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Linguist working on the documentation, description, and digital futures of the under-resourced languages of Northeast India. Doctoral research on Mising (Tibeto-Burman, Eastern Tani); further work spanning language endangerment and shift, digital archiving, and AI-mediated intercultural communication.

EDUCATION

Ph.D. in Linguistics · Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi, 2021–2026

Thesis: *A Grammar of the Pagro Variety of Mising* · Supervisor: Prof. Pauthang Haokip · Defended 25 May 2026; degree awarded 8 June 2026

M.A. in Linguistics · Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi, 2019–2021

B.A. in English · Dibrugarh University, Assam, 2016–2019

FELLOWSHIPS, GRANTS AND AWARDS

1. Senior Research Fellowship, University Grants Commission, Government of India, 2024–2026.
2. Junior Research Fellowship, University Grants Commission, Government of India, 2022–2024.
3. Travel grant, Indian Council of Social Science Research — Paris Conference on Arts and Humanities (PCAH 2026), Sorbonne University, Paris, June 2026.
4. Travel grant, Mising Autonomous Council — 7th International Conference on Language, Society and Culture in Asian Contexts (LSCAC 2024), Hue, Vietnam, November 2024.
5. Anundoram Barooah Award, Board of Secondary Education, Assam, 2014.

LANGUAGE DOCUMENTATION AND DIGITAL ARCHIVING

Mising Language Resource (MSLR) — founder and depositor. Open-access video collection in the Computational Resource for South Asian Languages (CoRSAL), UNT Digital Library, University of North Texas. Recordings across narrative, conversational, procedural, musical, and metalinguistic genres; five items fully transcribed and interlinear-glossed. Established 2022, ongoing. <https://digital.library.unt.edu/explore/collections/MSLR/>

Society for Endangered and Lesser-Known Languages, India — resource person for Mising, Swadesh Word List Project.

North East Regional Institute of Education — resource person, workshop on Compilation of Language Data, August 2024.

Semantic and Pragmatic Investigations of South Asian Languages, Institute of Linguistics (University of Minnesota) — resource person for Mising language, led by Diti Bhadra, 2026 (ongoing).

SHAPE Project, NTNU (Language Acquisition and Language Processing Lab) — Language Expert, cross-linguistic data collection on classifier systems in Tani languages (Mising, Tagin, Nyishi, Galo) for the ERC Synergy SHAPE project, led by Prof. Mila Vulchanova, 2026 (ongoing). <https://www.ntnu.edu/shape>

PUBLICATIONS — PEER-REVIEWED JOURNAL ARTICLES

- Doley, N., Yang, F., Prasetya, B. E. A., Takamine, K., & Dalsky, D. (2026). AI-assisted animation versus text-based description: divergent pathways to intercultural understanding of Norwegian, Mising, and Javanese greetings on a 3R-virtual intercultural stage. *Frontiers in Computer Science*, 8. <https://doi.org/10.3389/fcomp.2026.1939596>
- Doley, N. (2026). Exploring prefix diversity: A comparative analysis of the Tani languages, emphasizing usage in nominal categorial prefixes. *Himalayan Linguistics*, 25(2). <https://doi.org/10.5070/H9.35586>
- Doley, N., & Mittal, A. (2026). Language shift and endangerment of Mising, a Tani language in Northeast India. *Journal of the Southeast Asian Linguistic Society*. University of Hawai'i Press, 19(1). <https://doi.org/10.21313/10524/52553>
- Doley, N., & Vu, T. M. T. (2026). The global and the local: Investigating sociolinguistic motivations for code-switching on Instagram in India and Vietnam. *The International Journal of Communication and Linguistic Studies*. Common Ground Research Networks, 24(2), 51-72. <https://doi.org/10.18848/2327-7882/cgp/a217>
- Doley, N. (2026). Case marking in Mising. *Vaak Manthan*, Society for Endangered and Lesser-Known Languages. 11(1), 168–176.

- Doley, N. (2025). Negation in Mising. *Himalayan Linguistics*, 24(2). <https://doi.org/10.5070/h9.47090>
- Vu, T. M. T., & Doley, N. (2025). Ambiguity in online newspaper headlines: A cross-cultural analysis of Vietnam and India. *The International Journal of Communication and Linguistic Studies*, 23(4), 147–168. <https://doi.org/10.18848/2327-7882/CGP/v23i04/147-168>
- Navle, J., & Doley, N. (2022). The study of socio-cultural scenario of eastern and western states of India by analysing stylistic features of matrimonial ads in Assamese and Marathi newspapers. *Journal of Kolkata Society for Asian Studies*, 8(2). 36-50.
- Doley, N. (2022). A:bangs of the Misings. *Abhibyakti*, 8(1). 92-100.
- Doley, N. (2021). Typological features: A case study of the Mising language. *New Horizons of Multidisciplinary Research*.
- Doley, N. (2021). A stylistic analysis of Taylor Swift's Evermore. *Journal for Frontline Research*, 9. 61-74.

