workshop.
3. A workshop on “What is nominalization?” on 24th December, 2019 in the Department of Linguistics, University of Mumbai. Prof Masayoshi Shibatani, USA conducted the workshop.
4. A *Winter School in Scientific Theory Construction through Language Structure*, was organized by the Department of Linguistics, University of Mumbai from 11th- 20th November, 2019. Prof. K. P. Mohanan, Prof. Tara Mohanan & Prof. Vigneshwar Ramakrishnan were invited as guest faculty for the Winter School.
5. A week-long Special Lecture Series on *Mixed Languages* was organized at the Department of Linguistics, University of Mumbai from 26th-31st August, 2019. Dr Peggy Mohan was invited to deliver lectures in this Series.
6. GIAN course on “Topics in the Interface between Syntax, Semantics and Pragmatics: Asking, Answering and Asserting” organized by Department of Linguistics, University of Mumbai. (3rd-13th January 2018). Prof. Veneeta Dayal (Department of Linguistics, Rutgers University, USA.) was the expert faculty for the programme.
7. GIAN course on “Topics in the Syntax of Indo-Aryan Languages” organized in Department of Linguistics, University of Mumbai. (21st- 30th of December, 2016). Prof. Rajesh Bhatt (University of Massachusetts, Amherst, USA) was the expert faculty for the programme.
8. A 7-day workshop on “Acoustic Phonetics of Indian Languages” at University of Mumbai, 26th February - 4th of March, 2016. Dr. Indranil Dutta (Associate Professor, EFLU, Hyderabad) was invited as an expert for the workshop.
9. A special weekly lecture series (6 lectures) on “Quantitative Methods” in the Department of Linguistics, University of Mumbai, over January – February, 2016. Dr. Tarun Menon (Assistant Professor, TISS) was the invited expert for these lectures.
10. A National Symposium on Right to Education and the Future of Our Languages, at the University of Mumbai, 9th-11th of March, 2015. This symposium was organized in collaboration with Dr. Rakhamabai Educational Research & Resource Center, Pune.
11. A special lecture series (4 lectures) on the theme “Tasks before Linguistics” in the Department of Linguistics, University of Mumbai, 3rd - 5th of February, 2015. Prof. Probal Dasgupta (ISI, Kolkatta) was invited to deliver these lectures.
12. A weekly lecture series on “Graph theory” spread over the academic year 2014-15. Salil Badodekar conducted the lecture series.

13. A Workshop in Phonology of Indian Languages, in the Department of Linguistics, University of Mumbai, 5th-14th December, 2014. Dr. Paroma Sanyal (Assistant Professor, Department of HSS, IIT Delhi) was the invited expert for this workshop.
14. Lectures on “Negating”, “Linguistic Negations” & “The Problem of Existential Import” by Prof. Fabian Schang (Assistant Professor, Moscow State University) on 24th & 25th February, 2014.
15. National Seminar on Role of Language and Culture in the Makings of the Nation, at the University of Mumbai, 27th - 29th of January, 2011.
16. Fourth International Students Conference of Linguistics in India in the Department of Linguistics, University of Mumbai from 17 - 20th of November, 2010.
17. Lecture titled "Richard Rorty: Framing the Conversation," by Prof. Markar Melkonian (Department of Philosophy, CSUN, USA) on the 30th of June, 2010.

Outreach Initiatives:

A) Language-in-Schools:

A major outreach initiative has been undertaken by the Department of Linguistics, University of Mumbai since 2015 to inculcate *multi-lingual teaching practices* which would contribute to the development and maintenance of linguistic diversity in India.

While the Department of Linguistics, University of Mumbai has initiated these programmes for several years now and has collaborate with institutes such as Dr. Rakhmabai Educational Research and Resource Centre, Unique Foundation, Pune & Unnati Trust for Educational and Social Change. The State Government of Maharashtra has recently emphasized on multilingual practices. Therefore, these initiatives now acquire an added importance.

In our programmes we discuss issues related to language variation, language standardization and its relation to language-in-schools. Our programmes have been well received amongst school teachers & educators. We are in the process of publishing the contents of the workshop for the benefit of a wider audience.

