

Curriculum Vitae

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Education

2014, PhD from Department of Sociology, Tezpur University

2006, M.Phil from Department of Sociology, Delhi School of Economics, University of Delhi, Delhi

2003, M.A. in Sociology from Jamia Millia Islamia, New Delhi

Employment

2019- Present, associate professor, Department of Sociology, Tezpur University.

2007- 2019, assistant professor, Department of Sociology, Tezpur University.

2006, September - **2007** June, worked in NCERT, New Delhi as a Junior Project Fellow.

Areas of Interest

Sociology of Development, Sociology of Governance, Research Methodology in Social Sciences, Sociology of Health and Illness, Sociology of Religion

Research Grants:

2020-2021, Principal Investigator, “Evidence Generation on Social Protection Schemes to Support Policy Action and Monitoring Mechanisms for Vulnerable and Marginalised Communities of Assam” supported by UNICEF, Guwahati.

2017-2019, Co-Principal Investigator along with Dr. Veda Yumnam “An Assessment of Conflict as A Social Determinant of Health in The North-East Region of India” funded by Indian Council of Medical Research, New Delhi. (Ongoing)

2014-2015, Co-coordinator along with Ms. Nandarani Choudhury in a project titled “Developing Child Friendly Panchayat in 3 Gram Panchayat of Balipara Block in Sonitpur District” supported by UNICEF, Guwahati.

2013-2014, Co Principal Investigator along with Dr. Kedilezo Kikhi “Status Report on Children and Women in the Tea Gardens of ATCL, Assam” Supported by UNICEF, Guwahati. (September 2013 – February 2014)

2013, October, Principal investigator, ICSSR NERC, Shillong funded research project on “Sociological Study of the Panchayat Elections and local level politics: A Micro-level Study in North-east India”

2012, August, Principal investigator, ICSSR NERC, Shillong funded research project on “Sociological study of the electoral politics: A Micro-level Study in Northeast India”.

2010, March, Co-ordinated with Prof. M N Karna, ICSSR-NERC, Shillong funded research project on “Ethnography of the Electoral Process: A Micro-level Study in Northeast India”.

Consultancy:

2019-2020, Principal Investigator, “Mentoring programme for SIPRD training on Child and Women friendly GPs in Assam” supported by UNICEF, Guwahati.

2019, Process Evaluation of Capacity Building Programme of State Institute of Panchayat & Rural Development (SIPRD) in Assam supported by UNICEF Guwahati and SIPRD, Govt. of Assam, India

2018-2019, Principal Investigator, “Vulnerability Analysis of Marginalised Communities in Riverine Islands of Assam” supported by UNICEF, Guwahati.

2018-2019, Process Evaluation and Concurrent Monitoring of the Pradhan Mantri Matru Vandana Yojana (PMMVY) in Assam supported by UNICEF Guwahati and Directorate of Social Welfare, Govt. of Assam, India

2018-2019, Principal Investigator, “Developing and Field Testing of Entitlement Assessment Tool Modules and Documentation” supported by UNICEF, Guwahati.

2016-2017, Principal Investigator, “Documentation of Case studies on GPDP and Social Protection Schemes for Tea Garden Workers in Assam” supported by UNICEF, Guwahati.

Publications

Books:

Coedited with Dev Nath Pathak (2019) *Investigating Developmentalism: Notions of Development in the Social Sphere*, New York, Palgrave Macmillan

Das, Amiya Kumar, 2019. *MSO-203 Sociology of Development*. Centre for Open and Distance Learning, Tezpur University.

Das, Amiya Kumar et al. 2016. *CG 104 Governance and Child Rights*. Post Graduate Diploma in Child Rights and Governance, CID, Tezpur University and UNICEF, Assam.

Refereed Publications:

2019, “India Steps Up to Strengthen Maternal Health and Achieve SDG 3” in *Global Policy*, July 2019, Online ISSN:1758-5899

2019, Co - authored, “Violation and Vulnerability of Human Rights in the Context of Tea Garden Workers in Assam with Special Reference to Social Protection Schemes” in *NIU International Journal of Human Rights*, Vol-6, ISSN- 2394 – 0298

2019, Co - authored “Conflicts behind the Spectacle: The Turbulent History in Making of the Karbi Youth Festival in Assam” in *Maharshi Dayanand University Research Journal (ARTS)*, Vol-18, No-1, ISSN number as: 0972-706X

2015, Das, Amiya Kumar, Nigam and Ranjana Padhi, “Undermining Adivasi Interests” in *Economic and Political Weekly*, Vol-50, No-1, pp. 25-26, (ISSN- 0012-9976)

2014, “Developing Inter-Sectoral Synergies: Re-defining State-NGO Relations in the Field of Education” in *Jamia Journal of Education*, Vol-1, No-2, pp. 12-21.(ISSN-2348-3490)

2013, “Governance and Social Protection Schemes: An Exploration of Tea Plantation Labour in Assam” in *Labour and Development* published by V V Giri National Labour Institute. Vol-20, No-2,Pp.169-186, (ISSN - 0973-0419)

2013, Das, Amiya Kumar and P K Nath, “Agrarian Distress and Land Alienation in India’s Northeast”, *Journal on Frontier Studies*, Vol-1, pp 69-76, (ISSN- 2319-5096),

2012, “In (formal) Governance and Trust in the Context of Assam” in *Eastern Quarterly*, Vol. 8, Nos. 3 & 4, pp. 101–109, ISSN-0975-4962.

