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Experience

1. **Currently Pro-Vice Chancellor at Assam University, Diphu Campus since 06.04.17.**
2. Serving as Professor of English in Assam University, Diphu Campus since April, 2009.
3. Remained Head of the Department of English/AUDC during 2009-13.
4. Assumed 2nd term of Head/English on 19.08.16.
5. Served as Professor i/c School of Languages in lieu of Dean, AUDC during 2012-2017.
6. Served as Reader in English in Mizoram University during 2004-2009.
7. Remained Head of the Department English in Mizoram University between 2004-07.
8. Served as Lecturer and Senior Lecturer in Karimganj College, Karimganj during 1988-2004.
9. Served as Lecturer in Nabin Chandra College, Badarpur, Assam during 1987.

Education

1. Ph.D in English from North-East Hill University (NEHU), in 2003
2. M.Phil in English from North-East Hill University (NEHU), in 1998.
3. Post Graduate Diploma in the Teaching of English (CIEFL, Hyderabad) in 1996.
4. Post-Graduation (M.A.) in English with specialization in “Tagore in English”, Topper from Visva Bharati, Santiniketan with 59% in 1986.
5. Graduation (B.A.) Hons. in English; Topper from Visva Bharati, Santiniketan with 60% in 1984.

6. One Month Summer Course on Critical Theory organized by the Forum on Contemporary Theory and Sambalpur University in 2008.
7. Course on 'Native Americans of the South-West' at Central Arizona College, Coolidge, AZ, USA during Fall Semester, August –December, 2013.

Major Awards / Invitations

1. Fulbright Scholar-in-Residence at Central Arizona College, AZ, USA during 2013-14.
2. Invited to deliver the Key-note Address at the University of Hawai-i, Manoa on February 27, 2010.
3. Invited Lecture at University of Idaho, USA on 07.11.13.
4. Visiting Professor at the PG Department of English, St. Joseph's College, Jakhama, Nagaland.

Important Conferences & Presenting of Research Papers

1. Presented a Paper at the Annual Conference of Rocky Mountain Modern Language Association in Reno, Nevada, USA, in 2008.
2. Presented a Paper at the Annual Conference of Rocky Mountain Modern Language Association in Snowbird, Utah, USA, in 2009.
3. Presented a Paper at the Annual Conference of Rocky Mountain Modern Language Association in Albuquerque, New Mexico, USA, in 2010.
4. Presented a Paper at the Annual Conference of Rocky Mountain Modern Language Association in Vancouver, Washington, USA in 2013.
5. Presented a Paper at the Annual Conference of Rocky Mountain Modern Language Association in Cheyenne, Wyoming, USA during 4 – 6 October, 2018.
6. Presented a Paper at the Women's Leadership Symposium during March 16-18, 2016 at the Oxford University Club, Oxford, UK.
7. Presented a Paper at the International Conference "Democracy, The New World Order" organized by the Department. of English, East West University, Dhaka, in 2008.
8. Presented a Paper and Chaired a Session at the International Conference "Empire and English Studies: Pedagogy and Activism Now" organized by the Department of English, East-West University, Dhaka, in 2009.

