COTTON UNIVERSITY

DEPARTMENT: SOCIOLOGY

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Educational Qualification	Institution	Year
PG	Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi	2007
Ph.D	Tezpur University, Assam	2012
NET / SLET / SET and others	NET	June-2008

Career Profile/Services	• Designation and Institution	Period
	• Assistant Professor, Omeo Kumar Das Institute of Social Change and Development (An Institute of the Indian Council of Social Science Research, New Delhi) Guwahati	September, 2013 ---- May, 2015
	• Assistant Professor, Department of Sociology, Cotton University, Panbazar, Guwahati-781001	June 2015 -- Present

Administrative assignments within and outside the institution	• Designation and Institution	Period
	Head, Department of Sociology, Cotton University, Guwahati	8thAugust 2015 ---- 30thAugust 2019

Activities/assignments in the University

- ❖ Founder Head, Department of Sociology, August 2015 – October 2019
- ❖ Coordinator, Human and Social Sciences (Research Methodology) paper of PhD Coursework, 2017
- ❖ Member, Unnat Bharat Abhiyan, UBA Cell, Cotton University 2018
- ❖ Member, Centre for Women's Studies, Cotton University
- ❖ Member, Coordination Committee for the BLA Programme, Cotton University, 2020
- ❖ Coordinator (In-charge), B.A. Programme for Sportspersons for the

academic session June-December 2021.

- Member, Coordination Committee for UG Admission, 2017-18, 2019 – 20 and 2022-23
- Member, Organizing committee of "Cotton Fest", 2022 Cotton University
- Member, Election conduct Committee, 2022-23, Cotton University
- Member, Committee for organization of Cotton College State University Convocation, 2017
- Member, Sub-Committee of Second Convocation of Cotton University, 2022
- Member, Committee for the Implementation of the Guidelines for establishment of Research and Development Cell, Cotton University, 2022
- Member, Guidance and Counseling Cell, Cotton University, 2022
- Assistant Officer in-Charge and Assistant Zonal Officer for UG Semester-I Examinations, 2021
- Panel Member for the Selection of Project Personnel, Department of Environmental Biology and Wildlife Sciences, Cotton University.
- Member, Committee for Evaluation of Research Papers/Book Chapters published by faculty members of Human and Social Science, Cotton University, 2019
- Member, Advisory Committee to review Qualitative and Quantitative Matrix under NAAC Assessment Process, IQAC, Cotton University, 2019
- Member, Committee for Women's Study Centre at Cotton University, 2019
- Member (Joint-Convener) for Natural History, Committee for Evening PG Courses, 2019
- Convener, Selection Sub-Committee for National Social Service (NSS), Son/Daughter of Martyred Soldiers belongs to Indian Army, Other States, 2018, 2019
- Paper Setter, Social Science (Sociology), National Talent Search (NTS) Examination and National Means cum Merit Scholarship Scheme(NMMSS) Examination, 2017-18
- PhD Guide ship (Sociology), 2016
- Faculty In-Charge, Social Service, Cotton University
- Member, Chess Team selection Committee, 2018
- Member, Committee to development and implement Student feedback mechanism, Cotton University, 2018
- Chairperson and Convener, UG and PG Board of Studies for Sociology, Cotton University, 2018
- Member, Placement Cell, Cotton University, 2018
- Member, Departmental Research Committee of Departments of Sociology, Education, Economics, History, Anthropology, Archaeology, Political Science (Cotton University)
- Departmental Representative to Internal Quality Assurance Cell (IQAC) from 2017 – September 2023
- Dr. Indrani Sarma, Member of the Unnat Bharat Abhiyan Cell, Cotton University (Notification CU/REGOFF/2017/012/4317-23 dated 02

	June 2026) ❖ Panel of Judge, Speech Competition (UG and PG students) as a part of Seva Sankalp Abhiyan 2026 in Cotton University on 24th September, 2026 ❖ Member, International Student Cell, Cotton University, 2026- ❖ Member, Student Advisory Council, Cotton University for the session 2025-2026
Area of Interest/Specialization	Environmental Sociology (**Area of Specialization**) Environmental History, Population and Society, Research Methodology, Society in India, Sociological Theories **(Areas of Interest)**

Research Guidance

- ❖ Ph.D. awarded:
- ❖ Registered Ph.D scholars: 04

Research paper publications

RESEARCH PUBLICATIONS:

- ❖ Nabanita Bharadwaj and Dr. Indrani Sarma. (2026). Handloom Weaving and Environmental Sustainability: A Sociological Analysis of Gendered Livelihoods in Rural Assam, India. *Ecology, Environment and Conservation.* Volume 32 (3): 2026; pp. (1059-1062). (Journal indexed in Web of Science)

- ❖ Himangshu Sekhar Sarma and Dr. Indrani Sarma. (2025). Bridging the Digital-Language Gap: School Education in Rural and Urban Assam**. Indian Journal of Educational Technology (**NCERT).Volume No. VII (No.I). Pp. 295-306.NCERT, New Delhi.

- ❖ Himangshu Sekhar Sarma, Nabanita Bharadwaj and Dr. Indrani Sarma. (2025). Digital Learning Divides: Exploring the Role of Social and Cultural Capital in Online Education. **Educational Research Journal.** Volume VII (No. 1), June, 2025. Pp.99 – 108. Department of Research and Evaluation, State Council of Educational Research and Training (SCERT), Assam. (ISSN 2454-4949)

- ❖ Himangshu Sekhar Sarma and Dr. Indrani Sarma (2024). **Cultural Capital and Digital Divide: Language as a Bridge and Barrier to Technology Adoption Among Students in Vernacular Medium Schools**. *Aitihya- The Heritage.* **UGC-CARE (Group-I).**ISSN No. 2229-5399

- ❖ Nabanita Bharadwaj, Dr .Draghima Basumatary and Dr. Indrani Sarma (Corresponding Author). (2024). Peri-Urbanisation and Its Impact: A Sociological Study of the Peripheries around Guwahati City. **GUINEIS JOURNAL (A Multidisciplinary Peer-Reviewed Journal of North East India Studies)**. Volume XIII (Special Issue 2024: Cities of North East India). Pp. 18-33. Gauhati University Institute of North East India Studies, Guwahati.

- ❖ Sharma and Sarma. (2014). **Issues of Conservation and Livelihood in a Forest Village of Assam,**

International Journal of Rural Management, Sage Publications, New Delhi (**SCOPUS** ISSN: 09730052 e-ISSN: 09730680)

- Sarma and Das. (2022). **Urbanisation and its Impact on the Peri-Urban Areas: A Study in Guwahati City.** Explorations (E-Jounal of the Indian Sociological Society), Volume 6 (1). April 2022 (**UGC-CARE (Group-I)** e-ISSN: 2581-5741

- Sarma. (2012). **Forest Villages in Assam: Emergence and Evolution.** Social Change and Development. Volume IX, July 2012, **UGC-CARE (Group-I)** ISSN: 0975-4016

- Sarma. (2019). **Insights from the forest villages in Assam: Discourses on the history, culture and communities.** International Journal of Social Science and Economic Research Volume 4, Issue 6, June 2019. **UGC-CARE (Group- I)** Journal No. 63200 ISSN: 24558834

- Sarma and Basumatary. (2021). **The New Education Policy: A Sociological Perspective.** Shodh Sarita. Volume 8. Issue 29. January-March 2021. **UGC-CARE (Group-I)** ISSN: 2348-2397

- Basumatary and Sarma. (2021). **The Kamakhya Temple: A Sociological Perspective.** Shodh Sanchar Bulletin. Volume 11. Issue 21. January-March 2021. **UGC-CARE (Group-I)** ISSN: 2229-3620

- Book Review: **In Search of an Ordered Landscape.** Gunnel Cederlöf (2014) An Empire on India's North Eastern Frontiers 1790-1840: Climate, Commerce and Ecology, Oxford University Press 2014, New Delhi, 272 pages. Social Change and Development, Volume XI Number 2 July 2014. **UGC-CARE (Group-I)** ISSN: 0975-4016

- Sarma. (2012). **M.N. Srinivas: The Man and His Work.** Anthropos India. Volume 1, January 2015. ISSN: 2394-8396

- Sarma. (2012). **An Assessment of the Indian Forest Rights Act 2006 in Assam.** Journal of Alternative Perspectives in the Social Sciences. Volume 4, Issue 3, May 2012. ISSN: 1948-0105 (online) ISSN: 1948-0091 (Print)