Chapters in Books:

2019, Governance and Government. In: Farazmand A. (eds) Global Encyclopedia of Public Administration, Public Policy, and Governance. Springer, Cham.

2019, New Governance and Neoliberalism. In: Farazmand A. (eds) Global Encyclopedia of Public Administration, Public Policy, and Governance. Springer, Cham.

2019, coauthored with Dev Nath Pathak “Introduction: Developmentalism—On a Trope of (Dis) Enchantment” in Devnath Pathak and Amiya Kumar Das (Ed) Investigating Developmentalism: Notions of Development in the Social Sphere, New York, Palgrave Macmillan. pp 1-34, ISBN-978-3-030-17442-2

2019, coauthored with Rabindra Ray “The Danger of Development Today: An Inevitable Polemic” in Devnath Pathak and Amiya Kumar Das (Ed) Investigating Developmentalism: Notions of Development in the Social Sphere, New York, Palgrave Macmillan. pp 37-51, ISBN-978-3-030-17442-2

2018, “The Magic called Elections: Polls, Performance and Citizenship” in Devnath Pathak and Sasanka Perera (Ed) Performative Communication: Culture and Politics in South Asia, New Delhi, Routledge. pp 136-151, ISBN-978-1-138-10346-7

2014, ‘Territory’, Cultural Identity and Capitalist Expansion: Tribal Resistance in Niyamgiri Hills, Odisha in Kamal K. Misra and N. K. Das (Ed) Dissent, Discrimination and Dispossession: Tribal Movements in Contemporary India, New Delhi: Manohar, pp 161-179, ISBN- 978-93-5098-043-9

2013, “Questioning ‘Education’ and ‘Women’s Empowerment’ in North-East India: Some Reflections with special reference to Nagaland” in The Dynamics of Development in North-East India Ed. By Kedilezo Kikhi, New Delhi: Bookwell, pp. 204-217, ISBN 978-93-80574-43-1

2009, “Women Empowerment Sans Power: Cases from Northeast India” In Changing Gender equation with special reference to Nagaland Ed. by Kedilizo Kikhi and Narola Dangti Kikhi, New Delhi : Akansha Publishing House, pp. 44-56, ISBN 978-81-8370-185-3.

Book reviews:

2020, Deepak Mehta and Rahul Roy (Eds), *Violence and the Quest for Justice in South Asia*, Vol-69, No-1. Pp 126-128. ISSN 0038-0229

2018, Deepak K. Mishra: *Internal Migration in Contemporary India*. Delhi: Sage, 2016 in *Indian Journal of Human Development*, Vol- 12, No-1.pp 118-120. ISSN 0973-7030.

2018, Deepak K. Mishra: *Internal Migration in Contemporary India*. Delhi: Sage, 2016 in *Indian Journal of Human Development*, Vol- 12, No-1.pp 118-120. ISSN 0973-7030.

2018, Mihir Shah and P. S. Vijayshankar (eds.): *Water: Growing understanding, emerging perspectives*, Hyderabad, Orient Blackswan, 2016 in *Sociological Bulletin*. Vol- 67, No- 3. pp 365-367. ISSN 0038-0229.

2018, Sanjoy Hazarika: *Strangers No More: New Narratives from India's Northeast*, New Delhi, Aleph Book Company, 2018 in *The Book Review*, Vol- 42, No - 7,pp 20. ISSN- 0970-4175.

2016, Martha C. Nussbaum: *Not For Profit: Why Democracy Needs the Humanities*. Princeton and Oxford, MA: Princeton University Press, 2012 in *Journal of Human Values*. Vol- 22, No -1, pp 68-69. ISSN 0971-6858.

2016, Mukulika Banerjee: *Why India Votes*. New Delhi and Oxon: Routledge, 2014, in *Society and Culture in South Asia*. Vol- 2, No-1, pp 144-146. ISSN 2393-8617.

2015, Vivek Kumar: *Caste and democracy in India: A perspective from below*. New Delhi: Gyan Publishing House, 2014 in *Sociological Bulletin*. Vol- 64, No- 3. pp 417-418. ISSN 0038-0229.

2014, Ananta Kumar Giri (ed.): *A New Morning with Chitta Ranjan: Adventruers in Co-Realisations and World Transformations*. Bhubaneswar: Sikshasandhan, 2012 in *Sociological Bulletin*. Vol- 63, No- 3. pp 461-462. ISSN 0038-0229.