9. Presented a Paper at the International Conference : Expanding Horizons in English Language and Literary Studies (ELLS 2011) organised by the Department of English, Faculty of Arts, Chulalongkorn University, Bangkok, Thailand during 18-20 October, 2011.
10. Presented a Paper and Chaired a Session at the International Seminar on 'Negotiating Interventions in South East Asia' organized by Arunachal Institute of Tribal Studies, Rajiv Gandhi University during 15-17 February, 2010.
11. Delivered a Plenary Lecture and Chaired a Session at the National Seminar on 'Heterotopologies: Re-defining Space and Cultural Imaginaries' organized by the Department of English, University of Burdwan during 17-18 February, 2011.
12. Delivered an Invited Lecture at the UGC-Sponsored National Seminar organized by the Department of English, Mizoram University during 30-31 October 2012.
13. Delivered Plenary Address and Chaired a Session at UGC Sponsored National Seminar on 'Mode of Representation in Post-Colonial Indian Fictional Writings in English' organized by the Department of English, Lanka Mahavidyalaya on 28.09.2011.
14. Invited as Resource Person in UGC Sponsored National Seminar on Ecocriticism organized by the Department of English, Diphu Government College during 9 – 10 February, 2012.
15. Delivered the Keynote and Chaired a Session in UGC Sponsored National Seminar on 'Feminism and Women's Texts in North East India' organized by the Department of English, Tihu College, Tihu during 20 – 21 June, 2013.
16. Delivered the Keynote Address in UGC Sponsored National Seminar on 'Search for Roots in Post Independence Indian English Fiction' organized by the Department of English, Bankura Christian College on 29th.August, 2008.
17. Invited to be a Resource Person in UGC Sponsored Refresher Course in NEHU, Shillong during 13-16 March, 2009.
18. Invited to be a Resource Person at Science College, Agartala during 11-15 February, 2009 for delivering lectures to IAS/TCS aspirants.
19. Acted as Sessions Chair in UGC Sponsored National Seminar at Lakhimpur Girls' College, Assam during 9-10 September, 2005.
20. Acted as Sessions Chair in ICSSR Sponsored National Seminar organized by the Department of Anthropology, AUDC, during 6-7 January, 2016.

21. Invited to be a Resource Person at International Conference on Exploring Sub-Regional Co-operation in the Context of India-Bangladesh Relations: Society, History, Science and Culture organized by Assam University, Silchar during 22-24 January, 2012.
22. Delivered the Keynote at the Inaugural of the Centre of Excellence for Northeast Studies and Sustainable Development of Mahatma Gandhi University, Meghalaya, 03.10.16.
23. Acted as a Resource Person in the Round Table Talk on “Identity and Difference in the Northeast” at the Inaugural of the Centre of Excellence for Northeast Studies and Sustainable Development of Mahatma Gandhi University, Meghalaya, 03.10.16.
24. Presented an Invited Paper and acted as Resource Person in National Conference organized by St. Joseph’s College, Jakhama, during 23 – 25 November, 2018.

Publications

Major Book Publications:

1. *Rhetoric of Ambivalence in the Fiction of Thomas Clayton Wolfe* in 2013 by Scholar’s Press, Germany.
2. Book Publications Awaited:
 - a. *Anxiety and Ambivalence in the Short Stories of Thomas Clayton Wolfe*.
 - b. *Voices from the Margins*.
 - c. *Torn Pages from my Northeast Chapter*.
 - d. *Torn Pages from my Arizona Chapter*.

Other Publications:

1. “A Quest for Meaning: Deconstructing *The Tempest* as a Feminist Orientalist Discourse” in the Journal of the Department of English, University of Burdwan, Vol.xiii, No.I, 2001.
2. “Rhetoric of Ambivalence: A Study of Thomas Clayton Wolfe” in Dialogue, Journal of the North East India Forum for English Studies, Vol. IV & V, 2000.
3. “A Quest for Meaning: Deconstructing *The Tempest* as a Feminist Orientalist Discourse” in The Atlantic Critical Review, Vol.I, No.I, New Delhi, Atlantic Publishers & Distributors, 2002.
4. “Farewell to Arms: The Choiceless World of Hemingway” in *Society and Human Values*, Karimganj, Department of Philosophy, Karimganj College, 2002.