- Sarma. (2012). **Joint Forest Management in a National Park of Assam.** International Journal of Social Science Tomorrow (Society for Promoting International Research and Innovation). Volume I, Issue 3, May 15, 2012. ISSN: 2277-6168

CHAPTERS IN SELF LEARNING MATERIALS FOR PG Courses (For Krishna Kanta Handique State Open University, Guwahati, Assam)

- Social Action
- Development, Human Development, Social Development, Ecological Development and Sustainable Development
- Theories of Development
- Education and Economy in Indian Society: Traditional Educational System, Emergence of Formal Education System, Present Occupational Structure, Features of Tribal Economy and Urban Economy.
- Indian Society: Unity and Diversity, Religious, Linguistic and Regional Diversities of Indian Society.

- Introduction: Scope of Study of Rural and Urban Sociology
- Rural Economy
- Rural Development
- Planned Change for Rural Society

Chapters/Articles publications in Books (Research Oriented)

- Sarma and Basumatary. (2023). **Qualitative Methodology in Social Science Research**. *Recent Advances in Social Science Research: In the context of India's North-East*(Edited by: Prof. Barnali Gogoi & Swapnali Saikia). Satabdi Prakashan. Guwahati. 978-81-92726-11-3

- Pathak and Sarma. (2022). **The New Education Policy 2020: Understanding the New Structural Changes in the Education System.** *India@75 (Policy, Governance and Development)* Edited by: Kikhi et.al., Global Publishing House, New Delhi. 978-93-95606-03-5

- Sharma and Sarma. (2017). **The Forest Villages and the Forest Dwellers of Assam and the FRA 2006'.** MAN AND FORESTS IN THE HIMALAYAS AND NORTHEAST INDIA (Edited volume by the Centre for the Himalayan Studies, North Bengal University). B.R. Publications, New Delhi. 9789386223630 SD387.S55M36 2017 DDC 33.75095496

- Sarma. (2012) Joint Forest Management: A Critique (Lessons from the Forest Villages in Assam)" has been published in Jose et al. (eds.) ***Anthropology in North-East India*** (2013), Omsons Publications, New Delhi, Pp. 153-172. 978-93-81981-03-0

- "Globalization and Forestry: With Special Reference to Assam" has been published in - ***Biodiversity Conservation and Sustainable Development*** (2010), KC Das Commerce College, Guwahati, Pp. 386-394.

TEXTBOOKS PUBLISHED

- Dr. Indrani Sarma and Nabanita Bhardwaj. *Introducing Sociology and Understanding Society*. Sociology Higher Secondary Textbook for First Year. Global Net Publication, New Delhi (January 2026 First Impression). ISBN: 978-93-6761-229-3

- Dr. Indrani Sarma and Nabanita Bhardwaj. Indian Society and Social Change and Development in India. Sociology Higher Secondary Textbook for Second Year. Global Net Publication, New Delhi (February 2026 First Impression). ISBN: 978-93-6761-651-2

Invited Lecture

- Invited to Chair a Session on 'Archaeological Research and Heritage Documentation' as a part of the two-Day National Seminar and Exhibition on' The Future of the Past: Managing Indi's Heritage in a Changing Present' on 19-20 November 2026 at Cotton University organized by Pleach India Foundation and Department of Archaeology, Cotton University.

- Invited as a Resource Person to deliver a talk on 'Significance of Review of Literature in Social Science Research' in ICSSR Sponsored National Workshop on Enhancing Research Capacities on Social Science Research: A Comprehensive Workshop on Research

Methodology (1st to 10th April 2025) organized by the Department of Geography, Cotton University.

- Invited as a Resource Person to conduct and to deliver a talk in the Certificate Course on Women's Studies on the topic – Feminist Research Methods/Methodology – organized by the Women's Studies Cell and IQAC Cell, Handique Girls' College, Guwahati on 29th January, 2025.

- Invited as a Resource Person for to deliver a lecture on the topic- **Grounding Research- (Understanding the context of research & developing research questions),** Qualitative Research Methodology Workshop for Faculty Members, organised by IQAC Handique Girl's College, Guwahati in collaboration with Omeo Kumar Das Institute of Social Change and Development, Guwahati, 25th April, 2023.