2014, Yogesh Atal (ed.): *Rethinking planning and development: The Indian context - Tribute to Tarlok Singh*. New Delhi: Indian Association of Social Science Institutions in association with Manak Publications, 2013 in *Sociological Bulletin*. Vol- 63, No- 1. pp 178-180. ISSN 0038-0229

2012, S.R. Mehta: *New Understanding of Indian society: encounters with sociology*. Shimla: Indian institute of advanced study, 2010 in *Sociological Bulletin*. Vol- 61, No- 3.pp 528-530. ISSN 0038-0229

Open, Distance and E - Learning Modules

2019, ‘Module IV, UNIT-XIV: Nation and Nation Building’ in *MSO-103 Sociology of India*. MA in Sociology, Centre for Open and Distance Learning, Tezpur University.

2017, ‘Module I: Margin, Marginality and Marginalization – Concept and Meaning in the Paper *P-10: Media and Margins* under the subject Media and Communication Studies of e-PG Pathshala.

2017, ‘Module IX: Nation Building Process and Marginalisation in India in the Paper *P-10: Media and Margins* under the subject Media and Communication Studies of e-PG Pathshala.

2017, Co-author, ‘Module X: Development Dynamics and Regional Marginalisation in India in the Paper *P-10: Media and Margins* under the subject Media and Communication Studies of e-PG Pathshala.

2017, Co-author, ‘Module XI: From Class to Identity Politics in the Paper *P-10: Media and Margins* under the subject Media and Communication Studies of e-PG Pathshala.

2017, Co-author, ‘Module XII: Caste System and Identity in the Paper *P-10: Media and Margins* under the subject Media and Communication Studies of e-PG Pathshala.

2017, Co-author, ‘Module XIII: Religion and Identity politics in the Paper *P-10: Media and Margins* under the subject Media and Communication Studies of e-PG Pathshala.

2017, Co-author, ‘Module XIV: Tribal Identity and Politics in the Paper *P-10: Media and Margins* under the subject Media and Communication Studies of e-PG Pathshala.

2017, ‘Module XVII: Engaging with Diversity. - Pluralism in India in the Paper *P-10: Media and Margins* under the subject Media and Communication Studies of e-PG Pathshala.

2016, ‘Module XIII: Class and Informal Sector in Paper *P-01: Classical Sociological Theory* of e-PG Pathshala.

2015, ‘Module XVIII: Risk and Reflexivity: Anthony Giddens in Paper *P-02: Contemporary Social Theory* of e-PG Pathshala.

2015, ‘Module XIX: Risk Society and Reflexive Modernisation: Ulrich Beck in Paper *P-02: Contemporary Social Theory* of e-PG Pathshala.

2012, ‘Module II: Sociology and Governance’ in *DGD-101 Sociology of Governance*. Diploma in Governance and Development, Centre for Open and Distance Learning, Tezpur University.

2012, ‘Module V: Theories of Alternative Development’ in *DGD102 Sociology of Development*. Diploma in Governance and Development, Centre for Open and Distance Learning, Tezpur University.

2012, ‘Module VI: Post Development Theories’ in *DGD102 Sociology of Development*. Diploma in Governance and Development, Centre for Open and Distance Learning, Tezpur University.

2010, ‘Module III: Sociological Perspectives of Development’ in *BSO(T) 04-01 Sociology of Development*. BA in Sociology, Krishna Kanta Handiqui State Open University, Guwahati.

2010, ‘Module XII: Development Through Planning’ in *BSO(T) 04-02 Sociology of Development*. BA in Sociology, Krishna Kanta Handiqui State Open University, Guwahati.

Workshop and Training Programme

2017, 2-22 January, Participated in the MHRD Sponsored **Refresher Course in Cultural Studies (Interdisciplinary)** at Tezpur University Organised by the Department of Cultural Studies and Teaching Learning Centre (TLC), Tezpur University.

2016, 22-25 November, participated in a workshop on Massive Open Online Courses (MOOCs) for faculty members organised by Teaching Learning Centre (TLC) under the Centre of Excellence for Curriculum and Pedagogy (PMMMNTT) Scheme.

2015, 21-27 December, participated in an Orientation Programme for faculty members for the course of Post Graduate Diploma in Child Rights and Governance, an initiative of Centre for Inclusive Development, Tezpur University and UNICEF.

2015, 12-18 October, attended a Workshop on ‘Memory Studies, Sources and Historical Analysis’ organised by the Department of Sociology, Tezpur University, Assam at Tezpur University.

2015, 23 February - 20 March, Participated in the UGC Sponsored **Orientation Course** at the Academic Staff College, Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi.

2014, 03-09 November, Attended Training cum Workshop on SPSS organised by the Department of Sociology and sponsored by the Indian Council of Social Science Research, North-Eastern Regional Centre, Shillong.

