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Current position

Professor, Department of English Coordinator, Centre for Translation and Digital Humanities (DHTraC) Coordinator, Centre of Excellence for Odishan Studies

[Academic Portfolio: Undergraduate and Postgraduate teaching; Research supervision; Research]

Research interests

Textual cultures, Language in context

Publications from DHTraC Lab:

- 1) Accepted. "Doing' DH in the Indian Vernacular/s: Ensuring Access and Accessibility Through Vernacular Medium Instruction (?)', in *Debates in the Digital Humanities*, University of Minnesota Press. Authors: Arpita Rathod (affiliated to Centre for Translation and Digital Humanities, Ravenshaw University) & Sharanya (affiliated to IIT Jodhpur). Supported by OHEPEE Sustainability grant
- 2) 'Sarala Sahityare Bhashabhittika Baisishtya, Mulyabodha O Swatantryatara Ruparekha,' in *Prachi Patrika* Vol. 11, No. &, 2025, pp. 2-23. Author: Aurobinda Das. ISSN-2583-147X(P), ISSN-3048-8958(O)
- 3) **Work in progress:** Laying the Groundwork: A Scrutiny of Odia Language Data to Measure the Authenticity for NLP Tools, in special issue Digital Futures: Archives, AI, and Access in Indian Digital Humanities, *International Journal of Humanities and Arts Computing*, Edinburgh University Press. Authors: Arpita Rathod & Mamta Baheti (affiliated to Centre for Translation and Digital Humanities, Ravenshaw University) Supported by OHEPEE Sustainability grant
- 4) **Work in progress:** 'Reimagining Digital Editions: The Participatory Model of the Odia Mahabharata' in special issue Digital Futures: Archives, AI, and Access in Indian Digital Humanities, *International Journal of Humanities and Arts Computing*, Edinburgh University Press. Author: Urmishree Bedamatta. Supported by OHEPEE Sustainability grant

PUBLICATIONS

Research Articles

Forthcoming. "Translation and Scientific Authority: From Medium to Production in Indian Languages," in *International Journal of Translation*. ISSN: 0970-9819.

[2025] "The 'Oriya Pua' Archetype in Colonial Literature and the Formation of Oriya National Consciousness," *Society and Culture in South Asia* SAGE Journals. ISSN: 2393-8617; Online ISSN: 2394-9872. https://doi.org/10.1177/23938617251379997. First published Oct 9, 2025 (OnlineFirst). pp. 1-27.

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[2023] "Sarala Mahabharata in the colonial Odia public sphere" in *South Asian History and Culture* (Taylor and Francis, Routledge), Volume 14 No. 4, 2023, pp. 405-422. ISSN: 1947-2501. DOI: https://doi.org/10.1080/19472498.2023.2178070 (study supported by OHEPEE)

[2021] "Gita Govinda and the scribal fashioning of the ideal listener" in Summerhill: IIAS Review (0972-1452) (Journal of Indian Institute of Advanced Study, Shimla) Volume 27 No. 2, Winter 2021, pp. 89-96. ISSN: 0972-1452

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[2014] "The MLE Teacher: An Agent of Change or a Cog in the Wheel?" *The Australian Journal of Indigenous Education (AJIE)* Volume 43, No. 2, December 2014, pp. 195-207. Cambridge Journals. ISSN: 1326-0111. EISSN: 2049-7784. DOI: 10.1017/jie.2014.25

[2013] "Playing with Nonsense: Toward Language Bridging in a Multilingual Classroom," *Children's Literature in English Language Education*, Volume 1, No. 1, 2013, pp. 58-80, (Journal of the Department of English, University of Münster, Germany, published online on www.clelejournal.org. ISSN 2195-5212)

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Book chapters / Chapters in Translated volumes / Translations

[2025]: "Introduction: The Journey of a *Siddha*" [Chapter]. *Rudrasudhanidhi* by Narayanananda Abadhuta Swami, Trans. Basant K. Tripathy. Sarala Chair, JNU & Manohar Publishers, New Delhi. ISBN: 9789360801052

[July/2024] Translated story. "Patadei" by Binapani Mohanty. *The Big Book of Odia Literature*. pp. 374-385. Anthology. Penguin Random House, India. Imprint: India Penguin. ISBN: 9780143463344

[2024] Translated essay. "Dialogue: A Modern Philosophy of Life" in *A Life of Thoughts: Selections from the Writings of Chittaranjan Das*, Eds. Sampad Patnaik and Jatindra Kumar Nayak, pp. 25-35. Black Eagle Books, Dublin & Bhubaneswar. ISBN: 978-1-64560-541-6