- Invited as a Resource Person deliver lectures for two sessions on the topics – ***Concept of Gender, Need for Gender Sensitization*** Gender Sensitization of Extension Functionaries organised by SAMETI, Directorate of Agriculture Campus, Khanapara, Guwahati, 21st February, 2022 '

- Invited as a Resource Person to deliver lectures for two sessions on the topics- ***Gender as an Analytical Tool, Gender in Agriculture,*** Gender Sensitization of PRI Members and Farmers organised by SAMETI, Directorate of Agriculture Campus, Khanapara, Guwahati, 27th January, 2023

- Invited as a Resource Person speak on the topic - ***Understanding the Forest Rights Act, 2006,*** Organized by Department of Sociology, Women's College, Shillong (Meghalaya), 30th April, 2021

- Invited as a Resource Person to speak on the topic- ***The First Month of Assam Government: Leading Priorities and Challenges,*** Programme organized on by the SANSKRITI Group of Institutions, 9th June, 2021 (Webinar)

- Invited as Resource Person to speak on the topic- ***Memory of Late Tarun Gogoi, Former Chief Minister of Assam***, SANSKRITI Group of Institutions, Guwahati, 21st November, 2020 (Webinar)

- Invited as Resource Person for discussion on '*Cleaner India Programme'*, DD-National and DDK-Guwahati, 21st December, 2018.

- A Lecture delivered on *Gender in Culture* in Teachers' Orientation Course organized by the Centre for Cultural Resource and Training, Guwahati, 7 December, 2018

- Delivered lectures on *Research Aptitude* in Special Classes for NET organized by Cotton University, Guwahati, May-June 2018.

- A lecture delivered on *Gender Equity in Work Place* in a programme on Training of the Trainers on Gender Equity organized by Krishna Kanta Handique State Open University, Guwahati in collaboration with Rajiv Gandhi National Institute of Youth Development, Tamil Nadu, 9th

January, 2018

- A Lecture delivered on *Gender in Culture* in Teachers' Orientation Course organized by the Centre for Cultural Resource and Training, Guwahati, 20th December, 2017

- A lecture delivered on *Research Methods in Social Science* in an Internship Programme for the P.G. Sociology students organized by Sanskriti: The North Eastern Institute of Culture and Religion May 2016.

Research Project (Completed) -

Sl. No.	Principal Investigator	Co- Principal Investigator	Title of the Project	Period	Sponsoring Agency	Sanctioned Amount
1		Dr. Indrani Sarma	Impact of Technology on the Emotional Health of Adolesence	2024-2025 (6 months)	SCERT, Govt. Of Assam	
2.	Dr. Indrani Sarma	Prof. Chandan Kumar Sharma, Professor, Department of Sociology, Tezpur University	*'Forests and Forest Dwellers in Assam: Searching for a sustainable Relationship'*	2019 to 2021	Indian Council of Social Science Research (ICSSR), New Delhi under Impactful Policy Research in Social Sciences (IMPRESS) Scheme (COMPLETED)	
3.		Dr. Indrani Sarma	Witchcraft and Witch hunting as a Gendered Violence: A Sociological Study of Four Tribes of Assam	March 2016-September 2018	Indian Council of Social Science Research (ICSSR), New Delhi (COMPLETED)	
4.	Dr. Indrani Sarma		Training and Orientation Program for Students and Scholars on Community Forest Resource Rights (Engaged as a Documentation Officer Witch-Hunting in Assam: A Report	May-June, 2017	School of Habitat Studies, Tata Institute of Social Sciences (TISS), Mumbai (Minor Research) (COMPLETED)	

5.		Dr. Indrani Sarma (Team member with Prof. Indranee Dutta as the Principal Investigator)		2015	Assam Police and Omeo Kumar Das Institute of Social Change and Development (An ICSSR Institute, New Delhi) (Minor Research) (COMPLETED)	

Association with Professional Bodies

- Life Member, India Sociological Society
- Life Member of Indian Association for Women's Studies
- Member, International Union for Conservation of Nature Academy of Environmental Law (IUCNAEL)

Other Relevant Information

ACADEMIC TRAVEL GRANT/SCHOLARSHIP

- Recipient of the full-funded Travel Grant/Scholarship from the Indian Council of Social Science Research (ICSSR), New Delhi in the year 2014 (September).

