

Curriculum Vitae

Name: Chandan Kumar Sharma

Present Position: Professor, Dept. of Sociology
Head i/c, Dept. of Social Work

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Academic Qualification: M.A., M.Phil., Ph.D. Delhi School of Economics (Delhi University)
B.A Cotton College (Gauhati University)

Positions held:

- **Head**, Nutrition and Community Action Research Centre (NCARe – Supported by Dept. of Social Welfare, Government of Assam and UNICEF, Assam), TU. (September 2019 –)
- **Head i/c**, Dept. of Social Work, (September, 2018 –)
- **Head**, Dept. of Sociology, (March, 2016 – May, 2019).
- **Programme Coordinator**, University Grants Commission (UGC)-Special Assistance Programme (DRS-I) (2016-).
- **Coordinator**, Maulana Azad Centre for Research on Northeast India (MACRONEI), Tezpur University (A Joint initiative of Maulana Abul Kalam Azad Institute of Asian Studies (MAKAIAS), Kolkata and Tezpur University), (March, 2014 – March, 2018).
- **Professor**, Dept. of Sociology, TU (August 2010 --)
- **Founder Head**, Dept. of Sociology (August 2006 to March 2010).
- **Reader** in Sociology in April 2006.
- **In-charge** of the Dept. of Sociology in TU since January, 2004 while continuing as a Senior Lecturer in the Dept. of Cultural Studies. Did all the necessary groundwork including the preparation of syllabus for launching the new Dept. of Sociology.
- **Coordinator** in the Ford Foundation-sponsored North-Eastern Archival Centre for Traditional Art and Folklore (NEACTAF) under the Dept. of Cultural Studies, (June, 2002 -- June, 2003).
- **Lecturer** in the Dept. of Cultural Studies, Tezpur University (TU), (Feb, 1997 -- Feb, 2002), promoted to the position of **Lecturer (Senior Scale)** in Feb, 2003. As a lecturer, took the responsibility of restructuring and expanding the syllabus of the erstwhile department to found a new Dept. of Cultural Studies in 2001.

Honours/Fellowship/Scholarship:

- Visiting Fellow, Dept. of Sociology, Tripura Central University. Agartala. (October, 2017)
- Indian Council of Cultural Relations (ICCR) Chair Professor abroad designate (selected in December 2015. Could not accept the offer on account of departmental responsibility)
- Visiting Fellow, Centre for Advanced Studies, Centre for Study of Social Systems, Jawaharlal Nehru University. New Delhi. (March, 2015)
- Visiting Fellow, Centre for Advanced Study, Department of Sociology, Delhi School of Economics, University of Delhi. (February-March, 2014)

- Charles Wallace Visiting Fellow, School of History and Anthropology, Queen's University Belfast, United Kingdom (March-June, 2008)
- University Grants Commission's Senior Research Fellowship (Feb, 1996-Jan, 1997)
- University Grants Commission's Junior Research Fellowship (Feb, 1993)
- National Merit Scholarship from Higher Secondary to Masters Level (1984-1992)

Membership of Select Government Bodies/Committees:

- Member, Technical Committee on Dolphin Conservation in the Kulsri River, Kamrup district and Local Livelihood Security, District Disaster Management Authority, Kamrup District, Assam. (December, 2021- March, 2022)
- Member, Committee for Recommending names to Screening Committee for CAS Promotion from Stage –III to Stage IV (Associate Professor Scale of Pay) in colleges. Higher Education Department, Govt. of Assam.(October, 2021 -)
- Member, Governing Body, Assam Society for Social Audit, Department of Panchayat & Rural Development, Government of Assam (2018-2020)
- Advisor, State Innovation and Transformation Aayog (SITA) (formerly the State Planning Board), Government of Assam (2017-2021)
- Member, Committee to draft the State Population Policy, Department of Health and Family Welfare, Government of Assam (2016-17)
- Member, High Power Committee to Review the Structures of and Relationship between Cotton College State University and Cotton College, Ministry of Education, Government of Assam (2016) (Committee's report led to the merger of both the institutions and creation of a unified Cotton University in June 2017).

Membership of Bodies/Committees of Institutions outside Tezpur University:

- Chancellor's Nominee in the Selection Committee for Appointment of faculty members in Humanities, Rabindranath Tagore University, Assam. (September, 2021-)
- Member, Governing Body, Tezpur Law College (as nominee of Gauhati University). (June, 2020-)
- Member, Advisory Board, Tata Institute of Social Sciences (TISS), Guwahati Campus. (March, 2020-)
- Member, Institutional Ethics Committee, Lokapriya Gopinath Bardoloi Regional Institute of Mental Health (LGBRIMH), Ministry of Health & Family Welfare, Govt. of India, Tezpur. (Nov. 2019 -) (as nominee of TU)
- Member, Governing Body & Apex Body, Vivekananda Kendra – Numaligarh Refinery Limited (NRL) Hospital. Assam (June 2019 –).
- Member, University Court, Cotton University (2018-21) (as nominee of the Executive Council)
- Member, First Statutes Drafting Committee, Cotton University (2018)
- Member, Executive Council, Cotton University, (2017-) (as nominee of the Government of Assam)
- Member, Governing Council, Centre for Southeast Asian Studies, Gauhati University (2017-)

- Chancellor's Nominee in the Selection Committee for Appointment of faculty members, Vidyasagar University, Midnapore, West Bengal (2017)
- Vice Chancellor's Nominee in the Selection Committee for Appointment of faculty members, SKB University, West Bengal (2017)
- Chancellor's Nominee in the Selection Committee for Appointment of faculty members, Kalyani University, West Bengal (2016)
- Vice Chancellor's Nominee in the Selection Committee for Appointment of faculty members, Vidyasagar University, West Bengal (2013-16)
- Member, Academic and Research Council, Anundoram Barooah Institute of Language, Art and Culture (ABILAC), Guwahati. (2013-2015)
- Member, Ethics Committee, Sun Valley Diabetic Care and Research Centre, Guwahati. (2013-)
- Member, Expert Committee for Assamese, National Translation Mission, Mysore. (2010-2012)

Chair/Membership of University-level Bodies at Tezpur University:

- **Member:**
 Planning Board (2019-21)
 Library Committee (2018-)
 Ethical Committee (2013-14)
 Research Committee (2007-)
 Academic Council (2006-) etc.
- **Chairperson:**
 Committee to Revise Rules and Regulations for External Membership of the University Library (Sept, 2019)
 Committee to prepare the Faculty Code of Ethics (Aug, 2019)

Chair/Membership of Department-Level Committees at TU:

- **Chairperson**, Dept. of Sociology, (August 2006-March 2010; March 2016- May 2019):
 Departmental Advisory Committee
 Board of Studies
 Departmental Research Committee, Etc.
- **Chairperson**, Dept. of Social Work, (September 2018 -)
 Departmental Advisory Committee
 Board of Studies
 Departmental Research Committee, Etc.
- **Member**
 Departmental Research Committee, Dept. of Cultural Studies (2021-)
 Departmental Research Committee, Dept. of Hindi (2021-)
 Centre Research Committee, Centre for Women Studies (2021-)
 Departmental Research Committee, Dept. of English & Foreign Languages (2019-)
 Centre's Research Committee, Centre for Assamese Studies (2015-2017)
 Departmental Advisory Committee, Dept. of Commerce (2021-)

Departmental Advisory Committee, Centre for Women Studies (2017-)
Advisory Committee, Centre for Assamese Studies (Vice Chancellor's Nominee) (2018-19)
Advisory Committee, Dr. Ambedkar Chair (2017-)
Advisory Committee, Centre of Distance Learning (2011-)
Board of PG Studies, Centre for Women Studies (Jan, 2020-)
Editorial Committee, Centre for Women Studies (2013-15)
Core Committee, Centre for Women Studies (2012-2014)

Membership of Board of Studies of Universities outside Tezpur University:

- Member, Board of Post Graduate Studies, Manipur University (2020-).
- Member, Undergraduate Board of Studies, Dept. of Sociology, JB College (Autonomous), Jorhat (under Dibrugarh University). (2019-)
- Member, Board of Post Graduate Studies, Dept. of Sociology, Tripura University. (2018-2000; 2000-)
- Member, Board of Studies, Dept. of Sociology, Cotton University (2018-21; 2021-)
- External Member, Board of Undergraduate Studies in Sociology, North-Eastern Hill University (NEHU) (2013-2016)
- Member, Board of Undergraduate Studies in Sociology, Assam University (2006-2009)

Membership of Curriculum Committees of Universities outside TU:

- Member, Advisory Committee, Bachelor of Liberal Art Programme, Cotton University (February, 2020 --)
- External Member, Committee on Courses and Syllabi (CCS), Dept. of Sociology, Gauhati University. (2018-)
- Member, Committee for Preparation of BA and MA Syllabi in Sociology, KK Handiqui State Open University (2011 and 2016).

