

Resume

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Academic degrees:

Ph.D. (2022): Population Studies (Regional development), Centre for the Study of Regional Development (CSR D), Jawaharlal Nehru University (JNU), New Delhi-110067.

M.Phil. (2016): Population Studies, Centre for the Study of Regional Development (CSR D), Jawaharlal Nehru University (JNU), New Delhi-110067.

M.P.S. (2014): Master of Population Studies, International Institutes for Population Sciences (IIPS), Deemed to be University, Mumbai.

M.A. (2012): Social and Cultural, Population Geography, Department of Geography, North Eastern Hill University (NEHU), Shillong.

B.A. (Hons.), (2010): Geography, Department of Geography, Union Christian College, NEHU, Shillong.

Research areas and interest:

Social and Population Geography, Health Geography, Everyday Geographies, Resources Management, Tribal's Studies of North-East India, Migration Studies, Substance Abuse, Rural Development, Regional Planning and Development.

The title of PhD thesis: Prevalence, Determinants and Consequences of substance use among Male Tribal youth in West District of Tripura. **Supervisor: Dr. Nandita Saikia** Professor, IIPS Mumbai.

The title of M.Phil thesis: Health status and service utilization: A Comparison between general and scheduled caste/tribe population with a focus in North-East India. **Supervisor: Dr. Nandita Saikia** Professor, IIPS Mumbai.

Teaching and Research experience:

Assistant professor: Department of Geography, Rajarshi College of Education and Skill, Agartala, Tripura. Affiliated to Tripura University (A Central University). From 01.08. 2024 till date

Guest Lecturer: Department of Geography. Women's college, Agartala, Tripura. Affiliated to Tripura University (A Central University). From 11.08.2022 to 11.06.2023.

Minor research project (ongoing)

Research assistant: Sponsored by Indian Council of Social Science Research (ICSSR), New Delhi, Recommended Title of the Research Proposal: **Family Structure, Kinship and Social Dynamics within the Kaipeng Community of Tripura: A Sociological Study**

Name of the Project Director: Dr. H. Theresa Darlong (Sri Aurobindo General Degree College (English Medium), Agartala, Kunjaban, Agartala, Tripura West, Pin-799006).

Research project (completed)

Research associate: Sponsored by Indian Council of Social Science Research (ICSSR), New Delhi, 2016 to 2018. Work with TISS, Mumbai on the title "**Governance and Development in Tribal Areas of North-East India-A Comparative study between Manipur and Tripura**".

Supervisor Dr.Alex Akhup and Biswaranjan Tripura. (TISS, Mumbai).

Publications:

Association between social networks and substance use among male tribal adolescents in the North-East Indian state of Tripura. Demography India Vol. 52, No. 2 (2023).

District level correlates of COVID-19 pandemic in India during March-October 2020. PLOS ONE, September 30, 2021

<https://doi.org/10.1371/journal.pone.0257533>

The socioeconomic correlates of substance use among male adults in Northeast India. Clinical Epidemiology and Global Health: Volume 8, Issue 1, March 2020, Pages 149-157

<https://doi.org/10.1016/j.cegh.2019.06.004>

Behavioural Health Risks Associated with Substance Use: Tobacco and Alcohol Consumption among Ethnic Population in Tripura, Journal of North East India Studies, Vol. 9, No. 1, June 2019, pp. 64-82.

The Socio-demographic correlates of utilization of antenatal care services by tribal women in North Eastern Region of India. International Journal of Humanities and Social Science Invention (IJHSSI), 2018, 07(8), pp. 52-58.

Book chapters contributed:

A study on Traditional Agriculture (Jhum cultivation) practices by the Tribal people in the state of Tripura. Transitional Aspects of Indigenous People: North East India (Eds): Dipannita Chakraborty and Rita Das Nayak. Maulana Abul Kalam Azad Institute of Asian Studies, An Autonomous Body under Ministry of Culture, Govt. of India, New Delhi.