2012, 30 January- 5 February, Participated in a Workshop on Research Methodology for University/College Teachers & Researchers, organized by OKD Institute of Social Change and Development, Guwahati & Department of Sociology, Tezpur University.

2011, 17-18 June, Participated in a workshop on Development of Self-Learning Materials for Distance Learners organized by Tezpur University, Tezpur.

2009, 17-24 January, Attended a training workshop on Application of Computer in Development Studies organized by Omeo Kumar Das Institute of Social Change and Development, Guwahati.

2008, 1-10 December, Attended a training programme on Research Methodology in Development Studies organized by Omeo Kumar Das Institute of Social Change and Development, Guwahati.

2004, 15-17 December, attended a three day workshop on Substance Abuse organized by the Department of Adult, Continuing Education and Extension, Faculty of Social Sciences, University of Delhi.

Invited Talk

2020, 19th June, Delivered a special talk in the panel on ‘Special Vulnerability of Women Migrant Workers’ in the 4th Regional Consultation on “Reviewing laws related to Inter-State Women Migrant Workers” organised by NCW, New Delhi and NLUJA, Guwahati, Assam .

2020, 18th June, Delivered a talk on ‘Fear as Contagion: Understanding the Political Economy of COVID19’ in the International Webinar on ‘Humanitarian Perspective of the Pandemic’ organised by Assam Down Town University, Guwahati, Assam.

2020, 19th – 20th May, Delivered a talk on ‘Re-Imagining Bio-politics During Pandemics: Issues and Challenges of Health Care System in India’ in the Online National Symposium on COVID 19 and Indian Political Landscape: Re-examining the Indian Democratic System organised by Department of Political Science, Vasanta College for Women, Varanasi.

2020, 3rd – 4th February, Delivered a talk on “ Rethinking Social Fault lines in Post-Colonial Times” in the Workshop on Reading and Writing about the Lives in Northeast India organised by Department of Sociology, Tezpur University

2019, 1st -10th April, Delivered two talks on “Qualitative Approaches in Social Science Research” and “Developing Questionnaire and Schedule” in the Workshop on Research Methodology in Social Sciences organised by Department of Geography, Cotton University, Guwahati with support from ICSSR.

2018, 19th -20th March, Delivered a talk on “Exploring the Governance Conundrum in Northeast India” in the National Seminar on Writing Tribes in Northeast India: Past, Present and Future organised by Tribal Studies Centre, Assam University Diphu Campus and Omeo Kuma Das Institute of Social Change and Development, Guwahati at Diphu, Karbi Anglong, Assam

2017, 15th -16th September, Delivered a key note address on “ Panchayati Raj Institution and Rural Development in Northeast India” in the UGC sponsored National Seminar on Panchayati Raj Institutions and Rural Development: Prospects and Challenges in Northeast India organised by Department of Political Sciences, HCDG College, Nitaipukhuri, Sivasagar, Assam.

2017, 28th – 29th March, Delivered a talk on “ Understanding Society through the Prism of Numbers” in the Workshop on Statistics in Society Organised by Department of Statistics, Gauhati University, Assam

2016, 15-24 February, Delivered a talk on “Focus Group Discussion and Mixed Methods” in the ten days research methodology workshop organised by Department of Education, Tezpur University, Assam.

2015, 21-27 December, Delivered a talk on “Governance and Child Rights” in an Orientation Programme for faculty members for the course of Post Graduate Diploma in Child Rights and Governance organised by the Centre for Inclusive Development, Tezpur University and UNICEF, Guwahati.

2015, 15-19 December, Delivered a talk on “How to Conduct Group Work” at the ‘Executive Programme on Evaluation Methods’ in the Tezpur University in partnership with UNICEF, Guwahati and Planning and Development Department, Government of Assam.

2015, 21-27 September, Delivered a talk on “Doing Fieldwork” in a Workshop on Research Methodology in Social Sciences organised by the Department of Sociology, Tezpur University and Equal Opportunity Cell, Tezpur University, Sponsored by ICSSR-NERC, Shillong, Meghalaya.

2015, 22 June, Delivered a talk on “ Governance and Workers issues in Tea Gardens of Assam” at the Labor Resource Centre, The University of Massachusetts Boston, USA

2014, 22 May, "Sociology of Governance: A Case Study from Assam, India" delivered a talk in the international seminar of **INDAS** (India Area Studies) programme at Kyoto University, Kyoto, Japan.

2014, 13-17 February, Delivered a talk on 'Case Studies' in the Executive Programme on Evaluation Methods at Tezpur University, Tezpur: Assam conducted by . Government of Assam-OKDISCD, Guwahati, UNICEF- Guwahati and Tezpur University.

2012, 24 March, "Sociology of the later life and ageing gracefully" delivered a talk in a UGC sponsored seminar on Ageing Gracefully: Gerontological Studies and findings, in Women's College, Tinsukia.