[2022] "A Goddess Goes to War: Claiming the Right to Modesty (An Introduction to the Odia legend of Chandi)". [Chapter] *Chandi Purana* by Sarala Dasa, Trans. Basant K. Tripathy. Sarala Chair, JNU & Manohar Publishers, New Delhi. ISBN: 978-93-91928-09-04; 2023 edition Routledge, London & New York, ISBN: 9781032382104, 9781032382111, 9781003343967 [2021] Translated essay. "Colophons of Palm-leaf Manuscripts in Odisha" (trans.; orig. essay by Debi Prasanna Pattanayak) In Nayak, J.K., & Mohapatra, A. (2021). *Critical Discourse in Odia* (1st

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Others

Edited / Compiled books

[2023] Life, Politics and Power in Colonial Orissa: The Journey of Juju. Centre for Translation and Digital Humanities, Ravenshaw University. Co-editor Subha Sudarsan Nayak.

[2017] Classical Indian Tradition and The Philosophy of Art: Essays in Comparative Aesthetics and Literary Theory by Ananta Charan Sukla. Brahmi Publications. ISBN: 978-81-934955-0-6 (Hardbound); 978-81-934955-1-3 (Paperback).

Conference / Symposium Proceedings

[2025] "Folk variants in Textual Transmission." In *Collected Studies on Bharatiya Bhasha Pariwar:* Perspectives and Horizons (A Study by Bharatiya Bhasha Samiti), National Book Trust, India, 2025. Pp. 228-237. Proceedings of the National Symposium: Bharatiya Bhasha Pariwar organised by PG Department of Linguistics, Berhampur University in collaboration with Bharatiya Bhasha Samiti, Ministry of Education, Govt of India, 12 March 2025. (study supported by OHEPEE). ISBN: 9789367194683. Released 9 Oct. 2025

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RESEARCH ACTIVITIES

Projects

- 1) Sustainability grant to Centre for Odishan Studies: OSHEC Letter no. 871/OSHEC-ACAD-SANC-0001-2025, Date: 29.07.2025. Sanctioned Budget: 22,30,000; Initiated: October 2025.
- **2) Funded project, work in progress**: PI, "Preparation of a Parallel Corpus [Odia-English] of Ayurveda in Odisha", Mukhyamantri Research Innovation for Extramural Research Funding, Higher Education Department, Govt. of Odisha (MRIP). Stipulated duration: 24 months. Sanctioned Budget: 4,20,000 INR. Date of sanction: 17.03.2025; Initiated May 2025.
- 3) Funded project, work in progress: PI, "The Archive of a Knowledge Institution: Utkal Sahitya Samaj" (EAP1616), Endangered Archives Programme, British Library, United Kingdom. Stipulated duration: 18 months. Sanctioned Budget: £39,694. Initiated: September 2024.
- **4) Funded project, completed Aug. 2023**: Co-PI, "Rare Odia Serials at the Utkal Sahitya Samaj", South Asia Materials Project, Centre for Research Libraries, Chicago. <u>Stipulated duration</u>:

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<u>Aug. 2021-July 2022.</u> Sanctioned Budget: 3462.94 USD. Initiated: January 2022. Digitised serials submitted to CRL, Chicago.

- **5)** Funded Project, completed March 2022: Project Director, "Intellectual Histories of Bhakti: Concepts, Institutions and Practices in Orissa: 1500-2000"; Funded by ICSSR-IMPRESS, 2018-19. Stipulated duration Aug. 2019 to Aug. 2021, extended to March 2022. Sanctioned Budget: 7,00,000 INR. Initiated: August 2019. Final Report submitted.
- **6) Funded Project, completed October 2024**: Principal Investigator, "Literary Editing and Translation of Sarala Mahabharata" (Funding assistance: World Bank, under Odisha Higher Education Programme for Equity and Excellence (OHEPEE)). <u>Stipulated duration: Dec. 2018-Dec. 2023</u>. <u>Sanctioned Budget: 18,00,000 INR</u>. Actual funds spent: 48,00,000 INR approx. Initiated: May 2019. Released ravenshawmahasarala.nic.in, November 2024.

Research Supervision (Ph. D.)