PAPER PRESENTED IN INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCES

- Presented a Paper on 'Tourism in Protected Areas and Community Participation: A Sociological Study of the Pobitora Wildlife Sanctuary in Assam' (With Ms. Nabanita Bharadwaj) at the International Conference on Political, Economic and Cultural Pivots in the Past, Present and Future of Central, South and South-East Asia organized by Girijananda Chowdhury University in collaboration with Centre for South Asian Studies, Russian State University for the Humanities, Moscow, Russia Institute of Oriental Studies of the Russian Academy of Sciences, Moscow, Russia Primakov Institute of World Economy and International Relations, Russian Academy of Sciences Moscow, Russia Kut University College, Iraq on 21-22 January, 2025.

- Dr. Indrani Sarma Exploring the Socio-Economic Dimensions of Rural Tourism and Local Community Participation: A Case Study of Pobitora Wildlife Sanctuary in Assam Paper Presented in Young Scholars' Meet – A National Seminar on Globalising North-East India through Act East Policy: A Socio-Political and Economic Perspective organized by the Department of Political Science in collaboration with IQAC, Handique Girls' College, Guwahati (Assam) (An Initiative under the ICSSR Major Research Project) on 5th March 2025.

- Participated and presented a paper on *"Insights from the Forest Villages of Assam: Discourses on the History, Culture and Communities"* at the International Conference on **Northeast India and Southeast Asia: Exploring Continuities, Ambedkar University, Delhi, 25-26 October, 2018**

- Participated and presented a paper on "*Forest Governance in the Sixth Schedule Areas in Assam (A Study of the Forest Villages in Kokrajhar District)"* at the **India Land and Development Conference 2018, India Habitat Centre, New Delhi, 19-21 February, 2018**

- Presented a paper on *"The Supreme Court and Forest Conservation in India"* at the Colloquium on Environment in Court organized by the University of Oslo and the International Union Conservation of Nature Academy of Law held at the **University of Oslo, Norway, from 20-24 June, 2016.**

- Presented a paper on *''Forest Governance and the Forest Rights Act 2006 in India'* at the 13th IUCNAEL Colloquium on Forest and Marine Biodiversity held at **Atma Jaya University**, **Jakarta, Indonesia from 7-12 September, 2015.**

- Presented a paper on *'Forest Governance in India: Reconciling Biodiversity Conservation and Livelihood Needs of the Communities'* at the 3rd UNITAR-YALE Conference on Environmental Governance and Democracy organized by United Nations Institute of Training and Research (UNITAR) and Yale University, in collaboration with the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP), the United National Development Programme (UNDP), and the World Resources Institute (WRI) and the UN Independent Expert on Human Rights and the Environment. The Conference was held at **Yale University**, **New Haven, Connecticut, USA from 5-7 September 2014.**

PAPER PRESENTED IN NATIONAL CONFERENCES/SEMINAR

- Dr. Indrani Sarma, Cotton University has participated in the NCW-Sponsored Two- Day National Seminar on "Women in Unorganised Sectors" organized by Krishna Kanta Handiqui State Open University, Guwahati, Assam held on 12th, 13th December, 2024.

- Participated and presented a paper on "Traditional Crafts and Women Empowerment: Preserving Heritage through Self-Help Groups" at the 16th Two-Day Annual National Seminar on Cultural Heritage and Empowerment in India and Contemporary World: Harnessing Diversity, Technology, Talent and Vision organised SANSKRITI-North Eastern Institute of Cultural Research (NEICR), 7th December, 2024

- Participated and Presented a paper on *"Policy as a Cause of Conflict: Decentralisation, Conservation and Communities"* (RC-11 Environment and Society) at the 42nd**All India Sociological Conference** organized by Indian Sociological Society and Department of Sociology, Tezpur University from 27th to 30th December, 2016.

- Participated and Presented a paper on *"Equity and Diversity in Cotton College State University"* at Orientation-cum-Workshop on Management of Diversity and Equity Universities and Colleges organized by **National University of Educational Planning and Administration,** New Delhi, 7 – 11 March 2016.Presented a paper on *'The Koch Rajbongshis: Identity Assertion and Making of the Demand for an Exclusive Homeland Territory'* at the One Day Consultation on the Proposed Scheduled Tribes Status of Six Communities of Assam: Issues and Challenges, organized by **Sanskriti: The North Eastern Institute of Culture and Religion (NEICR)** on the 29th October, 2015.

