

Brief Biography of the Candidate

Deepak Kumar is a research scholar at BITS Pilani, Pilani campus. He has been pursuing his PhD from BITS Pilani since January, 2014. He is working as PGT (English) at Regional Institute of Education, NCERT, Ajmer. He did his MA in English from the University of Rajasthan in the year 2005 and completed his M.Phil from CDLU, Sirsa in the year 2008. He has a teaching experience of more than 13 years. He has interest in the research in the of 'English Language Teaching' and 'Integration of Multimodality in Education'.

Brief Biography of the Supervisor

Prof. Pushp Lata has been associated with Department of Humanities and Languages, Birla Institute of Technology and Science, Pilani since 1994. She did her P.G.D.T.E. from EFLU (earlier known as CIEFL), Hyderabad and Ph.D. from University of Rajasthan, Jaipur, India. In her academic career spanning over 25 years she has held various teaching and administrative positions at BITS, Pilani. She is an accomplished academic and a highly capable professional English teacher with a focus on student learning and engagement. As a teacher Prof. Lata always opts for an interactive teaching style that encourages participants' involvement and enthusiasm. She loves meeting young minds and is always inspired with their passion and energy they exhibit at whatever they do. She develops syllabi for new courses and teaching models and strategies to facilitate need-based learning. She is an avid researcher and has been working in the fields of English Language Teaching, Computer Mediated Language Learning and Teaching, Syllabus Designing and Designing Teaching Materials for both Classroom and beyond Classroom teaching. She has completed one UGC Major Research Project. Currently she is guiding 2 PhD students and one has already completed on Scaffolding Writing Skills of College Students through Collaborative Learning Tasks on Online Forums in 2016.

Prof. Lata has acted as the Head, Department of Languages at BITS, Pilani from August 2010 to September 2012. She has delivered talks and lectures on Effective Communication, Managerial Communication, Innovative Pedagogy, Flipped Classroom Teaching, Soft Skills and Group Discussions and Job Interviews. Prof. Lata conducts workshops and training programs for students, teachers and corporate professionals. She organized an International Conference on Interfacing Language, Culture and Technology on 8-9 October 2012. She has acted as subject Expert on various selection committees. She has been the editor of BITS Echo, a quarterly alumni magazine; BITSCAN, a semester magazine from 2008 to 2014, and acted as editorial board member of CURIE journal during 2008-2012. She is a reviewer and a guest

editor for various journals and also a member of various professional bodies. She has published 52 research articles in reputed journals and anthologies. She has attended various national and international conferences and workshops.

Prof. Lata has co-authored fifteen books. Some of the titles are Communication Skills and English Language and Communication Skills published by Oxford University Press, New Delhi, Communicate or Collapse, Communicate to Conquer published by PHI, Soft Skills: Cornerstone for Professional Success, Interfacing ELT with Culture and Technology and Integrating Web 2.0 Technology and Culture in ELT by Jain Brothers, Delhi.

Brief Biography of Co-Supervisor

Dr. Sanjiv Kumar Choudhary is an Associate Professor in the department of Humanities and Social Sciences, BITS Pilani, Pilani Campus. Prior to joining BITS Pilani in 2004, he was associated with the English Language Teaching Institute (ELTI), Assam as a Lecturer since 1997 where his job was to train teachers teaching English in government schools, and continued in that position till June 2004. Dr. Chaudhary did his PGDTE, M.Phil., and Ph.D. from erstwhile CIEFL (now, EFL University), Hyderabad. He specializes in Linguistics & Phonetics, ELT, English Communication and Soft Skills. He guides and publishes his research in all these areas. He has published several articles in peer reviewed international journals and presented papers in international conferences.