Research Guidance:

- **PhD:** Awarded: 9; Submitted: 1; Present PhD Scholars: 5.
- Guided more than 40 M.A. dissertations in Department of Sociology (Since 2007).
- Guided more than 45 M.A. dissertations in the Dept. of Cultural Studies, Tezpur University (1997- 2006).
- Co-guided 1 Master of Architecture dissertation of CEPT University, Ahmedabad (2018)

Editor/Editorial Board/Reviewer:

- Founder Editor, **Explorations: e-journal of Indian Sociological Society** (Jan, 2017-December 2021)
- Member, Editorial Advisory Committee, **Journal of Human Values**, Sage. (June, 2018-)
- Member, Editorial Board, **Abhidha: Journal of Art, Archaeology and Cultural Heritage**, Pragjyotish Centre for Cultural Research. (Jan, 2020-)

- Reviewed articles for journals such as: **Journal of Agrarian Change (Wiley); Asian Ethnicity (Taylor & Francis); Sociological Bulletin (Sage); International Journal of Rural Management (Sage); Environment, Development and Sustainability (Springer); Asian Journal of Social Science (Brill); Civil Wars (Taylor & Francis); Journal of Human Values (Sage); Social Change (Sage); South Asia: Journal of South Asian Studies (Taylor & Francis), Society and Culture in South Asia (Sage); Journal of Immigrant & Refugee Studies (Taylor & Francis), Ethnicities (Sage), Citizenship Studies (Taylor & Francis), European Journal of Social Science, etc.**
- Reviewed manuscripts/manuscript proposals for **Oxford University Press, Routledge, Springer, etc.**
- Reviewed manuscripts for leading national research institutions such as **Nehru Memorial Museum and Library (NMML), New Delhi; Indian Council of Social Science Research (ICSSR), New Delhi; Maulana Abul Kalam Azad Institute of Asian Studies (MAKAIAS), Kolkata; etc.**

Projects/Consultancy:

- **Nasha Mukta Bharat Abhiyaan: A Step to Build Abstemious Society through Community Intervention and Promoting Healthy Habits**, Department of Social Justice and Empowerment, Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment, Government of India. Duration: Apr 2021-Feb, 2022. (Associate Investigator)
- **Forest and Forest Dwellers of Assam: Searching for a Sustainable Relationship**. ICSSR-IMPRESS Project. Duration: October, 2019 to September, 2021 (ongoing) (Co-Director)
- **Status of Child Marriage in Assam**. Funded by Assam State Child Protection Society, Government of Assam. Duration: July-December, 2019 (Consultancy with Dr. Namami Sharma)
- **Assessment of Nutrition Counselling cum Management Centres in Assam**, UNICEF Assam, Duration: August-November, 2018. (Principal Investigator)
- **Contemporary Inter-State Rural Outmigration from Assam, 2017-2018, 2019-2020** (under UGC SAP-DRS I Programme) (Principal Investigator)
- **Urbanization and its Impact on Environment: A study with reference to a Wetland (beel) of Guwahati city**. Funded by Maulana Abul Kalam Azad Institute of Asian Studies (MAKAIAS), Kolkata. Duration: January-December, 2016. (Principal Investigator)
- **Study on Political Economy of the Conflicts along Assam-Arunachal Pradesh Foothills Border: A Study with Special Reference to the Behali Area**, under European Commission (EC) Project entitled, "Conflict Mitigation through Creation of Regional Hub for Natural Resources in North East India", Project co-funded by Canada Fund for Local Initiatives through ActionAid Association, Guwahati Regional Office. Duration: February-October, 2015. (Consultancy)
- **Assessment of Water Supply and Water Safety Scenario in Assam**. A Study conducted for Assam Public Health Engineering Department (APHED) on a situational assessment of the water security to rural households in the five (5) districts of Assam through Indian Institute of Technology (IIT), Guwahati with financial support from the UNICEF. (As Team Leader for the study conducted by ENVIRON, an environmental NGO based in Guwahati, Assam. Duration: November 2011 to February 2012).
- **Social and Political Movements among the Misings: Historical and Contemporary Perspectives"**. Funded by ActionAid International, Guwahati Regional office. Duration: October 2007 to January, 2008. (Principal Investigator)
- **Report on "A Study on the Scientific and Technical Manpower: Needs, Capabilities, and Skills, Student Preferences and Demand Profile"** co-authored with Mr. Kiran Karnik, the then Director, Consortium for Educational Communication (CEC), and Dr. P. B. Tripathy, Chief

Administrative Officer, CEC. The Report was prepared on behalf of the Dept. of Science and Technology, Govt. of India, and was submitted in November, 1994.

Publications:

A) Books

- **Coronasphere: Narratives on COVID 19 from India and its Neighbours.** Routledge. London/New York/New Delhi. (Edited with Reshmi Banerjee). (post review production stage)
- **Fixed Borders, Fluid Boundaries: Identity, Resources and Mobility in North East India.** Routledge. London/New York/New Delhi. (Edited with Reshmi Banerjee). 2020.
- **Samaj Nirmanor Adi Akhora** (Collection of articles in Assamese), Aank Baank, Guwahati. 2014
- **Axomiya Kon?: Ek Rajanaitik Samajtattvik Avolokan** (in Assamese), Span Publications & Strategic Research and Analysis Organization, Guwahati. (Who is an Assamese?: A Political Sociological Analysis). 2006.
- **Culture Studies: Themes & Perspectives (ed.)**, Tezpur University, 2003.

B) Monograph

- **Political Economy of the Conflicts along the Assam-Arunachal Pradesh Foothill Border.** ActionAid Association, India. 2017.
- **Mapping the Trajectory of an Ethnic Identity Movement: The Case of the Misings of Assam.** Centre for Peace and Conflict Studies. Gauhati University. 2012.

C) Selected Papers in Books and Journals

- “Covid 19 Pandemic and its Impact on the Indian Education System”, in **Coronasphere: Narratives on COVID 19 from India and its Neighbours.** Eds. C.K. Sharma and Reshmi Banerjee. Routledge. London/New York/New Delhi. (With Angel Habamon Syiem). (post review production stage)
- “Contextualizing Social Development in Northeast India”, in **Social Sector Development in North-East India.** Eds. Ashok Pankaj, Atul Sarma and Antora Borah, pp. 37-63, Sage. 2021.
- “Social and Institutional Engagements in a Periphery: Reflections on a Personal Journey”, **Social Scientist in South Asia: Personal Narratives, Social Forces and Negotiations.** Eds. Achla P. Tandon, Gopi D. Tripathy and Rashi Bhargava, pp. 159-173, Routledge. 2020.
- “Building “India’s Future Powerhouse”: Discourses of ‘Development’ and Popular Resistance in Northeast India” in **Reframing the Environment: Resources, Risk & Resistance in Neoliberal India,** Ed. Manisha Rao, pp. 56-79, Routledge. 2020.

- “*Periphery Calling: Layers of Divergence*” (Introduction Chapter), **Fixed Borders, Fluid Boundaries: Identity, Resources and Mobility in North East India**. Eds. C.K. Sharma and Reshmi Banerjee, pp. 1-12, Routledge. 2020 (with Reshmi Banerjee).
- “*Tribal Movements*”, **Social Movements: Concepts, Experiences and Concerns**. Ed. Biswajit Ghosh, pp. 132-151, Sage. 2020 (With Bhaswati Borgohain).
- “In Search of a better future: Nepali Rural Out-migration from Assam”, **Sociological Bulletin**, Vol. 68, No. 3, pp. 307–324. 2019, Sage. (with Pinku Muktiar)
- “The New Land Settlement Act in Arunachal Pradesh”, **Economic and Political Weekly**, Vol. 54, No. 23, pp. 17-20, 2019. (With Bhaswati Borgohain).
- “Dams, ‘Development’ and Popular Resistance in Northeast India”, **Sociological Bulletin**, Vol. 67, No. 3, pp. 317–333, 2018, Sage.
- “*State Water Policy of Assam 2007: Conflict over Commercializing Water*”, **Water Conflicts in Northeast India**. Eds. K. J. Joy, et al. pp. 92-102, Routledge. 2018.
- “Small Tea Plantation and its Impact on the Rural Landscape of Contemporary Assam”, **International Journal of Rural Management**, Vol. 13, No. 2, pp. 140–161, 2017, Sage. (with Prarthana Barua)
- “*The Forest Villages and the Forest Dwellers of Assam and the Forest Rights Act 2006*”, **Man and Forest in the Himalayas and Northeast India**. Ed. Karubaki Datta, pp. 101-122, B.R. Publishing Co., Delhi. 2017 (With Indrani Sarma)
- “Building “India’s Future Powerhouse”: Discourses of ‘Development’ and Popular Resistance in Northeast India” in **the Proceedings of the National Conference on Reframing the Environment: Resources, Risk & Resistance in Neoliberal India**, Ed. Manisha Rao. Pp. 117-133, University of Mumbai Press, Mumbai. 2016.
- “*Immigration, Indigeneity and Identity: The Bangladeshi Immigration Tangle in Assam*” in **Unheeded Hinterland: Identity and Sovereignty in Northeast India**. Ed. Dilip Gogoi. Pp. 89-113, Routledge. 2016.
- “*Issues of Conservation and Livelihood in a Forest Village of Assam*”, **International Journal of Rural Management**, Vol.10, No. 1, pp. 47-68, 2014, Sage, (with Indrani Sarma)
- “*Contemporary Social milieu and Bezbaroa’s Works*”, in **Lakshminath Bezbaroa: The Architect of Modern Assamese Literature: Issues of Nationalism and Beyond**, Eds. M.M. Sarma and D.P. Nath. Pp. 69-87, Centre for Assamese Studies, Tezpur University. 2014.
- “Reading Robert Reid's *A History of Frontier Areas Bordering on Assam*” (Introduction to **History of the Frontier Areas Bordering on Assam: 1883-1941** by Robert Reid, 1942 (Co-authored with Manjeet Baruah), pp. v-xxxvii, Bhabani Books, Guwahati. 2013
- “*Krishak Mukti Sangram Samiti and its Struggle: The New Peasant Assertion in Assam*” in **Social Forces and Politics in North East India**, Eds. A. Baruah & S. Sengupta. Pp. 130-176. DVS Publishers, Guwahati/Delhi. 2013.