2012, 1-7 March, Delivered a lecture on "How to Do Qualitative Research" and acted as field coordinator for participants in the Workshop on Research Methodology in Social Sciences, organized by Equal Opportunity Cell (EOC), Tezpur University and sponsored by ICSSR NERC.

2012, 30 January- 5 February, conducted a session on "Doing qualitative research" at the Workshop on Research Methodology for University/College Teachers & Researchers, organized by OKD Institute of Social Change and Development, Guwahati & Department of Sociology, Tezpur University.

2010, 13 November, "Right to food: A Human Rights Approach" delivered a talk in one day workshop on Human Rights Awareness organized by Equal Opportunity Cell, Tezpur University. Tezpur

2009, 29 August, "Gandhian model of development; a study in comparison with the capitalist model" delivered a talk in one day workshop on Gandhian Ideology: A Contemporary Perspective organized by Equal Opportunity Cell, Tezpur University. Tezpur.

Presentation in Seminar, Conference and Colloquium

2019, 24-26, March, "Citizenship and the (E) state: Narratives from the Margin" paper presented at ICSSR-NERC First Annual Social Science Congress on "Citizenship, Ethnicity and Nation State in North-East India" in collaboration with Department of Sociology at Tezpur University.

2019, 15-16, March, "Interrogating the Idea of Marginality in the Context of Assam" paper presented in a National seminar on 'Marginalization and Marginality in India with a focus on North Eastern Region: Multiple Contexts for State Intervention' organised by

Dr. Ambedkar Chair, Tezpur University in collaboration with Omeo Kumar Das Institute of Social Change & Development (OKDISCD) and Rajiv Gandhi National Institute of Youth Development (RGNIYD), Sriperumbudur at OKDISCD, Guwahati.

2018, 05-06, December, Concept note on “ Identity Politics in the Contemporary Times” Presented a paper in the **International Seminar** on “Identity Politics Reconsidered” under UGC-SAP (DRS-I), Department of Sociology, Tezpur University.

2018, 16-20, July, “Interrogating Indigenous Knowledge and Modernity in Northeast India” in the panel “ OP:100- Imagination and knowledge production” at **18th IUAES World Congress** “ World of Encounters: The Past, Present and Future of Anthropological Knowledge”, Federal University of Santa Catarina, Florianopolis, Brazil organised by International Union of Anthropological and Ethnological Sciences (IUAES) and Associação Brasileira de Antropologia (ABA)

2018, 16-20, July, “Documenting the Body: Discourse on Developmental State and Citizenship in India” presented a paper in the panel on “ OP: 068- Encountering Deceptions of Development(s): Exploring the Practices and Knowledge in the Global South” convened a panel along with Abel Polese and Anna Romanowicz at the **18th IUAES World Congress** “ World of Encounters: The Past, Present and Future of Anthropological Knowledge”, Federal University of Santa Catarina, Florianopolis, Brazil organised by International Union of Anthropological and Ethnological Sciences (IUAES) and Associação Brasileira de Antropologia (ABA)

2017, 24-25 February, “Culture, Consumption and Climate Change: Issues, Concerns and Challenges” paper presented at UGC- SAP **National Seminar** on Climate Change and Society organised by the Department of Environmental Science, Tezpur University.

2016, 27-30 December, “Ethnicisation of Electoral Politics in Northeast India” paper presented in the RC- Ad hoc 3: Ethnicity and Minority Studies at 42nd All India Sociological Conference on the theme Rethinking Sociological Traditions of India organised by Indian Sociological Society and Department of Sociology, Tezpur University.

2016, 27-30 December, “Performative Electoral Democracy in India: Thinking Aloud on Conceptual Trope in Political Sociology” in the RC 01: Theory, Concept and Methodology at 42nd All India Sociological Conference on the theme Rethinking Sociological Traditions of India organised by Indian Sociological Society and Department of Sociology, Tezpur University.

2016, 01-02 December, “Food and Sexuality in India: Social and Regional Imaginaries” paper presented at a National Seminar on National Seminar on ‘Food Cultures of India’

organised by Department of Cultural Studies, Tezpur University in collaboration with Indira Gandhi Rashtriya Manav Sangrahalaya (IGRMS) at Tezpur University.

2016, 04-09 May, “On In(Formal) Governance and In(Formal) People in Northeast India” paper presented in the panel 391 at the **IUAES 2016 Inter-Congress**, “World Anthropologies and Privatization of Knowledge: Engaging Anthropology in Public”, organised by the **International Union of Ethnological and Anthropological Sciences** and Institute for Anthropological Research along with KULA, Slovenian Ethnological and Anthropological Association, Croatian Anthropological Society at Dubrovnik, Croatia.

2016, 17-18 March, “Elections as Carnival: Power, People and Politicians in Northeast India” paper presented at the two day **National Seminar** on ‘Electoral Politics, Peoples’ Rights and Regime’s Response in Northeast India’ in the Department of Political Science, Gauhati University Sponsored by ICSSR, New Delhi.

