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## EDUCATION

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| <b>Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.)</b><br>Indian Institute of Technology Kharagpur, India                       | 2021 - 2026 |
| <b>Integrated Master of Arts (M.A.) in English</b><br>Aliah University, Kolkata, India                       | 2015 - 2020 |
| <b>Indian School Certificate Examination, Class XII</b><br>K. E. Carmel School, Amtala, West Bengal, India   | 2015        |
| <b>Indian Certificate of Secondary Education, Class X</b><br>K. E. Carmel School, Amtala, West Bengal, India | 2013        |

## TEACHING EXPERIENCE

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| <b>Assistant Professor of English,,</b><br>CDOE, Jamia Millia Islamia, New Delhi | June 2026 -Present    |
| <b>Visiting Faculty,</b><br>Department of English, Aliah University, Kolkata     | April 2026 - May 2026 |
| <b>Teaching Assistant,</b><br>NPTEL SWYAM, Funded by MoE, Govt. of India         | 2022 - 2025           |
| <b>Teaching Assistant,</b><br>Indian Institute of Technology Kharagpur           | 2022 - 2025           |

## AWARDS AND ACHIEVEMENTS

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| <b>University Grants Commission- Senior Research Fellow (SRF),</b><br><b>Indian Institute of Technology Kharagpur</b>                                      | 2023 - 2025 |
| <b>University Grants Commission- Junior Research Fellow (JRF) in English,</b><br>National Testing Agency, India                                            | 2020        |
| <b>Rank 1, Integrated Master of Arts in English (2015-2020),</b><br>Aliah University, Kolkata, India                                                       | 2020        |
| <b>Qualified for National Eligibility Test (NET, Assistant Professor)</b><br>July and December sessions of both the years                                  | 2018-2019   |
| <b>2nd Prize in Literary Section, 1st International Student Contest “Text and Image”,</b><br>University of Craiova, Romania and SRM University, Lucknow    | 2017        |
| <b>3rd Prize in Graphic Art Section, 1st International Student Contest “Text and Image”,</b><br>University of Craiova, Romania and SRM University, Lucknow | 2017        |
| <b>Robust Construction Endowment Award Topper, Humanities Stream,</b><br>K E Carmel School Amtala                                                          | 2015        |

## COURSES TAUGHT

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| <b>Literary Theory (ENGPCCCT09)</b><br><i>UG 4th Semester, Aliah University</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>· Introduction to literary and cultural theory</li><li>· Focus on Structuralism, Post-structuralism, Deconstruction</li></ul> | 2026 |
| <b>Literary Theory II (ENGPCCCT13)</b><br><i>PG 4th Semester, Aliah University</i>                                                                                                                                                                  | 2026 |

- Taught emerging trends in literary theory and interdisciplinary theory
- Ecocriticism and Geocriticism

### **Dalit Literature (ENGPGE02C)**

2026

*PG 4th Semester, Aliah University*

- Dalit poetry and short fiction

### **British Poetry (ENGPGE06)**

2026

*PG 2nd Semester, Aliah University*

- Pre-Romantic to the post 1950s poets

### **Gender and Literature (ENGPGE03C)**

2026

*PG 2nd Semester, Aliah University*

- Adrienne Rich

### **Contemporary World Poetry**

2024-2025

*Autumn Semester, IIT Kharagpur*

- Assisted in creating and curating study materials
- Conducted lectures and activities for B.Tech students

### **Business Communication**

2024

*Spring Semester, IIT Kharagpur*

- Assisted in creating and curating study materials
- Conducted case studies for the 1st year students of Masters in Human Resource and Management

### **English for Communication**

2021- 2023

*Spring and Autumn Semester, IIT Kharagpur*

- Taught English for Communication to B.Tech 1st Year students
- Curated and created classroom activities for the English lab with a focus on Interpersonal Communication
- Conducted examinations and evaluated students.

