

Profile

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Educational Qualifications:

- Ph.D (2014)
- M.A. in Linguistics (2004)
- M.A. in English Literature (2001)

Current Position: Assistant Professor, Department of Language and Linguistics, Anundoram Borooh Institute of Language, Art and Culture (Assam)

Previous Positions

- *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
- *Secretary and Chief Research and Project Officer* in Institute of Research and Documentation of Indigenous Studies (IRDIS).
- *Honorary member* of Singpho Literature Committee

Areas of expertise and experience:

- Documentation, Preservation and Archiving of Endangered Languages
- Development of Mother tongue based Multilingual Education and Language revitalization
- Language Revitalization
- Participatory Methods of Community Engagement

Archive Handles:

- Nath, Palash Kumar. 2015. *Documentation of the oral literature of the Tai Khamyang community in Upper Assam, India*. Endangered Languages Archive. Link to the page: <https://www.elararchive.org/dk0298>
Archive Handle Handle: <http://hdl.handle.net/2196/1e26faaa-8ede-4886-9094-85d97989fdc2>. accessed on 20/06/2024
- <http://www.ogmios.org/grants/reports/index.php?grantee=Palash+Kumar+Nath>
accessed on 13/03/2023
- https://catalog.paradisec.org.au/collections/search?page=1&per_page=5&search=Singpho

PUBLICATIONS

A) Research Articles

- Nath, P. K. (2023, April). Orthography Development for Lesser-Known Languages with Special Referene to the Singpho Language. (U. R. Hakacham, Ed.) *Dogo Rangsang (A Bilingual Research Journal)*, X(XIX), 293-302. (UGC CARE List I- Serial No. 84)
- Nath, P. K. (2023). Documentation of the Tai Khamyang Language: Role of Digital Humanities. (Kalita. D.K, Ed.) *Anandam Journal of Anundoram Borooah Institute of Language, Art and Culture, Assam*, Vol. 12, 417-434. (UGC CARE List I: 26)
- Nath, P. K. (2022). Centrality of Collaboration in Community-Based Language Research with Special Reference to Singpho Mother Tongue Based Multi Lingual Education Programme. (N. Dutta, Ed.) *GUINEIS Journal An interdisciplinary journal of North East India Studies*, IX, 47-64. (UGC CARE List I- Serial No. 102)
- Nath, P. K. (2016). Understanding Language Endangerment. (D. K. Kalita, Ed.) *Anandam Journal of Anundoram Borooah Institute of Language, Art and Culture, Assam*, 8, 48-64. (Peer Reviewed)
- Nath, P. K. (2013). Collaborative Approach towards Language Preservation and Revitalization-Perspectives from North east India. In M. J. Norris (Ed.), *Endangered Languages Beyond Boundaries* (pp. 47-52). Foundation for Endangered Languages.
- 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

B) Book Chapters

- Nath, Palash Kumar (2017), 'Singpho', *Languages of Assam – A Book on language repository of Assam* under Peoples' Linguistic Survey of India (PLSI), Orient Blackswan
- Nath, Palash Kumar (2016), Matrivaaxavitik Bohubhaxik Xikhya byabostha aru Iar Praxonggikota in Dipak kumar Das (ed) Tothya aru Tottor Adharot Vaxar Bisar
- 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

C) Text book

Nath, Palash Kumar (2016), Pedagogy of Regional Language and Mother tongue (Block 1 and 2) for course 6 of Diploma in Elementary Education offered by Krishna Kanta Handiqui State Open University.

RECENT INVITED TALKS

2024 **Quality Education and Atmanirbhar Bharat** hosted by Eastern Karbi Anglong College, Bokajan, Karbi Anglong

2021 **Engaging Communities: Collaborative Mode of Language Research**

hosted by Collaborative Efforts in Linguistics and the Department of Romance and Classical Studies at Michigan State University, USA.

- 2021 **Understanding Language Endangerment: Perspectives from Northeast India** Hosted by the Department of English, Pondicherry University.