2016, 17-18 March, “Tragedy of PRIs and Predicament of Rural Governance in Assam” paper presented at the two day **National Seminar** on ‘State and Representative Institutions in North East India’ in the Department of Political Science, Gauhati University Sponsored by UGC-SAP (DRS-II).

2016, 09-12 March, “(G)overnance and Development: Myth of Devolution in India” paper presented at the four day **International Seminar** on ‘Governance, Development and the State in Contemporary Times’ in the Department of Sociology, Tezpur University, Sponsored by: UNICEF, Guwahati MACRONEI-MAKAIAS, Kolkata.

2016, 19-20 February, “Interrogating Dalit Capitalism: Illusion or Reality” paper presented at the two day ICSSR & UGC-SAP **National Seminar** on “Elusive Equality: Mapping Social Hegemony in India” in the Department of Sociology, University of Hyderabad.

2015, 15-17 July, “The Myth of Good Governance and Less Government: A Reflection on Democracy in India” paper presented in the panel P9-07 at the **IUAES 2015 Inter-Congress**, “Re-imaging Anthropological and Sociologic Boundaries”, organised by the International Union of Ethnological and Anthropological Sciences and Faculty of Sociology and Anthropology, Thammasat University at Thammasat University. Bangkok, Thailand.

2015, 27-28 March, “Modern Food Processing and Its Relevance in Vernacular Society” paper presented at the two day National Seminar cum Workshop on ‘Innovative Prospects in Food Processing: Integration of Engineering and Biological Sciences’ organised by the Department of Food Engineering and Technology, Tezpur University, Assam sponsored by Ministry of Food Processing Industries and NABARD.

2015, 13-14 February, “Conflict, Identity and Development in Northeast India” paper presented at the two day national colloquium on Conflict Management and Peace Initiatives in Northeast India at the Don Bosco Socio Technical Institute, Tezpur co-organised by Don Bosco Socio Technical Institute, Tezpur and Tezpur University.

2015, 20-21 January, “Polls, Performance and Citizenship: An Exploration in India’s Northeast” paper presented at the two day **International** seminar on “Performative Communication: Culture and Politics in South Asia” in the Centre for culture, media and governance, Jamia Millia Islamia co-organized by Department of Sociology, South Asian University & Centre for Culture Media & Governance, JMI In association with Indian Council of Social Science Research, New Delhi.

2014, 15-18 May, “Sociology of Governance: An Exploration of Elections in India” in the panel P017 paper presented at the **Inter Congress of IUAES 2014** (International Union of Anthropological and Ethnological Sciences) and **JASCA** (The Japanese Society of Cultural Anthropology) on the theme The Future with /of Anthropologies, held at Makuhari Messe, Chiba, Japan.

2013, 5-10 August, “Making Lanjigarh a London: The "Dream Worlds" of 'Development' Under Neo-Liberalism in the panel SE - 21 paper presented at 17th **World Congress of IUAES**(International Union of Anthropological and Ethnological Sciences) on the theme Evolving Humanity, Emerging Worlds held at University of Manchester, Manchester

2013, 7-9 March, “The Magic of Elections: Performance, Citizenship and Governance in Assam” paper presented at the **National conference** on “Interrogating Indigeneity, Citizenship and the State: Perspectives from India’s North-East” in the Department of Sociology, Tezpur University. Sponsored by Ministry of Home Affairs, New Delhi and ICSSR- New Delhi

2012, 21-22 December, “Social Structure of Governance: A case from India’s Northeast” paper presented at the two day **International conference** on Looking Beyond the State: Changing form of Inclusion and Exclusion in India” sponsored by ICSSR-NERC, National Museum of Ethnology, Osaka, Japan and organized by Japfu Christian College, Kigwema, Kohima.

2012, 30-31 March , “Governing the sexual objects and bad subjects: An inquiry into the functioning of NACO in Assam” paper presented at the two day **National seminar** on Gender, Sexuality and Class: Contextualizing north East India, organized by Tribal Studies Centre, Assam University, Diphu Campus.

2012, 9 – 10 March, “Can we speak of Development Pluralism?” paper presented at the two day **National seminar** on Developing the Tribal: Situating North-East India, organized by Tribal Studies Centre, Assam University, Diphu Campus

2012, 22-23 February, “Towards the making and unmaking of God: A case from India’s northeast” paper presented at Department of Sociology, Delhi School of Economics in a **National seminar** on Religion and Society in Modern Times. Organized by Department of Sociology, DSE, University of Delhi and Department of Sociology, Tezpur University

2012, 4 February, “Governing the ungoverned: A case of Sonitpur District in Assam” paper presented in a **National** seminar on Identity, autonomy and territoriality in northeast India at Tezpur University organized by OKD Institute of Social Change and Development, Guwahati & Department of Sociology, Tezpur University

2011, 27-28 December, “Collaborative Research: Bridging the Activist/Academic Divide” paper presented at Department of Sociology, University of Kerala in Post-Conference Seminar on Doing Sociology in India, Retrospect and Prospects. Organized by Indian Sociological Society, Kerala.

