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Curriculum Vitae

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Education

- 2018–present **Doctor of Philosophy (PhD), Russian-American Literature**, Gauhati University, Guwahati.
- 2012–2017 : **Integrated MA in English**, Dept. of English and Foreign Languages, Tezpur University, Tezpur.
- 2010–2012 : **Class XII (Humanities)**, Don Bosco Higher Secondary School, Baghchung, Jorhat.

Doctoral Research

Department of Foreign Languages, Gauhati University

Title ***Hybrid Cultures, Plural Identities: De-constructing the Hyphen in Contemporary Russian-American Literature.***

Advisor : **Dr. Kakali Dutta**

NET NTA-NET in English, 2019

Research interests ***Post-Soviet Immigration Literature, Displacement Narratives, Hybridity, and Cultural Memory.***

Work Experience

- 2019–Present **Assistant Professor**, The Assam Royal Global University, Guwahati.
- Courses Taught:
 - MA:
 - Crossing Cultures
 - Diaspora Studies
 - English Literary and Cultural History
 - Non-Fictional Prose
 - BA:
 - The Art of Fiction
 - Diaspora Studies
 - Literary Genre - The Short Story
 - Deputy Exam Superintendent, University Examination Cell
 - Joint-Secretary, Organising Committee, 35th East Zone UNIFEST 'RGU Karmotsav' organized by Association of Indian Universities (AIU).
 - Coordinator, Value Added Courses, Royal Global University
 - Core Member, Organising Committee, First Convocation of RGU, 2022.
 - Festival Director, River Talks 2022 - the Literature Festival of RGU.
- 2017–2019 **Guest Faculty**, Department of English, B. Borooh College, Guwahati.

Internship

- June–July **Project Intern**, *UNICEF*, Tezpur.
2015 Project on Developing Child Friendly Panchayats in Three Gram Panchayats of Balipara Block, Sonitpur District, Assam.
- June–July **Graduate Intern**, *Dept. of Mass Communication and Journalism*, Tezpur University,
2014 Tezpur.
Edited and Published a campus daily, *TU Beats* under Prof. P. Anbarasan.

Fellowship

- **The Sahapedia-UNESCO Fellowship (2020)** - offered jointly by Sahapedia and The United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO).

Publications

- **Book Chapters**

1. Devraj, Ayushman. "Her Muffled Voice: Representing Marginalization in Select Plays of Mahesh Dattani". *Exploring Female Voices in The Writings of Contemporary Indian English Literature*. pp 100-108 ISBN: 978-81-937874-1-0.
2. Devraj, Ayushman. "Fissures and Faultlines: Perspectives of Partition in Manohar Malgonkar's A Bend in the Ganges". *Partition of India: Memory, Trauma and Representation*. pp 40-44. ISBN: 978-81-86385-23-6.

- **Journal**

1. Devraj, Ayushman "Reflections On Hybridity And Postimmigration Nostalgia In Contemporary Russian-American Fiction: Texts And Contexts". *Assonance*, vol 23, 2023.
2. Devraj, Ayushman, and Kandarpa Das. "Cultural Hybridity and the Russian-American (Con)Text: A Study of Gary Shteyngart's Little Failure." *Indian Journal of Russian Studies*, vol. 2, 2021, ijrs.online.
3. Devraj, Ayushman. "The Making of a Cultural Icon: Bishnuprasad Rabha in Assamese National Consciousness" *Sahapedia.org*, 2021.
4. Devraj, Ayushman. "What Assamese Nationalism Owes to Bishnuprasad Rabha: A Journey Through His Lyric Poems" *Sahapedia.org*, 2021.
5. Devraj, Ayushman. "In Conversation with Prof. Pradip Jyoti Mahanta: Bishnuprasad Rabha's Works Exude His Revolutionary Spirit" *Sahapedia.org*, 2021.
6. Devraj, Ayushman. "From Russia, with Love: Exploring Food, Nostalgia, and the Post-Immigration Space in Select Works of Lara Vapnyar". *Critic*, (Forthcoming)

Seminar Presentations

- **International**

- 22-23 January *Contours of Travel and Exile in Joseph Brodsky* in International Conference on "Negotiating
2019 Culture: New Frontiers in Translation and Language Learning", jointly organised by Department of Foreign Languages, Gauhati University, India and Institute of South Asian Studies, Russian State University for the Humanities, Moscow, Russia.

- 20-21 January 2020 *Longing for a Lost Land: Exploring the Émigré Experience in the works of Post-Soviet Jewish-Russian Writers of Israel* in International Symposium on "Tryst of an Assamese with Foreign Languages and Cultures", organized by the Department of Foreign Languages, Gauhati University, India in collaboration with the RSUH, Moscow, Russia.
- 17 March 2023 *Reflections on Hybridity and Postimmigration Nostalgia in Contemporary Russian-American Fiction: Texts and Contexts* in a International Seminar on Thinking and Feeling in a Language: Narratives from Foreign Languages, Cultures and Societies through Cross-Cultural Perspectives" organized by Dept. of Foreign Languages, Tezpur Univeristy