Recent workshops include:

- An *Innovative Workshop on Reading, Brain and Dyslexia* (with Unnati Trust for Educational and Social Change) organized in the Department of Linguistics, University of Mumbai for school teachers and educators, from 31st October-2nd November, 2019.
- An *Innovative Workshop on Languages in Schools* (with Unnati Trust for Educational and Social Change) for school teachers and educators, from 31st May-4th June, 2019.

B) Panini Linguistics Olympiad programme, India

(an outreach initiative of the Department of Linguistics, UoM, 2012-16)

The Department of Linguistics served as the parent institution for the Panini Linguistics Olympiad, India Programme as an outreach programme of the Department from 2012-16, through my initiative. This Programme sought to spread the awareness of Linguistics and of linguistic diversity in the world among the school and college-going students. During this period India has bagged 1 Silver medal, 5 Bronze medals, 2 Best Solutions awards and 4 Honourable Mentions in the International Linguistics Olympiads.

Programmes conducted under the Panini Linguistics Olympiad programme, India:

Competitions:

1. The 14th International Linguistics Olympiad was held in Mysore, India from 25th - 29th July 2016. 43 teams from 30 countries participated. The University of Mumbai was one of the co-partners in the organization of this major international event.
2. The Open Round of the Panini Linguistics Olympiad (Junior & Senior) on 9th of January, 2016. 25 students were selected for the Invitational Round.
3. The Open Round of the Panini Linguistics Olympiad (Junior & Senior) on 11th of January, 2015. 25 students were selected for the Invitational Round.
4. Participation in the International Linguistics Olympiad held in Beijing, China from the 21st – 25th of July, 2014. The Indian team won two bronze medals and one best solution award.
5. The Invitational Round was held in Bangalore from 12-19 April, 2014. 4 students were selected from the participants to be part of the Indian contingent in the International Linguistics Olympiad, 2014.
6. The Open Round of the Panini Linguistics Olympiad on 5th January, 2014 in 9 cities across India. 88 students had participated in our Junior and Senior Olympiads. 25 students were selected for the Invitational Round.
7. Inter-School Linguistics Competition (Juniors and Seniors) was conducted in the Department of Linguistics, University of Mumbai on the 20th of September, 2013. 8 schools from Mumbai participated in the competition.
8. The Open Round of the Panini Linguistics Olympiad (Junior & Senior) on 3rd of February, 2013. 25 students were selected for the Invitational Round.

Workshops:

1. A Beginners' Workshop in Linguistics, organized in the Department of Linguistics, University of Mumbai, under Panini Linguistics Olympiad, India programme, 23rd - 28th December, 2014.
2. Workshop titled "Fun with Languages" in the Kala Ghoda Festival on the 3rd of February, 2014, for children between the age group 10-15 years. It was attended by more than 40 children.
3. Pre-conference Workshop on Linguistics Olympiad and Popularizing Linguistics in Schools conducted during the 10th International Conference on Natural Language Processing (ICON 2013) held in Noida from 18th – 20th December, 2013.
4. A Beginners' Workshop in Linguistics, organized in the Department of Linguistics, University of Mumbai, under Panini Linguistics Olympiad, India programme, 25th-27th December, 2013.
5. A National Level intensive workshop to train and select students for the International Olympiad was organized in the Department of Linguistics, University of Mumbai, under Panini Linguistics Olympiad, India programme from 3rd - 8th of June, 2013.
6. A five day Preparatory Workshop in Linguistics to train students for the National Olympiad was organized in the Department of Linguistics, University of Mumbai, under Panini Linguistics Olympiad, India programme from 24th - 29th December, 2012.

Initiatives outside the Department of Linguistics:

- Developed a two-year course on ‘Culture, History & Society’ for the Academy of Political & Social Sciences in Pune [2009-10]. This course dealt with issues like National Integration, Secularism, Democracy, Socialism etc. Served as a Co-ordinator for the programme. The Programme has been variously funded by ICHR, ICSSR etc.
- Founder Member of youth discussion group ‘Choukashya’ in Pune. This served as a platform of discussion for UG and PG students of Pune University to discuss various issues of current interest with experts who were invited for the programmes. [1995-2001]
- Worked as a volunteer for ‘Janvachan Andolan’ (JVC) a programme run by Bharat Gyan Vigyan Samuday (BGVS) in collaboration with National Literacy Mission (1996 – 1999). Also worked in the area of post-literacy and continuous education with BGVS (2000 onwards)

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