



**Pragati Das**

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## **PROFILE**

### **Short Biography**

Pragati Das, currently Assistant Professor of English in the School of Education at Bangladesh Open University, obtained M.Phil in English literature from Jahangirnagar University. She also obtained Bachelor of Education(B.Ed) from National University and Master of Education (M.Ed) from Bangladesh Open University. She has more than 13 years of teaching/research experiences. She has a number of publications including research papers, book chapters and books. Her core interests are Critical and Cultural Theory, Classics in Translation, Shakespeare, Modern Literature, African Literature, American Literature, History of Eastern and Western Philosophy, Eighteenth Century English Literature, Victorian Literature, Phonetics and English Phonology, Research Methodology, Language Teacher Education, Teaching ESL/EFL Listening and Speaking; Reading and Writing, Professional Communications and Public Speaking, Approaches and Methods in ESL/EFL Teaching, Practical Teaching Techniques, Observation and Practice.

### **Research Interest**

Critical and Cultural Theory, Classics in Translation, Shakespeare, Modern Literature, History of Eastern and Western Philosophy, African Literature, American Literature, Eighteenth Century English Literature, Victorian Literature, Phonetics and English Phonology, Research Methodology, Language Teacher Education, Teaching ESL/EFL Listening and Speaking; Reading and Writing, Professional Communications and Public Speaking, Approaches and Methods in ESL/EFL Teaching, Practical Teaching Techniques, Observation and Practice.

### **Publications**

- Das, Pragati. "Shakespeare's Representation of Women in his Tragedies" *Prime University Journal*, Volume-6, Number-2, July - December 2012. ISSN: 1995-5332. pp. 37-56.
- Das, Pragati. "Psychic Isolation and Alienation of Subarna and Nanda Kaul in Ashapura Devi's *Subarnalata* and Anita Desai's *Fire on the Mountain* respectively" *University of Information Technology & Science (UITS) Journal*, Volume 3, Issue 2, June 2014. ISSN: 2226-3128. pp. 98-110.

- Das, Pragati. “Alienation of Gregor Samsa as Reflected in Franz Kafka’s *The Metamorphosis*” *Bangladesh Open University Journal of Teacher Education*, Volume 6, No-1,2019. ISSN 1812-7517. pp.61-70.
- Das, Pragati. “Alienation and Crises in Class Relationships in the Capitalist Society: Reflections on *Waiting for Godot*” *Journal of The People’s University of Bangladesh*, Volume-09, No-1&2, January-December 2021.ISSN: 1812-4747. pp. 81-92.
- Das, Pragati. “Technology Integration in ESL/EFL Teaching and Learning at the Higher Secondary Level in Bangladesh”, *Journal of Scientific and Technological Research (JSTR)*, Vol.4, NO.1, 2022. ISSN: 2309-7167. pp.62-71.
- Alam, Rezwanaul, and Pragati Das. “Challenges of the field level staff of Bangladesh Open University to expedite better implementation of B.Ed and M.Ed Programs: An Analysis”, *Bangladesh Open University Journal of Teacher Education*, Volume 8, No-1,2023. ISSN:1812-7517. pp.37-50.
- Das, Pragati, and Chandra Shekhar Sikder. “Exploring the Attitude of Teachers and Learners towards Teaching and Learning English at the HSC Level in Bangladesh”. *RPSU Research Journal*, vol. 2, no. 1, December 2023, ISSN (print): 2790-4903. pp.38-48.
- Das, Pragati. Ed. *Communicative English Grammar Translation & Composition* (For class VIII). Dhaka: Dipti Press & Publication, 2004. Print.
- Das, Pragati, et all. *Education in Bangladesh*, School of Education, Bangladesh Open University, PPD, Gazipur-1705,2018.

## **Research Projects**

- Alam, Rezwanaul, and Pragati Das. *Identifying the challenges of the field level staff of Bangladesh Open University to expedite better implementation of B.Ed and M.Ed Programs*. Research Report in the fiscal year: 2018-2019 funded by Bangladesh Open University.
- Das, Pragati, and Rezwanaul Alam. *Identifying the Challenges Faced by the Coordinators and Tutors of B.Ed and M.Ed Programs in Different Study Centers of Bangladesh Open University to Carry Out the Programs in a Better Way*. Research Report in the fiscal year: 2019-2020 funded by Bangladesh Open University.

## **Conferences**

- Presented paper at The Annual WSWD2022: 5<sup>th</sup> International Conference “Co-Building a new Eco-Social World: Leave No One Behind”(Achieving Community Resilience &

SDGs) organized by CSWPD Foundation in association with the Sociology & Social Work Department of The People's University of Bangladesh( PUB) on May 25-27,2022.

