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EDUCATIONAL QUALIFICATIONS

- **Matriculation** from T. C. Govt. Girls H. S. School in the year 2000 (with **76%** marks)

- **Higher Secondary** from Cotton College in the year 2002 (with **76.2%** marks)
- **Graduation in English Literature** from Cotton College in the year 2005 (with **49%** marks)
- **Master Degree in English Literature** from Gauhati University in the year 2008 (with **62%** marks)
- **LL.B.** from J. B. Law College, Guwahati in the year 2009 (with **60%** marks)
- **LL.M.** from the P. G. Department of Law, Gauhati University in the year 2012 (with **CGPA 9.45** i.e. **92%** marks)
- Awarded Ph.D. Degree by Gauhati University.

NATIONAL ELIGIBILITY TEST (NET)

Qualified UGC NET in LAW with **64% marks.**

ACADEMIC DISTINCTIONS

1. First Class Fourth Position in LL.B.
2. First Class Second Position in LL.M.
3. First Class First Position in M.A. in English Literature.

AWARD RECEIVED

- Received the Annual Partha Pratim Goswami Memorial Award for being the Best Graduate of the year 2008 of the J. B. Law College, Guwahati.

OTHER QUALIFICATIONS

- Bisharad in Vocal Music from Bhatkhande
- Diploma in Interior Designing

WORK EXPERIENCE

- One year teaching experience in Chandmari Junior College, Guwahati as a faculty in English Teaching
- One year internship experience with the Delhi based NGO Human Rights Law Network, Guwahati Chapter and of active participation in each programme and case
- Served as a Guest Faculty from January 2012 to December 2012 in J. B. Law College, Guwahati in its P.G. Department (in Human Rights and Humanitarian Law)
- Served as a Guest Faculty in the University Law College, Gauhati University from September 2012 to June 2013
- Served as a Guest Faculty in the National Law University and Judicial Academy Assam from July 14 to August 2, 2014.
- Served as a Guest Faculty in J.B. Law College, Guwahati since January 2014 to January 2015.
- Served in the Department of Law, Gauhati University as a Guest Faculty from April 2015 to December, 2017.
- Served as an Assistant Professor in the University School of Law and Research in University of Science and Technology, Meghalaya (USTM).
- Served as an Assistant Professor in the Assam Royal Global University, Guwahati from July, 2018 to December. 2019.
- Currently appointed as an Assistant Professor in the Cotton University, Panbazar, Guwahati.

SUBJECTS TAUGHT

LL.B. and B.A.,LL.B.

1. Jurisprudence
2. Constitutional Law

LL.M.

1. Human Rights Law

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| 3. Environmental Law | 2. International Humanitarian Law |
| 4. Administrative Law | 3. Refugee Law |
| 5. Public International Law | 4. Law of Crimes |
| 6. Private International Law | 5. Legal Research Methodology |
| 7. Law of Contracts | 6. Modern Theories of Law and State |
| 8. Human Rights Law | 7. Law and Justice |
| 9. International Labour Organization | 8. Comparative Constitutional Law |
| 10. International Organizations | 9. Victimology |
| 11. Indian Penal Code | 10. Law and Justice in a Globalised World |
| 12. Law of Evidence | 11. Constitutional Law |
| 13. Health Law | 12. Cyber Laws Specialisation |
| 14. Family Law | |
| 15. Company Law | |
| 16. Intellectual Property Rights | |
| 17. Labour Law | |
| 18. Legal Language | |
| 19. Legal History | |

SEMINARS / WORKSHOPS ATTENDED AND PARTICIPATED

1. National Workshop on Transgender Issues: Law and Policy organized by Department of Law, Gauhati University in collaboration with the Assam State Legal Services Authority.
2. State level seminar on Domestic Violence organized by Angikar, Guwahati, Assam.
3. UGC sponsored National Seminar on Knowledge Economy in the 21st Century in India, sponsored by UGC in Guwahati
4. A two-day seminar on Initiatives for Police Accountability Commissions/Complaint Authorities, organized by the State Police Accountability Commission, Guwahati.

