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Educational Qualifications:

- Qualified SLET exam in 2023 with 186 marks (62 %).
- Awarded Ph D from Deptt. of History, Faculty of Social Sciences, University of Delhi on the topic, “Culture and Identity In Assam : Historicizing Tea Plantations ” under the guidance of Prof Amar Farooqui in October, 2016.
- Master of Arts in History, Deptt. of History, Faculty of Social Sciences, with specialization in Modern Indian History, University of Delhi, 2007-2009, marks obtained: 893 out of 1600 (56%).
- Graduation in History (Hon.), Lady Sri Ram College, University of Delhi, 2004-2007, marks obtained: 522 out of 900 (58%).

- Senior Secondary from Delhi Public School, Numaligarh, Assam, CBSE, 2004, marks obtained: 421 out of 500 (84%).
- Matriculation from Delhi Public School, Numaligarh, Assam, CBSE, 2002, marks obtained: 422 out of 500 (84%).

Research and Work Experience:

- Joined as a University Teaching Assistant from 2010-2012, Deptt. of History, University of Delhi.
- Junior Research Fellowship received from the Indian Council of Historical Research (ICHR) in August 2013 for completing Ph D.
- Research Officer for Ministry of Women and Child Development sponsored project entitled: *Oral History Project On Stories Behind a Hot Cup of Assam Tea: Listening to the Voices of Women Labourers in The Tea Gardens* undertaken by the Centre for Women's Studies, Dibrugarh University, 2016-2017.
- Teaching Experience for a period of 5 months in the Centre for Women's Studies, Dibrugarh University from February 2017 to June 2017 (for one semester). Topics taught: "Caste, Class and Gender: Contestations of Identity and Culture" and "Historical Insight into the Representation of Women in the Socio-Cultural Context of India (Devadasi, Dalit and Tribal Women)" as part of the Paper titled "Gender, Culture and Society" prescribed for the Post Graduate Diploma in Women's Studies.
- Blind Peer Review for Oxford University Press, 2016.
- Research Associate at Omeo Kumar Das Institute of Social Change and Development (OKDISCD), an autonomous research institute of ICSSR and Govt. of Assam for a

project titled *History of Settlement in Assam - Discovery of Assam*, from 4 April 2018 to 31 March 2019.

- Taught four classes on the topic titled ‘India at the Dawn of Colonialism’ at OKDISCD in the month of March 2019 for the Ph D Pre-Registration Course Work under Dibrugarh University.
- Research Associate at Omeo Kumar Das Institute of Social Change and Development (OKDISCD), an autonomous research institute of ICSSR and Govt. of Assam from 1 April 2019 to 31 March 2020. My service was placed under the project *Shared History of the Present Day North East India, Bangladesh and Myanmar*.
- Guest Lecturer for History of Migration in Amity University, Noida, on 16 October 2020.
- Research Assistant, Political History of Assam Project (1947-2012) under the Home and Political Department, Govt. of Assam from 1 July 2021 to 5 August 2023.
- Currently working as Assistant Professor and Head, Deptt. of History, Girijananda Chowdhury University, Guwahati.
- Ongoing National Project funded by the Indian Council of Historical Research, Government of India, New Delhi for a period of 2 years on “Memory, Identity and Belonging: Family Histories of the Sikh Communities in Assam”. Sanctioned amount : 3 lakhs.

Publications:

Research Papers:

- “Creating the ‘Primitive’: A Study of British Colonialism and Migrant ‘Coolies’ in the Tea Plantations of Assam Valley, 1860-1900”, *International Journal of Social Science and Humanity*, Vol. 5, No. 9, September 2015. ISSN 2010-3646.

- “Legitimizing the ‘Coolie’: A Study on British Colonial Law as a Means of Subjugation in the Tea Gardens of Assam, 1869-1900”, *Arts and Education International Research Journal*, Vol. 1, Issue 2, 2014, ISSN 2349-1353.
- ‘A Colonizer or an Anthropologist? Locating the Identity of the Christian Missionary vis-à-vis the Tea Garden ‘Coolie’ in Colonial Assam’, *Social Change and Development*, Vol. XVI, July 2019, ISSN: 0975-4016.

Book Chapters:

- ‘Time, Memory And History: An Oral Account Of A Tea Garden ‘coolie’ in Nath, Bikash and Kalita, Biraj Jyoti (eds.), *Tea Plantation Labour of Assam: Migration, Culture and Identity*, Notion Press, California & Chennai, 2022. ISBN : 979-8-88783-981-3.
- ‘Colonizer or Anthropologist?: Locating the Identity of the Christian Missionary vis-à-vis the Tea Garden ‘Coolie’ in Colonial Assam’ in Nag, Sajal and Kumar, Satish M. (eds.), *Encounter and Interventions: Christian Missionaries in Colonial North-East India*, Manohar, New Delhi, 2023. ISBN: 978-93-91928-92-6.