- “*The State and the Ethnicisation of Space in Northeast India*”, in **Shifting Terrain: Conflict Dynamics in North East India**. Eds. N.G. Mahanta and D. Gogoi. pp. 193-225. DVS Publishers, Guwahati/Delhi. 2012.
- “*The Immigration Issue in Assam and Conflicts Around it*”, **The Asian Ethnicity**, Vol. 13, No. 3, pp. 287-309, 2012, Taylor & Francis.
- “*Globalization, Culture and Change*”, in **Modernization, Globalization and Social Transformation**, Ed. Ishwar Modi, pp. 180-189, Rawat Publishers, Jaipur. 2012.
- “*The Enduring Legacy of Jyotiprasad*” in **Culture, Ideology, Politics**. Ed. A.R. Dutta. 2012, pp. 148-159, DVS Publishers, Guwahati/Delhi. 2012.
- “*Religion and Social Change: Neo-vaishnavism vis-à-vis the Tribal Groups in the Brahmaputra Valley*” in **Religion and Society in North East India**. Ed. D. Nath. DVS Publishers, 2011, pp.111-142, Guwahati/Delhi.
- “*Space, Identity, and Homeland Politics in northeast India*”, **Social Science Probings**, Vol. 22, No. 1, June, 2010, pp. 123-134, Joshi-Adhikari Institute of Social Sciences, Delhi.
- “*The Issue of Illegal Immigration in Assam and the Role of the State*” in **Migration and Assimilation: Society, Economy, Politics of Assam**. Ed. D. Sharma. Daanish Books, 2009, pp. 25-33, Delhi. 2009.
- “*Tribe Caste Continuum and Formation of Assamese Identity*” in **Tribes of North East India: Issues and Challenges**. Ed. B. Medhi et al., Omsons Publications, 2009, pp. 354-366, Delhi.
- “*Globalization as Political Economy of Cultural Anarchy: Implications for Northeast India*”, in **Human Securities in North-East India: Issues and Policies**. Ed. A.R. Dutta. Anwasha, 2008, pp. 283-308, Guwahati.
- “*A Suitable Script: Politics of Script and Identity in Assam*” in **Tribes of India: Identity, Culture and Lore**. Ed. P.C. Pattanaik. Angkik Publishers. 2007, pp 205-217, Guwahati.
- “*Genealogy Contested: Oral Discourse and Bodo Identity Construction*”, in **Folklore as Discourse**, Ed. M.D. Muthukumaraswamy, National Folklore Support Centre, 2006, pp. 73-94. Chennai.
- “*The Indian State and Ethnic Activism in the North East India*”, **North East India Studies**, Vol. I, No. 1., June 2005, pp. 31-47.
- “*Structuralism: An Introduction*”, **Culture Studies: Themes and Perspectives**. NEACTAF, Tezpur University. 2003, pp.1-26. Tezpur.
- “*The Bodo Movement in Folklore and Oral Tradition*”, **Journal of Indian Folkloristics**, Vol. III, No. ½. 2001(N.S). 2003, pp. 1-17.
- “*Tribal Land Alienation in Assam: Government’s Role*”, **Economic and Political Weekly**, Vol.XXXVI, No.52. 2001 (December 29-January 4), pp. 4791-4795.

- “Bodo Movement: A Preliminary Enquiry into the Role of the Middle Class and the State” in **Political Dynamics of North-East India**, Ed. G. Phukan, South Asia Publishers, pp. 128-142, Delhi, 2000.
- “Agrarian Structure and Peasant Unrest: The case of the Moamoria Upsurge in the Medieval Assam”, **Indian Anthropologist**, Vol.26, No.2, 1996, pp. 33-52.
- “Poverty and Inequality: The Case of Assam”, **Economic and Political Weekly**, Vol. XXX, No. 7&8. 1995, pp. 403-404.

D) Selected Book Reviews

- Rehman Sobhan: *Challenging the injustice of poverty: Agendas for inclusive development in South Asia*. Sage. **Sociological Bulletin**, Indian Sociological Society, Vol. 61, No. 2, 2012, pp. 371-373, New Delhi.
- Ashraf Patel et al: *The Ocean in a Drop: Inside-out Youth Leadership*. Sage. **Social Change**. Centre for Social Development, SAGE, Vol. 43, No. 2, 2013, pp. 650-653, New Delhi.
- Deepak K. Mishra, et al: *Unfolding Crisis in Assam’s Tea Plantations: Employment and Occupational Mobility*. Routledge. **Social Change**. Centre for Social Development, SAGE, Vol. 44, No. 2, 2014, pp. 311-314, New Delhi.
- Arupjyoti Saikia: *A Century of Protests: Peasant Politics in Assam Since 1900*. Routledge. **Labour and Development**. V. V. Giri National Labour Institute. Vol. 21, No. 2, 2014, pp. 210-213, New Delhi.

E) Chapters in Textbook, Encyclopaedia, etc.

- The following essays are included in the module **Understanding Modernity in India** within the Paper **Sociology of India** under the course on **Sociology of E- PG Pathshala**, an online MHRD project under its National Mission on Education through ICT (NME-ICT), 2016:
 - 1. Understanding Colonial Modernity in India: Sanskritization and Westernization;**
 - ii. Nation, Nationality, and Nation-Building in India;**
- The following are included in **Sabdakosh: Samaj Sahitya Bigyan** (A Glossary of terms in Social science, Literature and Science in Assamese), Tezpur University, 2010:
 - i. Nagarik Samaj (The Civil Society);**
 - ii. Hegemony;**
 - iii. Shrenee (The Class);**
- The following essays are included in **Textbooks for the PG Diploma Course in Folklore and Culture Studies**, Indira Gandhi National Open University (IGNOU), 2009:
 - i. Sankritization;**
 - ii. Tradition;**
 - iii. Palace Paradigm;**
 - iv. Structuralism;**

- The following Entries are included in ***Biswakosh (Encyclopedia) Vol. V. Asam Sahitya Sabha, 2003:***
 - Uttaradhunikatavad (Post-modernism);***
 - Uttarsanjutivad (Post-structuralism);***
 - Sanjutivad (Structuralism);***

F) Articles, Commentaries, Interviews, etc.

- I regularly contribute to national and regional newspapers and journals on issues of contemporary relevance pertaining to politics, environment, education, culture, etc. These include ***The Telegraph, Firstpost, The Mail Today, The Pioneer, The Deccan Chronicle, The Asian Age, The Sentinel, Amar Ujala, Hindustan, etvbharat.com,*** etc. Besides, my comments on important regional and national issues have been often carried out by leading regional and national dailies and magazines.