5. A two-day National Seminar on Prospects and Challenges in Bridging the Gender Divide organized by the National Law University and Judicial Academy, Assam.
6. A two days State Level Convention on “Youth for Child Rights” organized by the Assam State Commission for Protection of Child Rights in partnership with UNICEF Assam.
7. State Training Workshop on Internet Safety organized by Google, Consumer Voice and Consumers’ Legal Protection Forum, Assam.
8. ICSSR sponsored National Seminar on Youth and Adolescence Problems in Present Social Context- Role of Teacher, Parents and Society.
9. Conference on Anti-Personal Landmines, ‘Investing in Action’ as a part of the International Campaign to Ban Landmines and Cluster Munitions organized by Indian Institute of Peace, Disarmament and Environmental Protection and Citizens Collective, North-East India.
10. National Seminar on Sustainable Development Goals: Perspective From the Indian Villages, organized by Department of Rural Development, University of Science and Technology, Meghalaya and State Institute of Panchayat and Rural Development Assam.
11. Workshop on Human Rights and the Constitution, organized by Department of Law, Gauhati University.
12. National Seminar on Human Rights and Global Challenges, organized by IQAC, Guwahati College in collaboration with UNESCO.
13. National Workshop on Goods and Services Tax (GST) organized by University School of Law and Research, University of Science and Technology, Meghalaya.
14. Workshop on Legal Aid and Prison Reforms organized by Department of Law, Gauhati University in collaboration with Assam State Legal Services Authority.
15. National Workshop on the Sixth Schedule of the Constitution of India organized by Department of Law, Gauhati University and sponsored by Indian Law Institute, New Delhi and the ILI Assam Chapter.
16. UGC Sponsored National Seminar on Status of Women in North-East India- Issues and Challenges, organized by Department of Anthropology, North-Guwahati College in collaboration with Women’s Cell, North-Guwahati College.

17. National Seminar on Customary Laws of Northeast India - Practices and Prevalence organized by University School of Law and Research, USTM sponsored by North Eastern Council, Shillong.
18. National Workshop on Human Rights of Women, organized by J.B. Law College, Guwahati.
19. International Conference on Intellectual Property Rights organized by the National Law University and Judicial Academy, Assam.
20. National seminar on New Paradigms in Disability Studies and Health laws: Meta-narratives and Realities organized by Centre for Disability Studies and Health Laws (CDSHL), National Law University and Judicial Academy, Assam.
21. International Conference on Climate Change: Exploring the Multidisciplinary Contours organized by the National Law University and Judicial Academy, Assam.
22. National Seminar on Women Empowerment and Gender Sensitization: Convergences, Divergences and Plurality organized by IQAC and Extension Education Cell, LCB College, Guwahati on 6th-7th April, 2019.
23. National Seminar on Effective Protection of Traditional Knowledge and Cultural Expressions: National and Community Experiences, ICSSR Sponsored, organized by the National Law University and Judicial Academy, Assam.
24. Webinar on Legal Rights of Migrant Labours on 5th June, 2020 organised by Delhi Metropolitan Education.
25. Webinar on *Seventy Years Later, Right to Privacy as Fundamental Right? Is it for real?* on 8th June, 2020, organized by Motilal Nehru College, University of Delhi.
26. Webinar on Intellectual Property Rights and Innovations from Patent Law Perspective, on 8th June, 2020 organised by Royal School of Law and Administration, Royal Global University, Guwahati.
27. Webinar on Open Educational Resources, on 7th June, 2020 organised by Manohari Devi Kanoi Girls' College, Dibrugarh, Assam.
28. National Webinar on Cyber Crimes and Laws in India, organized by NEF Law College, Guwahati on 18th July, 2020.

29. National Webinar on A Paradigm Shift in Land Acquisition *vis-à-vis* Industrial Growth in India, organized by NERIM Group of Institutions and NERIM Law College, Guwahati on 30th August, 2020.
30. Webinar on Protection of Geographical Indications in India (with special focus on North-East Region) organized by the IPR Chair in the National Law University and Judicial Academy, Assam on 16th August, 2021.
31. Regional Convention on Exploring the Intellectual Property Potential of the North-East Region with special focus on Empowering Women: Challenges and Opportunities organized by National Law University and Judicial Academy, Assam on 29th March, 2022.

LONG-TERM PROGRAMMES / FDP PARTICIPATED

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1. Training Workshop on Women's Rights organized by PFI Foundation and sponsored by The British High Commission, New Delhi. (10 days)
2. Training Programme on Research Methodology in Social Science sponsored by ICSSR, New Delhi organized by Department of Economics, Gauhati University. (7 days)
3. National Workshop on Research Methodology, organized by IQAC, Guwahati College. (7 days)
4. Faculty Development Programme on Behavioural Remodelling, Use of ICT Tools and Classroom Delivery of Teachers organized by the E&ICT Academy, IIT, Guwahati in collaboration with the L.C.B. College, Maligaon, Guwahati from 25th to 29th November, 2019. (One Week)
5. Faculty Development Programme on Legal Education: Teaching and Research in the Age of Technology, July 4-5, 11-12, 2020, organized by ILTES Online Global Academy and National Law University, Assam.
6. 14 days National Faculty Development Programme on Emerging Techniques of Teaching and Learning Law in 21st Century organized by Law College,

