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Present position:

Professor and Head, Department of Sociology, Tezpur University, P.O. Napam,
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Earlier positions held:

Associate Professor, Department of Sociology, Tezpur University (01.12.2009
to 30.11.2015)

Assistant Professor, Department of Sociology, Tezpur University (12.04.2006 to 30.11.2009)

Assistant Professor, Department of Sociology, Dibrugarh University, Dibrugarh, Assam (01.04.2004 to 11.04.2006)

Assistant Professor, Department of Sociology, Kamargaon College, Golaghat, Assam (affiliated to Dibrugarh University, Dibrugarh , Assam) (20.9.1995 to 31.3.2004)

Institutions attended:

HS and BA from Cotton College, Guwahati (1984-1990)

MA from University of Poona, Pune (1990-1993)

PhD: NEHU, Shillong/Dibrugarh University (awarded from Dibrugarh), Dibrugarh (2004-2008)

Teaching Experience: UG level: 7 years

PG level: 14 years

Professional Membership/ Visiting Fellowship:

Life Member, Indian Sociological Society

Life Member, North East India History Association

Visiting Fellow, Mahapurusha Srimanta Sankardeva Viswavidyalaya, Nagaon, Assam

Research:

I did my PhD on “Peasant Movement in Assam (1861-1894): A Sociological Study” where I have examined the distinguishing characteristics of peasant consciousness of colonial Assam. In this work I have applied subaltern historiography and used archival materials and oral history to explore various aspects of peasant mobilisation. As outcome of my Ph. D. work, I have written on two major peasant revolts of colonial Assam, viz., Phulaguri Uprising, 1861 and Patharughat Uprising, 1894 and agrarian structure of colonial Assam.

Currently I am working on land relations of satra institutions of Assam, Caste, Religion and Social dominance in Assam during the period from Sankaradeva

to contemporary period, the issues of inclusion and exclusion, contemporary socio political movements in Assam.

Completed/ On-going projects:

I worked as Principal Investigator of a major project entitled “Attempting at Social Inclusion through Constitutional Amendments: Efficacy of 73rd and 74th Amendments in the Context of India’s Northeast” in collaboration with Omeo Kumar Das Institute of Social Change and Development, Guwahati. The project is funded by Indian Council for Social Science Research. This study makes an attempt at looking at the Constitutional provisions, including various amendments, aiming at social inclusion in India. In doing so it has made a special reference to the 73rd and 74th Amendments that accorded a statutory status to the so-called third tier of governments at the grassroots. Particular reference has been drawn from two north eastern states viz. Assam and Tripura in putting the main arguments in perspective. The report has been submitted to ICSSR in 2019. It is believed that the findings of the study will benefit the government and non-government agencies in formulating their policies on local governance. .

We , myself and Partha Pratim Borah of Department of Sociology, Dibrugarh University, are engaged with a project entitled “ KMSS and Contemporary Peoples’ Movements in Assam” as part of The Emancipatory Rural Politics Initiative (ERPI) initiated by the International Institute of Social Studies, Hague, Netherlands.

I am working with the project “Rewriting the People’s History of Assam” in collaboration with “Jatiya Bhavan” of Jorhat.

Ph. D. supervision:

Details of completed/ ongoing Ph D research projects:

Name of the research scholar: Sofica Ahmed

(Co Supervisor: Dr. Nirmali Goswami)

Present position: Assistant Professor, Darrang College, Tezpur, Assam

Title of the thesis: ““Education of Muslim Women: A Study in Bhojkhowa Chapori of Sonitpur District of Assam” (awarded)

Name of the research scholar: *Thepfusalie Theunuo*,

Present position: Assistant Professor, Department of Sociology, Sazolie College, Nagaland

Title of the thesis: “Emerging Land Questions in Nagaland: A Study of Angami Community” (awarded)

Name of the research scholar: Partha Pratim Borah
Present position: Assistant Professor, Department of Sociology, Dibrugarh University

Title of the thesis: “Interrogating Identity: Ethnicity and Class among the Misings of Assam” (pre-thesis submitted)

Name of the research scholar: Ronsaigra Daimary
Present position: Full time research scholar, Department of Sociology, T.U.
Title of the thesis: “Evolution and Dynamics of All Bodo Students Union (ABSU) with Reference to Bodo Movement” (ongoing)