- Presented a paper on *'Rethinking Forest Governance: Towards a New Policy Perspective'* in a National Seminar on "Post Liberalization Democratic Experiences in India" sponsored by ICSSR (Eastern Region) and UGC, organized by the Department of Political Science, **North Bengal**

University, 28th February, 2014.

- Presented a paper on *'Issues of Conservation and Livelihood among the Forest Villagers in the Nameri Area of Assam'* in the HSS Graduate Workshop on "Environment and Development: New Frontiers of Research on North-East India" organized by the Department of Humanities and Social Sciences, **Indian Institute of Technology, Guwahati and the Indian Council of Historical Research, New Delhi, 3-4 January, 2014.**

- Presented a paper on *'Ecology, Culture and Development'* in a National Seminar on "Culture and Development: Perspectives from North-East India" (3rd and 4th March, 2011) organized by the **Department of Sociology, Tezpur Central University, Tezpur, Assam.**

- Presented a paper on *'Globalization and Forestry: With Special Reference to Assam',* in a UGC Sponsored National Conference on "Biodiversity Conservation and Sustainable Development" organized by K C Das Commerce College, Guwahati, 28th and 29th January, 2009.

- Presented a Paper on *'Joint Forest Management: A Critique (Lessons from the Forest Villages in Assam)'* in a National Seminar on "Anthropological Research: Retrospect and Prospect" (11th to 13th November, 2011) organized by Sanskriti: The North Eastern Institute of Culture and Religion (NEICR), at the North East Diocesan Social Forum, Kharghuli, Guwahati.

PARTICIPATED IN CONFERENCES/ DISCUSSIONS/ DIALOGUES WORKSHOPS/SEMINARS

- Participated in the NCW sponsored Two-Day National Seminar on 'Women in Unorganised Sectors organized by Krishna Kanta Handique State Open University, Guwahati, Assam on 12-13, December, 2024.

- Participated in Three- Day National Workshop on ***Gramin Vikas: Enabling Self-Reliant Economy Through Techno Social Innovation in a Perspective of Post COVID-19 Rural India"*** organised by Unnat Bharat Abhiyan (UBA) Cell, Rajiv Gandhi Institute of Technology, Mumbai, from 25 – 27 June, 2020.

- Participated in Four-Day Workshop on ***Gender Equity and Inclusion: Transformative Pathways in Higher Education*** organized by Women in Security, Conflict Management and Peace An Initiative of the Foundation for Universal Responsibility from 11-14 March, 2019 organised by WISCOMP (Women in Security, Conflict Management and Peace) in collaboration with Cotton University, Guwahati as part of its project '*HAMSA: Campus Equity Initiative*'. The project is supported by the Public Affairs Section, U.S. Embassy, New Delhi.

- Participated in the Two Day Regional Conference on **"Waste Disposal and Management"** organized by the Hon'ble National Green Tribunal, Eastern Zone, Kolkata, held at Srimanta Sankardev Kalakhetra, Guwahati on 9th and 10th September, 2017. (Participated in the Conference along with P.G. students of the Department of Sociology, Cotton University).

- Participated in the One Day Orientation Programme on "**Community Forest Rights under the Forest Rights Act 2006" on the 30th of March 2017** organized by the Centre for Ecology,

Environment and Sustainable Development at Tata Institute of Social Sciences (Guwahati Campus) supported by Rights and Resource Initiative (RRI), Washington and School of Habitat Studies, TISS, Mumbai.

- Participated in a Two-Day Workshop on **"Intellectual Property Rights"** organized by Indian Institute of Technology, Guwahati on 30th November to 1st December, 2016.

- Participated and Presented in the State Level Inception Workshop on **"Strengthening Participatory Forest Management in India"** (PFM) organized by USAID and Enviro Legal Defense Firm, New Delhi, 7th August 2015 at NEDFi House Conference Hall, Guwahati.

- Participated in the National Seminar on '**Bodo and Assamese: Mutual Influence and Relation in Respect of Language, Literature and Culture',** organized by Sahitya Akademi, Department of Bodo, Cotton College and AALAP- A Platform of teachers and exchange of ideas, on 28th November, 2015 held at Cotton College, Guwahati.