5. "Rhetorical Ambivalence in the Shorter Fiction of Thomas Clayton Wolfe" in *Modern Literary Criticism: Theory and Practice*, Vol.I, ed. N.D.R. Chandra, Delhi, Authorspress, 2003.
6. "A Quest for Meaning: Deconstructing *The Tempest* as a Feminist Orientalist Discourse" in *Contemporary Literary Criticism: Theory and Practice*, Vol.I, ed. N.D.R. Chandra, Delhi, Authorspress, 2005.
7. "Kanthapura: A Postmodern Narrative" in *Contemporary Indian Writing in English*, ed. Nigamananda Das, New Delhi, Adhyayan Publishers & Distributors, 2007.
8. "Post Independence Indian Fiction in English" in *Appropriations: The Journal of the Department of English*, Bankura Christian College, Vol.4, 2008.
9. "Preface" to *Dialogia: An Anthology of Critical Ideas* (A Peer Reviewed Multilingual International Edition, Vol.1, February 2015, ed. Banerjee & Paul, Rainsoft, Guwahati).
10. "Dialogue with the Northeast: The Short Story Mapuii" in *Dialogia: An Anthology of Critical Ideas* (A Peer Reviewed Multilingual International Edition, Vol.1, February 2015, ed. Banerjee & Paul, Rainsoft, Guwahati).
11. "Encounter with the Mizo: Negotiating a Unique Culture" in *Janakristi: Annual Research Journal of Folklore Society of Assam*, Vol.3, No. 1-3, 2009-10, ed. Goswami, B.J., Folklore Society of Assam : , Guwahati.
12. "Anxiety and Angst: The Dilemma of the Mizo" in *Marginalised Identity: An Engagement with Art, Literature and Ethnicity*, ed. Basar et al., New Delhi: Commonwealth Publishers, 2012.
13. "Crossing Shadow Line Borders: Indeterminate Heterotopias in Indian Diasporic Fiction" in *Proceedings of the International Conference: Expanding Horizons in English Language and Literary Studies (ELLS 2011)*, Depaartment of English, Faculty of Arts, Chulalongkorn University, Bangkok, Thailand: 2011.
14. "Language, Culture and Translation of the Karbi: A Brief Study" (Jointly with Ms. Serdihun Beypi) in the *International Journal of Social Science and Humanity (IJSSH)*, ed. Briscaru. A. Vol.2 No.6, November 2012, ISSN: 2010-3646, IACSIT (www.IACSIT.ORG), Singapore.
15. "Mur Axom" in *Mukak Alir: A Souvenir of 1st. Assam Ethnic Festival* at Taralangso, Diphu during 13-15 March, 2015.

16. "Rearticulating slave women's history: Black Feminism in Margaret Walker's Jubilee" in *Research Journal of English Language and Literature* (with Antara Choudhury), Vol.4, Issue 2.2016 (April-June) ISSN 2321-3108.
17. "Women's Experience and Female Voice in Select Works of Joseph Conrad: A Feminist Reading" (jointly with Anuradha Choudhury) in *Rock Pebbles : A Peer Reviewed International Literary Journal*, Vol.XX No.1, Jan-Mar 2016 Issue. ISSN 0975-0509 p.139-146.
18. "Representation of the Colonized Women in Conrad's Select Fiction" (jointly with Anuradha Choudhury) in *International Research Journal of Humanities, Language and Literature*, A Monthly Double-Blind Peer Reviewed Open Access International e-Journal, Vol.3, Issue 6, June 2016, IF-3.558, ISSN: 2394-1642, Associated Asia Research Foundation (AARF) Publication.
19. "The Native American Women: A Glimpse from Leslie Marmon Silko's Selected Texts" (Jointly with Serdihun Beypi) in *International Journal of Innovative Research and Advanced Studies (IJIRAS)*, Vol 3 Issue 10, September 2016, ISSN: 2394-4404.
20. "Women vis-à-vis Politics and Insurgency in Northeast India: A Reading of Mitra Phukan's The Collector's Wife and Easterine Kire's A Terrible Matriarchy" (with Sharon Seb Rengma) in *International Journal of Innovative Research and Advanced Studies (IJIRAS)*, Vol 3 Issue 9, August 2016, ISSN: 2394-4404.
21. "The Issue of Women Empowerment and Indira Goswami's *The Bronze Sword of Thengphakhri Tehsildar*: A Postcolonial Reading (Jointly with Anuradha Choudhury) in *Contemporary Postcolonial Literature in English* edited by Silvest & Bhadra, Authorspress, Shahdara, 2017.

Research Guidance:

1. Ph.D Awarded: "The Politics of Narrative: A Study of Colour and Gender in the Fiction of Toni Morrison" by K.C. Lalthlamuani, Mizoram University, 2012.
2. Ph.D Awarded: "Migrancy and Identity: A Study of V.S. Naipaul's Non-Fictional Works" by Kafeel Ahmed Choudhury, Mizoram University, 2013.
3. Ph.D Awarded: "R.K. Narayan and the Idea of the Nation" by Ramyabrata Chakraborty, Assam University, Diphu Campus. (The 1st. Ph.D Registered and awarded at AUDC) July 2014.