o National

- 21-22 September 2018 *Her Muffled Voice: Representing Marginalisation in Select Plays of Mahesh Dattani* in ICSSR sponsored National Seminar on "Exploring Female Voices in the Writings of Contemporary Indian English Literature" organised by Gargaon College and Assam Lekhikha Sangstha.
- 1-2 February 2020 *Food and Post-Immigration Nostalgia: A Study of Select Works by Jewish-Russian Diasporic Writers* in National Seminar on "Migration, Diaspora and Nation Building: Opportunities and Challenges" organized by Digboi Mahila Mahavidyalaya, Digboi.
- 10-11 February 2020 *Reflections on English Eco-fiction of Assam: The Example of Arup Kumar Dutta* at a National Conference on "Assamese Children and Juvenile Literature" organized by Pub Kamrup College, Guwahati in association with Kamrup District Sahitya Sabha (jointly presented with Srijana Kaushik)
- 2-3 March 2020 *Women Wanderers: A study in select narratives of British Women Travelers in India* in National Seminar on Contemporary British Fiction: Texts and Contexts organized by Department of English, Dibrugarh University.
- 8-9 July 2020 *Eastern Bloc and the Poetry of Displacement: The The Case of Akhmatova, Milosz, and Mandelstam* in a National Webinar on Literature and Marginality organized by Mahapurush Srimanta Sankerdev Vishwavidyaya, Nagaon.
- 27 August 2020 *The Familial Metaphor in AK Ramanujan's Poetry* in a National Webinar on Revisiting Indian English Poetry: Prospects and Challenges organized by Dept. of English, Borhat BPBM College, Charaideo, Assam
- 15 March 2023 *Religion, Riots and Rifts: Representations of Partition in Manohar Malgonkar's A Bend in the Ganges* in a National Seminar on Revisiting the Indian Freedom Struggle: Exploring the Contributions of Forgotten Heroes" organized by Digboi Mahila Mahabidyalaya, Digboi

Faculty Development Programme (FDP)

- 10-14 June 2019 Workshop on Qualitative Methods in Social Sciences: Ethnography, Narratives and Social Stories organised by OKD Institute of Social Change and Development, Guwahati in association with Council for Social Development, New Delhi, GB Pant Social Sciences Institute, Allahabad and Anthropological Survey of India, Kolkata.
- 14-20 May 2020 7 Days Interdisciplinary Online National Level Faculty Development Programme organised by Ch. Bansi Lal University, Haryana.
- Jan-April 2020 Soft Skill Development by NPTEL (First class, with 82 percent).

- 04 June- 01 July 2020 One Month Induction/Orientation Programme for Faculty in Universities/Colleges/Institutes of Higher Education organised by TLC, Ramanujan College, University of Delhi under the PMMMMNMTT Scheme, Ministry of Education, Govt. of India.
- 14 - 19 December, 2020 Online Weeklong workshop on Assessment and Evaluation conducted by TLC, Tezpur University under the PMMMMNMTT Scheme, Ministry of Education, Govt. of India.
- 18 June-02 July, 2023 Refresher Course in English organised by Teaching Learning Centre, Ramanujan College, University of Delhi under the PMMMMNMTT Scheme, Ministry of Education, Govt. of India.

Seminars/Conferences/Workshops Attended

- 2 March 2014 Training Program on “Motivation of Youth for Inspiring Rural Reconstruction” organised by National Council of Rural Institutes, Ministry of HRD, Govt. of India in collaboration with NSS Cell, Tezpur University
- 14-15 March 2014 National Seminar on “The Practice of Everyday life in North-East India: An Interdisciplinary Approach” organized by Department of English and Foreign Languages, Tezpur University; Sponsored by ICSSR NERC, Shillong.
- 30 March 2016 UGC SAP- DRS National Conference On “Biography: Western Theories, Indigenous Practices in Assam” organized by Department of English and Foreign Languages Tezpur University.
- 26-28 October 2016 19th National Conference on Knowledge, Library and Information Networking (NACLIN) organised by Tezpur University in collaboration with DELNET.
- 10-11 March 2017 AICTE- NEQUIP sponsored Academic Support Programme on “Soft Skill and Entrepreneurship Development” organised by Dept. of Energy, Tezpur University.
- 25 March 2017 National Human Rights Council supported “Training Programme on Human Rights” organised by Department of Law and Community College, Tezpur University.
- 10 May 2017 Workshop on “Information Access and Analysis in the Innovation and Research Value Chain” organised by Intellectual Property Cell, Tezpur University.
- 22-23 January 2019 International Symposium “Open Pages in South Asian Studies – 3” jointly organised by Department of Foreign Languages, Gauhati University, India and Institute of South Asian Studies, Russian State University for the Humanities, Moscow, Russia.

Awards and Achievements (Selected)

1. Best Speaker in Youth Parliament organized by Ministry of Parliamentary Affairs, Government of India.
2. Tezpur University Quizzing Champion, 2017.
3. Two-time National Champion in Quiz and one-time Gold Medalist in Debate in the All India National Youth Festival organized by Association of Indian Universities (Ranchi-2014, Indore-2015, Mysore-2016 and Kolhapur- 2017)
4. 3rd Prize in National Level Open Quiz Competition at Progyan organized by Tezpur University as a part of Silver Jubilee Celebrations, 2018.
5. Best Debater at North East Level Debate Competition organized by Pragjyotika, Titabor.
6. Government of India and Ministry of HRD’s representative as Gender Champion (2016)
7. Ministry of Human Resource Development, Government of India’s representative as Gender Champion.
8. North-East Region Champion and National Finalist of The Great Debate organized by the British High Commission, India (2015)

9. Anundoram Barooah Award from the Government of Assam, India to 1st division holders in school leaving examination, 2010

Personal Profile

Date of Birth August 24, 1994

Nationality Indian

Languages Assamese (native), English (native), Hindi (professional), Russian (Basic and Learning) known

Interests Board-games, Calligraphy, Cooking, Cycling, Dog walking, and Formula 1

References

Available on request.

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