Name of the research scholar: Silpi Sikha Dowerah
Present position: Full time research scholar, Department of Sociology, T.U.
Title of the thesis: “Women in prison: A Study in Central Jails of Tezpur and Jorhat of Assam” (ongoing)

Name of the research scholar: Priyanku Hazarika
Present position: Full time research scholar, Department of Sociology, T.U.
Title of the thesis: “Land Relations of Char-Chapori of Sonitpur District of Assam” (ongoing)

Select Publications:

Deka, Rabin (with Partha Pratim Borah & Ankur Jyoti Bhuyan), Ethnicity and fragmented identity: diverse forms of identity formation among the Misings of Assam, *Asian Ethnicity*, DOI: [10.1080/14631369.2020.1757403](https://doi.org/10.1080/14631369.2020.1757403), 2020.

Deka Rabin (with Thepfusalie Theunuo), Some Observations on Land Relations in Traditional Angami Society, *The Eastern Anthropologist* ,ISSN 0012-8686, 2020 (forthcoming).

Deka, Rabin (with P. Borah) ‘We are not Assamese’: Reflections on Ethnic Identity Formation in Contemporary Assam, *International Journal of Scientific*

and Technology Research (IJSTR), ISSN 2277-86162019, 8 (11): 2381-2385, 2019.

Deka, Rabin (With A. K. Das, and P. Dutta), Violation and Vulnerability of Human Rights in the Context of Tea Garden Workers in Assam, *NIU International Journal of Human Rights*, Volume VI. ISSN 2394-02982019, 2019.

Deka, Rabin, Political Economy of Population Control and Women's Reproductive Health. In Saikia, J. P., editor, *Gender and Health: A Sociological Insight*, pages 167-175, ISBN 978-93-86682-83-3. 2, New Delhi, Concept Publishing Company, 2019.

Deka, Rabin (with P. Borah), Governance, Development and Tribal Identity Construction We are not Assamese: Reflections on Ethnic Identity Formation in Contemporary Assam, *International Journal of Scientific and Technology Research (IJSTR)*, ISSN 2277-86162019, 8 (12): 2577-2584, 2019.

Deka, Rabin (with S. Ahmed), Madrasa and Girls' Education: Reflections from a Muslim Village of Assam, *Journal of Northeast Indian Culture*, 4(1):29-42, ISSN 2322-0988, 2018.

Deka, Rabin (with S. Dowerah), Some Observations on Philosophy of Sankaradeva, *Creatcrit*. 5(1): 1-7, ISSN 2347-8829, 2018.

Deka, Rabin. Bhakti Movement of Sankaradeva and Modernity in Assam. In Deka, K. K., editor, *Sankaradeva- Glimpses on His Contributions*, pages 178-192, ISBN 978-93-82149-27-9. Guwahati, MSSV Publication, 2018.

Deka, Rabin (With P. Borah), Northeast India: Historical Evolutions and Diverse Conceptualisations of a Region. In Saikia, J. P. And Borah, P.P., editors, *Sociology of Northeast India: Empirical Reality and Disciplinary Practice*, pages 34-55, ISBN: 978-93-85839-24-5. Guwahati, DVS Publisher, 2018.

Deka, Rabin (with P. Borah), Some Aspects of Social Construction of Identity in Plural Societies, *The North Eastern Research Bulletin*, 25:22-33, ISSN 0975-8305, 2017.

Deka, Rabin. Religion, Patriarchy and Women's Rights, In Borah, R, editor, *Violation of Women And Child Rights in India*, page numbers 36-50, ISBN 978-93-85839-13-9. New Delhi, DVS Publishers, 2017.

Deka Rabin. Bhakti Movement of Sankaradeva: Road to Enlightened Assam. In Neog, Milan, editor, *Srijansheel Praibhar Garakee Srimanta Sankardeva (Srimanta Sankardeva as an Innovator)*, pages 181-18, ISBN 978-81-7665-617-7. Guwahati, Students' Stores, 2016.

Deka, Rabin. Reflections on Peasant Consciousness of Colonial Assam, *The Heritage*. VI (2):48-58, ISSN 2229-5399, 2015.

Deka Rabin. Ideals of romanticism and its reflection in the works of Lakshminath Bezbaroa. In Sarma, M .M. Sarma and Nath, D.P., editors, *Lakshminath Bezbaroa--The Architect of Modern Assamese literature—Issues of Nationalism and Beyond*, pages 164-187, ISBN 978-81-922831-9-7. Guwahati, Tezpur University Publication, 2014.

