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Career Objective:

To inspire and foster a positive, safe and an inclusive learning environment by utilizing my passion for education, strong communication skills, and dedication to student success. I aim to contribute to the development of students' critical thinking, analytical skills, and problem-solving abilities while continuously improving my own teaching pedagogies through professional development and collaboration with colleagues.

Academic Qualification:

B.A. (Political Science and Psychology): Sophia College, Mumbai.

M.A. (Political Science): SNTD Women's University, Churchgate, Mumbai.

M.Phil. (Civics and Politics): Mumbai University.

Ph.D. (Rural Development): Tata Institute of Social Sciences, Tuljapur off-campus.

Work Experience:

Visiting faculty in the Department of Mass Media, St. Xavier's College, Fort, Mumbai from 2014 to 2016.

Brief stint as a visiting faculty in the Department of Public Policy, St. Xavier's College, Fort, Mumbai from July 2023 to October 2023.

Assistant Professor (CHB) in the Department of Political Science, S.N.D.T University, Department of Political Science, Churchgate, Mumbai in the academic year 2023-2024.

Visiting faculty in the Department of Mass Media, St. Xavier's College, Fort, Mumbai from December 2022 till present.

Research Work:

Assisted Dr. Usha Thakkar, in a research project for the Asiatic Library, regarding the first secretary of Asiatic Library, William Erskin that was to be published in the year 2016.

M.Phil. Dissertation on Self Help Groups and Women Empowerment: a case study of the Peren District, Nagaland from the year 2013 - 2015.

Ph.D. Thesis on "Development, Displacement, and Resistance: A study of the Dibang Multipurpose Project in the Dibang Valley District, Arunachal Pradesh" from 2016 – 2022.

Research Paper Presentations:

Research Paper titled 'Developmental Politics and the State of Arunachal Pradesh' at

- (i) The National Seminar on Emerging Debates and Issues in North East India dated 14th & 15th of November 2019 organized by the Research Cell, Kohima College, Kohima, Nagaland.
- (ii) The National Seminar on State, Governance and Development in Northeast India dated 28th & 29th of November 2019 organized by the Department of Sociology & Research Committee, Sazolie College, Phezhu, Jotsoma, Kohima, Nagaland.
- (iii) International Seminar on Rural Development in Asia Pacific Region (special reference of Northeast India and bordering countries) dated 24th to 28th of August 2020 organized by the National Institute of Rural Development and Panchayati Raj, Northeast Regional Centre, Ministry of Rural Development, Government of India, Guwahati, Assam. (Virtual mode).

Research paper titled ‘Dibang Resistance Movement: Understanding a Decade of Local Protests’ at the Graduate Research Meet held on 6th and 7th of January 2023 by the Department of Humanities and Social Sciences, IIT Guwahati.

Research paper titled ‘Dibang Resistance Movement: contextualizing the local protests of the Idu Mishmi’ at the National Seminar on Ecological Futures: Communities, Conflicts, and Contestations in Northeast India held on 2nd and 3rd of November 2023 by North Eastern Social Research (NESRC), Guwahati.

Research paper titled ‘Understanding the cultural and religious system amongst the Idu Mishmis of Arunachal Pradesh’ at an International Hybrid Seminar on Landscape and Lifeworld: Interface between North East India and its Neighbouring Countries held on 9th and 10th of August, 2024 at the Department of Sociology, Manipur University.

Publications:

“The Frontiers of Arunachal Pradesh” published at the International Journal of Research and Analytical Reviews (IJRAR), UGC Approved - Journal No: 4360, Volume 7, Issue 2, June 2020, Peer reviewed Journal.

“North-east Rural Livelihoods Project (NERLP) with special reference to Self Help Groups amongst Zeiliangrong Tribes of Peren district, Nagaland” published at the International Journal of Multidisciplinary Educational Research (IJMER), UGC approved Journal No. 41602, Volume: 9, Issue: 6(3), June 2020, Scopus review index: A2B96D3ACF3FEA2A (UP), Peer reviewed Journal.

“Idu Mishmis of Arunachal Pradesh: An ethnographic profile” published at the International Journal of Multidisciplinary Educational Research (IJMER), UGC approved Journal No. 41602, Volume 11, Issue 6(6), June 2022, Scopus review index: A2B96D3ACF3FEA2A (UP), Peer reviewed Journal.

“Developmental Politics and the State of Arunachal Pradesh” published as a book chapter in State, Governance and Development in Northeast India edited by Thepfusalie Thenou, Narola Dangti and Kangzangding Thou, ISBN: 978-93-85839-72-6. 2023. DVS publishers, Guwahati, Assam.

Courses Designed and taught:

Certificate Programme in Understanding Political Systems: Origin & Evolution in recent times, a 3-credit course, with 60 hours of teaching engagement, for the Mass Media, Lingua Humanities Hub, St. Xavier's College, Fort, Mumbai from December 2022 to April 2023.

Certificate course on the Constitution of India, a 3-credit course with 80 hours of teaching as per bloom's taxonomy under the National Education Policy 2020, for the academic year 2023 – 2024 for the Bachelors of Mass Media, first year students at the Department of Mass Media, St. Xavier's College, Fort, Mumbai.

Courses Attended:

ipolicy for Young Leaders Introductory course in Public Policy organized by the Centre for Civil society social Change through Public Policy on the 9th and 10th of November 2019 in Mumbai.

ICSSR-NERC sponsored National Workshop on Research Methodology and SPSS usage in Data Analysis in Social Sciences from the 16th to the 20th September 2019 at the Department of Commerce, Assam University, Diphu Campus.

Webinars and Online Conferences:

Virtual Panel Discussion jointly organized by the Department of Commerce, Assam University, Diphu, Karbi Anglong and BNB Commerce College, Rani, Guwahati on The National Education Policy 2020 and Business Education and Research held on 22nd September, 2020.

Online Conference on "World Earth Day" organized by Global Forum for Sustainable Rural Development, I care, and Global Peace Let's Talk on the 22nd of April, 2022.

Key Skills:

Good communication skills, well conversant in English, Hindi and Assamese, good command over the English, Hindi and Assamese languages, basic knowledge over MS Word, Excel and Power Point, basis knowledge of Statistical Package for the Social Sciences (SPSS) and R, and basic photography skills.

Areas of Interest:

Development, Tribal Development, Development and Displacement, Displacement and Rehabilitation, Northeast India, Northeast Indian Politics, Tribal Studies, and Development of the Northeastern Region.