4. Ph.D Awarded: "The Ambivalent Self in the Autobiographies of Maya Angelou" by Pamela Sarmah, Assam University, Diphu Campus, 2015.
5. Ph.D Awarded: "Marginalization of Women during Insurgency in Northeast Indian Writing" by Sumi Daa-Dhora, Assam University, Diphu Campus, 2016.
6. Ph.D Awarded: "Representations of history and nature in the fiction and non-fiction of Amitav Ghosh" by Bhubaneswar Deka, Assam University, Diphu Campus.
7. Ph.D Awarded: "Colonial Encounter: Space and Travel in the Fiction of Joseph Conrad" by Anuradha Chaudhuri, Assam University, Diphu Campus.
8. Ph.D Awarded: "Identity and Difference in Contemporary Fiction from Northeast India" by Siambiakmawi, Assam University, Diphu Campus.
9. Ph.D Awarded: "Exploring Domesticity in Shashi Deshpande's Novels" by Jewelina Choudhury, Assam University, Diphu Campus.
10. Ph.D Awarded: "Marginality and Homogeneity: A Study of Shashi Deshpande's Novels" by Jeuti Talukdar, Assam University, Diphu Campus.
11. Ph.D Awarded: "Politics of Dispossession in Selected Novels of Toni Morrison and Sherman Alexie" by Thejani i Pohena, Assam University, Diphu Campus.
12. Ph.D Awarded: "Being a Chinese Woman: A Study of Selected Fiction by Lisa See" by Sermily Terangpi, Assam University, Diphu Campus.
13. Ph.D Awarded: "Ambivalence of Third Space in Selected Postcolonial Indian English Fiction" by Kangkan Bhuyan, Assam University, Diphu Campus.
14. M. Phil awarded: "Alienation and Search for Self in Samuel Beckett's *Waiting for Godot* and *Endgame*" by Pankaj Roy, Madurai Kamaraj University, Study Centre, Aizawl, Mizoram, 2008.
15. M.Phil awarded: "Politics of Marginalization and Female Space in Selected Fiction of Toni Morrison" by Thejani-i Pohena, Assam University, Diphu Campus, 2015.
16. M.Phil awarded: "Transposition of Reality in the Fiction of Gabriel Garcia Marquez" by Kangkan Bhuyan, Assam University, Diphu Campus, 2015.
17. M.Phil awarded: "Feminist Politics in Neo-Slave Narratives: A Study of Margaret Walker's *Jubilee*, Gayl Jones's *Corregidora* and Octavia Butler's *Kindred*" by Antara Choudhury.
18. M.Phil awarded: "Status of Women in Selected Fiction in English from Northeast India" by Sharon Seb Rengma.

19. M.Phil awarded: “Representation of Native American Identity in Selected Fiction by Leslie Marmon Silko” by Serdihun Beypi.

Research Evaluation of Other Universities:

