



Department of Sociology Tezpur University

About us

The Department of Sociology at Tezpur University was established in 2006 with a masters programme. Subsequently, it launched a PhD programme in 2008. The department is dedicated toward creating competent and socially sensitive graduates through rigorous teaching/training programmes and extension activities.

The curriculum lays emphasis on the teaching and learning of general concerns of sociology as well as the issues of sociological significance in Northeastern India which constitute a special focus of the teaching and research of the department. A combination of participatory, experiential and creative pedagogy is used for transacting the curricula with a view to fostering dialogue, mutual learning and critical reflection. The pedagogical practices also utilise an inter-disciplinary framework combining classical approaches in conjunction with emerging areas of research.

Diversity of Staff, Students, Scholars

The department is diverse in terms of the faculty who not only represent various parts of the country but also represent different institutions. The differences in background bring in a diverse range of ideas and experience thus building pathways for more inclusive, innovative and creative teaching and learning experience. The faculty of the department also cover a diverse range of research areas. Our past and current students also come from different regions of the country, from different educational institutions and from foreign countries as well.

The department has also invited numerous guest speakers periodically to share their knowledge and thus expose our students to various perspectives and experiences. Prof Sanjib Baruah, Prof N. Jayaram, Prof Tiplut Nongbri, Prof Virginus Xaxa, Prof Amman Madan, Prof Arup Jyoti Saikia, Dr. Dolly Kikon, Dr. Duncan McDuie-Ra, are to name a few scholars who have visited the department.



PROGRAMMES OFFERED

- M.A (Sociology, 2 years, IV semesters)
- PhD (Sociology)

STUDENT SUPPORT

The Department also provides students with assistance and has set up institutionalised mechanisms for students to effectively address their issues.

- Grievance Cell
- Anti-Ragging Cell
- Training & Placement Cell
- Mentorship programme

STUDENTS' ACTIVITIES

The Department has two active clubs operated by student coordinators under the supervision of faculty coordinators that help students engage in creative work on a weekly basis.

- Movie Club
- Students' Seminar Club

INFRASTRUCTURE

- Smart classrooms
- Library /Reading room
- Wi-fi enabled department
- PhD (Individual workspace/cubical for PhD students)

Seminars & Conferences

- National Seminar cum Workshop on *Reading and Writing about lives in Northeast India*, Department of Sociology, Tezpur University, February, 2020
- International Seminar on *Locating Neighbourhoods in the Global South*, in collaboration with UNICEF, Department of Sociology, Tezpur University, September 2019
- 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, March, 2019
- International Seminar on *Identity Politics Reconsidered*, under UGC-SAP (DRS-I), Department of Sociology, Tezpur University, December, 2018
- *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, January, 2018
- International Seminar on *Governance, Development and the State in Contemporary Times*, supported by UNICEF, Guwahati and MAKAIAS, Kolkata, Department of Sociology, Tezpur University, March, 2016
- *42nd All India Sociological Conference*, Organised by the Department of Sociology, Tezpur University, December 2016

Select Publication

MA, PHD & FACULTY-PUBLICATIONS, PROJECTS, PLACEMENTS

Journals

- Ray. S. (2021) The Virality of Pandemics: Reassembling the Social in the Anthropocene, *Culture & Society in South Asia*
- Deka. R., Borah. P.P. & Bhuyan. J. (2020) Ethnicity and Fragmented Identity: Diverse Forms of Identity Formation among the Misings of Assam, *Asian Ethnicity*
- T.T. & Deka. R. (2020) Colonial Rule and Agrarian Transformation in Naga Hills: A Socio-Economic view of Angami Society, *Social Change and Development*
- Hazarika. B.O. & Das. S. (2020) Paid and unpaid work during the Covid-19 pandemic a study of the gendered division of domestic responsibilities during lockdown, *Journal of Gender Studies*
- Das. S. & Hazarika. B.O. (2020) Challenges to manufacturing motherhood: caregivers in the Neo-Liberal economy. *Explorations*
- Borah. P.P. & Deka. R. (2019) Governance, Development and Tribal Identity Construction. We are not Assamese: Reflections on Ethnic Identity Formation, *International Journal for Scientific and Technology Research*

