

# Suman Adhya

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## i Short Bio

A fourth-year Ph.D. student at SMCS in IACS, under the supervision of Dr. Debarshi Kumar Sanyal. I am currently working in the field of NLP, specifically on topic models that are used to extract topics from document corpora in an unsupervised manner.

## Education

Oct 2020 Sep 2025*	<b>Indian Association for the Cultivation of Science</b> Ph.D. from the School of Mathematical & Computational Sciences (SMCS)	Kolkata, India
Aug 2018 Jul 2020	<b>Indian Association for the Cultivation of Science</b> M.Sc. in Mathematics & Computing from SMCS	Kolkata, India
2015 2018	<b>Serampore College, University of Calcutta</b> B.Sc.(Hons.) in Mathematics	Kolkata, India

## Publications

C=Conference, W=Workshop


- [C] **GINopic: Topic Modeling with Graph Isomorphism Network** [🔗]  
Suman Adhya and Debarshi Kumar Sanyal  
*North American Chapter of the Association for Computational Linguistics, Mexico City, Mexico* [NAACL'24]
- [C] **Do Neural Topic Models Really Need Dropout? Analysis of the Effect of Dropout in Topic Modeling** [🔗]  
Suman Adhya, Avishek Lahiri, and Debarshi Kumar Sanyal  
*17th European Chapter of the Association for Computational Linguistics, Dubrovnik, Croatia* [EACL'23]
- [C] **Improving Neural Topic Models with Wasserstein Knowledge Distillation** [🔗]  
Suman Adhya and Debarshi Kumar Sanyal  
*45th European Conference on Information Retrieval, Dublin, Ireland* [ECIR'23]
- [C] **Improving Contextualized Topic Models with Negative Sampling** [🔗]  
Suman Adhya, Avishek Lahiri, Debarshi Kumar Sanyal, and Partha Pratim Das  
*19th International Conference on Natural Language Processing, New Delhi, India* [ICON'22]
- [W] **What Does the Indian Parliament Discuss? An Exploratory Analysis of the Question Hour in the Lok Sabha** [🔗]  
Suman Adhya and Debarshi Kumar Sanyal  
*1st Workshop on Natural Language Processing for Political Sciences, LREC, Marseille, France* [PoliticalNLP @ LREC'22]


## Presentations


- > PIC 2024, Poster Presentation
  - > EACL 2023, Poster Presentation
  - > ECIR 2023, Short Paper Presentation
  - > ICON 2022, Full Paper Presentation
  - > PoliticalNLP @ LREC 2022, Poster Presentation
- Feb 2024 (Mysore, India)  
May 2023 (Dubrovnik, Croatia)  
March 2023 (Virtual)  
December 2022 (IIIT-Delhi, India)  
June 2022 (Virtual)


## Honours and Awards


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**ACM India-IARCS Travel Grant, 2024**  : Awarded for presenting our paper at NAACL'24 held in Mexico City, Mexico.

**Travel Grant for Research Week with Google, 2024**  : Awarded for attending Research Week with Google, a three-day lineup of research lectures, panels, and discussions led by esteemed researchers.

**Travel Grant for PIC, 2024**  : Awarded for attending flagship research networking event of ACM India held in the Infosys Mysore campus, India.

**Travel Grant for CODS-COMAD, 2024**  : Awarded for attending the 7th Joint International Conference on Data Sciences and Management of Data to be held in IIIT Bangalore, India.

**Microsoft Research Travel Grant, 2023**  : Awarded for presenting our paper at EACL'23 held in Dubrovnik, Croatia.

**Travel Grant for EACL, 2023**  : Awarded for presenting our paper at EACL'23 held in Dubrovnik, Croatia.

**Innovation in Science Pursuit for Inspired Research (INSPIRE), DST, 2015**  : Awarded for pursuing higher education in science.

## Teaching Assistant

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**Introduction to Machine Learning [PHD 226/ COM 4203], IACS** January - June, 2024  
> Responsibilities included setting and evaluating assignments.

**Laboratory - Numerical methods (PHS 4211), IACS** January - June, 2021  
> Responsibilities included setting and evaluating lab assignments.

## Academic Responsibility

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**Volunteer coordinator** EACL'23 

**Review committee member** ARR - April'24 , ARR - February'24 , ACL'23 , EMNLP'22 

**Program committee member** PoliticalNLP'24 , EMNLP'23 Industry Track , PoliticalNLP'22 

## Social Responsibility

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**Student representative at the anti-ragging cell in IACS**

**Research and technical assistant at Research Scholars' Association in IACS**

**System manager at Research Scholars' Association in IACS**

## References

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- >  Debarshi Kumar Sanyal ..... Assistant Professor @ IACS
- >  Partha Pratim Das ..... Professor @ IIT-KGP and Visiting Professor in Dept. of CS and Director of CDSA @ Ashoka University
- >  Partha Basuchowdhuri ..... Associate Professor @ IACS