The book in which this chapter has been published has also been brought out as an ebook in August 2023 by Routledge under Taylor & Francis. Ebook ISBN: 9781003425601.

- Saikia, Rajen (ed.), *Political History of Assam, 1947-1971*, Volume 1, Publication Board Assam, 2024.
- Book chapter titled “In Search of the ‘Suitable Coolie’: Homogenisation and Colonial Migration of Labour to the Tea Gardens of Assam” in Chowdhury, Nasreen & Singh, Priya (eds.), *New Frontiers in the Register of Migration and Refugee Studies*, Springer Nature, Singapore, 2026.

Book Reviews:

- Sanghamitra Misra, *Becoming A Borderland : The Politics of Space and Identity in Colonial Northeastern India*, Routledge, New Delhi, 2011, *Social Scientist journal*, Vol. 39, Nos. 9-10, Sep-Oct, 2011, ISSN 0970-0293.
- Priyam Goswami, *The History of Assam : From Yandabo To Partition, 1826-1947*, Orient Blackswan, New Delhi, 2012, *Social Scientist journal*, Vol. 40, Nos. 7-8, July-Aug, 2012, ISSN 0970-0293.
- Rana P. Behal, *One Hundred Years of Servitude : Political Economy of Tea Plantations in Colonial Assam*, Tulika Books, New Delhi, 2014, *Social Scientist journal*, Vol. 44, Nos. 1-2, Jan- Feb, 2016, ISSN 0970-0293.
- Bikash Nath, *Tea Plantation Workers of Assam and the Indian National Movement 1921-1947*, Primus Books, New Delhi, 2016, *Social Scientist journal*, Vol. 44, Nos. 9-10, Sep-Oct, 2016, ISSN 0970-0293.
- Indrani Chatterjee, *Forgotten Friends: Monks, Marriages, and Memories of Northeast India*, Oxford University Press, New Delhi, 2013, *Social Change and Development journal*, Vol. XVI, January 2019, ISSN 0975-4016.

Newspaper Articles:

- “Exploring ‘Stillness’ in the Time of a Pandemic”, Melange, *The Sentinel*, July 5, 2020.
- ‘Freedom: An illusion in Corona times’, *G Plus*, July11-July 17, 2020.
- ‘Humanism versus Intellectualism’, Melange, *The Sentinel*, November 8, 2020.

Paper Presentation and Seminars Attended :

- Topic of paper presented: *Ordering the Garden : 'Coolies' and the Tea Plantations of Assam*, National Seminar on 'The Human Mystique : Contemporary Discourses', 9th-10th February, 2012, Dept. of Anthropology, Faculty of Science, University of Delhi.
- Topic of paper presented: *Creating the 'Primitive': A Study of British Colonialism and Migrant 'Coolies' in the Tea Plantations of Assam Valley, 1860-1900*, 2014 International Conference on World Congress of Social Sciences, 6th-8th August, 2014, Singapore, Venue: Hotel Peninsula Excelsior.
- Topic of paper presented: "Making 'Sense' of 'Non-Sense': Representation of Time among the Tea Garden Workers of Assam", Annual Conference of the Oral History Association of India on 'Public Memory and Oral History', 13th-14th November, 2017 organized by OHAI, Bengaluru & Deptt. of History, Gauhati University, Assam.
- Involvement and Association in the International Seminar on "TajMahal – A Symbol of Indo-Iran Craftsmanship", jointly organized by the Dept. of History, University of Delhi, Indian Council of Historical Research and Iran Culture House, New Delhi, October, 2009.
- Involvement and association in the 70th Session of the Indian History Congress, organized by Deptt. of History, University of Delhi, 15-17 May, 2010.
- Participation at a seven day national workshop on Feminist Research Methodology, 29-4 September, 2016 at the Centre for Women's Studies, Dibrugarh University.
- Participation and presentation on the topic "The 'Garden' versus 'Jungle': Colonialism, Plantations and Transformation of a Land in India's North-East" in the Doctoral Scholars' Meet organized jointly by OKD Institute of Social Change and

Development, Guwahati & Deptt. of History, Dibrugarh University from 8th to 9th December, 2017 in Dibrugarh University.