Some of my recent articles in national dailies and magazines include:

- ‘Sab Mil Kar Door Kare Kuch Behno Ka Manmutav’ (On the Inter-state Border Dispute in Northeast India), August 9, 2021, ***Hindustan,*** <https://www.livehindustan.com/blog/nazariya/story-hindustan-nazariya-column-09-august-2021-4315601.html?fbclid=IwAR1VI6TjLO8XE1k9I7wWvmvOnCRO8IX7cX4Q7wKLFFI33HuK9B6WIUpmmcA>
- ‘Jati, Mati Aur Bheti Ka Chunav’ (The Election of Identity, Land and Base), February 17, 2021, ***Hindustan,*** <https://www.livehindustan.com/blog/story-hindustan-opinion-column-17-february-2021-3857245.html>
- ‘Bodo Accord: Will it bring a closure to the tangled Bodo question?’, February 6, 2020, ***etvbharat.com,*** <https://www.etvbharat.com/english/national/bharat/bharat-news/bodo-accord-will-it-bring-a-closure-to-the-tangled-bodo-question/na20200206082840138>
- ‘Pehchan ke uljhe sawal aur NRC’ (The Complex Question of Identity and NRC). ***Hindustan,*** August 23, 2019, http://epaper.livehindustan.com/imageview_209492_70940796_4_1_23-08-2019_i_12.pagezoomsinwindows.php
- ‘Cultural Tourism and Economic Development: Balancing the Act’, ***Thought Process*** (publication of State Innovation & Transformation Aayog (SITA), Govt. of Assam), Vol. 1, April 2019, pp. 19-22.
- ‘Zameeni zaroorat aur chunavi Kadam’ (On Citizenship Amendment Act, 2016), ***Hindustan,*** January 11, 2019, <https://www.livehindustan.com/blog/story-opinion-hindustan-column-on-11-january-2355830.html>
- ‘On fire, a melting pot: Understanding Assam’s controversial National Register of Citizens’, ***The Telegraph,*** July 29, 2018, <https://www.telegraphindia.com/states/north-east/on-fire-a-melting-pot-248285>
- ‘Shillong ki hinsa ke uljhe samikaran’ (The Complex Dynamics of Shillong Violence), ***Hindustan,*** June 5, 2018, <https://www.livehindustan.com/blog/story-tezpur-university-professor-chandan-kumar-sharma-article-in-hindustan-on-06-june-1997691.html>
- ‘Aman ka Kanoon, Daman Ka Tark’ (Law of Peace, Logic of Oppression), ***Hindustan,*** April 26, 2018, <https://www.livehindustan.com/blog/story-chandan-kumar-sharma-article-in-hindustan-on-26-april-1924861.html>
- ‘Nagarikta Ke Sawal Par Uljha Assam’ (Assam Restive on Citizenship Issue), ***Hindustan,*** January 3, 2018, <https://www.livehindustan.com/blog/story-tezpur-university-chandan-kumar-sharma-article-in-hindustan-on-04-january-1729559.html>

- ‘Making Sanskrit Compulsory in Assam schools: a boon or a burden?’, **Thumbprint**, March 13, 2017. <http://www.thethumbprintmag.com/making-sanskrit-compulsory-in-assam-schools-a-boon-or-a-burden/>
- ‘Purvottar Ki Pida Ki Prateek Irom’, **Amar Ujala**, July 28, 2016. <http://epaper.amarujala.com/dl/20160728/12.html?format=img>
- ‘Assam Assembly Polls: A Complex Election Scenario Faces the State’s Voters’, **Firstpost.com**, March, 23, 2016. <https://www.firstpost.com/politics/assam-assembly-polls-a-complex-election-scenario-faces-the-states-voters-2689788.html>
- ‘Jatil Chunavi Daud Mein Asam’, **Amar Ujala**, March 18, 2016. <http://epaper.amarujala.com/dl/20160318/12.html?format=img>
- ‘The Naga peace treaty: Why everyone is still keeping fingers crossed’, **Firstpost.com**, August 11, 2015. <http://www.firstpost.com/india/the-naga-peace-treaty-why-everyone-is-still-keeping-fingers-crossed-2386020.html>
- ‘Purvottar Mein Sambhavana’ (Possibilities in the Northeast), **Amar Ujala**, August 10, 2015, (<http://www.amarujala.com/news/samachar/reflections/columns/oppurtunity-in-north-east-hindi/>)
- ‘Glimpses of Freedom Struggle in Northeast India’, **One India One people**, Mumbai, March, 2015. <http://oneindiaonepeople.com/a-glimpse-of-the-northeast-freedom-struggle/>
- ‘Damming the Brahmaputra’, **One India One People**, Mumbai, February, 2015. <http://oneindiaonepeople.com/damming-the-brahmaputra-whom-to-blame/>
- ‘Modi Ka Mission Purvottar’ (Modi’s Northeast Mission) **Amar Ujala**, New Delhi, December 4, 2014. (<https://mail.google.com/mail/u/0/#search/amar+ujala+article/14a143133af391db?projector=1>)
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- ‘Keen Fight in Rough North’, **Mail Today**, April 4, 2011.

I have written more than One Hundred and Fifty (150) articles in Assamese on various Political, Literary, Cultural and Socio-economic issues in leading Assamese dailies as well as magazines which include **Dainik Janambhumi, Asomiya Pratidin, Asom Bani, Ajir Asom, Aji, Natun Somoy, Natun Padatik, Prakash, Satsori**, etc. Some select articles include:

- ‘Homen Borgohainir Bouddhik Prabhav’ (The Intellectual Legacy of Homen Borgohain), **Prakash**, June, 2021.
- ‘Unabingsha Satikar Asomor Oupanibeshik Arthaniti aru Phulaguri Krishak Bidroh’ (The Colonial Economy of Nineteenth Century Assam and Phulaguri Peasant Upsurge), **Prakash**, March, 2021.
- ‘Gandhir Jibon, Karma Aru Darshan: 1869-1915’ (The Life, Work and Philosophy of Gandhi: 1869-1915), **Satsori**, October, 2019.

- ‘Amalendu Guha: Vastuvadi Itihas Charchar Pothikrit’ (Amalendu Guha: A Pioneer of Marxist Historiography in Assam), *Prakash*, June, 2016.
- ‘Asomiya Bhasar Proti aha Pratyahbanor Swarup aru Asom Sahiya Sabhar Bhumika’ (The Nature of the Challenges facing the Assamese Language and Asom Sahitya Sabha), *Silalipi*, Souvenir, Golden Jubilee Celebration, Tezpur Sahitya Sabha, 2015.
- ‘Dr. Bhupen Hazarika Bouddhik aru Samajik Chetana’ (Dr. Bhupen Hazarika’s Intellectual and Social Consciousness), *Snehei Amar...*, Souvenir on the first Death Anniversary of Dr. Bhupen Hazarika, Asam Sahitya Sabha, 2012.
- ‘Uttar-Purvanchal Brihat Nadibandh Birodhi Andolan’, *Ajir Samaj*, Oct-Nov-Dec, 2011.
- ‘SEZ, Amartya Sen, adi’, *Dainik Janambhumi*, September 22, 2007.
- ‘Uttaradhunikatavad: Tattva aru Somalochana’ (Post-modernism: Theory and Criticism), *Natun Padatik*, September, 2000.
- ‘Orientalism: Paschimiya Bouddhik Agrasonor Dristanta’ (Orientalism: En example of Western Intellectual Hegemony), *Natun Somoy*, Autumn Special Volume, 1999.
- Sanskritik Parivartan aru Nij Sanskritir Gurutva’, *Natun Somoy*, Spring Special Volume, April, 1999.
- ‘Asomor Uccha Sikshat Samaj Vignanor Chorcha’, *Natun Padatik*, November, 1998.

Interviews:

- **Prasangik: Assamese Podcast** (15 February, 2022) “Asomiya Jati, Khilonjiyar Sangya aru Sangvidhanik Rakhyakavach” (Assamese Nationality, Definition of Indigeneity and Constitutional Safeguard), <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=30D00t8BbvE&t=3978s>
- **The Fourth Pillar, NorthEast Now** (25 January, 2020) “Dynamics of Politics in Assam Post-CAA”, <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=HdMHlYrdJrY&t=693s>
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- **KK Handiqui State Open University (27 December, 2015)**’s Special Academic Programme ‘Eklavya’ interviewed me on the subject “Asomor visesh prekhyapatot Jati, Janajati aru sihotor antah samparka” (Caste-Tribe relationship in the special context of Assam) which was broadcast in the All India Radio, Guwahati. https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rYTH_BIU3yU&t=264s
- **NRI Samay (24 Aug, 2012)**, a Los Angeles-based (USA) live Radio Channel: “Assam Burning” on the Ethnic Violence in Western Assam During July-August, 2012. <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=MR7EKJ2OQIU>
- **Dainik Janambhumi (29 Apr, 2011)**, a popular Assamese Daily carried my interview on the editorial page on issues pertaining to development in Assam and northeastern India.
- **One World South Asia (15 Jan, 2011)**, an international network of people and groups working on human rights and sustainable development carried my interview titled “Dam-ed or damned?: Rivers in the northeast cry for help!” in

<http://www.southasia.oneworld.net/weekend/damed-or-damned-rivers-in-the-northeast-cry-for-help>

- ***Kathopakathan*** (September, 2009), Conversation with Dr. Hiren Gohain, *Asomiya Pratidin*, Special Puja Magazine, pp. 43-52.