1. Ph.D Thesis: ‘Impact of Globalization: A Study of the Selected Works of the Major Women Novelists of the Nineties’ from the Department of English, Janardan Rai Nagar Rajasthan Vidyapeeth University, Rajasthan, 2009.
2. Ph.D Thesis: ‘Shakespeare’s Kings: An Evaluation in the light of Indian Idea of Kingship’, from the Department of English and Modern European Languages, University of Allahabad, 2012.
3. Ph.D Thesis: ‘Death in the Novels of Joseph Conrad’, from the Department of English, Manipur University, 2012.
4. Ph.D Thesis: ‘The Blakean Vision of Human Predicament’, from the Department of English, Nagaland University, 2010.
5. Ph.D Thesis: ‘Interpreting Children’s Fantasy as Distortion of Reality: A Study of the Para Real in the Novels of C.S. Lewis(1898-1963), J.R.R. Tolkien(1892-1973) and J.K. Rowling(1965) from the Department of English, University of Calcutta, 2014.
6. Ph.D Thesis: ‘Novel and Myth: A Comparative Study of Myth in the Selected Novels of Chinua Achebe and Raja Rao’, from the Department of English, North-Eastern Hill University, 2014.
7. Ph.D Thesis: ‘A Study of Urbanism in T.S. Eliot’s Poetry’, from the Department of English, Manipur University, 2011.
8. Ph.D Thesis: ‘The Problem of Alienation in the Plays of Arthur Miller’, from the Department of English, Manipur University, 2012.
9. Ph.D Thesis: ‘Girish Karnad’s Passage to India: A Study of his Plays’, from the Department of English, University of Burdwan, 2011.
10. Ph.D Thesis: ‘Death and Alienation in the Poetry of Phillip Larkin’, from the Department of English, Manipur University, 2011.
11. Ph.D Thesis: ‘Dialogics of Marginality in the works of Rohinton Mistry and Arvind Adiga’, from the Department of English, Nagaland University, 2015.
12. M.Phil Dissertation: ‘Parody and the Play: A Study of Selected Plays of Tom Stoppard’, from the Department of English, Mizoram University, 2012.

13. M.Phil Dissertation: 'The Novel as a Subversive Discourse: A Study of Selected Novels of Xiaolu Guo', from the Department of English, Mizoram University, 2014.
14. M.Phil Dissertation: 'Interrogating the Black Self: A Study of Selected Narratives of Zora Neale Hurston', from the Department of English, Mizoram University, 2011.
15. M.Phil Dissertation: 'Towards a New Folklore in Selected Novels of Louise Erdrich: A Study in Ojibwean Culture and Identity', from the Department of English, Mizoram University, 2010.
16. M.Phil Dissertation: 'Secret Female Bonding in China: A Study of Select Fiction of Lisa See', from the Department of English, Mizoram University, 2015.
17. M.Phil Dissertation: 'Juvenile Testimonio: African-American Adolescent Experiences in Select Works of Rosa Guy', from the Department of English, Mizoram University, 2015.
18. M.Phil Dissertation: 'The Liminal Experience: A Study of Selected Works of Aarons and Lee', from the Department of English, Mizoram University, 2016.

Related Academic Activities:

1. Reviewer of Journal 'Victorian Journal of Arts'(ISSN – 09755663) of A.B.N. Seal College, Cooch Behar.
2. VC's Nominee to Departmental Research Committee, History/AUDC
3. VC's Nominee to Departmental Research Committee, Life Science/AUDC
4. VC's Nominee to Departmental Research Committee, Commerce/AUDC
5. VC's Nominee to Departmental Research Committee, Physics/AUDC
6. VC's Nominee to Departmental Research Committee, Assamese/AUDC
7. VC's Nominee to Departmental Research Committee, Political Science/AUDC
8. VC's Nominee to Departmental Research Committee, Physics/AUDC
9. Member of Library Sub-Committee, AUDC

Organization:

1. Organized the 1st International Talk on "Globalization and English Studies" at AUDC by Prof. Alan Johnson of Idaho State University, USA in 2010.
2. Organized an international conference: "narrativizing the margins: northeast india and beyond" during 4-6 January, 2012.
3. Organized the 1st "Professor Tiba Memorial Lecture" delivered by Prof. Udayon Mishra in 09.04.2011.

4. Organized a “Meet the Author”: a Face to Face with Tillotama Mishra on 09.04.2011.
5. Organized the 1st. “Dr. Bhaskar Jyoti Goswami Memorial Talk” delivered by Prof. Alan Johnson, Idaho State University on 13. February. 2017.
6. Co-ordinated United States India Educational Foundation OUTREACH Program on ‘Fulbright Opportunities’ at AUDC in January 2012.
7. Co-ordinated United States India Educational Foundation OUTREACH Program on ‘Graduate Studies in the United States: Application and Admission Process’ at AUDC on 18 February 2016.
8. Organized USEFI OUTREACH Program in September, 2007 while at Mizoram University.
9. Organized a two-day Orientation Course for College Teachers of Mizoram during (28 – 29 June, 2006) while at Mizoram University.

