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Designation : Associate Professor
Head of the Department of Political Science

Educational Qualification

Examination	Board/University	Year
HSLC	Nagaland Board of School Education, Kohima	1978
PU (Arts)	North-Eastern Hill University, Shillong	1980
BA (Hons)	North-Eastern Hill University, Shillong	1982
MA (Pol.Sci)	Gorakhpur University, Gorakhpur	1984
Ph.D.	Coalition Politics in India with special reference to the Ninth Lok Sabha Election: Lok Sabha Elections 1952-1999	2006

Academic Awards:

1. National Merit Prize, 1978
2. Jawaharlal Nehru Memorial Fund Award for Academic Excellence
Jawaharlal Nehru Trust, New Delhi, 1982.
3. Merit Prize, B.A. (Hons.), Political Science, First Class First, North Eastern Hill University, Shillong, 1982.
4. Certificate of Appreciation for Outstanding Teaching, St. Anthony's College, 2000.
5. Fulbright Scholar in Residence, 2009-2010.

Other Professional Experience:

1. Lecturer (Part Time) in Women's College, 1985-1986 Session, Shillong.
2. Counselor, IGNOU, Shillong Study Circle, 1989-1993.
3. Visiting Faculty, Regional Training Institute, All India Radio, Shillong, 2000 onwards
4. Lecturer (Part Time), Department of Media Technologies, St. Anthony's College, Shillong
5. Visiting Faculty, Indian Railway Staff College, Vadodara, 2003
6. Worked as Resource Person to write lessons in Political Science for Bachelor Degree Programme during the Session 1990 for the Centre for Distance Education, NEHU, Shillong.
7. Visiting Faculty, Meghalaya Administrative Training Institute, Shillong, 2004 onwards.
8. Resource Persons, Coaching Centre for Schedule Tribes and Caste, Directorate of Social Welfare, Government of Meghalaya, Shillong, 2000 onwards
9. Evaluator and Facilitator, CAPART, Ministry of Rural Development, Government of India, New Delhi, 2001-2003
10. Visiting Professor in History and Political Science, College of Wooster, Wooster, OH-44691, USA, Spring Semester, 2010
11. Resource Person, Workshop on Constructive Methodology of Teaching in Social Sciences, NERIE(NCERT), February 2012.
12. Course Coordinator, summer academic program of the College of Wooster in north east India, May-June, 2012.
13. Course Coordinator and Administrator, summer academic program of the College of Wooster in north-east India, May-June, 2013.
14. Faculty In-charge, Indian contingent, Jentsys 2.0., Fukushima and Tokyo, Japan, June, 2014
15. Resource Person in National Seminar on "Human Rights and Socio-Economic and Political Status of Rural People in North East India, Paschim Bharbhog, Mahavidyalaya, Bharbhog, Assam, July, 2014.
16. Resource Person in workshop on "Insurgency and its impact on development", Nongtalang College, Nongtalang, Meghalaya, August 2015
17. Liaison Officer, South and South East Asia, Cultural and Sports Week, Kunming University of Science and Technology, Kunming, PRC, June, 2016.

18. Resource Person in Workshop on “Research Methodology, Government College, Gazing, Sikkim West, December, 2016
19. Teacher in-charge, International Collaborative Programs, St. Anthony’s College, Shillong, 2011-till date.

Books Co-edited:

1. Human Disabilities-Challenges for their Rehabilitation. Reliance Publishers, New Delhi, 1998
2. Border Trade: India and Her Neighboring Countries. Commonwealth, New Delhi, 2000.

Projects Completed:

1. Social Conflict: A Case Study of Tribal Non-Tribal Conflict (1981-2001), Supported by Ford Foundation (Educational Resource Centre), New Delhi, Collaborative Diversity Research Project, 2005.

Publications:

1. India’s Experiments in Coalitional Politics. Paper Submitted for Publication, Centre for Studies on North-East, Kolkata, 2009
2. “Roots of Insurgency”. In J.B. Bhattacharjee (ed.) Roots of Insurgency in North-East India. Akanksha Publishing House, 2007.
3. Social Conflicts in Shillong, 1991-2001. Paper presented in the Seminar Organised by NEICSSR, Shillong, November, 2002.
4. Need for Secular Outlook: A Case Study of Meghalaya. Paper presented in the Seminar Organised by NEICSSR, Shillong, December 2002.
5. “Role of Governor”. Paper presented in the Regional Seminar on National Commission on Review of the Working of the Constitution. NEHU, Shillong, 2001.
6. “Paradoxes of Industrialisation in Meghalaya”. Paper presented in All India Geographical Congress. NEHU, Shillong, 1996.
7. “Election Manifesto: A Study of the Ninth Lok Sabha Elections”. Paper presented in North East Political Science Association Meet. Guwahati, December 1992.

8. Role of the NEC in Meghalaya. paper presented in the Seminar Organised by NEICSSR, Shillong, July, 1992.
9. Social Instability in Shillong 1980-1990. Paper presented in the Seminar Organised by NEICSSR, Shillong, August 1991.
10. Eco-Tourism In Meghalaya as means for Preserving Bio-diversity, Paper presented in National seminar organized by Don Bosco College, Tura, Meghalaya
11. "Origin of Coalitional Politics in India", Spectrum, Humanities, Social Sciences and Management, Volume I, 2014, ISSN: 2349-2929
12. "Trading Across Borders: A Case Study of Balat-Sunamganj Haat in the East Khasi Hills District of Meghalaya". Spectrum, Humanities, Social Sciences and Management, Volume 4, 2017, ISSN: 2349-2929

Membership of Academic Bodies:

1. North East History Association, Shillong
2. North East India Council for Social Sciences Research, Shillong
3. Centre for Studies on North-East, Kolkata
4. Member, Education India Trust, Shillong.
5. Member, Board of Studies, Political Science, North Eastern Hill University, Shillong
6. Chief Editor, "Spectrum, Humanities, Social Sciences and Management" (ISSN no: 2349-2929) 2014, 2015, 2016

Community Service

1. Member of National Cadet Corps, 1978-82.
2. Member National Social Service, 1980-82.
3. Secretary, Managing Committee, Shillong Academy School, 1993-2001.