- Dehradun, Faculty of Uttarakhand University, Dehradun from 6th to 19th July, 2021.
7. Five Day Online Workshop on Development of Curriculum of Multidisciplinary Courses organized by the National Law University and Judicial Academy, Assam on November 10-14, 2021.
 8. Online Weeklong FDP on Academic Writing and Publication from November 1-7, 2022 organised by the Teaching Learning Centre, Tezpur University in association with Sivasagar Girls' College, Sivasagar and Duliajan College, Dibrugarh.

ORIENTATION/INDUCTION/REFRESHER COURSE --

1. Two week Online Inter-disciplinary (Law and Social Science Teachers) **Refresher Course**, 2020 in memoriam of Prof.(Dr.) N. R. Madhava Menon organized by Centre for Professional Legal Education and Training, Faculty of Law, Public Policy and Humanities, Jagran Lakecity University, Bhopal in collaboration with the National Law Institute University, Bhopal from 28th July, 2020 to 13th August, 2020.
2. UGC Sponsored Guru Dakshta Faculty Induction Programme (FIP-06) on Online Mode from 27th June to 29th July, 2022 organised by HRDC, Gauhati University.

SEMINARS / FDP ORGANISED AND RAPORTEURSHIP --

1. Workshop on Legal Aid and Prison Reforms organized by Department of Law, Gauhati University in collaboration with Assam State Legal Services Authority.
2. National Workshop on the Sixth Schedule of the Constitution of India organized by Department of Law, Gauhati University and sponsored by Indian Law Institute, New Delhi and the ILI Assam Chapter.

3. Organized, participated and worked as a Rapporteur in the Awareness Programme on Sexual Harassment of Women at Workplace organized by Gauhati University, Guwahati.
4. Organised, participated and Worked as a Rapporteur in the Workshop Towards Better Policing in Assam facilitated by the Commonwealth Human Rights Initiative (CHRI) and Human Rights Law Network (HRLN), Guwahati
5. Worked as a Rapporteur in Workshops and Seminars on AIDS Control, Protection of Refugees in Assam and Domestic Violence on Women organised by the Human Rights Law Network (HRLN), Guwahati.
6. Coordinator of a Faculty Development Programme in the Royal Global University in collaboration with the E & ICT Academy, IIT, Guwahati from 3rd to 8th June, 2019 which is an initiative of Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology (MeitY), Government of India.

PAPERS PRESENTED

1. Paper titled “Converting the Indigenous Knowledge of People into Knowledge Economy” presented in the UGC sponsored National Seminar on Knowledge Economy in the 21st Century in India on 26th and 27th June, 2013.
2. Paper titled “Environmental Degradation and Gender Justice” presented in the National Seminar on Prospects and Challenges in Bridging the Gender Divide on 2nd and 3rd May, 2014, organized by the National Law University and Judicial Academy, Assam.
3. Paper titled “The Crime of Human Trafficking and the Role of the Society in its Eradication” presented in the ICSSR sponsored National Seminar on Youth and Adolescence Problems in Present Social Context- Role of Teacher, Parents and Society on 29th and 30th November 2016 at Kaliabor College, Nagaon.
4. Paper titled “Agenda 21 in promoting Sustainability in Environment keeping an eye on Agricultural and Rural Development- A Legal Perspective”, presented in the National Seminar on Sustainable Development Goals: Perspective From the Indian

Villages, organized by Department of Rural Development, University of Science and Technology, Meghalaya and State Institute of Panchayat and Rural Development Assam.