WORK EXPERIENCE

1) Language Documentation and Archiving

2023 Workshop on Language Documentation and Revitalization at Madhabdev University, Lakhimpur: Acted as the Resource Person in the two-day Workshop on Language Documentation and Revitalization participated by the Post Graduate students from the Department of Assamese in Madhabdev University, Narayanpur, Lakhimpur. As the Resource person the following topics were discussed and activities were undertaken

- Students were oriented on the issue of language endangerment and language revitalization
- Discussed different ways of documenting and preserving endangered languages
- Students were given hands-on training on linguistic fieldwork by taking them to adjacent Bor Deori village and providing training on how to record digital data and how to store those

2013-2016: Principal investigator in 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. Tasks include

- collection and documentation of oral literature of the Tai Khamyang,
- preparing reading materials in mother tongue towards reviving the language.

2007-2010: Research assistant 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. Works include

- Extensive fieldwork for all the three communities
- Collection of language and cultural data
- Analysis of language data
- Awareness creation on preserving language, culture and tradition
- Youth mobilization

2005- 2007: Research assistant in the project entitled *A comprehensive documentation of the Turung and Singpho languages of Assam*, headed by Dr.Stephen Moreyand funded by the Endangered Languages Documentation Programme, School of Oriental and African Studies, London (www.hrelp.org). Tasks include

- extensive fieldwork in almost all the villages of these two communities both in Assam and Arunachal Pradesh
- recording (audio and video) of language data
- analysis of language data for the production of a grammar and a dictionary for both the languages.
- assistance to Turung community for deciding on a script and a writing system for their language

- 2004** Fieldworker for Adi Galo Language with Dr. Mark W. Post, Ober Assistant, University of Bern, Switzerland
- Collected and processed lexical data in Along, Liromoba and Gensi in Arunachal Pradesh.

2) Language Revitalization and Mother tongue based Multilingual Education

A) Community specific Trainings Conducted as Resource Person

- 2014 *Teachers training for MLE school teachers of Singpho community, Guwahati*
- 2014 *Training or trainers for Teachers/ supervisors of MLE schools in the Rabha, Bodo and Amri karbi community in Guwahati*
- 2012 *Mobilization and writers' workshop for Singpho, Tangsa, Tai Phakey, Tai Khamyang, Sema, Tai Turung in Margherita*
- 2012 *Workshop on Material production for Sumi Mother tongue Literacy Programme, in Zunhebeto, Nagaland*
- 2011 *Curriculum Development for Singpho, Rabha, Amri Karbi, Guwahati*
- 2011 *Singpho Follow up EVS workshop, in Margherita*
- 2011 *Teacher training workshop for MSM method, Guwhati*
- 2011 *Teachers' training for Adivasi community, in Dhekiajuli*
- 2010 *Workshop on producing Environmental studies materials in Singpho, in Margherita*
- 2010 *Teachers' Training for Singpho, Rabha, Amri karbi in Shillong*
- 2010 *Symposium cum workshop on Mother tongue base multilingual education in Guwahati*
- 2009 *Multi Lingual Education Teachers' Training Course in Guwahati*
- 2008 *Writers' workshop for Singpho, Rabha in Guwahati*
- 2008 *Singpho Primer Production workshop, in Ketetong, Margherita*
- 2007 *Writers' workshop for Singpho, Rabha and Lamkang in Guwahati*
- 2006 *Singpho Mobilization and Programme planning workshop in Guwahati*

B) Resource Person in Workshops/Trainings organised by National Agencies

- 2024 *National Workshop on NEP- 2020: Model Curriculum and Content in Linguistics through Bharatiya Languages organised jointly by Vidya Bharati Uchcha Shiksha Sansthan and Gauhati University.*
- 2023 *RUSA 2.0 Approved 1-Week Short term Course on Applied Linguistics and Assamese Language organised by the UGC Human Resource Development Centre, Gauhati University*
- 2021 *Online Course on Teaching, Testing and Evaluation for Assamese*

Language Teachers of Navodaya Vidyalaya Samiti organized by National Testing Service, India

