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UGC-NET Qualified Certificate No: 112007643

PROFESSIONAL RESEARCH, EVALUATION AND PUBLISHING EXPERIENCE:

- *Independent Consultancy:* Academic institutions, NGOs and Media

Period: June 2011 onwards

- **Area of Work:** Gender Queer Awareness, Organisational Communication and Interactive Pedagogy, North East India. As a consultant I have conducted various sessions, thematic workshops, documented process approaches within organisations, contributed to book chapters, edited reports, distance education materials and worked with diverse NGOs across North East India. I have conducted workshops on Organisational Communication and Documentation for Pajra, Gender and Ecology in Peri Urban Areas for Women in PBET, POSH for IT company staff members and Field Work Evaluation for Assam Don Bosco University Social Work Department, Authored unit chapters for KK Handique Open University, Assam on Social Work and Sociology, Worked on a preliminary action research on Women's Leadership in Assam through IDEA Guwahati supported by South Asian Women Fund, Edited reports for NEN in Assam and Nagaland. Conducted sessions on diverse themes at NIPCCD Guwahati. Facilitated a session on Adivasi women at Pajhra on women and education at Tezpur. Addressed college faculty from Guwahati on the issues of Queering and Rights at LCB College, Guwahati, Assam. Chaired a session on Awareness and Christian Response to Human Trafficking at MLCU, Shillong, Meghalaya. Book chapter titled 'Covid 19 and Queerness in Assam' for Social Science Research Community, SSRC India
- *Documentarian:* Apne Aap Women Worldwide, Forbesganj, Bihar

Period: November 20-December 20, 2016

Area of Work: Archival research on the work of the organisation

- *Evaluation Consultant:* RNBA, Manipur and 6 Partner organisations in Manipur and Nagaland under BROT (Bread for the World) Germany

Period: May 1– July 20, 2016

Area of Work: Field Evaluation of Project Activities and Report Writing on Gender, Institutions, Land Rights and Peace Building.

- *Media Fellow:* Anil Agarwal Media Fellowship on Good Food through Centre for Science and Environment (CSE), New Delhi.

Period: September-November, 2015.

- *Area of Work:* Research, Field Visits, Conducting Interviews, Photography and Compiling stories, publishing through Media.

PROFESSIONAL WRITING AND DOCUMENTATION EXPERIENCE: 9 Years

- *Freelance Journalist:* Written long form articles for print and web media across India specifically on North East India. The Thumbprint Magazine, The Morung Express, Assam Times.Com, Raiot.in, The Arunachal Times, The Shillong Times, www.writeartconnect.com, Fibre2Fashion Magazine, The Northeast Today, The Assam Tribune.

Period: 2015 onwards

- *Sub-Editor and Reporter:* Deccan Herald, Bengaluru, Karnataka, India

Period: July 2010- July 2011

Area of Work: Editing, Writing, Page-Making, Networking

PROFESSIONAL FIELD WORK AND PROJECT WORK EXPERIENCE: 19 years

- *QueerUp India: Founding Partner*

Area of Work: Engaged in conceptualising, Ideation, Pitching and Enrolling Partners.

Period: October 2020 onwards

- *PhD Research Scholar: TISS GUWAHATI*

Period: July 2013- May 2018

Area of Work: Ethnographic study in Nagaland.

- *Project Manager:* North East Network in Assam, Nagaland, Meghalaya and Manipur

Period: June 21, 2004 –March 31, 2010.

Area Of Work: Planned and implemented project goals of different projects of NEN

- *Programme Officer:* Samaj Pragati Sahayog, Bagli tehsil of district Dewas, Madhya Pradesh, India

Period: July 2003-April 2004

Area of Work: Marketing of Pulses through Women's SHGs, Women Empowerment Programme, Right to Food Survey, Watershed Management Capacity Building.

- *Programme Coordinator:* Indian Council for Child Welfare, Assam State Branch, Guwahati.

Period: November 2002 to July 2003

Area of Work: Integrated Programme for Street Children in Guwahati Implementation, Mentoring, Monitoring, Reporting, Networking.

PROFESSIONAL TEACHING EXPERIENCE: 5 years

- *Assistant Professor:* Department of Social Work, Tezpur University, Assam

Period: November 15, 2021 onwards

- *Guest Faculty:* Department of Social Work, Tezpur University, Assam

Period: January 5 to November 13, 2021 onwards.

Area of Work: Online teaching MSW 1st Semester students and Dissertation and Field Work Guidance to MSW 4th Semester students.

- *Asst. Professor:* MSW Course, NEHU Tura Campus, Meghalaya.

Period: September, 2019 to September, 2020.

Area of Work: Administrative responsibilities, people management, teaching students, course coordination, networking, field work supervision of MSW students, online teaching during the pandemic.

- *Asst. Professor:* Department of Social Work, Martin Luther Christian University, Nongrah, Shillong, Meghalaya.