- Participated in a training program on Action Research Jointly arranged by Bangladesh Open University & East-West University, Centre for Training and Research.
- Participated in the workshop on Technology for Education organized by Daffodil International University, Dhaka.
- Participated in the workshop on Digital Transformation of Open University Distance Learning Process at Bangladesh Open University on 25 May 2017.
- Presented papers in the Research Seminar-1 & 2 for M.Phil program at Jahangirnagar University on 19 October 2015 and 3 March 2017.
- Participated in the workshop on “Cognitive Coaching and Mentoring-Making Faculty Better, NOT Bitter” organized by Higher Education Quality Enhancement Project (HEQEP) at Jahangirnagar University on 9 December 2016.
- Successfully completed an online course: ‘Understanding Open Educational Resources Using Technology- Enabled Learning Lounge’ by Commonwealth of Learning (COL) on 4 September 2016.
- Participated in the training Program on Capacity Enhancement Program on Open Educational Resources for BOU Academics (Masters Trainers) jointly organized by Bangladesh Open University and Commonwealth Educational Media Centre for Asia, India from 3 September to 5 September 2016.
- Participated in the workshop on “Training of Trainers for Tutor Training” jointly organized by Bangladesh Open University and Commonwealth of Learning ( COL) from 21 March to 24 March 2016.
- Successfully completed a week-long programme on Research Methodology organized by the Centre for Advanced Research in Humanities, University of Dhaka, held from November 21 to November 30, 2016.
- Participated in the workshop on “Developing 1<sup>st</sup> paper (English for Today) Sample Question and Guidelines for question setters and Makers in xi—xii” organized by National Curriculum and Textbook Board (NCTB) from 6 September to 8 September 2015.
- Participated in the seminar on ‘Gender inequality, Trafficking, Sex Trade and the probability of HIV/AIDS in Bangladesh’ at Prime University on 05 December 2012.

- Trained in “Training of the teachers for tomorrow” at Prime University from 09 March to 05 May 2010.

## **Video and Audio Lectures for Bachelor of Education (B.Ed) Program**

### **Course: Teaching English**

#### **Topics:**

- Lesson Plan
- Introduction to Pronunciation
- Principles of Teaching Pronunciation
- Techniques for Teaching Pronunciation
- Ways of Improving English Pronunciation
- Introduction to Speaking Skills
- Types of Speaking Practice
- Techniques for Teaching Speaking
- Introduction to Letters and Sounds
- Phonemic Symbols
- Consonant Sounds
- Micro Teaching Cycle
- Introduction to Presentation Skills
- Techniques of Preparing Visual Presentations
- Techniques for Anchoring Program
- Practicing Extempore Speech
- Introduction to Teaching Listening
- Techniques for Teaching Listening
- Introduction to Teaching Writing
- Techniques for Teaching Writing

### **Academic Information**

| Year | Degree                | Institution  | Result                    |
|------|-----------------------|--|---------------------------|
| 2022 | M.Phil.               | Jahangirnagar University   | Awarded                   |
| 2021 | Master of Education   | Bangladesh Open University   | CGPA 3.52 on a scale of 4 |
| 2009 | Bachelor of Education | Govt. Teachers’ Training College, Dhaka, Under National University | 1 <sup>st</sup> Class     |

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|------|-----------------------------------|---|------------------------------|
| 2001 | M.A. in English Literature        | Eden Mahila College, Under National University        | 2 <sup>nd</sup> Class        |
| 2000 | B.A.(Hons.) in English Literature | Eden Mahila College, Under National University        | 2 <sup>nd</sup> Class        |
| 1996 | H.S.C. (Science Group)            | Lalmatia Mohila College, Dhaka Board                  | 1 <sup>st</sup> Division     |
| 1994 | S.S.C. (Science Group)            | Sreeramkathi U. J. K. Secondary School, Jessore Board | 1 <sup>st</sup> Division (*) |

### **Professional Experience**

| <b>Organization</b>  | <b>Position</b>  | <b>Period</b>              |
|--|--|----------------------------|
| Bangladesh Open University                                 | Assistant Professor of English, School of Education    | May 2018 to date           |
| Bangladesh Open University                                 | Lecturer of English, School of Education               | July 2014-May 2018         |
| Prime University   | Assistant Professor of English, Dept. of English       | September 2013-June 2014   |
| Prime University   | Senior Lecturer of English, Dept. of English           | September 2012-August 2013 |
| Prime University   | Lecturer of English, Dept. of English                  | February 2010-August 2012  |
| Bangladesh University of Engineering and Technology (BUET) | Part-time teacher (English) in the dept. of Humanities | February 2020 to date      |

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