5. Paper entitled “Implications of Torture in the Context of the Largest Democracy of the World-A Legal Analysis”, presented in the National Seminar on Human Rights and Global Challenges, organized by IQAC, Guwahati College in collaboration with UNESCO.
6. Paper entitled “A Legal Assessment of the Gender Based Vulnerability in Situations of Conflict in North-East India”, presented in the UGC Sponsored National Seminar on Status of Women in North-East India- Issues and Challenges, organized by Department of Anthropology, North-Guwahati College in collaboration with Women’s Cell, North-Guwahati College.
7. Paper entitled “Importance of Customary Laws in Protecting the Traditional Knowledge of the Indigenous Peoples in Assam over the Medicinal Plants” presented in the National Seminar on Customary Laws of Northeast India - Practices and Prevalence organized by University School of Law and Research, USTM sponsored by North Eastern Council, Shillong.
8. Paper entitled “Need of Geographical Indication for the Protection of Traditional Knowledge of the Indigenous Peoples in Assam over Bell-Brass Metal Productions” presented in the International Conference on Intellectual Property Rights organized by the National Law University and Judicial Academy, Assam.
9. Paper entitled “Problem of Self- Stigmatization among the Disabled Persons - A Legal Analysis” presented in the national seminar on New Paradigms in Disability Studies and Health laws: Meta-narratives and Realities organized by Centre for Disability Studies and Health Laws (CDSHL), National Law University and Judicial Academy, Assam.
10. Paper entitled “An Enviro-Legal Assessment of Climate Change and Loss of Biodiversity in North-East India” presented in the International Conference on Climate Change: Exploring the Multidisciplinary Contours organized by the National Law University and Judicial Academy, Assam.

11. Paper on “Probability of Women’s Participation in Strengthening Green Economy in Assam” in the National Seminar on Women Empowerment and Gender Sensitization: Convergences, Divergences and Plurality organized by IQAC and Extension Education Cell, LCB College, Guwahati on 6th-7th April, 2019.
12. Paper titled “Problems Faced by the Craftsmen in Protecting their Traditional Knowledge over Handlooms and Handicrafts in Assam- A Legal Assessment” in the ICSSR Sponsored National Seminar on Effective Protection of Traditional Knowledge and Cultural Expressions: National and Community Experiences organized by the National Law University and Judicial Academy, Assam.

PUBLICATIONS IN JOURNALS

1. Article on “Changing Sex Ratio-The Dark Horizon”, published in the Women Magazine ‘Attitude’ in August, 2005
2. Article on “Rampage of Human Trafficking” in the news paper ‘Eastern Chronicle’, in April, 2010
3. Paper on “Converting the Indigenous Traditional Knowledge of People into Knowledge Economy- A Legal Perspective- with Special Reference to Assam” in the Indian Journal of Human Rights and the Law, published by Serials Publications, New Delhi (December, 2014), Vol. 11, Numbers 1-2, ISSN 0973-0818
4. Article on “Food Security and Social Justice” in the Law Journal of Juridical and Social Science, NEF Law College, Guwahati, Vol. 4, No. 4, (December, 2014) ISSN 2231-4636
5. Paper on “Need of *Sui generis* Protection of Traditional Knowledge in India - a Legal Perspective” in the Journal on Legal Analysis and Research, Vol. 1, Issue 4, Andhra Pradesh (December, 2014) ISSN 2348-456X
6. Paper on “Human Trafficking in North-East India- Focusing the Situation of Assam” in the Indian Journal of Legal Philosophy, Vol. 3, Issue 1, March 2015, ISSN 2347-4963

7. Article on “Environmental Degradation and Gender Justice” in the Journal of Legal Analysis and Research, Vol. 2, Issue 1, March 2015, ISSN 2348-456X
8. Article on “Assessing the Identity of the Indigenous Peoples in India with reference to Assam” in the International Journal of Social Sciences and Interdisciplinary Research, Vol.4, No. 2, April-June 2015, ISSN 2277-677X (Global Impact Factor= 0.785)
9. Article on “On the Humanitarian Principle of Non-Refoulement of Refugees with reference to North-Eastern India” in the Indian Journal of Legal Philosophy in Volume 5, Issue 1, January- March, 2018, ISSN 2347-4963.
10. Paper on “Problems Faced by the Craftsmen in Protecting their Traditional Knowledge over Handlooms and Handicrafts in Assam- A Legal Assessment” in the Conference Proceeding titled *Traditional Knowledge and Traditional Cultural Expression: National and Community Perspectives* published by Center for Advanced Research on Intellectual Property Rights of the National Law University and Judicial Academy, Assam, ISBN 978-81-941086-0-3.
11. Paper on “Geographical Indication as a Tool to Protect Traditional Knowledge: Assessing its Adequacy in reference to Assam’s Agro-medicinal Plants” in the Kashmir Journal of Legal Studies, Volume 9(2), 2022, ISSN: 2250-2084 (UGC CARE Listed Journal).