Certificates of research paper presentations/participations, workshop, training etc.:

Paper presentations:

Certificate of presentation in the International Seminar on “Kokborok and Other Languages and Literatures of NE-India (KOLLNEI)” organized by Kokborok Sahitya Sabha at Tripura Tribal Folk Music College, Khumulwng, Agartala, Tripura from 1st to 2nd Oct, 2023. **Title of the paper: The Study of Kokborok language politics in Tripura: Discourses of Populism.**

Certificate of presentation in the National Seminar on “Recent Trends in Research in Sciences, Social Sciences and Languages” organized by Research and Development Cell (R&DC), Women’s College, Agartala, Tripura from 24th to 25th Nov, 2023. **Title of the paper: Data Sources in Social Sciences Research: Does Researcher know it?**

Certificate of presentation in the ICSSR sponsored Seminar on “Social Development in North-East India: Problems, Issues and Challenges” organized by Council for Social Development (CSD), New Delhi from 15th to 16th July, 2019. **Title of the paper: The Socioeconomic correlates of substance use among Male Adults in North-East India.**

Certificate of presentation in two-day National Seminar on “Structures and Processes of Social Exclusion and Inclusive Policies” organized by Tata Institute of Social Sciences (TISS), Mumbai from 27th to 28th April, 2018. **Title of the paper: Social exclusion and health risks associated with substance use: Tobacco and Alcohol consumption among ethnic minority communities in Tripura**

Certificate of presentation in the International Seminar on “Migration, Care Economy and Development” organized by Centre for Development Studies (CDS), Thiruvananthapuram, Kerala from 17th to 19th September, 2014. **Title of the paper: Effects of Migration on the local**

demography in North East India with special reference to Tripura: A critical appraisal of past and present

Certificate of presentation in the two-day National Seminar on “North East Region in the Context of Indian Nationhood” organized by Tangkhul Scholars Association (TSA) at conference hall, Art Faculty, University of Delhi from 5th to 6th September, 2014.

Participations-Workshops/Training:

Certificate of participation in National Workshop on “**Scholarly Publishing, MOOCs and OERs in Education and Research**” organized by Dr. BR Ambedkar Central Library, Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi in collaboration with Taylor and Francis Group, India on 13th Feb, 2020.

Certificate of participation in One-day Workshop on “**Facilitating Theses Writhing with AuthorCafe**” organized by Dr. BR Ambedkar Central Library, Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi in collaboration with Authorcafe, India on 19th Feb, 2020.

Certificate of participation in One-day Workshop on “**Writing for Publishing: Articles for peer-reviewed journals**” organized by SAGE School of Publishing and Dr. BR Ambedkar Central Library, Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi, India on 4th March, 2020.

Certificate of participation in One-day National Workshop on “**Academic Integrity Awareness**” Under the auspices of University Grants Commission (UGC) organized by Internal Quality Assurance Cell (IQAC), held at Convention Centre, Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi, India on 22nd August, 2019.

Certificate of participation in Two-day Workshop on “**Qualitative Research Methods**” by Dr. Alexander Tollmann (University of Cologne, Germany) organized by Centre for the Study of Regional Development, Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi, India on 12th to 13th Sept, 2019.

Certificate of participation in Three-day Workshop on “**Assessment and Strengthening Training for Tribal Pool**” Sponsored by the Ministry of Tribal Affairs (MoTA, GOI) organized by Indian Institute of Public Administration (IIPA), New Delhi, India held on 3 to 5th Dec, 2019.

Certificate of participation in Five-day Workshop on “**Livelihood, Health and Well-Being of Marginalised Groups in India**” organised by the Institute of Economic Growth (IEG), New Delhi, India held on 26 to 30th March, 2018.

Certificate of participation in Two-day Workshop on “**Environmental Sustainability and Modelling**” organised by the Population-Environment-Settlement (Pop-Envis) project of the Ministry of Environment and Forests (MoEF) held at International Institute for Population Sciences (IIPS), Mumbai, held on 13 to 15th May, 2014.

Certificate of participation in the Bhuvan Workshop held at North Eastern Space Application Centre (NESPAC), Umiam, Shillong held on 24th March, 2011.

Certificate of participation in the Regional Workshop on “**Environmental Assessment through Geographical Information System (GIS)**” organized by the Department of Geography ST. Edmund College, Shillong. Sponsored by the North Eastern Council (NEC) and State Bank of India (SBI), Shillong held on 6th Nov, 2007.

Others Participations- Awareness Programme/Essay Competition:

Certificate of participation in the “**Dengue, Malaria and Chikungunya Awareness Programme**” organised by NSS Youth Centre, at SCSS, Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi, India on 12th April, 2018.

Certificate of participation in the “**Essay Competition**” organised by NSS UCC unit, at UCC College, Shillong, held on 8th August, 2008.

Certificate of participation in the “**Trekking- from UCC to Sum-Sophet Bneng**” organised by NCC UCC unit, at UCC College, Shillong, held on 28th July, 2007.

Professional/Skill:

Trained researcher in social and population geography.
STATA, SPSS, MS (Word, Excel).

Language proficiency:

English, Hindi and Kokborok (mother tongue)

Declaration

I consider myself familiar with all the above information provided.

Date: 22/06/2025

Place: Tripura, Agartala