

A Testimonial

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I have been associated with the Linguistics department at the University of Mumbai for the past two years as an MA student. As most of the students come from different educational backgrounds, the professors make it a point to build up a solid foundation in linguistics which makes the students comfortable to learn the more advanced topics later.

My personal experience with the professors and the department has been amazing. The department has an amicable environment and the professors employ innovative ways for students to understand the subject. For an instance, we were made to work on our first languages in the assignments. This not only helped us comprehend the subject clearly but also brought us closer to our mother tongue. As far as the courses are concerned, there is a huge variety to choose from.

I found the project based course particularly interesting and commendable as it prepares students to take up research in their further years and learn methods in data collection. I worked on Kulluvi, a language from Mizoram Pradesh, in my semester three and four dissertation. Prof. Dr. Renuka Ozarkar and Prof. Dr. Avinash Pandey guided me through it but at the same time encouraged me to come up with ideas independently. This made me delve deeper into the field and brought me closer to the realm of research.

Mumbai Linguistics Circle is an initiative by the departments, which is a forum for budding researchers to discuss their projects and gain insights from

their peers. Apart from this, the department invites from around the globe to train the students and acquaint them with ongoing research in Linguistics.

To all the aspiring Linguists out there, I wholeheartedly encourage you to pursue your master education in this department.

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