- **1) Awarded.** "Paratextual Devices in Commentarial Manuscripts with special reference to the Commentaries on Jayadeva's *Gita Govinda*", Scholar Shilpa Sahu. Regn no: 15PH-EN-09.
- **2) Awarded.** "The Idea of Literature and the 'Unbearableness' of Metaphysics: Evaluating the Making of the Odia Canon", Scholar Shikha Maharshi, Regn no: 15PH-EN-06.
- **3) Awarded** "Texts, Genres and Images of Leprosy". Scholar Sridhi Dash. Regn no: 17PH-EN-002.
- **4) Awarded.** "The Discourse on National Life and Character and the Idea of National Literature: Life and Letters in Colonial Orissa". Scholar Dasarathi Moharana. Regn no: 20PH-EN-002.
- **5) Thesis submitted.** "Beyond the Canon: Early Odia Women writers and the Problem of Empty Archive" Scholar Archana Das. Regn no: 18PH-EN-001.
- 6) Work in progress: Sourav Rout. Regn no: 19PH-EN-004.
- 7) Work in progress: Stutee Mishra. Regn no. 23PH-EN-003
- 8) Work in progress: Abhisek Mekap. Regn no. 23PH-EN-010
- 9) Work in progress: Rubina Senapati. Regn no. 23PH-EN-015

LECTURES / CONFERENCES / SEMINARS (National & International) Invited Lectures

[2025] "The Translator's Challenge in Scientific Terminology," Expert, Workshop titled "Transcreation of Uniform Scientific and Technical Terminology for the Indian Languages: Challenges and Opportunities," organised by Linguistic Research Unit, Indian Statistical Institute, Kolkata, and Bharatiya Bhasha Samiti, MoE, Govt. of India. Hosted at Linguistic Research Unit, Indian Statistical Institute, Kolkata, 1-3 September 2025. (study supported by MRIP)

[2025] "Mining Traditional Knowledge: Creating Scientific and Technical Terminology from Ayurvedic Texts: A Case Study of *Tailabaridhi*," Resource Person, *National Seminar "Interdisciplinary Terminology in Advancing Technology in Odia Language"* organised by Commission for Scientific and Technical Terminology (CSTT), Ministry of Education, Govt of India & IMT Pharmacy College, Puri, at IMT Pharmacy College, Puri, 7-9 July 2025 (study supported by MRIP)

[2025] "The Life and Afterlife of Words: Folk Etymology in Indian Linguistic Traditions," Invited Speaker, *National Symposium: Bharatiya Bhasha Pariwar* organised by PG Department of Linguistics, Berhampur University in collaboration with Bharatiya Bhasha Samiti, Ministry of Education, Govt of India, 12 March 2025. (study supported by OHEPEE)

[2025] "Introduction to General Linguistics," Resource Person, UGC sponsored Autonomy Seminar, Salipur College (Autonomous), 10 February 2025.

[2024] "Language in Philosophy," Resource Person, "Workshop for Research Scholars: Doing Research-Ethics and Methodology" organised by Design and Innovation Center, Department of Philosophy, Ravenshaw University, 27-29 February 2024.

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[2023] "From Goddamn particle to God particle: How far can AI take you in writing," Resource person, pre-conference workshop titled "Write it Right: The Art of Scientific Writing" in the *International Conference on Brain: Chemistry to Cognition*, organised by the Indian Academy of Neurosciences, Jiwaji University, Gwalior, 3-6 October 2023.