Papers Presented in Seminars/Conferences/Workshops, etc.:

- **“Small Tea Plantation and its Impact on the Rural Economy of Assam”** National Seminar on Tea Plantation Economy in India: Issues of Value Chain and Decent Work. Tata Institute of Social Science, Guwahati, 7-8 December, 2018.
- **“Colonial Law Making in Northeast India and its Legacy”**, National Conference on Colonialism and Law in Modern India, Nehru Memorial Museum and Library, 29-30, November 2018.
- **“Changing Land Relations among the Tribal Communities of Northeast India”**, National Seminar on Writing ‘Tribes’ in Northeast India: Past, Present and Future, Tribal Studies Centre, Assam University in collaboration with the OKD Institute of Social Change and Development, 19-20 March, 2018
- **“Small Tea Plantation in Assam: Prospects and Challenges”**, Conclave on Tea Industry, State Innovation and Transformation Aayog (SITA), Government of Assam, 7-8 March, 2018.
- **“Building “India’s Future Powerhouse”: Discourses of ‘Development’ and Popular Resistance in Northeast India”**, National Seminar on “Reframing the Environment: Resources, Risk & Resistance in Neoliberal India”, Department of Sociology, University of Mumbai, 21 and 22 January, 2016.
- **“Sankaradev and Sociology of Bhakti in Medieval Assam”**, National Seminar on Approaches to Sankaradeva: Text, Performance, Representation and History. Centre for Assamese Studies, Tezpur University. August 5 and 6, 2015
- **“Utilizing River Resources in South Asia and the Changing Public Discourse in India’s Northeast”**, International Seminar on Shared Rivers in South Asia: Challenges and Prospects in Lower Riparian States. Centre for Development and Peace Studies (CDPS) in collaboration with Maulana Abul Kalam Azad Institute of Asian Studies (MAKAIAS), Kolkata and Tezpur University. 16-17 March, 2015.
- **“Discourses on Development, Peace and Violence in Northeast India”**, International Conference on North East India in the Cultural Imaginations: History, Land and People. Maulana Abul Kalam Azad Institute of Asian Studies (MAKAIAS), Kolkata. 7-8 January, 2015.
- **“An Assessment of Sociological Research in Northeast India”**, UGC-SAP National Symposium on Social Science Research in Northeast India. Dept. of Political Science, North Eastern Hill University, Shillong. 21-22 March, 2014.
- **“The Forest Villages and the Forest Dwellers of Assam and the FRA 2006”**, National Seminar on Forest and Forest Dwellers in the Himalayas and the Adjacent Regions. Centre for Himalayan Studies, North Bengal University. 27-28 September, 2013.
- **“Identity, Indigeneity and Homeland: Reflections on Northeastern India”**, National Seminar on Interrogating Indigeneity, Citizenship and the State: Perspectives from India’s Northeast. Dept of Sociology, Tezpur University & ICSSR NERC, Shillong. 7-8 March, 2013.
- **“Contextualising Contemporary Conversion Process among the Misings of Assam”**, National Seminar on Religion and Society in Modern Times, Dept of Sociology, Delhi School of Economics & Dept of Sociology, Tezpur University. Delhi. 22-23 February, 2012.

- **“‘Developing’ the Tribals”**, National Seminar on Development Issues in the Electoral Agenda, 2001: Challenges to Political Parties, North Eastern Social Research Centre and B. Borooah College, Guwahati. 12-13 March, 2011.
- **“Tribal Development in Northeast: A Critique”**, National Seminar on “Culture and Development: Perspective from Northeast India”, Dept. of Sociology, Tezpur University. 3-4 March, 2011.
- **“Neo-vaishnavism at Crossroads: Conceptualising Conversion to Christianity”**, National Seminar under the Special Assistance Programme (SAP) on Neo-Vaishnavite Movement in Assam: Phases and Transformations, Department of History, Dibrugarh University, Dibrugarh, Dept. 25-26 March, 2010.
- **“Krishak Mukti Sangram Samiti: The New Peasant Assertion in Assam”**, National Workshop under the Special Assistance Programme (SAP) on Social forces & Politics of Regionalism in North East India. Dept. of Political Science, North Eastern Hill University. Shillong. 11-12 March, 2010
- **“Reclaiming Foothills from Colonial Discourse: Space, Settlement and Strategy in Northeast India”** International Seminar on Region Formation in Contemporary South Asia, Indian Formation Research Society. University of Delhi. 25-27 November 2009.
- **“Globalisation and Indigenous Communities”**, Annual Conference of Anthropological Association of Ireland, National University of Ireland, Maynooth, Ireland, 11-12 April, 2008.
- **“Challenges before Women’s Movement: Some Observations”**. National Seminar on Status of Women’s Movement. Dept. of Political Science and Centre for Political Studies. Dibrugarh University. 2 December 2006.
- **“Religion and Social Development: Role of neo-vaishnavism vis-à-vis the Tribal Groups in the Brahmaputra Valley”**. National Seminar on Society and Religion in North East India: 16th –19th Century. Dept. of History. Dibrugarh University. 29-30 November. 2006.
- **“Political Economy of Cultural Anarchy: Implications for North East India”**, National Seminar on State of Human Security in North East India. Dept. of Political Science. Gauhati University. 17-18 Nov. 2006.
- **“What is Folk(lore)?: Dundes’s Unacknowledged Debt”**, 27th Session of Indian Folklore Congress, Gauhati University, Guwahati. 31 Jan-2 Feb, 2005.
- **“Oral Discourse and Identity Construction: The Case of The Bodos in Assam”**, National Conference on Folklore as Discourse, Jointly organised by National Folklore Support Centre, Chennai, Department of Anthropology, University of Madras, and Central Institute of Indian Languages, Mysore. Department of Anthropology. University of Madras. 2-4 February, 2004,
- **“Indian State and Ethnic Activism in the North-East India”** in the National Seminar on Community, Violence, Democracy, and Human Rights. North-Eastern Hills University. Shillong. 2-4 February, 2000.
- **“Modern Jokes in the Context”** in the International Workshop on Theories and Methods in the Study of Folklore. Tezpur University. Tezpur. 15 January, 1999.

Chairs/Panelist/Discussant in Seminar/Conference:

- Chair, **“Development’ and the Environment in the Himalayas’**, Himalayan Studies Workshop-1, organised by the Dept. of International Relations & Governance Studies, Shiv Nadar University, Gautam Buddha Nagar, UP, with support from the Konrad-Adenauer-Stiftung, India (KAS), 28 November 2020.

- Panelist, “**State of Rivers in Assam: Challenges of Sustainable Management for Ecological and Human Well-Being**”, Webinar hosted by Aaranyak in collaboration with State Innovation and Transformation Ayog, Government of Assam, 27 September, 2020.
- Chair, “**Gendered Inequalities and Covid 19: Survival Strategies for Women**”, National Webinar hosted by Chandraprabha Saikiani Centre for Women Studies, TU. 17 June, 2020.
- Panelist, “**Relevance of Mahatma Gandhi Today**”, National Conference on Gandhi at National Institute of Technology, Itanagar, Arunachal Pradesh. 28-29 September, 2019.
- Chair, International Seminar on “**Locating neighbourhood in Global South**”, Dept. of Sociology, Tezpur University, 25-26 September, 2019.
- Panelist, “**Brahmaputra and the China Factor: How it affects water governance in South Asia?**”, Workshop on “Environmental Justice, Ecological Economics and Water Infrastructure in the Northeast India: Hydropower and Waterways”, jointly organised by the Forum for Policy Dialogue on Water Conflicts in India (Pune), Coventry University (UK), Aaranyak (Guwahati), Wageningen University, Netherlands, Manthan Adhyayan Kendra (Pune), Shiv Nadar University, IIT Guwahati, and Department of Peace and Conflict Studies and Management, Sikkim University. 2-4, March, 2019.
- Chaired the session on “**Best Practices in Various Universities**”, National Workshop on Management of University Administration. Association of Indian Universities (AIU) and TU. 6-8 February, 2019.
- Chaired Session II of the **National Conference on Colonialism and Law in Modern India**, Nehru Memorial Museum and Library, New Delhi, 29-30, November 2018.
- Chaired a session on “**Assam and its Discontents**”, *6th International Conference on Northeast India titled “Locating Northeast India: Human Mobility, Resource Flows, and Spatial Linkages”* Centre for Southeast Asia, Gauhati University, Centre for Himalayan Studies (CNRS), Paris; Indira Gandhi National Centre for the Arts; ICSSR-NERC, Tezpur University. 9-12 January, 2018.
- Panelist in the session on “**Talking Tea: A Dialogue on the Tea Plantation Industry in Assam**”, *6th International Conference on Northeast India titled “Locating Northeast India: Human Mobility, Resource Flows, and Spatial Linkages”*. Centre for Southeast Asia, Gauhati University, Centre for Himalayan Studies (CNRS), Paris; Indira Gandhi National Centre for the Arts; ICSSR-NERC, Tezpur University. 9-12 January, 2018.
- Panelist, “**Regional Consultation on Cooperation in Disaster Risk Reduction and Climate Change Adaptation in the Brahmaputra River Basin**”, Aaranyak, Guwahati. 10-11 November, 2017
- Chaired a session on ‘**Tribal Society & Development Discourse**’, Young Researchers Workshop organized by Indian Sociological Society, Dr. Ram Manohar Lohiya National Law University, Lucknow. 7-8 November, 2017.
- Chaired a session on ‘**Alternative Perspectives on Democracy and Development**’, International Seminar on Governance, Development and the State in Contemporary Times. Dept. of Sociology, Tezpur University in Collaboration with Maulana Azad Centre for Research on Northeast India and UNICEF, Guwahati. 9-12 March, 2016.
- Chaired a session on ‘**Resistance**’, **International Conference on North East India in the Cultural Imaginations: History, Land and People**. Maulana Abul Kalam Azad Institute of Asian Studies (MAKAIAS), Kolkata. 7-8 January, 2015
- Chaired the session on ‘**North East India: History, Polity and Contemporary Dimensions**’, *7th Biennial International Conference of the Indian Association for Asian and Pacific Studies*, organized by Maulana Azad Centre for Research on Northeast India and Dept. of Sociology, Tezpur University, 20-22 Dec, 2014.

