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Education:

Ph.D (2014)

M.A. in Linguistics (2004)

M.A. in English Literature (2001)

Research Experiences:

1. 2013-2014: **Principal investigator** in the project on ‘Documentation of the Oral literature of the Tai Khamyang community in Upper Assam, India’ funded by Endangered Languages Documentation Programme (ELDP), in the School of Oriental and African Studies (SOAS), London, under London University.
2. 2007-2010: **Research assistant** to Dr. Stephen Morey on a project entitled ‘*The Traditional Songs And Poetry Of Upper Assam –A Multifaceted Linguistic and Ethnographic Documentation of the Tangsa, Tai and Singpho Communities in Margherita, Northeast India*’ funded by the VolkswagenStiftung Foundation, Germany.
3. 2005- 2007: **Research assistant** in the project entitled *A comprehensive documentation of the Turung and Singpho languages of Assam*, directed by Dr. Stephen Morey, and funded by the Endangered Languages Documentation Programme, School of Oriental and African Studies, London (www.hrelp.org).
4. 2004 Fieldworker for Adi Galo Language with Dr. Mark W. Post, OberAssistant, University of Bern, Switzerland
5. **Production of Online Dictionary:** Online SEAlang Library Singpho Dictionary (<http://sealang.net/singpho>) This online dictionary on the Singpho language in Northeast India is being produced by myself and Dr. Stephen Morey.

Grants (Individual) received

- Project on Singpho Mother tongue Literacy programme funded by Foundation for Endangered Languages, UK. 2013-14

- Project on ‘Documentation of the Oral Literature of the Tai Khamyang Community in Upper Assam’ funded by Endangered Languages Documentation Programme (ELDP) at School of Oriental and African Studies (SOAS), London, UK 2013-14

Trainings undertaken (International)

- 2013 Documentary Linguistics Training by Endangered Languages Documentation Programme (ELDP), London
- 2007 Digital documentation and preservation of endangered languages in the Max Planck Institute of Psycholinguistics, Neimegen in Netherlands.
- 2006 Digital recording and archiving of endangered languages at School of Oriental and African Studies (SOAS), London

Trainings undertaken (National)

- 2007 Toolbox software for the analysis of language data, under the supervision of Mr. David Philips and Mrs. Ginny Philips, Summer Institute of Linguistics, International.

Workshops/ Trainings conducted as Resource Person

- 2014 Workshop on Creative Phonics hosted by SCERT, Assam
- 2014 Teachers training for MLE school teachers of Singpho community.
- 2014 Training of trainers for Teachers/ supervisors of MLE schools in the Rabha, Bodo and Amri karbi community.
- 2012 Mobilization and writers’ workshop for **Singpho, Tangsa, Tai Phakey, Tai Khamyang, Sema, Tai Turung**, Margherita
- 2012 Workshop on Material production for **Sumi Mother tongue Literacy Programme**, Zunhebeto, Nagaland
- 2011 Curriculum Development for Singpho, Rabha, AmriKarbi, Guwahati
- 2011 Singpho Follow up EVS workshop, Margherita
- 2011 Teacher training workshop for MSM method, Guwhati
- 2011 Teachers’ training for **Adivasi** community, Dhekiajuli

- 2010 Workshop on producing Environmental studies materials in **Singpho**, Margherita
- 2010 Teachers' Training for Singpho, **Rabha**, **Amrikarbi**, Shillong
- 2010 Symposium cum workshop on Mother tongue base multilingual education, Guwahati
- 2009 Multi lingual Education Teachers' Training course, Guwahati
- 2008 Writers' workshop for Singpho, **Rabha**, Guwahati
- 2008 **Singpho**Primer Production workshop, Ketetong, Margherita
- 2007 Writers' workshop for Singpho, **Rabha** and **Lamkang**, Guwahati
- 2006 **Singpho** Mobilization and Programme planning workshop, Guwahati

Workshops/ Trainings attended

- 2013 Workshop in Participatory Methods for Engaging communities, Guwahati
- 2012 'Mentoring and consultant Development' training at Kathmandu, Nepal.
- 2011 Training of Trainers Workshop for MTB-MLE, Guwahati
- 2006 Workshop on Study and Preservation of Tai Manuscripts, Moranhat, Assam

Positions held

Most Recent positions

- Assistant Professor, Language and Linguistics, ABILAC, North Guwahati
- Principal Investigator, Project on Documentation of Oral literature of the Tai Khamyang community in Upper Assam, ELDP, London
- Literacy Consultant, (Honorary) Singpho, Sema, Tangsa, Tai Phake, Tai Khamyang, Tai Aiton, Tai Turung and Tai Khamti Development council, Govt of Assam
- Facilitator and Coordinator (Honorary), Singpho Mother Tongue Based Multilingual Education Programme

Previous Positions

- Research Assistant to Dr. Stephen Morey in the Project titled '*The Traditional Songs And Poetry Of Upper Assam –A Multifaceted Linguistic and Ethnographic Documentation of the Tangsa, Tai and Singpho Communities in Margherita, Northeast India*'
- Honorary member of Singpho Literature Committee
- Research Assistant to Dr. Stephen Morey in the project titled '*A comprehensive documentation of the Turung and Singpho languages of Assam*'.