- [2023] "Ayurveda in early modern Orissa: Text and Context," Resource person, National Seminar on Reviving the Knowledge of Traditional Tools, Research, and Medications as per NEP 2020, organized by Sri Sri College of Ayurvedic Science & Research Hospital (SSCASRH), Sri Sri University, Cuttack, and Commission for Scientific and Technical Terminology, Ministry of Education, Govt of India, at SSCASRH. 16-18 August 2023.
- [2022] "The discourse on health, disease and medicine in the Odia public sphere" Resource Person. National Seminar on "Implementation of NEP-2020 and Role of Scientific and Technical Terminology in Pharmacy Education in Odia Languages" organized by Commission for Scientific and Technical Terminology, Govt. of India at IMT Pharmacy College, Puri, Odisha, 20-22 December 2022.
- [2022] "In a world of fluid texts: The story of Sarala Dasa's *Mahabharata* and Jayadeva's *Gita Govinda*" Resource Person, HRDC-Utkal University, *Refresher Course in Indian Languages, Literature and Cultural Studies*, 10 December 2022. 2.30-4 p.m. Online.
- [2022] "A Humorist's Study of People in Society" Resource Person (Plenary lecture). *National Conference on "Social Sciences and Literature: Trans-disciplinary Approaches"*, Department of English, Stewart Science College, 24-25 Nov. 2022.
- [2022] "The antiquarian enterprise in Indian Literature" Resource Person, HRDC-JNU, 1st Refresher Course in Indian Languages, Literature and Cultural Studies (IDC), 24 February 2022. 9.30 a.m. 1 p.m. Online.
- [2021] "Untranslatability is real". Keynote speaker. One-day *National e-Seminar on Translation Studies*. Department of English, Sir Sayyed College, Aurangabad (Maharashtra). 2 January 2021.
- [2020] "What if Education Becomes a Government Sponsored Programme to Exclude". Presentation as Resource Person. *LATE National Seminar 2020 on "Education for Social Inclusion, Sustainable Development and Empowerment"*. School of Education, Ravenshaw University. 27-28 Jan. 2020
- [2019] "Post-colonialism: Theory, Text and Context." Annual Seminar of the Post Graduate Department of English of Shailabala Women's (Autonomous) College, Cuttack. 5 April 2019.
- [2019] "Between History and Literature: Sarola Mahabharata and What Just to Do With It?" *National Conference on Between History and Literature: Enquiries into Colonial Modernity*. Department of English, University of Hyderabad. 17-19 March 2019.
- [2018] "The 'textual object' and the computer: The case of an Odia epic". *National Seminar on Literature and Digital Humanities*. Rama Devi Women's University, Bhubaneswar. 3 Nov. 2018.
- [2017] Seminar lecture: "Odia Students of English Literature and the English Riddle." "Autonomy Seminar" conducted by the Department of English, Salipur Autonomous College, 16 Oct. 2017.
- [2016] Extension lecture: "Teaching English to Odia students". Content Enrichment Programme for in-service Secondary School Teachers organised by Radhanath Institute of Advanced Studies and Education (RNIASE), Cuttack. 3 Aug. 2016.
- [2014] Extension lecture: "Journalism and Mass Communication". Salipur College (Autonomous), 18 Oct. 2014.
- [2014] Extension lecture: "Problems of MLE in Odisha". *National Seminar on Language Education* organised by State Council of Educational Research and Training (SCERT), Chhattisgarh, as part of its School and Teacher Education Reform Programme, 21-23 February 2014
- [2011] Extension lecture: "Language in Adult Education." Session organised by the State Resource Centre for Adult Education, Bhubaneswar for the Creation of State-level resource group for Saakshar Bharat Programme.

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Presentation in Seminars / Conferences / Workshops

[2025] Oral presentation. "Codes of an Indigenous World Order: Insights from the Odia Mahabharata," *International Seminar on Indigenous Knowledge System and Decolonial Turn: Global South in Focus*, organised by Departments of English, Assamese, and History, Bodoland University, Kokrajhar, in collaboration with Birangana Sati Sadhani Rajyik Vishvavidyalaya & Bhattadev University at Bodoland University, 16-17 October 2025. (Study supported by OHEPEE Sustainability Grant)

[2025] Oral presentation. "Home, Gender and Devotion in Odia Bhakti Tradition," *International Seminar on The Universal Framework of Bhakti Literature: A study with special reference to Srimanta Sankardeva and Madhabdeba*, organised by Ai Kanaklata Mahila Tirtha, Asom, and Sadou Asom Satra Mahasabha, IQAC, Nowgong Girls' College Department of Hindi and Department of Political Science, Nowgong College (Autonomous) at Ravenshaw University, 7-8 July 2025.

[2025] Oral presentation. "Voices from the Antahpura: Self-Expression in the Literary Works of Royal Women," International Conference on Women's Journey of Resilience and Empowerment Stories and Strategies: Spiritual Strength, organised by Maa Rama Devi Chair, Rama Devi Women's University, Bhubaneswar, 28 February - 1 March 2025.

[2025] Oral presentation. "Reimagining Digital Editions: The Participatory Model of the Odia Mahabharata" *International Conference: Digital Humanities and AI – Intersections, Innovations, and Implications* organised by IIT (ISM) Dhanbad, Jharkhand, 31 Jan-1 Feb 2025.

[2025] Oral presentation. "Ecocriticism across Genres and Geographies" Human, Animal and Natural History: An Ecocritical Approach to World Literature organised by Department of English, Ravenshaw University, 29 Jan -31 Jan 2025

[2024] Oral presentation. "Digital Archiving for Language Preservation and Machine Translation: A Case Study of Low-Resource Languages" *Digital Subjectivities in the Global South: DHARTI Biennial [international] Conference*, organised by Interdisciplinary Research Platform of Digital Humanities, IIT Jodhpur, Jodhpur, Rajasthan, 10-13 December 2024.