- Chaired the session on **'Achieving Sustainable Rural Development: The Managerial Policy Perspectives'**, UGC SAP National Seminar on Managing Rural Development in Northeast India: Perspectives, Policies and Experiences. Department of Business Administration, TU. 7-8 November, 2014.
- Expert, Workshop on **"Climate Change, Remittances, and Adaptation in Upper Assam"** organized by International Centre for Integrated Mountain Development (ICIMOD), Kathmandu and Aaranyak, Guwahati at Guwahati, 29-30 October 2015.
- Panelist. **'Mobility and Worldview of the Singpho and Khampti Tribes of Arunachal Pradesh and Assam'** National Seminar organized by the Department of Cultural Studies, Tezpur University in association with Indian Council of Philosophical Research, New Delhi. Tezpur University. 27-28 Mar, 2014.
- Panelist. **'ICSSR Research Survey and Explorations in Sociology and Social Anthropology'**. ICSSR-organized National Conference at Jawaharlal Nehru University Convention Centre. 10-11 Feb, 2014.
- Chaired the Session on **'Development of NE Regions: Opportunities & Challenges for Sustainability'** in the Seventh Biennial International Conference of Indian Society for Ecological Economics on *Global Change, Ecosystems, Sustainability*, Tezpur University, in association with OKD Institute for Social Change and Development, Guwahati (5-7 Dec, 2013)
- Discussant in the panel **'Historicizing Borders and Mobility: New Directions in Research'** in the Conference on Border, Mobility and Identity in Northeast India and Asia, Department of Humanities and Social Sciences, Indian Institute of Technology, Guwahati in association with Institute of Chinese Studies (ICS), Delhi. (17 and 18 Oct., 2013)
- Chaired the panel on **'Political Membership: Reframing 'ethnicity and politics of marginality'**, in the Conference on Border, Mobility and Identity in Northeast India and Asia, Department of Humanities and Social Sciences, Indian Institute of Technology, Guwahati in association with ICS, Delhi. (17 and 18 Oct., 2013)
- Chaired the Fourth Academic Session in the **National Seminar on Forest and Forest Dwellers in the Himalayas and the Adjacent Regions**. Centre for Himalayan Studies, North Bengal University. 27-28 September, 2013.
- Chaired the session on **'Tribal Issues and Challenges in Northeast India'** in National Seminar on Interrogating Indigeneity, Citizenship and the State: Perspectives from India's Northeast. Dept of Sociology, Tezpur University & ICSSR NERC, Shillong. 7-8 March, 2013.
- Panelist. **"Indian State's Engagement in Northeast India"**, Panel discussion in National Seminar on "State, Social Movements and Democracy", organized by Dept. of Political Science, Gauhati University and ICHR (NERC). 27 Feb.- 1 March. 2013.
- Co-chaired the session on **'State, Middle Class and Minorities'** in National Seminar on State, Social Movements and Democracy, organized by Dept. of Political Science, Gauhati University and ICHR (NERC). 27 Feb.- 1 Mar. 2013.
- Chaired the Final session of the **National Seminar on Issues of Ethnic Identity and Ethnic Conflict in North East India** organized by Department of Cultural Studies, Tezpur University. 29-30 Jan. 2013.
- Panelist. National Seminar on **"Issues of Ethnic Identity and Ethnic Conflict in North East India"** organized by Department of Cultural Studies, Tezpur University. 29-30 Jan. 2013.
- Panelist. Panel discussion on **"Youth and Social Change: Challenges and Opportunities in the Social sector"**, Panel discussion co-organised by Azim Premji University, Bangalore and Dept. of Sociology, Tezpur University. Tezpur University. 8 October, 2012.
- Panelist. **National Seminar on Knowledge Text Translation Scenario in Assamese**. National Translation Mission & Dept. of Cultural Studies, Tezpur University. 1-2 March, 2011.
- Chaired a session on the **Social Backwardness in Northeast India** on 9 Sept. 2007 during the National Workshop for Young Social Scientists organized by Indian Sociological Society, New

Delhi and Rajiv Gandhi National Institute of Youth Development, Sriperumbudur. Chennai at National Institute of Rural Development, Guwahati. 8-9 Sept., 2007

- Discussant in the **Workshop on Rethinking Northeast India's Conflicts and the Roads to Peace**, Centre for Policy Research, New Delhi 30th Nov., 1-2 Dec, 2005. Hotel Brahmaputra Ashok, Guwahati.
- Discussant in **National Seminar on the Intellectual Development in the North East India**, 21-23 March, 2005, organised by North Eastern Institute of Development Studies and North Eastern Hill University, Shillong.

Select Invited Academic Talks:

- Invited Lecture, '**Environmental Sociology**', Tetso College, Dimapur. Nagaland. 25 April, 2022.
- Resource Person, '**Tribal Development**', Short Term Course on Emerging Issues in Sociology and Social Science, UGC-HRDC, Gauhati University. 19 April, 2022.
- Invited Lecture, '**Trends of Urbanisation in Northeast India**' School of Humanities and Social Sciences, Indian Institute of Technology (IIT), Mandi, Himachal Pradesh. 6 April, 2022.
- Invited Lecture, '**National Education Policy 2020 and its Implications**', Debraj Roy College, Golaghat, Assam. 22 March, 2022.
- Invited Lecture, '**Approach to Quality Research**' Orientation Programme for PhD Scholars, University of Science and Technology, Meghalaya, 17 February, 2022.
- Resource Person, '**Recognising a Scheduled Tribe in Contemporary India**', Refresher Course in Tribal Studies, UGC-HRDC, Sambalpur University, Odisha. 12 January, 2022.
- Invited Lecture, '**From a Continental Crossroad to Resource Frontier: The Making of Northeast India**', Third Annual Lecture, Dept. of Political Science, Handiqui Girls' College, Guwahati, Assam. 30 December, 2021.
- Keynote Address, '**Impact of Environmental Changes on the Tribal Societies of Northeastern India**', International Conference on Mobility and Multilingualism in South and Southeast Asia: Impacts of global ecological change on local society. Central Institute of Indian Languages (CIIL), Mysore; Pragjyotish Centre for Cultural Research (PCCR), Assam; Department of Archaeology, Cotton University, Guwahati; IIT, Gandhinagar; School of Liberal Studies and Education, Navrachana University, Vadodara, Gujarat Supported by ICSSR, New Delhi & Social Science Research Council (SSRC), New York, USA. 27-29 December 2021.
- Resource Person, '**Employment, Wage and its Gendered Dimension: Contextualizing Issues of Women Workers in India with Special Reference to Assam**', National Webinar on Unequal Pay: Understanding Gender Discrimination at Work Place. KK Handiqui State Open University & National Commission for Women. 23 December, 2021.
- Resource person, '**Political Economy of Disasters**', Refresher Course on Environmental Protection and Disaster Management, UGC-HRDC, Gauhati University. 4 December, 2021.
- Inaugural Lecture, '**Tribal Resistance against British Colonialism in India**', Webinar on Janjatiya Gaurav Divas, Field Outreach Bureau, Coimbatore, Ministry of Information & Broadcasting, Govt. of India. 24 November, 2021.
- Valedictory Lecture, '**Sociology of Education in the time of Covid-19 Pandemic**', International Conference organized By Department of Sociology, University of Science and Technology Meghalaya in Association with Department Sociology, University of Lucknow. 11 August, 2021.
- Resource Person, '**Introducing Environmental Sociology**', Special Summer School organized by UGC-HRDC, Mizoram University. 27 July, 2021.
- Invited Speaker, '**Understanding the Social Philosophy of Bishnuprasad Rabha**', National Webinar on *The Socio-Cultural History of the 20th Century Assam in the Life and Works of Bishnu Prasad Rabha*, Arya Vidapeeth College, Guwahati. (Gauhati University). 19 June, 2021.