## **PUBLICATIONS**

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1. **Khatun, Rifat Ara** and H S Komalesha. Review of The White Shirts of Summer: New and Selected Poems, by Mamang Dai. *World Literature Today*, vol. 98 no. 4, 2024, p. 83-83., Project MUSE, doi: <https://dx.doi.org/10.1353/wlt.2024.a931111..>
2. **Khatun, Rifat Ara** and H S Komalesha. Modern Bengali Poetry: Desire for Fire translated by Sinha, Arunava. *Translation Today*, vol. 17 no.1, 2023, p. 177-183, doi: <https://doi.org/10.46623/tt/2023.17.1.br1>.
3. **Khatun, Rifat Ara** and Rohan Hassan, "Jonathan Hay. Science Fiction and Posthumanism in the Anthropocene. London: Bloomsbury Academic. 2025. ISBN 978-1-3504-6595-4 (hard cover), ISBN 978-1-3504-6596-1 (ePDF), ISBN 978-1-3504-6597-8 (eBook). xiv + 224 pp.," *Studia Neophilologica*, <https://doi.org/10.1080/00393274.2025.2556880>

## **CONFERENCES**

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1. **Khatun, Rifat Ara**, "Breaking Free from Humanism and Branching Towards Posthumanism: Tracing Posthuman Reflections in Gieve Patel's Art" *Second Colloquium on Existential Posthumanism: Posthuman Renaissance– Making Self, Making World* 14 - 16 January, 2026, Presidency University, Kolkata.
2. **Khatun, Rifat Ara**, "'Hope, heed, heal— our song, in present tense': A Posthumanist Reading of Sudeep Sen's *Anthropocene: climate change, contagion, consolation*" *International Conference on Sighting Anthropocene: Culture, Politics and Literature*, 8th November 2025, Sister Nivedita University, Kolkata

3. **Khatun, Rifat Ara**, "Malala and her Sisters: Configuring the voices of resistance in the blogs of Muslim women" *International Seminar on Responding to Regional Disparities and Poverty: A Focus on the Women's Empowerment Perspectives*, 6th and 7th March, 2020, Diamond Harbour Womens' University, West Bengal.
4. **Khatun, Rifat Ara**, "Reversing the status quo: Margaret Mitchell's *Gone With the Wind* as a manifestation of Modernity," *International Seminar on Rethinking Modernity: Interdisciplinary Perspectives*, 11th and 12th March, 2018, Aliah University, Kolkata

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## WORKSHOPS AND FDPS

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| 1. <b>Workshop</b> on Translating the Sunderbans (Bengali to English), University of Calcutta | 2022 |
| 2. <b>FDP</b> on Posthumanism, AMITY University, Kolkata                                      | 2025 |

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## RESEARCH INTERESTS

Posthumanism, Post-colonialism, Ecocriticism, Anthropocene Studies, Translation, Literary Studies, Poetry, Fiction

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## POSITIONS OF RESPONSIBILITY

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| 1. <b>Student Representative</b> , Internal Complaints Committee, Aliah University (ICC), Kolkata | 2018-2020 |
| 2. <b>Member</b> , Library Committee, Aliah University, Kolkata                                   | 2018-2020 |
| 3. <b>Member</b> , Magazine Committee, Aliah University, Kolkata                                  | 2019      |
| 4. <b>Vice President</b> , Fabulinious, Aliah University, Kolkata                                 | 2018-2020 |

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## SKILLS

**Writing:** Creative Writing, Academic Writing

**Pedagogy:** Classroom Teaching, Virtual Teaching, Lesson Planning, Course Design, Pedagogy

**Soft Skills:** Communication, Critical thinking, Leadership

**Applications:** Microsoft Office, MS Teams, Canva, Notion

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## LANGUAGES KNOWN

English, Bengali, Hindi

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## REFERENCES

### 1. Prof. H S Komalesha

Professor, Department of Humanities and Social Sciences, Indian Institute of Technology Kharagpur, India  
Email: komalesha@hss.iitkgp.ac.in

### 2. Prof. Amzed Hossein

Professor, Department of Language Teaching, Netaji Subhas Open University, Kolkata  
Former HOD and Professor, Department of English, Aliah University, Kolkata  
Email: aamsen@gmail.com

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## DECLARATION

I hereby declare that all the details furnished above are true to the best of my knowledge and belief.