- 2018 *Development of Training Module for Training of KRPs on Teaching Learning in Multilingual for North East States* organized by North East Regional Institute of Education (NERIE), NCERT, Umiam, Shillong
- 2017 *Training of Teachers on Teaching Learning in Multilingual Class at Primary Level for North East States* organized by North East Regional Institute of Education (NERIE), NCERT, Umiam, Shillong
- 2016 *Development of Exemplar Bridge Material from Kokborok to Bengali and Vice Versa* organized by North East Regional Institute of Education (NERIE), NCERT, Umiam, Shillong
- 2015 *Training of teachers on Teaching Learning in Multilingual Class at Primary Level for the State of Tripura* organized by North East Regional Institute of Education (NERIE), NCERT, Umiam, Shillong at SCERT, Agartala, Tripura

PRODUCTION OF ONLINE DICTIONARY

- 2007 Online SEAlang Library Singpho Dictionary (<http://sealang.net/singpho>)
- 2023 Karbi Lamtasam: Karbi-Assamese-English Online dictionary. (<https://abilac.org/dictionary/karbi.php>)

DOCTORAL WORK (2007-2013)

Tasks completed as part of work titled ‘A Multilingual Education Programme for the Singpho Language in Northeast India’

- awareness creation in the Singpho community about mother tongue education
- community mobilization to discuss the issue and to achieve a consensus on the programme.
- Training community members for performing different responsibilities towards production of culturally appropriate reading materials and in other relevant aspects
- a series of workshops conducted towards establishment of a Mother tongue based Multilingual Education programme for the Singpho children in Margherita
- facilitation of establishment and running of the Mother-tongue school for the Singpho children in 2009.

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

TRAINING RECEIVED

A) Documentation, Preservation and Archiving of Endangered Languages

- 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.*
- 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.*
- 2006 *Digital recording and archiving of endangered languages at School of Oriental and African Studies (SOAS), London*

B) Development of Mother tongue based Multilingual Education and Language revitalization

- 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 *Month long Advanced Literacy course Bangalore*

CONFERENCES/ SEMINAR

A) International Conferences

- 2019 International Conference on Belief Narrative: Narrating the Supernatural organised jointly by International Society for Folk Narrative Research (ISFNR) and Anundoram Borooah Institute of Language, Art and Culture, Assam. (***Paper presented***)
- 2013 Foundation for Endangered Languages (FEL) conference held at Carleton University, Ottawa, Ontario, Canada (***Paper presented***)
- 2013 4th International Conference on Language and Education held at Bangkok, Thailand (***Paper presented***)
- 2011 9th International Language and Development Conference held at Colombo, Sri Lanka (***Paper presented***)
- 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 (***Paper presented***)

B) National Conferences

- 2019 National Conference on Indigenous and Lesser Studied languages (ILSL) of the Northeast India hosted by Centre for Endangered Languages, and Department of Foreign Languages, Tezpur University. (***Paper Presented***)
- 2014 National Seminar on Teacher Education organized by State Council of Educational Research and Training (SCERT), Assam, Guwahati. (***Paper presented***)
- 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. (***Paper presented on invitation***)
- 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)
- 2004 26th All India Conference of Linguists at Shillong

PRESENTATIONS

- 2024 ***Quality Education and Atmanirbhar Bharat at National Conference on Recent Trends in Inclusive Development and Self-Reliant India*** jointly hosted by Eastern Karbi Anglong College, Bokajan, Karbi Anglong.
- 2019 ***Folklore and Language Research*** at International Conference on Belief Narrative: Narrating the Supernatural organised jointly by International Society for Folk Narrative Research (ISFNR) and Anundoram Borooah Institute of Language, Art and Culture, Assam.
- 2019 ***Collaborative Language Research: Perspectives from Northeast India*** at National Conference on Indigenous and Lesser Studied languages (ILSL) of the Northeast India hosted by Centre for Endangered Languages, and Department of Foreign Languages, Tezpur University.
- 2017 ***Issues of endangerment of ethnic languages – Perspectives from Northeast India*** organised by Asian Confluence Centre, Shillong
- 2014 ***Documentation of Language and Culture and assertion of ethnic identity - A case in Singpho language***, at National seminar on ‘Mobility and World view of the Singpho and Khampti Tribes of Arunachal Pradesh and Assam’ organised by Department of Cultural studies, Tezpur University and sponsored by the Indian Council of Philosophical Research, New Delhi.
- 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
- 2013 ***Cultural Revival Through MTB-MLE: the case of the Singpho in North***

east India 4th International Conference on Language and Education,
Bangkok, Thailand

- 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.