- Invited Talk, '**How Nature Shapes Culture in Northeast India?**', Sanskriti Anveshak Lecture Series, Vivekananda Kendra Institute of Culture, Guwahati. 8 May, 2021.
- Resource Person, '**Importance of conserving and developing forest village: a social, economic & cultural perspective**' Winter Camp cum Field Training on Nature Studies and Conservation Organised by Aaranyak Nameri Baligora Camp, Potasali, Sonitpur District, Assam. 9 March, 2021
- Resource Person, "**Tribes and the Issues of their Development in India**", Induction Programme for Faculty members, HRDC-Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi, 23 February, 2021.
- Keynote Speaker, "**Development of Weaker Sections in Northeast India: Issues and Challenges**", Tingkhong College (Dibrugarh University), Assam, 19 February, 2021.
- Resource Person, "**Society, Individual and Inequality: Understanding their Relationship**", National Webinar on *Society, Individual and Inequality*, Dept. of Sociology and Internal Quality Assurance Cell, Sidho-Kanho-Birsha University, West Bengal, 6 January, 2021.
- Resource Person, "**Issues of Tribal Development in India**", Refresher Course in Development Studies, UGC-HRDC, University of Burdwan, West Bengal, 28 December, 2020.
- Keynote Speaker, National Webinar on **Pedagogical and Technological Challenges of Online Education in Social Science and MSW Course in Particular in the Post-Covid Context** organised by North Eastern Institute of Social Science Research (NEISSR), Dimapur, Nagaland, & Jindal School of International Affairs (JSIA), Jindal Global University, Sonapat, Haryana, 23 November, 2020.
- Invited Speaker, "**Covid 19 Pandemic and the Women Migrant Workers from Northeast India**", Webinar on *Women Migrant Workers: Issues and Challenges During Covid19 Pandemic and Post Pandemic Situation*, Krishna Kanta Handiqui State Open University, Guwahati, in Collaboration with the National Women Commission, New Delhi, 26 September, 2020.
- Keynote Speaker, "**Hind Swaraj and its Contemporary Relevance**", International Webinar on Mahatma Gandhi: Reflections from beyond the Past and into the Future. Tezpur University and Queen's University Belfast, UK. 31 August, 2020.
- Resource Person, "**Impact of Covid 19 Pandemic on Women's Rights**", Webinar on *Women's Rights and Covid 19 Pandemic: Issues and Challenges*, AASTHA-Women's Cell, CKB Commerce College in collaboration with Dept. of Economics and Internal Quality Assurance Cell, CKB Commerce College, Jorhat (Dibrugarh University), 8 August, 2020.
- Resource Person, "**Impact of Covid 19 Pandemic on the Tourism and Hospitality Sector in Assam**", Webinar on Impact of Covid 19 on Travel and Tourism Sector of Assam", Dept. of Commerce & Economics, CKB College (Dibrugarh University), Teok. 4 July, 2020.
- Resource Person, "**Expectations of a Journal Editor**", Capacity Building Workshop for Quality Research Communication for Humanities, Social and Management Sciences, Internal Quality Assurance Cell. TU. 31 Jan, 2020.
- Resource Person, "**Subjectivity-Objectivity Debate in Social Science Research**", "**Popper-Kuhn Debate**" and "**Post Modernism**", Capacity Building Programme on Research Methodology in Social Sciences and Social Work at Assam University, Silchar. 14-15 November, 2019.
- Invited Speaker, "**Social and Political Ideology of Mahatma Gandhi**", National Conference on Gandhi organized by the Departments of History, Sociology and Hindi, Rajiv Gandhi University, Arunachal Pradesh. 28 September, 2019.
- Resource Person, delivered two talks on "**Human Rights and Social Inclusion**" and "**Globalization and Higher Education**", Refresher Course for Assistant Professors. Organized by Dept. of Education in collaboration with Teaching Learning Centre, TU (September 9, 2020)
- Keynote paper, "**Ethnic Diversity and Social Development in Northeast India**" in the technical session on '*Demography and Ethnic Diversity*' in the Seminar on "Social Sector Development in

North-East India: Problems, Issues and Challenges.” Organized by Council for Social Development, New Delhi, 15-16 July, 2019.

- Resource Person, State level Consultative Workshop on **‘Empowering youth action for good water governance in the Brahmaputra River Basin in Assam, India’**, Organised by Aaranyak and Oxfam India in association with District Administration, Majuli and Sanchipaath, Majuli, June 25 - 27, 2019)
- Invited Lecture, **“Vernacularisation of Sociology”**, Vidyasagar University, West Bengal (28 March, 2019)
- Special Lecture, **“Sociology and its relevance in the study of societies of Northeast India”**, Jorhat College, Jorhat, Assam (14 March, 2019)
- Resource Person, **Challenges Ahead of Social Sciences**, Induction Training of Faculty at Tezpur University, (12 December, 2018).
- Resource Person, **“The Making of ‘Northeast India’: Understanding the Colonial and Post-colonial Policies”**, Urban Action School (Urbanisation in Northeast India), ActionAid Association and Tezpur University (31 July, 2018)
- Resource Person, **“Promoting Social Entrepreneurship”**, Induction Training for Faculty, Teaching Learning Centre, Tezpur University (20 June, 2018).
- Keynote Lecture, **‘Globalization and Northeast India’**, National Seminar on Impact of Globalization in Northeast India: Opportunities and Challenges. Digboi Women’s College. Assam. (7 February, 2018),
- Special Lecture **“Conceptualising Northeast India”**, Tripura Central University. (26 October, 2017).
- Invited Lecture on **“Homeland Politics and Ethnicization of Space in Northeast India”**, Dept. of Political Science and Centre for Southeast Asian Studies, Gauhati University (11 August September, 2017)
- Invited Lecture on **“Reorganisation of States in Northeast India”**, Handiqui Girls’ College, Guwahati (31 August, 2017)
- Invited Lecture on **“Tribe-Caste interaction with Special Reference to Assam”**, Cotton University, Guwahati (27 August, 2016)
- Resource Person, **“Cultural and societal aspects of the Brahmaputra River and its Management”**, Workshop on ‘The Brahmaputra River Civilisation: Culture, Society, Heritage and History of a Riverine Regime’, Aaranyak, (16 November, 2016).
- Two lectures on **“Homeland Politics in Assam”** and **“Foothills Border Conflict between Assam and its Neighbouring States”** as Resource Person in Refreshers’ Course, Dept. of Political Science, Gauhati University. (26 December, 2015)
- Talk on **“Contemporary Inter-state Outmigration from Rural Assam”**, Nehru Memorial Library and Museum (NMLM), New Delhi (21 September, 2015)
- Resource Person, **“Understanding Community”**, National Workshop on **‘Philosophy, Culture, Anthropology. Community, Politics and Democracy’**. Dept. of Cultural Studies and Indian Council of Philosophical Research, New Delhi at Tezpur University, April 23-25, 2015.
- Talk by Visiting Fellow, **“Dam, Development and Environment: Experiences from Northeast India”**, Centre for Advanced Studies, Centre for Study of Social Systems, Jawaharlal Nehru University. New Delhi. (12 March, 2015).
- Keynote Lecture, **“Dialogue on Foothill Border Conflicts in Northeast India”** Organised by Department of Sociology, Tezpur University in collaboration with PAJHRA (Tezpur) with support from Action Aid, Northeast Regional Office during 18-19 December 2012.
- Keynote Lecture, National seminar on **Cultural Tourism and Economic Development in Northeast India**. Institute of Tai Studies and Research, Moranhat, Assam. 6-7 November, 2011.

- Guest speaker, “**Ethnicity, Conflict and Emotions: Case from India**”, in the Dept. of Anthropological Studies, School of History and Anthropology, Queens University, Belfast, United Kingdom. organised by Culture Dynamics and Emotions Network (CDEN), 2 May, 2008.
- Talk by Visiting Fellow, “**Immigration Issue in Assam and Conflicts Around it**” (Revised version of another presentation mentioned below), Dept. of Anthropological Studies, School of History and Anthropology, Queen’s University, Belfast, United Kingdom. 8 April, 2008.
- Speaker in the Plenary session on “**Challenges Toward a Pluralistic Identity in Assam**”, 21st February, 2008 during the National Young Scholars’ Meet on the theme “Understanding the Northeast” organized by Cotton Conclave, Cotton College, Guwahati. 20-21 Feb., 2008.
- Inaugural Lecture, Workshop on **Environment Protection and Conservation** organized by Rangapara College in collaboration with AARANYAK, a leading environmental NGO of the northeast India. 17 November, 2007.
- Special Lecture, “**On the Assamese Identity**” in the Dept. of History, Tezpur College (Gauhati University), Assam. 18 December, 2006.
- Resource Person, National Seminar on “**Cultural Globalism and Ethnic Identity**” at the Postgraduate Dept. of English, Bongaigaon College (Gauhati University), Assam. 29 January, 2006.
- Resource person, Spoke on “**Political Context of ‘Security’ Laws and Self-Determination Movements: The Assam Experience**”, Regional Workshop on *Nationalism, National Security, and Human Rights* organized by Amnesty International. Diocesan Social Forum. Guwahati. 8 June 2002.