- Participated in the ***'Young Ecologists Talk and Interact (YETI) 2011'***, organized at the Indian Institute of Technology, Guwahati, 13th to 15th December, 2011.

- Participated in a National Seminar on ***'Inclusive Social Development'*** organized by Equal Opportunity Cell in Collaboration with Departments of Sociology and Cultural Studies, Tezpur Central University. The Seminar sponsored by U.S. Consulate and Tezpur Central University, Tezpur, 7th and 8th September, 2011.

- Participated in the One Day Consultation on ***'Research Priorities in Social Sciences in North-East India'*** organized by Sanskriti: The North Eastern Institute of Culture and Religion (NEICR), at the North East Diocesan Social Forum, Kharghuli, Guwahati, 13th August, 2011.

- Participated in a Seminar on *'Development Issues in the Electoral Agenda 2011: Challenges to Political Parties'* organized jointly by North Eastern Social Research Centre and B. Borooah College, Guwahati, 12-13 March, 2011.

- Participated in ***'Knowledge Sharing Workshop on Climate Induced Water Hazards in the Brahmaputra Basin in Northeast India: Adaptation, Governance based on Risk Mitigation'*** organized by Aaranyak (Guwahati) and ICIMOD (Kathmandu), 15th February, 2011.

- Participated in a Workshop on ***'Conflict Transformation: Perspectives on North East India'*** organized by Equal Opportunity Cell and Department of Sociology, Tezpur Central University, Tezpur, Assam, 17-18 February, 2011.

COURSES/TRAINING PROGRAMMES

- Participated in ***Online Training Programme on "Sustainability Commitment in Educational Campuses"*** organised by Centre for Science and Environment (CSE), New Delhi from July 17-18, 2020.

- Participated in ***Online Training Programme on Gender Responsive Budgeting*** organised by V.V.

Giri National Labour Institute, Noida from July 13-17, 2020.

- Participated in ***Online Training Programme on Gender Issues in Labour: A Behavioural Approach to North Eastern States*** organised by V.V. Giri National Labour Institute, Noida from June 29 – July 3, 2020.

- Participated in a Short-term Course on ***"Tailoring Technologies for Rural Sector: Development and Dissemination"*** conducted under the Technical Education Quality Improvement Programme (TEQIP) sponsored by the Ministry of Human Resource Development, Government of India, organised by the Centre for Rural Technology, Indian Institute of Technology, Guwahati from 29th October to 2nd November, 2018.

- Participated in the ***Capacity Building Programme on Career Guidance and Counselling*** organized by Rajiv Gandhi National Institute of Youth Development (RGNIYD), Chandigarh and IQAC, Cotton University, Guwahati from 24/09/2018 to 27/09/2018

- Participated in OKDISCD ***Summer School on Political Economy*** organized by Omeo Kumar Das Institute of Social Change and Development (OKDISCD), Guwahati from 28/05/2017 to01/06/2017

- UGC Sponsored ***Refresher Course in Social Science-I*** (Interdisciplinary Refresher Course in Social Science-I) UGC- Human Resource Development Centre, Gauhati University, Guwahati from 29/01/2018 to 18/02/2018

- Participated in the ***10th Orientation Programme (Interdisciplinary)*** UGC-Human Resource Development Centre, Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi from 13/02/2017 to 10/03/2017

- Participated in One Day Training Programme on **'*Rights, Protection, Accountability and Disaster Risk Reduction*'** on 20th November, 2013 at the Conference Hall, Omeo Kumar Das Institute of Social Change and Develoment, Guwahati.

- Course on ***'Computer Application in Development Studies' (SPSS)***from 17th-24th January, 2009 organized by Omeo Kumar Das Institute of Social Change and Development (OKDISCD), Guwahati.

- Course on ***'Research Methodology in Development Studies'*** (1st-10th, December, 2008) organized by Omeo Kumar Das Institute of Social Change and Development (OKDISCD), Guwahati.

- Participated in a Summer School on ***'The Philosophies of the Social Sciences and Humanities'*** (8th-26th, June, 2009) at the National Institute of Advanced Studies, in Indian Institute of Science Campus, Bangalore, India.

