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Education

2nd Year, PhD in English, Tezpur University, Department of English	2020-Present
M.A (English Literature), St. Stephen's College, University of Delhi	2015
B.A (English Literature), St. Stephen's College, University of Delhi	2013
Higher Secondary (12 th Standard), Delhi Public School, Guwahati	2010
Matriculation (10 th Standard), Delhi Public School, Guwahati	2008

Other Qualifications

National Eligibility Test (NET)	2019
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Papers Presented

- "Navigating Identities And Tracing Ethnoracism," Conference on The Role of Religion in Peace and Conflict Processes in the North- East, North-East Social Research Centre, November 2019. *Publication forthcoming.*
- Abstract accepted for paper presentation titled 'Muslim Women and the State: The Formation and Rejection of an Image' at ReOrienting the Post-Western: 1st International Conference on Critical Muslim Studies by the University of Leeds, April 2021
- Presented a paper titled "Religion and the Politics of Citizenship in Attia Hosain's Sunlight on a Broken Column" in the International Webinar on South Asian Literature: Emerging Trends and Global Perspectives hosted by Sidho-Kanho-Birsha University, June 2021.
- Participated in a month-long international workshop on Critical Muslim Studies hosted by the University of Leeds. May-June 2021.

Fellowships & Awards

Junior Research Fellowship (JRF)	2019
Teach for India Fellowship	2017-2019
Jijivisha Fellowship	2017-2018
1st Prize, Fanfiction Writing Competition St. Stephen's College Literary Society	2012

Work Experience

Volunteer Work/Internships, The Bastion Internship

Feb 2019-June 2019

- Researching matters pertaining to education, policy,
- politics, gender rights, etc.
- Writing analytical pieces on said topics.
- Authored the following articles
 - *'Of Politics and the Environment: Understanding India's Need for Green Parties'*, The Bastion, May 2019 (<https://thebastion.co.in/politics-and/environment/of-politics-and-the-environment-understanding-indias-need-for-green-parties/>)
 - *'Students First: Using Education as an Electoral Platform'*, The Bastion, April 2019. (<https://thebastion.co.in/politics-and/education/students-first-using-education-as-an-electoral-platform/>)

As Teach for India Fellow

May 2017-June 2019

- Planning, designing and organizing spaces (classes, sessions and workshops) for children and adults.
- Facilitating workspaces to build student leadership and ensure the smooth running of team meetings.
- Developing creative content and curriculum design.
- Researching new and innovative methods to plan lessons.
- Setting team and personal visions and goal setting in accordance with the organisation's vision.

As Jivisha Fellow

Aug 2017-Sep 2018

- Mentoring children in the art form of poetry
- Conducting, hosting and facilitating poetry workshops while building relationships and investing support.

Teach For India Volunteer

Nov 2015-Nov 2016

- Interned as a volunteer teacher at a Teach for India and managed a private school in a socio-economically underprivileged area in New Delhi.
- Worked as a volunteer for Carpe Diem, a camp organized by Teach for India for selected high achieving students from underprivileged backgrounds.
- Organized English Teaching Sessions and Learning Workshops for the teachers of said school.

Social Justice Initiatives

- Initiated a project called 'All Talk' to encourage social activism and empowerment in underprivileged girls through exposure to various media forms. (2018-19)
- Co-founded a Learning Centre called 'Field of Dreams' to increase learning hours for children, with an emphasis on extracurricular activities. (2018)
- Coached and trained a cohort of 5 students for Global Youth Leaders Conference (2018).
- Facilitated workshops on menstrual health and hygiene and sex-education for girls. (2017)

Institutional Service

- Class representative, Grievance Redressal Cell, Internal Complaints Committee (2012)
St. Stephen's College
- PUSH Manager (2018) for Teach For India to overlook summer learning opportunities and community outreach programs.

Extra-Curricular Activities

- Member of the Organizing Committee of The Romantically Inclined Confest 2013, the annual themed Conference held by the English Department, St. Stephen's College. (2013)
- Provided music direction in college plays 'An Incision Deep' 2011, 'Reflections' (2012).
- Acted in college plays 'Portia's Suitors' (a feminist adaptation of Shakespeare's 'The Merchant of Venice' for the Blue Pencil productions), and an adaptation of Joy Goswami's poem 'Beni Madhab', Jesus Christ Superstar (musical), Cinderella (musical). (2012)
- An active member of the Music Society (Western), Wildlife Society, Women's Development Cell (2010-2013)

Additional Skills & Competencies

- Language competencies: Fluent in English; Native fluency in Assamese, and near-native fluency in Bengali and Hindi; Intermediate fluency in French.
- Proficient in MS Word, MS Excel and PowerPoint.