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ACADEMIC QUALIFICATIONS:

Ph.D (Sociology) from Tezpur University

M.A. (Sociology) from Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi

B.A. (Honours in Sociology) from Miranda House, University of Delhi

AREA OF INTEREST: Environmental Sociology, Social Demography, Research Methodology, Society in India, Sociological Theories.

AREA OF SPECIALIZATION: Environmental Sociology, Conservation and Livelihood

PAPER PRESENTED IN INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCES:

Presented a paper on '*Forest Governance in India: Reconciling Biodiversity Conservation and Livelihood Needs of the Communities*' at the 3rd UNITAR-YALE Conference on Environmental Governance and Democracy organized by United Nations Institute of Training and Research (UNITAR) and Yale University, in collaboration with the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP), the United National Development Programme (UNDP), and the World Resources Institute (WRI) and the UN Independent Expert on Human Rights and the Environment. The Conference was held at Yale University, New Haven, Connecticut, USA from 5-7 September 2014.

Presented a paper on *‘Forest Governance and the Forest Rights Act 2006 in India’* at the 13th IUCNAEL Colloquium on Forest and Marine Biodiversity held at Atma Jaya University, Jakarta, Indonesia from 7-12 September, 2015.

PAPER PRESENTED IN NATIONAL CONFERENCE/SEMINARS/WORKSHOPS:

Participated and **Presented** a paper on *‘Equity and Diversity in Cotton College State University’* at Orientation-cum-Workshop on Management of Diversity and Equity Universities and Colleges organized by National University of Educational Planning and Administration, New Delhi, 7 – 11 March 2016.

Presented a paper on *‘Forest Conservation Policies and their Implementation: A Case Study of a Protected Area in Assam’* at the 40th All-India Sociological Conference of the Indian Sociological Society organized by the Department of Sociology, Mahatma Gandhi Kashi Vidyapith, Varanasi held on November 29, 30 and December 01, 2014 at Varanasi.

Participated and **Presented** (As an invited speaker) in the State Level Inception Workshop on *‘Strengthening Participatory Forest Management in India’* (PFM) organized by USAID and Enviro Legal Defense Firm, New Delhi, 7th August 2015 at NEDFi House Conference Hall, Guwahati.

Presented a paper on *‘The Koch Rajbongshis: Identity Assertion and Making of the Demand for an Exclusive Homeland Territory’* at the One Day Consultation on the Proposed Scheduled Tribes Status of Six Communities of Assam: Issues and Challenges, organized by Sanskriti: The North Eastern Institute of Culture and Religion (NEICR) on the 29th October, 2015.

Presented a paper on *‘Rethinking Forest Governance: Towards a New Policy Perspective’* in a National Seminar on *‘Post Liberalization Democratic Experiences in India’* sponsored by ICSSR (Eastern Region) and UGC, organized by the Department of Political Science, North Bengal University, 28th February, 2014.

Presented a paper on *‘Issues of Conservation and Livelihood among the Forest Villagers in the Nameri Area of Assam’* in the HSS Graduate Workshop on *‘Environment and Development: New Frontiers of Research on North-East India’* organized by the Department of Humanities and Social Sciences, Indian Institute of Technology, Guwahati and the Indian Council of Historical Research, New Delhi, 3-4 January, 2014.

Presented a paper on *‘Ecology, Culture and Development’* in a National Seminar on *‘Culture and Development: Perspectives from North-East India’* (3rd and 4th March, 2011) organized by the Department of Sociology, Tezpur Central University, Tezpur, Assam.

Presented a Paper on *‘Joint Forest Management: A Critique (Lessons from the Forest Villages in Assam)’* in a National Seminar on *‘Anthropological Research: Retrospect and Prospect’* (11th to 13th November, 2011) organized by Sanskriti: The North Eastern Institute of Culture and Religion (NEICR), at the North East Diocesan Social Forum, Kharghuli, Guwahati.

Presented a paper on '*Globalization and Forestry: With Special Reference to Assam*', in a UGC Sponsored National Conference on " Biodiversity Conservation and Sustainable Development" organized by K C Das Commerce College, Guwahati, 28th and 29th January, 2009.

PARTICIPATED IN NATIONAL CONFERENCES/ DISCUSSIONS/ DIALOGUES/ WORKSHOPS/ SEMINARS/ SUMMER SCHOOL

Participated in the National Seminar on 'Bodo and Assamese: Mutual Influence and Relation in Respect of Language, Literature and Culture', organized by Sahitya Akademi, Department of Bodo, Cotton College and AALAP- A Platform of teachers and exchange of ideas, on 28th November, 2015 held at Cotton College, Guwahati.

Participated in the '*Young Ecologists Talk and Interact (YETI) 2011*', organized at the Indian Institute of Technology, Guwahati, 13th to 15th December, 2011.

Participated in a National Seminar on '*Inclusive Social Development*' organized by Equal Opportunity Cell in Collaboration with Departments of Sociology and Cultural Studies, Tezpur Central University. The Seminar sponsored by U.S. Consulate and Tezpur Central University, Tezpur, 7th and 8th September, 2011.

Participated in the One Day Consultation on '*Research Priorities in Social Sciences in North- East India*' organized by Sanskriti: The North Eastern Institute of Culture and Religion (NEICR), at the North East Diocesan Social Forum, Kharghuli, Guwahati, 13th August, 2011.