REVIEWER OF JOURNALS

- Reviewer of the e-Journal *Explorations* (An e-journal of the Indian Sociological Society)
- Reviewer of the Journal *International Journal of Rural Management,* Sage (IRMA)

- Journal of Human Values (Sage)

WEBINARS

- Participated in the Online Meet ***'Interaction with the Achiever'*** organized by IQAC in association with Cotton University Teachers' Association (CUTA) on 13th August, 2020.
- Participated in the 4th Dr. Ambedkar Memorial Lecture ***'Dr. B.R. Ambedkar: The Life of the Mind and Life in Politics'*** organized by Dr. Ambedkar Chair, Tezpur University on 7th August, 2020.
- Participated in the National Webinar on ***'Statistics and Social Science Research: Field Realities'*** organized by the Department of Statistics in association with IQAC, Cotton University on 19th July, 2020.
- Participated in the International Seminar (A series of Web-talk) on **'Gendered Sites, Everyday Lives'** organized by Centre for Women's Studies (CWS) in association with IQAC, Cotton University on 12th, 17th, 24 and 31st July, 2020. (Four lectures were delivered by Eminent Speakers on different dates mentioned)
- Participated in National Webinar on ***'Wildlife Crimes in India: Overview and Recent Trends'*** organized by Biologics on 19th July, 2020.
- Participated in the National Webinar on ***" Use of Online E-Resources "*** organized by Internal Quality Assurance Cell (IQAC) of Cotton University in association with Assam College Librarians' Association (ACLA) held on 14th July, 2020.
- Participated in the live Webinar on '***User Awareness of National Digital Library of India (NDLI)'*** jointly organized by Surya Kumar Bhuyan Library and IQAC, Cotton University in collaboration with NDLI-NECR, IIT-Guwahati on 14th July, 2020.
- Participated in the Webinar on ***'Gender in the Post Covid Era'*** organized by Surya Kumar Bhuyan School of Social Sciences, Krishna Kanta Handiqui State Open University, Guwahati on 16th July, 2020.

B. COURSES ATTENDED BY FACULTY MEMBERS: SWAYAM (MOOCS)/ UGC REFRESHERS AND ORIENTATIONS

- Completed NPTEL- SWAYAM – Faculty Development Programme on 'Introductory Rural Sociology: Continuity and Change' (August to October, 2026) (8 weeks)
- Completed NPTEL-AICTE - Faculty Development Programme on 'Urban Ecology' from August to September, 2022 (4 weeks course).
- Completed NPTEL-AICTE- Faculty Development Programme on 'Environment and Development' from July to October, 2021 (12 weeks course).
- Completed NPTEL Online Certification course on 'Ecology and Society' from September to December, 2020 (12 weeks course).
- NPTEL-AICTE - Faculty Development Programme on 'Introductory Rural Sociology: Continuity and Change from August to October, 2026 (8 weeks course).
- National Workshop (One Week Faculty and Curriculum Development Programme on Developing Academic Curriculum and Interdisciplinary Research on 'Tribal Welfare Policies, Indigenous Knowledge and Social Justice in Northeast India' Sponsored by Ministry of Tribal Affairs (Govt. of India), organised by Department of Political Science Cotton University, Guwahati in Collaboration with Assam Institute of Research for Tribals and Scheduled Castes, Govt. of Assam from 29th June to July 2026.

OTHER COURSES

- Dr. Indrani Sarma has participated and completed a course on "Code of Conduct for Government Employees" provided by the Institute of Secretariate Training and Management, on 18th August, 2025 (Karmayogi Bharat, Department of Personnel Training).

- Dr. Indrani Sarma has participated and completed a course on "Yoga Break at Workplace" provided by the Morarji Desai Institute of Yoga (MDNIY) on 18th August, 2025 (Karmayogi Bharat, Department of Personnel Training).

- Dr. Indrani Sarma has participated and completed a course on "Time Management Skill" provided by Indian Railway Institute of Transport and Management (IRITM) on 18th August, 2025 (Karmayogi Bharat, Department of Personnel Training).

- Dr. Indrani Sarma has participated and completed a course on "Heart of Governance" provided by the Institute of Secretariate Training and Management on 18th August, 2025 (Karmayogi Bharat, Department of Personnel Training).

- Dr. Indrani Sarma has participated and completed a course on "Gender Equality and Energy" provided by the World Bank on 18th August, 2025 (Karmayogi Bharat, Department of Personnel Training).