

MEKHLA ANANT SALKAR

PHD RESEARCH SCHOLAR | LITERATURE AND CULTURAL STUDIES

Aspiring for a career in academia, I continually strive to imbibe the skills that will make me an asset to any institution. I am currently pursuing a PhD at BITS-Pilani, K.K. Birla Goa Campus. Besides having a strong academic record, I also dabble in the creative arts and harbor a deep passion for my field. I truly believe in the emancipating capacities of literature. As a researcher, I dream of creating a space that is safe, inclusive, and committed to having fruitful dialogues.

CONTACT

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EDUCATION

DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY (PHD)

English | 2024-ONGOING

Birla Institute of Technology and Science, Pilani- Goa Campus

MASTER OF ARTS (MA)

English | 2021-2023

Govt. College of Arts, Science and Commerce, Sanquelim- Goa

BACHELOR OF ARTS (BA)

English (Honours) | 2020 - 2021

DCT's Dhempe College of Arts and Science, Miramar- Goa

XII HIGHER SECONDARY SCHOOL

Arts | 2016-2018

Shri shantadurga Higher Secondary School, Bicholim- Goa

X SECONDARY SCHOOL

General | 2010-2016

Ideal High School, Piligao- Goa

CERTIFICATIONS

UGC NATIONAL ELIGIBILITY TEST (NET) - ENGLISH

Qualified for Assistant Professor

December 2023

STATE ELIGIBILITY TEST (SET) - ENGLISH

Maharashtra and Goa

March 2023

AREAS OF INTEREST

- Literature
- Cultural Studies
- Indigenous Studies
- Feminism and Gender Studies
- Oral Narratives
- Ethnography

PAPER PRESENTATIONS

- Presented a paper titled 'The Good City, for Whom?: A Gendered Intersectional Perspective to Peripheral Urbanization through a Case Study of Government College, Sanquelim Goa' at 'Intersections on the Periphery: The Good City in a Time of Crisis', an international conference organized by Indian Institute of Human Settlements, Bangalore.
- Presented a paper titled 'The Future Must Be Feminine: A Gendered Perspective to Socio-Environmental Sustainability through a Semiotic Reading of Brenda Cooper's "For the Snake of Power" and Cat Rambo's "Big Rural"' at 'Vachana 2024- Ecospective: Ecological Discourses in South Asia', a national level conference organized by Christ University Bangalore, BGR campus.
- Presented a paper titled 'Little Voices; Big Concerns: Exploring the Child Protagonists in Graphic Novels of Conflict- *Persepolis* and *Munnu: A Boy From Kashmir*' at the international conference, 'Narrativising Contemporary Conflicts and Refugee Experiences' organized by Jyoti Nivas College, Bangalore.

WORKSHOPS AND SEMINARS

- Served as a student panelist in a national conference organized by Dhempe College, Miramar, on the topic 'Changing Contexts and Shaping Roles: New Perspectives on Indian Art, Literature and Aesthetics'.
- Delivered a lecture on 'Learning About Stereotypes through Bollywood Movie Posters' for a student lecture series organized by Department of English, Govt. College, Sanquelim.

ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENTS

- Received the Late Shri Rajaram Sinai Salgaocar Award for scoring highest marks in the paper 'Literary Criticism' in 2021
- Received college award for securing the 1st rank in M.A. Part I examination, June 2022.
- Awarded one of the ten best all rounders of the college in Govt College, Sanquelim.
- Awarded Chairman's Award as Outstanding Girl Student of the Year 2016-17 in Shri Shantadurga Higher Secondary School, Bicholim.
- Awarded 'Best Student of the Year' in Ideal High School, Pilgao

SKILLS AND STRENGTHS

- Research
- Academic writing
- Digital content creation
- Performing arts
- Elocution

LANGUAGES KNOWN

- English (Fluent)
- Konkani (Fluent)
- Marathi (Fluent)
- Hindi (Fluent)
- French (Beginner)