- Paper presentation on the topic “Shifting the ‘Jungle’, Fixing the ‘Garden’: A Study of British Colonialism, Tea Plantations and the Construction of ‘Frontier’ in India’s North-East” in the 78th Session of the Indian History Congress in Jadavpur University, Kolkata from 28th to 30th December, 2017.
- Participation in the Seven day National Workshop jointly organized by Maulana Abul Kalam Azad Institute of Asian Studies, Kolkata and Indian Council of Historical Research (ICHR), New Delhi on “Documenting Oral Cultural Traditions of North East India”, 12-18 February, 2018 at the National Institute of Rural Development and Panchayati Raj (North East Regional Centre), Guwahati.
- Paper presentation on the topic “Dowding’s Letters : Coolies, Plantations and Christian Missionary-cum-Anthropologist” in a UGC sponsored National Seminar (under SAP DRS – II) on ‘Revisiting Colonial Assam’ organized by Deptt. of History, Dibrugarh University, Dibrugarh on 29th and 30th March, 2018.
- Participation in an ICSSR sponsored workshop titled “Status of Women’s Studies in North East India” held on 18th-19th January, 2019 by OKDISCD, Guwahati.
- Participation in an RGNIYD sponsored National Seminar on “Marginalization and Marginality in India with a focus on North Eastern Region: Multiple Contexts for State Intervention”, organized on 15th-16th March, 2019 by Dr Ambedkar Chair, Tezpur University in collaboration with OKDISCD, Guwahati.
- Paper presentation on the topic “Recruiting ‘Junglees’ for a ‘Jungle’: A Historical Study of the Homogenisation of Lands and Populations Through the Recruitment of Tea Plantation Labour to Assam” in the Third Ireland India Institute Conference on South Asia organized by Ireland India Institute, Dublin City University, on 24th-26th April, 2019.

- Paper presented on the topic titled “Gandhi *Maharaj* or Gandhi *Baba*? Reading Gandhi and the Chagola Exodus of 1921” in a National Seminar on ‘Mahatma Gandhi and North East India: Celebrating 150 Years of the Mahatma’ jointly organised by the History Department, Dibrugarh University and Indira Gandhi National Centre for the Arts (IGNCA) on 15-16 October, 2019.
- Participation in a One Week Interdisciplinary Faculty Development Programme on “Historiography and Research Methodology” (19-24 April, 2021) organized by Department of History, Hansraj College in collaboration with Mahatma Hansraj Faculty Development Centre, Hansraj College, University of Delhi.
- Participation in the Sixth Annual Research & Orientation Workshop & Conference on Global Protection of Migrants and Refugees from 15-20 November 2021, Kolkata, India organized by Mahanirban Calcutta Research Group in collaboration with Rosa Luxemburg Stiftung (RLS) and Institute for Human Sciences (IWM), Vienna and several other Universities and Institutions in India.
- Participation in a one week online workshop on Museum Studies & Museology organized by the Indian Art History Congress under the Directorate of Archaeology, Guwahati from 1 to 7 October 2023.
- Invited as a chairperson for a panel session at the International Conference ‘Beyond Borders and Boundaries: Indigenous Cultures Now and Then’ conducted by the Deptt. of English and Foreign Languages, Girijananda Chowdhury University in collaboration with the Russian State University for Humanities, Moscow, Russia on 23 & 24 January, 2024.
- Invited as a resource person to speak on Indian Knowledge Systems at a Regional Workshop on Implementation of NEP 2020 and Outcome-Based Education : A Pedagogical Approach organised by Girijananda Chowdhury University, Guwahati from 3 to 5 July 2024.
- Presentation of paper titled “Beyond ‘Conflict’: Revisiting the Ahom-Mughal Relationship in Suryya Kumar Bhuyan’s History” at the 8th National Young

Historians' Seminar at IIT Guwahati organized by Centre for Indian Knowledge Systems, IIT Guwahati; Akhil Bharatiya Itihas Sankalan Yojana, New Delhi and Bharatiya Itihas Sankalan Samiti, Assam on 21-22 September 2024.

- Convenor of International Conference on 'Political, Economic and Cultural Pivots in the Past, Present and Future of Central, South and South-East Asia' organised by School of Humanities and Social Sciences, Girijananda Chowdhury University on 21-22 January, 2025.
- Participated in a one-month FIP organized by MMTTC, Gauhati University from 28 May to 30 June 2025.
- Organised a Heritage Walk in the city of Guwahati on 12 July 2025.
- Resource person in a week long Student Induction Programme 2025 organised by Girijananda Chowdhury University in July 2025
- Convenor of the International Conference on 'Bridging Sacred Wisdom and Scientific Vision: Re-envisioning Knowledge Discourses from Global Perspectives with emphasis on the Indian Knowledge System (IKS)' organised by Girijananda Chowdhury University on 23 and 24 January 2026.
- Invited as Resource Person (online) to speak on "Gandhi, Nationalism and Resistance in the Tea Plantations of Assam" at the International Roundtable on Patriotism and Civic Identity: A Comparative Analysis of Russia and India organized by Russian State University for the Humanities, Moscow, Russia on 25 March 2026.

Languages Known:

English, Hindi, Assamese

Referees who are well acquainted with my work:

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