2011, 30 – 31 August, “Politicizing a legend” paper presented and chaired a session at the **National Seminar** on Taboos, Myths and Legends sponsored by ICSSR-NERC and organized by Japfu Christian College, Kigwema, Kohima

2011, 3-4, March, “Ethnography of the electoral politics in Assam” paper presented in a **National seminar** on “Culture and Development: Perspectives from North East India” at Department of Sociology, Tezpur University.

2010, 27-29 December, “Corporatisation of the state: Cases from development projects in Assam and Orissa” paper presented in RC-07 on Rural Peasant and Tribal Society, XXXVI **All India Sociological Conference**, Ravenshaw University, Cuttack, India.

2010, 5 October, “Corporatisation of the state: India post 1991” paper presented in **Pre XXXIV Indian Social Science Congress Symposium** on India Post- 1991: The North East Perspective organized by the School of Humanities and Social Sciences, Tezpur University. Tezpur

2009, 27-28 June, “This Bridge Called My Back: Bridging the Activist-Academic Divide” paper presented in an **International conference** entitled “Rethinking Humanities in the Age of Visual” organized by C PRACISIS, Thrissur.

2009, 28 March, “Questioning Education and women empowerment”: some theoretical reflections” paper presented in a **National seminar** on Education and Empowerment of Naga society sponsored by ICSSR-NERC and organized by Japfu Christian College, Kigwema, Kohima .

2008, 18-19 September, “Does development induce integration? A case of North East India” in a **National seminar** on Peace in North East Region through integration

organized by AAEO Cell , Tezpur University and Department of Sociology, Tezpur University.

2008, 1-3 October, “ Political Economy of Hunger: A case of multiple discrimination in Eastern India” in **International conference** on Eradicating Chronic poverty in India: Policy Issues and Challenges organised by Chronic poverty Research Centre, India and Centre for the Study of Social Systems, School Social Sciences, JNU, New Delhi.

2007, 15 November, “Poverty and Social Wellbeing: A Gandhian analysis of social welfare” paper presented in Globalization of the Gandhian way: Sociology, Politics and Science of Satyagraha (1906-2006) organized by Satyagraha Centenary **International conference** Committee, Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi.

2007, 8-9 September, “Making Lanjigarh a London: A Case of Tribal Displacement in Orissa” paper presented in **National workshop** for Young Social Scientists. Organised by Indian Sociological Society, New Delhi & Rajiv Gandhi National Institute of Youth Development, Sriperumbudur in Guwahati

Chairs/Discussant in Seminar/Conference

2013, 6 December, chaired a session on the theme ‘Global Change’ in the Seventh biennial conference on “Global Change, Ecosystems, Sustainability” organised by Indian Society for Ecological Economics held from December 5-8, 2013 at Tezpur University, Assam.

2013, 27-28 September, acted as a discussant in the **National Seminar** on ‘Social and Economic Status of the Marginalised Communities in Brahmaputra Valley with Special Reference to Scheduled Castes Groups’ organised by the Department of Sociology, Tezpur University, Assam in association with ICSSR-NERC, Shillong, Meghalaya.

2012, 22 February, chaired the inaugural academic session in a **National seminar** on Religion and Society in Modern Times at Department of Sociology, DSE, University of Delhi. Organized by Department of Sociology, DSE, University of Delhi and Department of Sociology, Tezpur University

Conference, Seminar and Workshop Organized

2019, 25-26, September, organised an **International Seminar** on “Locating Neighbourhoods in the Global South” in collaboration with UNICEF, Department of Sociology, Tezpur University.

2018, 05-06, December, organised an **International Seminar** on “Identity Politics Reconsidered” under UGC-SAP (DRS-I), Department of Sociology, Tezpur University.

2018, 16-20, July, “Encountering Deceptions of Development(s): Exploring the Practices and Knowledge in the Global South” convened a panel along with Abel Polese and Anna Romanowicz at the **18th IUAES World Congress** “ World of Encounters: The Past, Present and Future of Anthropological Knowledge”, Federal University of Santa Catarina, Florianopolis, Brazil organised by International Union of Anthropological and Ethnological Sciences (IUAES) and Associação Brasileira de Antropologia (ABA)

2016, 04-09 May, “Alternative or imagined development(s)? Exploring the gap between theory and practices of governance in the global south: actors, dynamics and resistances” convened a panel at the **IUAES 2016 Inter-Congress**, “World Anthropologies and Privatization of Knowledge: Engaging Anthropology in Public”, organised by the International Union of Ethnological and Anthropological Sciences and Institute for Anthropological Research along with KULA, Slovenian Ethnological and Anthropological Association, Croatian Anthropological Society at Dubrovnik, Croatia.