Participation in other Workshop/Orientation Programmes:

- **Regional Workshop on “Good Clinical Practice (GCP)/International Council of Harmonization (ICH)” Regulations**, SCB Medical College & Hospital, Cuttack, 8 April, 2022.
- **An interactive meet on the Indigenous Knowledge Systems**, Indira Gandhi National Centre for the Arts (IGNCA), New Delhi and Dept. of Cultural Studies, Tezpur University. Dept. of Cultural Studies, Tezpur University, 4 June, 2007.
- **Consultation on "Open Space"**. Panos South Asia and the Centre for Critical Action and Movements (CACIM), New Delhi. Hotel Brahmaputra Ashok, Guwahati. 17 March, 2007. (As an invitee).
- **Review of the Study on the Agricultural Policy of Government of Assam**. ActionAid International and Centre for Humanistic Development, Hotel Brahmaputra Ashok, Guwahati. 7. 1. 2007 (As an invitee).
- **VISION NER: 2020** Organised by Tezpur University. Sponsored by North Eastern Council, Shillong. 22-23 Dec 2005 (As Executive member of the organizing committee).
- **International Workshop on Theories and Methods in the Study of Folklore**, 4 -15 Jan., 1999, organized by the Northeast Eastern Archival Centre for Traditional Art and Folklore (NEACTAF), TU. Tezpur University. (As an Executive Member).
- **Orientation Programme on Folkloristics and Allied Fields**, Dept. Of Traditional Culture and Art Forms (erstwhile name of the Dept. Of Cultural Studies), Tezpur University. 22 -24 December, 1997.
- **Orientation Course on Youth Parliament**, Ministry of Parliamentary Affairs, New Delhi. 14 -17 July, 1997.

Organization of Major Workshop, Seminar, Conference, Orientation Programme, etc.:

- National Seminar titled “**Citizenship, Ethnicity and Nation State in North-East India**”, ICSSR-NERC Annual Social Science Congress in collaboration with Department of Sociology, Tezpur University, 24-26 March, 2019 (Convenor)
- **Urban Action School (UAS) 2018**: Advanced Workshop for Urban Policy Practitioners on “**Our Urban Futures (Urbanisation in Northeast India)**”, 29 July-5 August, 2018. ActionAid Association, European Commission, and Dept. of Sociology, Tezpur University (as Co-convenor)
- **6th International Conference on Northeast India titled “Locating Northeast India: Human Mobility, Resource Flows, and Spatial Linkages”** 9-12 January, 2018. Centre for Southeast Asia, Gauhati University, Centre for Himalayan Studies (CNRS), Paris; Indira Gandhi National Centre for the Arts; ICSSR-NERC, Tezpur University. (Principal Organiser)
- **Graduate (Ph.D) Seminar**, 8-9 January, 2018, CNRS, Paris. Tezpur University. (Principal Organiser)
- **Urban Action School (UAS) 2017**: Advanced Workshop for Urban Policy Practitioners on “**Our Urban Futures**”, 29 July-5 August, 2017. ActionAid Association and Dept. of Sociology, Tezpur University (as Co-convenor)
- UGC-SAP (DRS-I) Seminar on “**Contemporary Inter-State Rural Outmigration from Assam**”, 22-23 March, 2018. Dept. of Sociology, Tezpur University. (Convenor)
- **Rethinking Sociological Traditions of India**. 42nd All India Sociological Conference. Organised by the Dept. of Sociology, Tezpur University. 28-30 December, 2016 (Organising Secretary/Convenor)
- **Shared Rivers in South Asia: Challenges and Prospects in Lower Riparian States**. International Seminar on Centre for Development and Peace Studies (CDPS) in collaboration with Maulana Abul Kalam Azad Institute of Asian Studies (MAKAIAS), Kolkata and Tezpur University. 16-17 March, 2015. (Co-convenor).
- **South Asia and Beyond: Past, Present and Future**. 7th Biennial Conference of Indian Association for Asian & Pacific Studies. Organised with support from ICSSR, New Delhi and MAKAIAS, Kolkata by Dept. of Sociology, TU. 20-23, December, 2014. (Convenor)
- National Seminar on **Peace and Development in Northeast India through Integration and Assimilation**. Organized by Affirmative Action and Equal Opportunity Cell and Dept. of Sociology, TU. 18-19 Sept. 2008. (Chairman)
- **VISION NER: 2020** Organised by Tezpur University. Sponsored by North Eastern Council, Shillong. 22-23 Dec 2005 (Executive member)

- **Workshop on Democracy and Tribal Societies**, 10-11 September, 2005 organized by the Northeast Eastern Institute of Development Studies, Shillong and Dept. of Cultural Studies, TU. National Institute of Public Co-operation and Child Development. Guwahati. (Co-ordinator)
- **Refreshers Course of Dept. of Cultural Studies**, 12 December, 2004 - 2 January, 2005, Tezpur University. (Deputy Coordinator)
- **Indian Art History Congress**, 28-29 December, 2001, organized by the Dept. of Cultural Studies. Tezpur University (Joint Secretary)
- **National Seminar on Discourses on Culture**, 4-5 October, 2001, organized by NEACTAF. Tezpur University. (as Secretary)
- **Workshop on Videography**, 6-11 August, 2001, organized by NEACTAF. Tezpur University. (Secretary)
- **International Workshop on Theories and Methods in the Study of Folklore**, 4 -15 January, 1999, organized by the Northeast Eastern Archival Centre for Traditional Art and Folklore (NEACTAF), TU. Tezpur University. (Executive Member)
- **Orientation programme on Folkloristics and Allied Fields**, 22-24 December 1997, organized jointly by the Dept of Traditional Culture and Art Forms, TU and the Central Institute of Indian Languages, Mysore. Tezpur University. (Joint Secretary)

Membership of Professional Bodies:

- Member (Ex officio), Managing Committee, **Indian Sociological Society** (Jan 2017-Dec 2021).
- Member, **International Sociological Association**. (Member of Research Committees on Racism, Nationalism and Ethnic Relations; Environment and Society; Sociology of Migration; Social Movements, Collective Actions and Social Change) (since 2011)
- Life member, **Indian Sociological Society (ISS)**. (Since 1992)
- Executive Member, **Indian Association for Asian and Pacific Studies (IAAPS)**. (Since 2015)
- Former Member, **East Zone Sociology Promotion Council** (a body of ISS). (2012-13)

Select Memorial/ Public Lectures:

Keynote Lecture, National Press Day (Who is Not Afraid of the Media?), Directorate of Information and Public Relations, Government of Assam, Dispur, Guwahati, 16 December, 2021.

6th Parag Kumar Das Memorial Lecture (Sampratik Somoyot Parag Dasor Chintar Prasangikata) Guwahati Press Club, 24 January, 2020.

Omeo Kumar Das Memorial Lecture (Bortoman Somoyot Samaj Nirmanot Gramanchalor Vidyalayar Bhumika), Omeo Das High School, Sonitpur. 21 May, 2018.

4th Karendra Narayan Baruah Memorial Lecture (Sampratik Uccha Siksha Byabostha: Paribartan, Sankat aru Pratyahvan), Jorhat Kendriya Mahavidyalay, Jorhat, Assam. 3 March, 2018

7th Narendradev Shashtri Memorial Lecture (“Asomiya Sahiya Aru Sangvadikata”), Sonitpur Press Club, Assam, 10 December, 2016

6th Dharendra Nath Sarma Memorial Lecture (“Samuhik Sachetanata Aru Sampratik Asomor Gramya Samaj”), Baligaon Sanmilani Natya Mandir, Jorhat, Assam, 3 December, 2016

6th Prabhat Chandra Bhattacharyya Draupadi Devi Memorial Lecture (“Asomiyar Sangya aru Asomiyar Bhabishyat”), Darrang College, Tezpur, Assam, 10 October, 2015

2nd Chabilal Upadhyay Memorial Lecture (“Swadhinata Andolonot Sonitpur Jilar Bibhinna Janagosthir Anshagrahanar Majere Asomiya Jatiya Sanhatir Prakash”), Asomiya Club, Tezpur, Assam, 22nd August, 2015.

1st Punaram Neog Memorial Lecture (“Asomor Siksha Aru Asomiya Somaj”), Golaghat Commerce College, Golaghat, Assam, 9th October, 2013.

9th Anjali Dutta Memorial Lecture (“Asomor Siksha Byabostha, Saikhyik Sankat Aru Sanskar”), Sivasagar Press Club, Sivasagar Natya Mandir. Sivasagar, Assam, 19th August, 2011.

Social Engagement and Engagement with Non-Governmental Organisations:

- I have been actively engaged in the various civil society initiatives and interventions in recent times on issues pertaining to peace, development, environment, education, culture, and human rights in Northeast India in general and Assam in particular.
- I have given many public lectures, including Annual Memorial Lectures, on the invitation of various social organizations including the colleges and schools of Assam on various occasions.
- I have/had been involved with the activities of various NGOs such as **ActionAid, Panos South Asia, Aaranyak, Environ, East**, etc.

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