Period: February 18, 2019 –Aug 29, 2019

Area of Work: Teaching BSW and MSW students on Social Group Work, Child Rights and Women and Development, Media and Advocacy and Social Policy and Legislation, Social Work Skills. Supervision of research dissertation and field work of BSW and MSW students. Organised interactive sessions, conferences and seminars, publishing and networking.

Guest Faculty: Women Studies Department, Gauhati University

Period: January-May, 2019

Area of Work: Teaching M.A. students 6 credit course on Eco Feminism, Environment and Sustainable Development.

- *Assistant Professor:* Tata Institute of Social Sciences, Guwahati Campus, Assam

Period: August 1, 2012 to July 31, 2015

Area of Work: Teaching and supervision of MSW students in research and field work, Coordination of Social Work Course, Curriculum Development, Writing and Presenting academic papers, Convener of Committee against Sexual Harassment (CASH), Networking with multiple stakeholders.

ACHIEVEMENTS:

- Recipient of Ralph U. Stone Memorial Scholarship for International Humanitarian Work during Women Lead for Promoting Peace & Stability Workshop held in Washington D.C. Oct-Nov 2007 organized by CEDPA.
- UGC NET Qualified: December 24, 2011. Roll No: 20100025.
- Certificate in French Language, 1998, Delhi University
- Certificate in Digital SLR Photography, 2012, IIE and UB Photos, Guwahati Assam.
- Recipient of NE scholarship for Radical Transformational Leadership Workshop from November 2020- January 2021.
- Completed PhD Thesis on the topic, '*Women, Ecology and Livelihoods-A Study in a Chakbesang Village of Nagaland*' from TISS Guwahati Campus under the supervision of Prof. Virginius Xaxa. *Period:* July 2013-May 2018
- Part of organising committee of IAWS 14 National Conference at Gauhati University in 2014
- Part of organising committee of *Baatein Aman Ki* women's journeys across India in Assam between September 20 – 25, 2018.
- Part of organising committee of National Tribal Seminar at MLCU, Shillong.
- Part of organising committee of Conference on Land, Laws and Livelihoods at Shillong through MLCU.
- Completed Teacher's Training Workshop at MLCU in June 26-28, 2019.
- Got certificate on entrepreneurship from Women Start-Up Program NSR Cell at IIM Bangalore for completion of 5 week course from August 31-October 2, 2020.
- Part of the Radical Transformational Leadership Workshop from Nov 2020 to January 2021.

INTERNATIONAL EXPERIENCE:

- Summer School Programme on People Planet Partnership through CURLS 2017 in Thailand.
- South Asian Human Rights Defenders Consultation organized by Forum Asia in 2009 at Bangkok, Thailand.
- Consultation on Women Human Rights Defenders organized by APWLD and WOREC in Kathmandu Nepal in 2007.
- Women Lead for Promoting Peace and Stability Workshop conducted by CEDPA in Washington D.C. in 2007.
- Workshop on Resource Mobilisation organized by venture for fund raising and IDRC in Colombo, Sri Lanka in 2005.

RECENT PUBLICATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS:

- Conducted a session on '*Climate Justice and Gender Justice*', on December 27, 2020, online webinar on Building Solidarity with Youth, Women and Indigenous Communities on Climate Crisis organised by Living Farms, Grain and Rosa Luxemburg Stiftung, South Asia.
- Invited as a Resource Person on the session, '*Queer Ecology: Abuse, Justice and Assertion in Post Structural Times*,' at UGC Refresher course for University Professors and college teachers at Gauhati University on December 16, 2020.
- Invited as an Observer on Cultural Diversity presentations from 3 countries of Germany, Taiwan and India on December 9, 2020 at Assam Don Bosco University, Sonapur, Assam.
- Invited to deliver a special lecture on '*Women, Ecology and Livelihoods: Are they commons?*' at Centre for Ecology, Environment and Sustainable Development at TISS Guwahati on December 2, 2020.
- Invited as a discussant on '*Draft on the National Council for Social Workers (Education and Practice) Bill 2020.*' on November 17, 2020.
- Invited as a panelist on '*Queerness in Assam*' by Anaajoree on November 5, 2020
- Invited as a resource person on, '*Collective Ecology of Women Farmers in Rural Nagaland*' on October 15, 2020 at ICAR-Statistical Research Organisation, New Delhi.
- Invited as a guest speaker on International Girl Child Day on October 11, 2020 on the issue '*Security and Future of Girl Child in Assam*' at All India Radio, Guwahati
- Invited as a guest speaker on '*Intergenerational Acceptance of Alternate Sexuality*' by Anaajoree on September 3, 2020.
- Invited as a guest speaker on '*Challenges of Methodology*' organised by TISS Guwahati Research Scholars Group on August 31, 2020.
- Paper presentation at NE Regional Conference of Indian Association of Women Studies titled, '*Confined Citizenship.*' on August 26, 2020.
- Journal article accepted titled, '*Gender Invisibility in Semi-Urban North East India.*'
- Book Chapter accepted on '*Understanding 'others' in Social Work Practice in North East India*' for a book titled, '*Breaking the Shells.*'
- Paper presentation on '*Peripheral Ecology of Women's Work in the hill areas of Nagaland, Meghalaya and Northern Thailand,*' during the day-long seminar dialogue on Sustainable Agriculture and Food Security in Nagaland on February 15, 2020 organised by NEISSR, Dimapur in Nagaland.
- Media publication on '*I am gender equality*' at The Thumbprint Magazine, March 8, 2020.
- Paper Presentation on '*Women in a Community or a community in a woman,*' during the National Seminar on Community Organisation from a Tribal Perspective Towards New Social Work Theories of Change and Development on November 21, 2019 organised by TISS Guwahati Centre for CODP, School of Social Work.
- Media article on '*150 years of the Mahatma and Tura Town*' at The Thumbprint Magazine, October 2019.
- Paper Presentation on '*Probing Sustainability Nexus: Climate Variant Food Cultures in Urban North East.*' July 26, 2019, University of Pune, International Conference co-organised by Geography Department, Pune University, University of East Anglia, People's Resource Centre, and UNESCO C2C for World Natural Heritage Management and Training in Asia Pacific Region. Paper is accepted for publication as a book chapter or journal article.
- Book Review titled, '*Chasing Conflict*', Aug 6, 2019, The Assam Tribune, Guwahati
- Book Chapter titled, '*Touristy Feet in Meddled North East India*', 2018, Akanksha