- Borah. P.P. & Deka. R. (2019) We are not Assamese : Reflections on Ethnic Identity Ethnic Identity Formation in Contemporary Assam, *International Journal for Scientific and Technology Research*
- Mukhtiar. P. & C.K. Sharma (2019) In Search of a better future: Nepali Rural Out-migration from Assam, *Sociological Bulletin*
- Sharma. C. K. & Buragohain. B. (2019) The New Land Settlement Act in Arunachal Pradesh, *Economic and Political Weekly*
- R. Madhu. & Das. A.K. (2019) India Steps Up to Strengthen Maternal Health and Achieve SDG ,*Global Policy*
- Das. A.K., Deka. R. & Dutta. P. (2019) Violation and Vulnerability of Human Rights in the Context of Tea Garden Workers in Assam with Special Reference to Social Protection Schemes, *Journal of Human Rights*
- Hazarika. B.O. & Das. S. (2019) Gendered Implications of Customary Laws on the Women of Northeast India: The case of Nagaland, *Man and Society*
- Das. S. (2019) Clocking the Satra: Meanings and Movements, *Eastern Anthropologist*
- Das. S. (2018) From Agriculture to Non-Farm: Agrarian Change among the Scheduled Castes of Central Assam, *Social Change and Development*
- Sharma. C.K. (2018) Development' and Popular Resistance in Northeast India, *Sociological Bulletin*

Books

- Jha, S., Pathak D.N. & Das, A.K. (eds) (2021) Neighbourhoods in Urban India In Between Home and the City. Bloomsbury Publication
- Sharma, Chandan., & Banerjee, R. (eds) (2020) Fixed Borders, Fluid Boundaries: Identity, Resources and Mobility in North East India. Routledge
- Pathak, D.N. & Das, A.K. (eds) (2019) Investigating Developmentalism: Notions of Development in the Social Sphere, Palgrave Macmillan
- Sharma, Chandan. (2017) Political Economy of the Conflicts along the Assam-Arunachal Pradesh Foothill Border, Action Aid
- Goswami, Nirmali. (2017) Legitimising Standard Languages: Perspectives from a School in Banaras, Sage
- Nongbri, T., & Shimreiwung, A.S. (eds) (2017) Migration, Identity and Conflict: Lived Experiences of Northeasterners in Delhi, Rawat

Ongoing Projects

- UGC-SAP (DRS I) (2016-2021) Department of Sociology, 40 lakhs
- Dr. Indrani Sarma and Prof.Chandan Kumar Sharma Forest and Forest Dwellers of Assam searching for a sustainable relationship. ICSSR(Impress) 8 Lakhs, 2019
- Dr. Sumesh SS and Dr Nisha Jolly Nelson, Inequality and Inclusion in Primary Health Care System in India: Comparative Analysis of Kerala and Assam ICMR, 36 Lakhs, 2019

Student Placements

- Dr. Indrani Sarma, Assistant Professor, Department of Sociology, Cotton University
- Dr. Partha Pratim Borah, Assistant Professor, Department of Sociology, Dibrugarh University
- Dr. Piyashi Dutta, Assistant Professor, Amity School of Communication, Amity University
- Mallika Das, District Education Coördinator (UNICEF), District Children and Women Cell, Deputy Commissioner Office, Dibrugarh
- Alimpana Goswami, Curriculum Developer, LEAD School, Bangalore, Karnataka
- Monika Gogoi, Assistant Professor at M.D.K.G. College, Dibrugarh
- Ankita Bhattacharya, Lower Division Assistant at District Factory Office, Sivasagar under Labour and Welfare Department, Government of Assam
- Mridupawan Bania, Superintendent of State Taxes, Assam

Students Testimonials



The Department of Sociology, TU, has become an integral part of who I am today. The department with its learned and empathetic faculty members provide an extraordinary environment to learn, discuss, make mistakes and learn some more. I am grateful to this department for helping me learn as much about myself as I did about sociology. The campus life provided me with some wonderful bonds that I will cherish for life.

Dr. Riju Devi

Assistant Professor, Department of Sociology
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I would like to appreciate the Department of Sociology, TU, for the marvellous hospitalization that they showed me from the first day I arrived to the last day we had to part ways physically. Also, coming from a different world to learn in a new environment can hinder a lot of understanding and I would like to say that the department, to the best of their abilities, were always there to support me. Their efforts, willingness, professionalism helped me a lot in terms of studying and my stay at the University. I also got to gain a deeper understanding of the Indian culture through the department, especially the Assamese tradition and its origins which was a beautiful experience.

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My alma mater, the Department of Sociology, TU, has imbibed in me the values necessary for learning. It has taught me that learning is indeed a lifelong process, one that is nurtured by the self, yet without the role of a leader, a teacher, it is an almost futile exercise. As postgraduation students, the department in our time demonstrated through exemplary references, that we are shaped by our personal and collective experiences. That the medium of learning itself is a privilege for some. That it is not the 'rote learning' of the subject or discipline which brings laurel, but the ability to engage creatively with the 'social' which marks a distinguished learner as a Sociologist. The Sociologist thus can bear with them whatever experiences they hold, and not solely be defined as a true learner on the basis of grades. The department has taught us that anyone who is curious and disciplined enough to learn genuinely can be a champion. Sophisticated language may equip one to know 'how' to speak, but it is the experiences around us that empower us to know 'what' to speak. We shall remain forever indebted to the faculty and the department.

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