

BRIEF BIOGRAPHY OF THE CANDIDATE

Ms Shivangi Priya obtained her M.A degree in English from Patna University. She joined the Department of Humanities and Social Sciences at BITS, Pilani, in August 2014. She is currently pursuing a PhD in the area of Sociolinguistics. She has also received a Fulbright Scholarship (August 2016-May 2017) at the University of Utah. She has published research articles in reputed national and international journals, as well as presented her work at several national and international conferences.

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

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 *PhD* 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 THE CO-SUPERVISOR

Dr Narayan Choudhary is a Lecturer cum Junior Research Officer and Assistant Director (Admin.) from past four years at Central Institute of Indian Languages, Mysuru. Dr Choudhary received his Masters, M.Phil. and PhD in Linguistics at Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi. Primarily a linguist with specialization in natural language processing, he has more than 15 years of research experience on various languages of India, including minor and endangered languages such as Pnar and Great Andamanese. He has worked directly on major projects like Bharatavani and Linguistic Data Consortium for Indian Languages and supervised all the projects of CIIL as the head of the office. He is also members of various committees on language technology, language planning and others as set up by various bodies of Government of India such as Technology Development of Indian Languages, Bureau of Indian Standards, etc. Dr Choudhary has several research papers in peer-reviewed journals and conferences to his credit, including a paper that got the best student research paper award at LTC, Poznan, Poland. He has authored more than 31 books that include large datasets, proceedings and a policy paper of Government of India.