

# HAFEESHA THOPPIL BABU

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**Profile Summary:** Enthusiastic and dedicated young scholar with a fiery passion for research, writing, and translation. With valuable experience in education, research, and freelance work for media firms in India, I am now seeking opportunities further to hone my language and writing skills through translation. My diverse background has equipped me with the ability to adapt to various subjects and styles, ensuring accurate and culturally sensitive translations. Eager to contribute my expertise to projects that demand meticulous attention to detail and a deep understanding of language nuances, I am committed to delivering high-quality translations that effectively bridge linguistic barriers.

**SKILLS:** Translation skills, Cultural knowledge, writing skills, Research skills, Language knowledge, Flexibility, Reading comprehension

## EDUCATION

**UNIVERSITY OF SUSSEX, United Kingdom:** September 2020 - September 2021 **MA Social Anthropology** (Merit)

- Distinction for Masters dissertation.
- Carried out placement at the External Department of Ahmaddiyyas, London.
- Actively involved in non-academic activities.

**UNIVERSITY OF HYDERABAD, India:** July 2017- May 2019

**MA Communication and Media Studies** (First Class with distinction)

- Carried out field works among indigenous communities in India.
- Participated in national and international conferences.
- Selected for the Mahatma Gandhi National Council of Rural Education (MGNCRE) research internship.

**UNIVERSITY OF CALICUT, NMSM Government College Kalpetta, India:** July 2014- March 2017

**BA Mass Communication and Journalism** (First Class with Distinction)

- University of Calicut 5th rank holder.
- College topper of BA Mass Communication and Journalism batch 2014-2017.
- Elected as General Secretary of the Women's Cell.

## EXPERIENCE

**ACHIEVE TOGETHER, UNITED KINGDOM, March 2022- December 2023**

*Mental Health Support Worker*

- Offering emotional support to young people and adults with profound mental health conditions and learning disabilities.
- Supporting survivors of various abuses and traumas, and helping them with potential recovery.
- Assist people who identify as transgender or non-binary or have been diagnosed with gender dysphoria.
- Keyworking clients, making person-centered support plans, and setting goals.

**GOVERNMENT COLLEGE KASARAGOD, INDIA, June 2019 - March 2020**

*Assistant Professor of Journalism*

- Delivered courses on media theories and print media to approximately 80 undergraduate students aged between 18 and 20 years.
- Maintained strong relationships with students providing opportunities to self-reflect through writing, reporting, and photography.
- Actively involved in student assessments, organizing seminars, and other departmental activities.
- Provided 1:1 sessions for students from underprivileged backgrounds regarding higher studies.

**TELANGANA SOCIAL WELFARE RESIDENTIAL EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTES SOCIETY, INDIA, February 2019 - April 2019**

*Higher Education Teaching Fellow*

- Three-month fellowship to deliver career guidance for a group of 50 Bachelor students from Dalit communities in different colleges all over the state of Telangana.
- Provided them training on personality development, social skills, and career development skills.
- Offered personalized sessions to students to improve their communication skills specifically tailored for job interview preparation.

## PUBLICATIONS

- TB, Hafeesha, and Vishnu Prasad K. (2022). The Language Factor and the Impact of the Project Gothra Bandhu: A Case Study of Thirunelly Village, Wayanad, India. *State of the Art of Indigenous Languages in Research: A Collection of Selected Research Papers*, UNESCO, pp.40–46.
- TB, Hafeesha. (2021). The Limits of Menstruation in India. *The Badger*.
- TB, Hafeesha, and Vishnu Prasad K. (2021). The Language Factor and the Impact of the Project Gothra Bandhu: A Case Study of Thirunelly Village, Wayanad, India. *IMMLE Conference 2019: Academic Publications*, Edited by Hamish McIlwraith, British Council, Thailand.
- Ilaiah, Kancha. (2018) 'If We Are Afraid, How Do We Build Good Social Science?' Kancha Ilaiah on Book Controversy. *The News Minute*, interview by Hafeesha TB.

## CONFERENCE PAPERS

- TB, Hafeesha. (2023). Symbolic violence against Ahmadiyyas in Malabar; a cultural perspective. *Considering violence conference*, Tel Aviv University.
- TB, Hafeesha. (2022). Symbolic violence against Ahmadiyyas in Malabar; a cultural perspective. *1st Al-Mahdi Institute Graduate Islamic Studies Conference*, Birmingham.
- TB, Hafeesha. (2019). Sustainable fishing, blue economy, and climate change from the perspectives of Fisherfolk of Karumkulam Grama Panchayat. *Sustainable Development Goals: Building Future India*, Center for the Study of Social Exclusion and Inclusive Policy (CSSEIP), University of Hyderabad.

## AWARDS & SCHOLARSHIPS

- Higher Education Abroad Scholarship (2022), Ministry of Minority Welfare Kerala, India.
- **Andrew Francis Pickup Global Citizens Award** (2021), University of Sussex: bursary for Global Studies postgraduate students with academic excellence who are undertaking a Dissertation with Placement.
- **Chancellor's International Scholarship** (2020), University of Sussex: awarded as a 50% tuition fee reduction, available to international postgraduate applicants with academic excellence.
- **British Council Thailand Scholarship** (2019): covered travel and accommodation expenses to attend IMMLE conference.
- Commonwealth Educational Media Center for Asia & UNESCO Special recognition award for documentary (2018).
- OBC Higher Education Scholarship (2017) Other Backward Classes Department of Kerala.
- Higher Education Scholarship (2015), Kerala State Higher Education Council: awarded to students from minority communities with academic excellence to pursue bachelor's degrees.

## INTERNSHIPS & VOLUNTEER EXPERIENCE

- External Department of Ahmadiyya - London (June 2021- August 2021): Volunteer Researcher.
- Giri Vikas tribal school - Wayanad, India (June 2018- July 2018) Teaching Assistant & Warden.
- Mahatma Gandhi National Council of Rural Education - Hyderabad, India (May 2018-July 2018) Research Intern.
- CGNet Swara - Chhattisgarh, India (May 2018- June 2018): Research Intern and awareness campaigner.
- The New Indian Express - Hyderabad, India (December 2017): attending press conferences, researching, and writing news reports.

## PROJECTS/FIELD STUDIES

- Sangham Radio (Documentary project) - December 2017- February 2018: A background study was carried out for the documentary project 'The General of Medak' at Sangham Radio, India's first women-led community radio station.
- Mahbub Nagar- February 2018-March 2018: A field study was conducted among the rural women in Mahbub Nagar about the Jogini system (forced sex work) as part of a radio project at the University of Hyderabad.
- Uttar Pradesh- December 2018- February 2019: A research study was conducted among the rural women of Uttar Pradesh to investigate the impact of the 'Lahu ka Lagaan' campaign on their menstrual hygiene.

## ACHIEVEMENTS

- **UGC NET**: Journalism and Mass Communication, December 2018.

### In Media:

- a) Study International: <https://studyinternational.com/news/social-anthropology-student-india/>
- b) The Badger: <https://thebadgeronline.com/2021/03/the-limits-of-menstruation-in-india/>
- c) The Newsminute: <https://www.thenewsminute.com/news/if-we-are-afraid-how-do-we-build-good-social-science-kancha-Isaiah-book-controversy-70958>