2016, 09-12 March, organised an International Seminar on “Governance, Development and the State in Contemporary Times” along with Dr. Kedilezo Kikhi, supported by UNICEF, Guwahati and MAKAIAS, Kolkata.

2015, 15-19 December, organised an “Executive Programme on Evaluation Methods” at Tezpur University in partnership with UNICEF, Guwahati and Planning and Development Department, Government of Assam.

2015, 12-18 October, organised a Workshop on ‘Memory Studies, Sources and Historical Analysis’ in the Department of Sociology, Tezpur University.

2015, 21-27 September, organised a Workshop on “Research Methodology in Social Sciences” along with Ms. Nandarani Choudhury and Dr. Kedilezo Kikhi at the Department of Sociology, Tezpur University Sponsored by ICSSR-NERC, Shillong, Meghalaya.

2015, 15-17 July, “Discourses on Development and Governance: Merging Contours of Sociological and Anthropological Paradigms” organised a panel (P9-07) at the **Inter Congress of IUAES 2015 - Re-imagining Anthropological and Sociological Boundaries** (International Union of Anthropological and Ethnological Sciences) at Thammasat University, Bangkok, THAILAND.

2014, 04-08 November, “Training cum Workshop on Statistical Package for Social Sciences (SPSS)” as a co-convenor with Dr. Kedilezo Kikhi in the Department of Sociology, Tezpur University supported by ICSSR NERC, Shillong.

2014, 15-18 May, “Governance, Development and the State in South Asia” organised a panel at the **Inter Congress of IUAES 2014** (International Union of Anthropological and Ethnological Sciences) and **JASCA** (The Japanese Society of Cultural Anthropology) on the theme - The Future with /of Anthropologies, held at Makuhari Messe, Chiba, Japan.

2013, 27-28 September, “National Seminar on Social and Economic Status of the Marginalized Communities in Brahmaputra Valley with special reference to the Scheduled Caste Groups” organized a national level seminar as a co-convener with Dr. Kedilezo Kikhi in the Department of Sociology, Tezpur University in collaboration with ICSSR NERC, Shillong.

2013, 11-19 March, “National Level Training-Cum-Workshop on Research Methodology for Social Sciences” organized a national Training-Cum-Workshop with Dr. Kedilezo Kikhi in the Department of Sociology, Tezpur University. Sponsored by ICSSR- New Delhi.

2013, 7-9 March, “Interrogating Indigeneity, Citizenship and the State: Perspectives from India’s North-East” organized a national seminar as co-convener with Dr. Kedilezo Kikhi in the Department of Sociology, Tezpur University. Sponsored by Ministry of Home Affairs, New Delhi and ICSSR- New Delhi

2012, 22-23 February, “Religion and Society in Modern Times” organized a national seminar as co-convener with Dr. Rabindra Ray in Department of Sociology, Delhi School of Economics, University of Delhi. Jointly organized by Department of Sociology, DSE, University of Delhi and Department of Sociology, Tezpur University.

2011, 3-4, March, “Culture and Development: Perspectives from North East India” acted as convener of the national seminar at Department of Sociology, Tezpur University.

2007, 18-19 January, “European and Non-European Paradigms” organized an international conference as co-convener with Dr Rabindra Ray in Department of Sociology, Delhi School of Economics, University of Delhi organized by Society for Social Research Delhi and Department of Sociology, Delhi School of Economics, University of Delhi .

2004, 18-20 November, “Window on Europe” organized an international conference as co-convener with Dr Rabindra Ray in Department of Sociology, Delhi School of Economics, University of Delhi.

Courses Taught:

Sociology of Development, Economic Sociology, Research Methodology, Sociology of Medicine, Sociology of India, Industrial Sociology, Classical Sociological Theory, Gender and Society, Sociology of Governance

Academic/Curricular Contributions:

2013, Designed new courses on Sociology of Governance, Fieldwork Practicum for MA programme in the Department of Sociology, Tezpur University.

2013, Coordinated designing of new syllabus for MA programme in Sociology, Department of Sociology, Tezpur University.

2011, Designed syllabus for Diploma in Governance and Development Diploma course offered through Centre for Open and Distance Learning, Tezpur University.

Professional Membership and Affiliations

Life member of Indian Sociological Society (ISS)

Life member of Indian Association for the Study of Population (IASP)

Life member of Indian Association for Social Sciences and Health (IASSH)

Founding member of Society for Social Research (SSR)

Member of International Union of Anthropological and Ethnological Society (IUAES)

Member of International Sociological Association (ISA)

Administrative Responsibilities:

Coordinator, Centre for Public Policy and Governance, Tezpur University (Since 2019)

Joint Coordinator, Unnat Bharat Abhiyan 2.0 , Tezpur University (Since 2019)

NSS programme coordinator, Tezpur University (Since 2010)

Associate Warden, Kanchanjunga Mens Hostel, Tezpur University (2010 to 2012)