[2024] "Exploring the Cultural, Literary, and Activist Landscape: Unveiling a Women's Archive (1930-1950) and the mosaic of early Indian Feminism" *The 10th World Conference on Women's Studies (WCWS 2024)* organised by The International Institute of Knowledge Management, Colombo, in association with The Asian-African Association for Women, Gender, and Sexuality, Bridgewater State University, USA, and Institute for Gender and Development Studies, The University of the West Indies, at Colombo, Sri Lanka, 30-31 May 2024.

[2024] "English Studies in India: A Paradigm Shift in Language and Literary Discourse-Exploring Defining Moments in Odisha" *National Seminar on "English Studies in India: A Paradigm Shift in Language and Literary Discourse*" organised by Veer Narmad South Gujarat University, 28-29 Feb 2024

[2023] "Devotion, Discourse and the Odia Literary Imagination: Narrativizing the Mukti Mandap in Puri" Annual International Conference on Metropolis and Margins: Shifting Perspectives in Literary and Language Studies organised by Indian Association for Commonwealth Literature and Language Studies (IACLACS), online; 27-29 April 2023.

[2022] Oral presentation. "Odia panchasakha literature: 'Metaphysical confusion' or poetic 'self-consciousness?" *National Seminar on Contributions of Regional Literary Traditions to Indian Intellectual Systems*, organised by Department of English, School of Humanities, Pondicherry University, and ICSSR, New Delhi, at Pondicherry University, 24-25 March 2022.

[2021] Oral presentation. "Development of Odia Part of Speech Tagger using Supervised Machine Learning Algorithm" 43rd International Conference of the Linguistic Society of India (ICOLSI), organised by Central Institute of Indian Languages (CIIL), Mysuru and Linguistic Society of India, Pune; 21-23 December 2021. Hosted online by CIIL, Mysuru.

[2021] Oral presentation. "The Householder's Ecology". 22nd Bigyan O Paribesh Congress organised jointly by Orissa Environmental Society and Ravenshaw University at Ravenshaw University, Cuttack; 20-21 November 2021.

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[2020] Oral presentation. "Dealing with variations in linguistic annotation: The case of Classical corpus of Mahabharata in Odia". 42nd International Conference of the Linguistic Society of India (ICOLSI), organised by Department of English, GLA University, Mathura, in collaboration with Linguistic Society of India, Pune, and Central Institute of Indian Languages, Mysore; 10-12 December 2020.

[2018] Oral presentation: "Tales from the Inner Quarters: How a Queen Mother Avenges the Death of Her Daughter and Other Stories from Eastern India". Fourth World Conference on Women's Studies. Hosted by Bridgewater State University, USA, Rikkyo University, Japan, and Centre for Contemporary Research, Nepal. 3rd to 5th May, Colombo, Sri Lanka. Session Chair: Technical session: "The Nature of Research and Writing By and About Women." Fourth World Conference on Women's Studies.

[2016] "Odia Literary Criticism: Tradition and Future Progress". National Seminar on Odia Literary Criticism: Tradition and Future Progress organised by the Department of Odia, Ravenshaw University. 3-4 March 2016.

[2014] "Multilingual Education for Tribal Children". 38th Indian Folklore Congress organised by the Centurion University of Technology and Management [CUTM], Gajapati, Odisha, the Central Institute of Indian Languages [CIIL] Mysore and Indira Gandhi National Centre for the Arts [IGNCA] New Delhi. 19-21 Dec. 2014.

[2014] "Toward an Ethnography of Communication: Insights from a Multilingual Performance in Eighteenth Century India". 17th World Congress of International Association of Applied Linguistics (AILA), Brisbane, Australia. 10-15 August 2014.

[2012] "The politics of mother tongue based multilingual education: A case study of MLE for Juanga children in an eastern state of India". 2nd Philippine Conference-Workshop on Mother Tongue-Based Multilingual Education organised by Department of Education (DepED), Republic of the Philippines in collaboration with 170+ Talaytayan and SIL International. Iloilo City, Philippines. 16-18 February 2012.

[2012] "Discourse Markers: Time We Noticed Them, Eh?" UGC National Seminar on Teaching of English in India Today: A New Perspective organised by SKCG Autonomous College, Paralakhemundi. 22-23 February 2012.

[2012] "Playing with nonsense: Toward language bridging in a multilingual classroom". *International Seminar on the Politics of Children's Literature* organised by Department of English, Ravenshaw University. 9-10 January 2012.

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