Administrative Experience:

Mizoram University (2004 – 09)

1. Remained Head of the Department English at Mizoram University between 2004-07.
2. Conducted UGC Sponsored Refresher Course in English (23.11.04 – 13.12.04)
3. Chairman of BPGS during tenure as Head/English
4. Chairman of BUGS during tenure as Head/English
5. Chairman of BUGS in B.Pharm, MZU during tenure as Head/English
6. Chairman of Moderation Board (PG)
7. Chairman of Moderation Board (UG)
8. Chairman Departmental Purchase Committee, MZU.
9. Chaired Committee for Revision of UG & PG Syllabi.
10. Introduced M.Phil Course.

Assam University (2009 – till date)

11. Currently Pro-Vice Chancellor, Assam University, Diphu Campus since 06.04.17.
12. Remained Head of the Department of English/AUDC during 2009-13.
13. Assumed 2nd term of Head/English on 19.08.16.
14. Chairman, Departmental Admission Committee (PG & IPP / Research)

15. Chairman, Departmental Purchase Committee.
16. Remained Pro-Vice Chancellor i/c intermittently when the PVC was out of station.
17. Remained Professor i/c, AUDC intermittently when the Professor i/c was out of station.
18. Appointed External Expert of BPGS in English, North-Eastern Hill University vide NO: BPGS: 4-2/CONF/88/(VOL-II) – 433 dated 12.05.09.
19. Appointed Outside Expert in Board of Under Graduate Studies in English, Tripura University vide No.F.TU/Reg/Ac/UG/03/07(Vol-I) dated 03.04.14.
20. Nominated Member of BPGS, Patkai Christian College, Nagaland by the Vice Chancellor, Nagaland University vide No.NU/Acad/BS/PCC/2011 dated 26.05.11.
21. Member of BUGS, Patkai Christian College, Nagaland.
22. External Expert for Ph.D Proposal from the Department of English, Rajiv Gandhi University vide No.AC-1628/PhD/2016/247 dated 17.05.16.
23. Nominated by Vice Chancellor, AUS to Governing Body of Eastern Karbi Anglong College as University Nominee (No. AUD-22/2015(A)/116 dated 11.06.15)
24. Administration in Charge / Estate & Maintenance, AUDC in 2012(vide 83rd EC No.83:01-12:23.10 dated 07.01.12).
25. Member of XII Plan Preparation Committee vide orders of 83rd EC dated 07.01.12
26. In Charge / Examinations & Admissions / AUDC
27. In Charge / Library
28. Chairman Central Purchase Committee / AUDC
29. Chairman Departmental Purchase Committee
30. VC's Nominee to Departmental Purchase Committee, History/AUDC
31. Director in Charge of National & International Academic Collaboration Cell, AUDC (vide F.NO.7-105/2012/VCS/6361 dated 23.01.12)
32. Convenor of Space Management Committee / AUDC
33. Chairman of Committee for Printing & Photocopy, AUDC.
34. Chairman of Inspection Team to Halonbi Velongbi College, Deithor during 11-12 August, 2015.

35. Chairman of Inspection Team to Hills Degree College, Haflong during 28.12.12.
36. Chairman of Inspection Team to Semson Engti College, Baithalangso on 14.05.16.
37. Subject Expert in Departmental Promotion Committee for English, Diphu Government College on 17.10.15.
38. Chairman of Monitoring Committee for Open Choice Course (14.12.15).
39. Chairman of Tender Evaluation Committee (17.12.15).
40. Chairman of Committee for the purchase of Street light CFLs, Halogens, etc.
41. Chairman of Campus Development Committee, AUDC (21.03.15).
42. Vice Chancellor's Nominee & Chairman of Walk-in Interview for Guest Faculty in Political Science on 29.07.16.
43. Walk-in Interview for Guest Faculty in Hindi on 22.09.16.
44. Chairman / Committee for the Purchase of Student Chairs, AUDC.
45. Vice Chancellor's Nominee to Ph.D Pre-Submission Seminar in the Department of History on 5.8.16.

Member of Academic Organizations:

1. Rocky Mountain Modern Language Association, USA.
2. Forum on Contemporary Theory, Baroda.