Deka, Rabin. Agrarian Classes in Assam: A Historical Overview, *The North Eastern Research Bulletin*, XXIII: 25-48, ISSN 0975-8305, 2013.

Deka, Rabin. Colonialism and Peasant Economy of Assam. *Eco-Centric*, VIII (I):21-30, ISSN 2250-0405, 2012.

Deka, Rabin. Culture and Development. In Baruah, Jayanta, editor, *Dimensions of Rural Development in North-East India: A Critical Study*, pages 9-14, ISBN 978-93-81694-14-5. Nagaon, Krantikaal Prakashan, 2012.

Deka, Rabin. 'Raij versus the Raij: The Phulaguri Mobilisation of 1861. In Chauhan, Brij Raj and A. Satyanarayana, editors, *Changing Village India*, pages 338-348, ISBN: 978-81-316-0531-8. Jaipur, Rawat Publishers, 2012.

Deka, Rabin. Peasant Mobilisation of Patharughat, 1894. *Man and Life*, 36(1-2): 21-36, ISSN 0972-4109, 2010.

Select Talks delivered and Seminars/Conferences attended:

- (1) Delivered a talk on "Reflection of social realism, class conflict and class consciousness in the songs of Dr. Bhupen Hazarika" in the live talk

programme on July 26, 2020 organised by www.nezine.com (a web magazine)

- (2) Delivered a talk on “ Significance and relevance of Sociology as a Discipline” in the webinar held on July 15, 2020 organized by Kakojan College, Jorhat.
- (3) Web magazine Nezine podcasted my talk entitled “Namghar and Democratisation of Religion “on July 21, 2019. <https://www.nezine.com/info/YWZFBFVmanljUFJLTGVHYIRGTi9rZz09/namghar:-a-democratic-space-for-inclusive-community-culturalpractices-of-an-assamese-village.html>
- (4) Delivered an invited lecture on “Religion and Social Exclusion: The Case of Barpeta Satra” in the national seminar on Equity with special emphasis on North Eastern Region organised on 21st June 2018 by Dr. Ambedkar Chair, Tezpur University in collaboration with ICSSR (New Delhi) and ICSSR-NERC (Shillong)
- (5) Delivered an invited talk on “Science and India’s National Development” in the annual conference of Assam Science Society held at Narayanpur on January 29, 2017.
- (6) All India Radio Guwahati broadcasted my talk on “untouchability in the present day context” on October 3, 2017 to commemorate the observance of Anti-Untouchably Week.
- (7) Delivered an invited talk on “The Bhakti Tradition and Sankaradeva” at the UGC-Human Resource Development Centre, Gauhati University on September 08, 2017.
- (8) Delivered talk on “Multi ethnicity of Assam and Development of Tourism Industries at Diphu on 13.3.2015 in symposium organised by District Administration, Karbi Anglong and Diphu Government College.
- (9) Delivered a lead talk on “Bridging Science and Society” on 21 March, 2015 in the National Seminar on Harnessing Science for Societal Development as part of 60th Annual Technical Session, Assam Science Society organised by Assam Science Society, AAU branch, Jorhat.

- (10) Delivered a talk on “From Nationalism to Modernism in Assam” in the annual conference of Tezpur Sahitya Sora (Tezpur Literary Society) held on 12.4.2015.
- (11) Presented a paper entitled “Imagination and Scientific Research” in the National Workshop on Research Methodology held on 27.4.2015 organised by Tezpur Medical College.
- (12) Delivered a talk on in the national seminar on “Srimanta Sankaradeva as An Innovator” organised by A.D. P. College, Nagaon on 21.08.2015.
- (13) Delivered a talk in the two day advanced training programme on “Violation of Women and Child Rights in India “on 03.09.2015 organised by MSSV in collaboration with NHRC, New Delhi.
- (14) Delivered key note address entitled “Suicide and the Youth” in the National workshop on Suicide and the Youth with special reference to Northeast India during 12th and 13th September, 2014 organised by Karmargaon College, Golaghat, Assam.
- (15) Presented paper entitled “Philosophy of Social Research” in the ICSSR sponsored workshop on Research Methodology held at MDKG College, Dibrugarh during November 8-10, 2012.
- (16) Presented paper entitled “Practicing Sociology in Northeast India” in the International Seminar on “Sociology in The 21st century: Constraints and Possibilities” at CSSS, JNU, New Delhi held on 4th and 5th February, 2011.

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