

# Chandni Khaund

Research Scholar and Educator (Linguistics)

## Profile

Motivated early researcher enrolled as a research scholar at the Indian Institute of Technology, Guwahati, India.

My research interest lies in psycholinguistics, writing systems, phonology and phonetics, neuro-cognitive linguistics, and language acquisition.

Experienced Linguistics educator with 4 years of teaching.

I am driven to enhance educational and research opportunities within an institution, while also seeking to expand my expertise and knowledge in my field of study.

## 📁 Employment History

### Assistant Professor at The Assam Royal Global University, Guwahati

July 2019 — Present

- Teaching Linguistics and Communicative English at undergraduate and postgraduate levels.
- Courses include Introduction to Phonology and Phonetics, approaches to Psycholinguistics, morphology and Syntax, historical linguistics, and general introduction to Linguistics, Approaches to Effective Business Communication, Academic Writing and Composition, Business Writing
- Preparing and delivering lectures to students and conducting sessions and discussion groups.
- Preparing, administering, and grading examinations, assignments, and reports.
- Advising and mentoring students on course and academic matters and career-related decisions.
- Directing research programs of graduate students and advising on research matters.
- Organizing events such as lecture series and academic sessions for the department.
- Conducting research in the field of specialisation.
- Supervise graduate students in their master's dissertation. Have successfully supervised 8 students so far.
- Engaging in online teaching and learning activities and using online learning technologies.
- Actively involved in student-centric activities and have successfully coordinated events such as TedX and inter-university fests.
- Coordinator of student placement cell, drafting lead of university convocation team, Editorial coordinator of university magazine.

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## Skills

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Basics of Python

Basics of R

Knowledge of MS Office

Learning Management  
System (LMS)

Adaptability

Excellent Communication  
Skills

Interpersonal Skills

Fast Learner

## Languages

English

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Hindi

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Assamese

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Bengali

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French

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## **Research Scholar at Indian Institute of Technology, Guwahati, Guwahati**

August 2020 — Present

- My research focuses on primary school children's phonological and orthographical development and their reading issues.
- Preparing questionnaires and developing methods to conduct experiments.
- Translating standardized battery of tests for children to identify poor readers.
- Using linguistic tools to annotate and transcribe data and identify phonemic and orthographic awareness.
- Preparing lexical stimuli and paragraphs for conducting reading experiments.
- Writing scholarly papers to for conference proceedings and journal publications

## **Content Abstractor and Indexer at EBSCO, GreenPoint Global Pvt Ltd, Mumbai**

September 2016 — December 2018

- Writing abstracts for academic and professional articles and assigning keywords based on abstract written.
- Proofreading own work to ensure accuracy of all names, facts, spelling, grammar, etc., while also checking the accuracy of subject heading assignment.
- Conforming to standards of abstracting established by publishing organization EBSCO and conforming to standards of indexing established by EBSCO and the Library of Congress, United States.
- Processing reputed magazines and journals, including The New York Times, The Economist, Conde Nast Traveller and academic journals from Sage, PubMed publications, PNAS etc.

## **Education**

### **MA, Jadavpur University, Kolkata**

August 2013 — December 2015

*MA with distinction 9.68/10 CGPA*

Masters in Linguistics with a dissertation on Methods of English Language Teaching in spoken English Institutes of Kolkata.

### **BA, Cotton College, Guwahati University**

July 2008 — July 2011

Graduated with English Honours

## **Courses and Workshops**

Introduction to Phonetics and Phonology, Indian Institute of Technology

February 2021 — April 2021

Coursework on

Maths and Statistics, IIT Guwahati

August 2020 — December 2022

Coursework on data structures and C programming, IIT Guwahati

August 2020 — December 2020

Coursework on language acquisition and Laboratory Phonetics, Indian Institute of Technology

January 2021 — June 2021

A course on Python, KL University, Hyderabad

July 2021 — August 2021

Attended workshop on R programming, Commacad Technologies, Mumbai

February 27-29, 2023

EMLAR: Experimental Methods in Language Acquisition, Utrecht University, Netherlands

April 19-April 22, 2023

iBrain Workshop on Eye-Tracking, Indian Institute of Technology, Guwahati

April 5, 2023

iBrain Workshop on Data Analysis using SPSS and R, Indian Institute of Technology, Guwahati

September 6, 2023

Truly Global Summer School, University of Potsdam

August 14<sup>th</sup>-18<sup>th</sup>, 2023



## Memberships

Student Member of the Linguistic Society of America (LSA)

Student Member of the Linguistic Society of India (LSI)

## Projects and Conferences

### Project on Language documentation of an endangered language of West Bengal., Kolkata

July 2017 — August 2018

Organized by Jadavpur University, this field trip aimed to document a severely endangered language of a nomadic community residing in the Sundarbans area of West Bengal. Data was collected from L1 speakers and was annotated to further study and archive the language. A dictionary of basic terms was offered to the community.

**Presented Paper *Beyond nominals: The classifier system in Assamese as a Master's Student at National Conference of Linguistic Science, University of Calcutta, January 2016.***

**Invited as a speaker to talk *about Effective Communication in Business at the Department of Business Administration, Royal Global University, Assam, India in August 2022***

Presented a paper on *Reading performance in English and Assamese* at The International Conference International Student Poster Presentation Conference In English And American Studies School Of English & American Studies, Faculty Of Humanities, Eötvös Loránd University, Hungary, May,2023

Presented a paper on *Reading Complex orthography* at the International Graduate Student Conference, University of Alberta, Canada, 16th-17th August, 2023

Presented a paper on *Visual storytelling and Language Development in Primary School Children of Assam* at the international conference on Drawing meaning from visual narratives, Presidency University, Bangalore 2<sup>nd</sup>-3<sup>rd</sup> August 2023

Presented a paper on the *Processing of inherent vowels in Assamese child learners* at The South Asian Forum on the Acquisition and Processing of Language, Indian Institute of Technology, Kanpur, December 2022

Presented a poster at the "Crosslinguistic Perspectives in Processing and Learning (X-PPL) 2023", at the Department of Comparative Language Studies, University of Zurich

Published a research paper on *Understanding and Overcoming Dyslexia: Insights from Alphasyllabary Writing System and Neuroimaging*, Journal of Language and Language Teaching Issue No. 23, January 2023.

Published a paper: Predicting Reading Development in Assamese Primary School Children With Accuracy and Fluency Tasks. In D. Katsarou (Ed.), *Developmental Language Disorders in Childhood and Adolescence* (pp. 145-156). IGI Global.  
<https://doi.org/10.4018/979-8-3693-0644-4.ch011>

## Achievements

**Cleared National Eligibility Test, National level in Linguistics.**

December 2016

I passed a national-level linguistics exam in India, qualifying to teach at the university level.

**Unconditional offer at the University of York, United Kingdom**

July 2016

In 2016, I received an unconditional offer letter from the University of York for a Ph.D. program under the guidance of renowned sociolinguist Prof. Paul Kerswill and morphologist Prof. Dunstan Brown. I was one of the candidates who were shortlisted for the Commonwealth Scholarship for the same program.

**Recipient of the Kuppuraj-Bishop study visit grant, Experimental Psychology, Society (EPS)**

January 2024