Publishers, New Delhi

- Journal Article titled, 'Ecological Memories of Women Farmers in Nagaland and Northern Thailand', 2018 December, Sage Publications, Antyajaa Journal, Delhi.
- Web publication in Write Art Connect titled, 'Unfurling Her-stories', 2018, October, Delhi.
- Magazine Article in Fibre2Fashion titled, 'Branding Change'. 2018, December, Delhi
- Paper presentation at Tezpur University in December 2018, Titled, 'Intersectionality of Single Women Farmers in Naga Hills'.
- Paper presentation through virtual media on January 8, 2019, Titled, 'Ecological Rights in Nagaland's Festive Urbanism'.
- Article titled, 'Game of Citizenship' published in The Thumbprint Magazine in February 2019.
- Article titled, '# me too amidst Guwahati Queer Pride' published in The Shillong Times in February 2019.
- Article titled, 'Shared Taxi Tales' published in The Thumbprint Magazine in March 2019.
- Article titled, 'Virtual Virus' published in The Morung Express in August 2020 and in The Thumbprint Magazine in August, 2020.
- Article titled, 'Mental Well Being and Online Workplaces' published in The Morung Express on October 10, 2020
- Article titled, 'Akhil Gogoi's relevance in contemporary Assam' published in The Leaflet on November 14, 2020.
- Article titled, Ropeway Ramblings in the thumbprint magazine in November, 2020
- Article titled, #lovediversity in the Morung Express in December, 2020
- Article titled, 'World is connected by #Human Rights in The Leaflet on December 10, 2020
- Article titled, 'Gendered Peripheries of Livelihoods' in the Sunday reading of The Assam Tribune
- Article titled, 'Alternate Abilities and Queerness' in the Morung Express on December 4, 2020.
- Article titled, 'Urban invisibility of Gendered Livelihoods' in The Shillong Times, The Arunachal Times, The Sentinel and in the Assam Times in December, 2020.

- Article titled, 'Farmer's Protest from the Gender Diverse Eyes: Monocultures to Pluriversity' The Leaflet in February, 2021.
- Article titled, 'Ageism infused Assam,' in The Assam Times in January, 2021.
- Article titled, 'Gender Minority: Seeds of Inequality', The Thumbprint Magazine on February 7, 2021.

ACADEMIC QUALIFICATION:


COURSE	SUBJECT	BOARD/UNIV	YEAR	DIVISION
Direct PhD	Women, Ecology and Livelihoods: A Study in a Chakhesang Village of Nagaland	Tata Institute Of Social Sciences, (TISS), Guwahati Campus, Assam	2013-18	Successfully completed
M.A.	Social work	Delhi School of Social Work (DSSW), Delhi University	2000- 2002	I
B.A. Honours	Philosophy	MIRANDA HOUSE, Delhi University	1997- 2000	I
Higher Secondary	Economics, Statistics, Mathematics, Philosophy, English.	COTTON COLLEGE, Assam Higher Secondary Education Council, Guwahati, Assam	1995-1997	I
High School Leaving Certificate (HSLC)	English, Advanced Mathematics, Social Studies, General Mathematics, Life Science, Assamese	HOLY CHILD School, Secondary Education Board of Assam, Guwahati, Assam	1995	I

OTHER INTERESTS

Writing, Photography, Upscaling waste, Musical Rhythms.

FUNCTIONAL SKILLS

Four Wheel Driving, Cycling, Computer and Mobile App Literacy



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December, 2021, Tezpur, Assam