Conferences/ Seminar attended (International)

- 2013 4th International Conference on Language and Education held at Bangkok, Thailand
- 2013 17th Conference on Endangered Languages: Beyond Boundaries hosted by Foundation for Endangered Languages (FEL) and Carleton University, Canada, at Ottawa, Canada (Through Skype)
- 2011 9th International Language and Development Conference held at Colombo, SriLanka
- 2010 4th International Conference of the North East Indian Linguistic Society (NEILS) at Shillong
- 2008 3rd International Conference of the North East Indian Linguistic Society (NEILS) at Guwahati
- 2007 2nd International Conference of the North East Indian Linguistic Society (NEILS) at Guwahati
- 2006 1st International Conference of the North East Indian Linguistic Society (NEILS) at Guwahati

Conferences/ Seminar/ workshops attended (National/ Regional)

- 2015 Workshop on Philosophy, Anthropology, Culture, Community, Democracy and Politics hosted by the Dept of Cultural Studies, Tezpur Central University and Indian Council for Philosophical research

- 2014 National Seminar on Teacher Education organized by State Council of Educational Research and Training (SCERT), Assam, Guwahati.
- 2014 National Seminar on ‘Mobility and world view of the Singpho and Khampti tribes in Arunachal Pradesh and Assam’ organized by Department of Cultural Studies, Tezpur University, India.
- 2013 Seminar on ‘Immigration and Conflict Resolution’ organized jointly by Assam Institute of Research for Tribals and Scheduled Castes (AIRTSC) and Institute of Research and Documentation of Indigenous Studies (IRDIS)

Publications

- Nath, Palash Kumar (In print), ‘Singpho’, in *Languages of Assam – A Book on language repository of Assam* under The peoples’ Linguistic Survey of India (PLSI), Orient Blackswan
- Nath, Palash Kumar (2013) ‘Collaborative Approach towards Language Preservation and Revitalization –Perspectives from North East India’. in Marry Jane Norris et al (eds), *Endangered Languages Beyond Boundaries*, Foundation for Endangered Languages, pp. 47-52: ISBN 978-0-9560210-5-2 UK
- Nath, Palash Kumar (2013) ‘Singpho’ in Dr. Ganesh Narayan Devey, Dr. Bibha Bharali and Banani Chakravarty (eds) *Asomor Bhasa: Bhrartiya Jana Bhasa Jarip* Vol V part II under The peoples’ Linguistic Survey of India (PLSI), Banalata, pp.316-321 ISBN 978-81-922405-6-5 □
- Nath, Palash Kumar. (2008) ‘Doing Fieldwork on the Singpho Language of North Eastern India’. in Stephen Morey and Mark Post (eds.) *North East Indian Linguistics I*, CUP. pp. 243-254, ISBN 978-81-7596-600-0

Presentations

- 2014 *Progressive Creative Phonics- An Exploration in the context of Assamese language* National Seminar on Teacher Education, hosted by State Council of Educational Research and Training, Guwahati
- 2014 *Documentation of Language and Culture and Assertion of Ethnic Identity- A case in Singpho*, National Seminar on ‘Mobility and world view of the Singpho and Khampti tribes in Arunachal Pradesh and Assam’ organized by Department of Cultural Studies, Tezpur University, India.
- 2013 *Cultural Revival Through MTB-MLE: the case of the Singpho in North east India* 4th International Conference on Language and Education, Bangkok, Thailand

- 2013 *Collaborative Approach towards Language Preservation and Revitalization –Perspectives from North East India* 17th Foundation for Endangered Languages Conference held at Ottawa, Canada.
- 2012 *From being Mentored to be a Mentor – A vision..* Mentoring and Consultant Development workshop, Kathmandu, Nepal
- 2012 *Singpho Orthography – A case Study*, Orthography workshop, Department of Linguistics, Gauhati University
- 2011 *MTB-MLE for the Singpho community in North east India- Issues and Challenges* 9th International Language and Development Conference, Colombo, Srilanka.
- 2010 *Mother tongue based Multilingual Education Programme – A case study in Singpho of Northeast India.* Department of Linguistics, Gauhati University
- 2007 *Multilingual Education Programme in Singpho Language* Research perspectives in Northeast India organized by Indira Gandhi National Centre for Arts (IGNCA) at Department of Anthropology, Gauhati University.