Participated in a Seminar on '*Development Issues in the Electoral Agenda 2011: Challenges to Political Parties*' organized jointly by North Eastern Social Research Centre and B. Borooah College, Guwahati, 12-13 March, 2011.

Participated in '*Knowledge Sharing Workshop on Climate Induced Water Hazards in the Brahmaputra Basin in Northeast India: Adaptation, Governance based on Risk Mitigation*' organized by Aaranyak (Guwahati) and ICIMOD (Kathmandu), 15th February, 2011.

Participated in a Workshop on '*Conflict Transformation: Perspectives on North East India*' organized by Equal Opportunity Cell and Department of Sociology, Tezpur Central University, Tezpur, Assam, 17-18 February, 2011.

Participated in a Summer School on '*The Philosophies of the Social Sciences and Humanities*' (8th-26th, June, 2009) at the National Institute of Advanced Studies, in Indian Institute of Science Campus, Bangalore, India.

PAPERS PUBLISHED IN JOURNALS:

"Issues of Conservation and Livelihood in a Forest Village of Assam" INTERNATIONAL JOURNAL OF RURAL MANAGEMENT, SAGE, Volume 10. Number 1. April. Sage Publications, New Delhi. (Co-author with Professor Chandan Kumar Sharma, Department of Sociology, Tezpur University).

“An Assessment of the Indian Forest Rights Act 2006 in Assam” is published in the JOURNAL OF ALTERNATIVE PERSPECTIVES IN THE SOCIAL SCIENCES, Volume 4, Issue 3, May 2012.

“Forest Villages in Assam: Emergence and Evolution” SOCIAL CHANGE AND DEVELOPMENT, Journal of Omeo Kumar Das Institute of Social Change and Development, Guwahati, Volume IX, July 2012.

“M.N. Srinivas: The Man and His Work” ANTHROPOS INDIA, Volume 1, January 2015.

“Joint Forest Management in a National Park of Assam” INTERNATIONAL JOURNAL OF SOCIAL SCIENCE TOMORROW (Society for Promoting International Research and Innovation), Volume I, Issue 3, May 15, 2012.

BOOK REVIEW(S):

Gunnel Cederlöf (2014) *Founding an Empire on India's North-Eastern Frontiers 1790-1840: Climate, Commerce and Ecology*, Oxford University Press, New Delhi, 272 Pages.

'In Search of an Ordered Landscape' published in the **JOURNAL OF SOCIAL CHANGE AND DEVELOPMENT**, Volume XI, Number 2, July 2014 (ISBN: 0975-4016).

BOOK CHAPTERS

“Joint Forest Management: A Critique (Lessons from the Forest Villages in Assam)” has been published in Jose et al. (eds.) *Anthropology in North-East India* (2013), Omsons Publications, New Delhi, Pp. 153-172.

“Globalization and Forestry: With Special Reference to Assam” has been published in - *Biodiversity Conservation and Sustainable Development* (2010), KC Das Commerce College, Guwahati, Pp. 386-394.

OTHER PUBLICATIONS (Self Learning Materials for Open Universities)

- Social Action
- Concepts and Types: Development, Human Development, Social Development, Ecological Development and Sustainable Development
- Theories of Development and Progress: Comte, Morgan, Marx and Spencer
- Education and Economy in Indian Society: Traditional Educational System, Emergence of Formal Education System, Present Occupational Structure, Features of Tribal Economy and Urban Economy.
- Indian Society: Unity and Diversity, Religious, Linguistic and Regional Diversities of Indian Society
- Introduction: Scope of Study of Rural and Urban Sociology; Distinctive Characteristics of Urban and Rural Society; Rural and Urban Differences.
Rural Economy
Rural Development

Planned Change for Rural Society
Classical Sociologists and the Environment

These CHAPTERS are included for the Self Learning Materials for Undergraduate as well as Postgraduate Programmes of Krishna Kanta Handique State Open University (KKHSOU), Guwahati, Assam.

MEMBERSHIP IN PROFESSIONAL BODIES:

Life Member of Indian Sociological Society (ISS)

Life Member of Indian Association for Women's Studies (IAWS)

Member, International Union for Conservation of Nature Academy of Environmental Law (IUCNAEL)

TEAM MEMBER OF RESEARCH PROJECTS (Completed):

1. Collective Violence in Western Assam: Causes, Accounts and the Consequences (2013-2014)
(Project funded by the ICSSR, New Delhi)
2. A Study of Witchcraft Related Incidences in Assam (2015-2016)
(Omeo Kumar Das Institute of Social Change and Development (An ICSSR Institute) and Project Prahari, Assam Police)

ORGANIZED INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE(S):

Organised (Co-convener) an International Conference on **Environment and Development Trade-off**, January 21-22, 2015 as a part of the Silver Jubilee Celebration of Omeo Kumar Das Institute of Social Change and Development (A Research Institute of the Indian Council of Social Science Research, Guwahati)

COURSES COMPLETED

Course on '*Computer Application in Development Studies*' (SPSS) from 17th-24th January, 2009 organized by Omeo Kumar Das Institute of Social Change and Development (OKDISCD), Guwahati.

Course on '*Research Methodology in Development Studies*' (1st-10th, December, 2008) organized by Omeo Kumar Das Institute of Social Change and Development (OKDISCD), Guwahati.