PUBLICATIONS — CONFERENCE PROCEEDINGS AND OTHER

- Doley, N. (2025). Preserving the past: A digital archive of the Éjug Tapung, an extinct wind instrument of the Misings of Northeast India. In *Proceedings of the 7th International Conference on Language, Society, and Culture in Asian Contexts (LSCAC 2024)* (pp. 165–171). ISBN 978-604-4997-48-3.
- Doley, N. (2023). Annotated bibliographies of twelve books on translation: National Translation Mission, Central Institute of Indian Languages, Mysore.

WORK IN PROGRESS

Under review

- Doley, N., & Mittal, A. When a language dies, a world ends: A case study of knowledge erosion in the Mising community. Submitted to the forthcoming thematic volume of Cognitive Linguistic Studies in Cultural Context. John Benjamins Publishing Company.
- Doley, N. Expressives in Mising. *Journal of the Southeast Asian Linguistic Society*. University of Hawai'i Press.

Books in preparation

- Doley, N. *A Grammar of the Pagro Variety of Mising*. Monograph in preparation based on doctoral thesis.

Articles in preparation

- Mittal, A., & Doley, N. *Negotiating Tradition in a Multilingual World: Language, Culture, and Social Change in the Mising Community of Northeast India*.

SELECTED CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

- Beyond the Lexicon: Iconicity in Mising*. 5th Paris Conference on Arts and Humanities (PCAH 2026), Sorbonne University, Paris, June 2026.
- Case Marking in Pagro Mising*. National Seminar on India as a Linguistic Area, Jawaharlal Nehru University, with CIIL Mysuru, March 2025.
- Assessing the Sociolinguistic Vitality of Mising: A Focus on the Pagro Variety in Dhemaji, Assam*. 13th North East India Linguistics Society (NEILS), Nagaland University, February 2025.
- Preserving the Past: A Digital Archive of the Éjug Tapung, an Extinct Wind Instrument of the Misings of Northeast India*. 7th LSCAC, Hue, Vietnam, November 2024.
- Exploring Prefix Diversity: A Comparative Analysis of the Tani Languages*. 15th Asian Conference on Arts and Humanities (ACAH 2024), IAFOR, Tokyo, May 2024.
- Negation in Mising*. 4th International Conference of the Tibeto-Burman Linguistics Association of North-East India, EFLU Shillong, February 2024.
- Compound Verb Construction in Mising*. ATHENA 2023: Culture, Society, and Politics — Exploring Northeast India, 2023.
- Understanding Primary and Secondary Discourse from a Researcher's Perspective*. International Multidisciplinary Conference (MDRC 2.0), October 2021.

TEACHING

Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi — Introduction to Linguistics; Languages in Contrast: An Introduction. Undergraduate, one year, 2023.

Murkong Selek College, Dibrugarh University, Assam — Introduction to Linguistics. Undergraduate, six months, 2022.

SPECIALIST TRAINING

1. Two-week intensive training, National Translation Mission, Central Institute of Indian Languages, Mysore, September 2023.
2. Two-week summer school, Scheme for Protection and Preservation of Endangered Languages (SPPEL), Central Institute of Indian Languages, Mysore, May 2022.
3. Workshop on Forensic and Corpus Linguistics, NASLILANSI, Jawaharlal Nehru University, August 2019.
4. Month-long project on oral culture preservation and language documentation, Dharamshala, Himachal Pradesh, in September 2022 by Wikimedia Foundation.

SERVICE AND PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT

1. Advisor, Mising Students' Association, Delhi (MiSAD), 2025–26.
2. General Secretary, Mising Students' Association, Delhi (MiSAD), 2022–23.
3. Assam Representative, Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi, 2022–23.
4. Invited Mising-language poet: Sahitya Akademi Festival of Letters, Delhi (2023, 2024); Unmeshha International Literature Festival, Bhopal (2023); She Speaks: Celebrating Indian Literature Across Borders, U.S. Embassy New Delhi (2024).

LANGUAGES

Mising (Pagro variety) — native · Assamese — fluent · Hindi — fluent · English — fluent · Japanese — basic · German — elementary.