BOOK PUBLISHED

1. “Human Trafficking-Slavery Redefined! A Legal Perspective”, Chandra Prakash, Panbazar, Guwahati, April, 2017. (ISBN: 978-93-244-0695-8)
2. “Traditional Knowledge in Assam and its Effective Protection”, White Falcon Publishing, Chandigarh, June, 2020. (ISBN: 978-93-89932-29-4)

BOOK CHAPTERS CONTRIBUTED

1. *Humanitarian Law vis-a-vis Internal Displacement and Strokes on Humanity in the context of Assam*, in *Integrating Diverse Aspects of North East India, Contexts and Perspectives*, edited by Dr. Jilmil Bora, ISBN 978-81-948850-1-6, 2020.

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

- Extensively worked in the field of human trafficking in Assam and the North-East.
- Research work in Human Rights of the Indigenous and local people of Assam since June, 2013.

ADMINISTRATIVE, MANAGEMENT AND OTHER RELATED EXPERIENCES

1. Coordinator of the Food Committee, Inter-College Moot Court Competition organized by University Law College, Gauhati University in 2014
2. Worked as a member of the Activists' Group of the Complaint Committee Against Sexual Harassment at Work Place under Gauhati University.
3. Worked as an organizer of various seminars on Human Rights issues while working with Human Rights Law Network.
4. Worked as Rapporteur in seminars and conferences.
5. Worked as the NAAC Co-ordinator in the NAAC Inspection Preparedness Committee of the University of Science and Technology, Meghalaya.
6. Worked as the member of the Board of Studies (BOS) of the University School of Law and Research, USTM.
7. Worked as the Co-ordinator, Swayam Courses in USLR, USTM.
8. Member of the University Research Committee of the Assam Royal Global University, Guwahati.
9. Member of the Royal Center for Act East Policy Studies in the Assam Royal Global University, Guwahati.

10. Member of the MOU signing Committee in the Assam Royal Global University, Guwahati.
11. Member of the Annual Report Compilation Committee, 2018 in the Assam Royal Global University, Guwahati
12. Member of Board of Studies in the Royal School of Law and Administration, Royal Global University, Guwahati.
13. Member of University Research Council (URC), the Assam Royal Global University, Guwahati.
14. Member of Infinity Online Global Academy (The E-Platform of Infinity Law Tech Educational Services- ILTES-India) from June, 2020 (Membership Number: IOGA/20-21/PM/66)
15. A member of the Committee on “Cotton University Students Conduct Rules” constituted on 30th March, 2021.
16. A member of the Cotton University ST/SC Grievance Redressal Committee constitute on 8th October, 2021
17. A member of the Enquiry Committee constituted on 13th April, 2021
18. A member of the CUSU Election Committee 2021-2022 constituted on 20th December, 2021.
19. Legal Expert in the Cotton University Institutional Ethical Committee for Human Research constituted on October 8th, 2021.
20. A member of UG Admission Co-ordination Committee of Cotton University constituted on 24th September, 2021.
21. A member of the Intellectual Property Rights Cell in Cotton University constituted on 12th November, 2021.
22. A member of the Committee for Programme Co-ordination, Anchoring and Stage Management for the Second Convocation of the Cotton University held on 27th May, 2022.
23. A member of the Research and Development Cell’s 5th Committee on IPR, Legal and Ethical Matters under the Cotton University constituted on May 5th, 2022.
24. A member of the Sub-Committee to select candidates from the son/daughter of martyred personnel belonging to Indian Army, other Indian states and

- International Students Quota for admission in HS, UG and PG classes in Cotton University for the session 2022-2023 under EC and other quota constituted on 27th July, 2022.
25. A member of the Internal Complaints Committee (ICC), Cotton University constituted on 22nd August, 2022.

INVITED LECTURES

- Invited as a Resource Person by Dr. Ambedkar Mission, Assam in the “Awareness Programme on Human Rights” to deliver speech on “Human Rights Abuses in the Region of Assam” on July 21, 2017.
- Invited as a Consultant in the Regional Consultation on Review of Sexual Harassment at Workplace (Prevention, Prohibition and Redressal) Act, 2013 organised by Centre for Gender Justice, National Law University and Judicial Academy, Assam on 16th February, 2019.
- Invited as a Resource Person to talk on “Human Rights of Women in India” by the Women Empowerment Cell of Royal School of Engineering and Technology, Royal Global University on 13th September, 2019.
- Invited as a consultant in the Regional Consultation on “Female Workforce Participation in India” in collaboration with V.V. Giri National Labour Institute, Noida, on 6th February, 2020 at National Law University and Judicial Academy, Assam.
- Invited as a Resource Person for the talk on International Day of the Girl Child on 11th October, 2023 by the Departments of Political Science and History, Girijananda Choudhury University, Assam.