Curriculum Vitae



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About Me: I am currently serving as an Assistant Professor in the Department of Archaeology at Cotton University, Assam. Prior to this, I served as an Assistant Professor at the Department of History, Majuli University of Culture, Assam, for three years. I was a Senior Research Fellow of the University Grants Commission (UGC) at the Maharaja Sayajirao University of Baroda, Vadodara, where I pursued my doctoral research. I hold a Master's degree in History from Gauhati University, Guwahati, and a Master's degree in Archaeology from Visva-Bharati University, Santiniketan. I have also completed a Postgraduate Diploma in Archaeology from the Institute of Archaeology, Archaeological Survey of India, New Delhi. My academic interests are complemented by extensive field experience in archaeological exploration and excavation. Furthermore, my travels across India and abroad have provided valuable opportunities to engage with diverse cultural landscapes and gain insights into the rich archaeological and cultural heritage of India and the wider world.

Academic Qualification

1. Ph.D. in Archaeology – The Maharaja Sayajirao University of Baroda, Vadodara, awarded in 2024. Research topic: Archaeology of the Early Settlers of Assam Region.
2. Postgraduate Diploma in Archaeology (PGDA) – Institute of Archaeology, Archaeological Survey of India, New Delhi (2014–2016). The course covered Prehistory, Protohistory, Principles and Methods of Archaeology, Application of Sciences, Museology, Art and Architecture, Iconography, Epigraphy, Numismatics, Conservation, Exploration, Excavation, Drawing, Photography, Surveying, and Antiquarian Law.
3. M.A. in Ancient Indian History, Culture and Archaeology – Visva-Bharati University, Santiniketan, 2014.
4. M.A. in History – Gauhati University, Guwahati, 2011.

5. B.A. in History (Major) – Gauhati University, Guwahati, 2009. Other subjects included English, Education, and Modern Indian Language.
6. Higher Secondary (Class XII) – Assam Higher Secondary Education Council (AHSEC), 2006. Subjects included English, Modern Indian Language (MIL), Economics, Political Science, History, and Education.
7. HSLC (Class X) – Board of Secondary Education, Assam (SEBA), 2004. Subjects included English, Mathematics, Hindi, Science, Social Science, and Assamese.

Other Qualification

1. Served as Head of the Department of History at Majuli University of Culture from 1 February 2024.
2. Served as the Nodal Officer for SWAYAM at Majuli University of Culture, under the University Grants Commission (UGC).
3. Served as Chairperson of the Board of Studies (BoS) of the Department of History, Majuli University of Culture, overseeing and guiding the development and implementation of academic programmes.
4. Served as Chairperson of the Departmental Research Committee (DRC) of the Department of History, Majuli University of Culture, overseeing and guiding departmental research activities and monitoring Ph.D.-related matters.
5. Developed comprehensive syllabi for the undergraduate Four-Year Undergraduate Programme (FYUGP) in History, aligned with the National Education Policy (NEP) 2020, covering six semesters.

Additional Qualifications

Diploma in Computer

Awards/ Scholarship

1. UGC- NET JRF 2016 and SRF 2019

Membership of Academic Bodies

1. Life Member, Indian Society for Prehistoric and Quaternary Studies
2. Annual Member of Indian History Congress

Archaeological Excavations and Explorations

1. Participated in Excavation of Harappan Site of Binjore- Rajasthan- 2015.

2. Participated and Field Supervisor in Excavation of Early Historic site of Dekdhowa- Assam 2016-2017.

3. Participated in one day Explorations to a Paleolithic site of Jogpura- Gujarat 2018.

4. Participated and Field Supervisor in Excavation of Mediaeval Monastic Site of Lindisfarne- United Kingdom 2018.

5. Participated and Field Supervisor in Excavation of Early Historic site of Kankaikuda- Orissa 2019.

6. Exploratory survey in Assam as a part of my field work – Assam from 2018 to 2022.

7. Geo-physical survey of site Sinauli- Barnava District Uttar Pradesh- 2019.

8. Participated in Post excavation ceramic analysis of Kottapuram- Kerala 2019.

9. Participated and Field Supervisor in Excavation of historic site of Alichinga-Tengani - Assam 2020.

Training

1. Participated in the Structural Conservation Training Camp, 2016, held at Sanchi, District Dhar, Madhya Pradesh from 15-06-2016 to 05-07-2016. Organized by the Institute of Archaeology, ASI, New Delhi.

2. Participated in the short-term Training Course in Pottery making and Baking, Drawing, Photography etc. conducted from 24th November 2014 to 29th November, 2014.

Teaching Experience

1. Worked as Guest Faculty at the Department of Archaeology, Cotton University for the period January-June 2017.
2. Worked as an Assistant Professor (Contractual) at the Department of History, Dibrugarh University for the period February 6 to May 24, 2023.

Paper Published

1. 2016 Das. Nisha Rani. Prehistory of Assam: With Special Reference to Excavated Sites. Indus: Annual Research Journal vol III. Department of History, C.K.B College, Teok: 111-119. ISSN: 2347-8748
2. 2019 Das. Nisha Rani. Preliminary Exploration in the Karbi Langpi Valley, Karbi Anglong District, Assam with Special Emphasis on the Ceramics. Heritage: Journal of Multidisciplinary Studies in Archaeology volume 7, ISSN 2347-5463: 670-678
3. 2022 Das, Nisha Rani and K. Krishnan. From Stone Tools to Stone Jars: An Overview of the Archaeology of North-Cachar Hills, Assam, Northeast India. Man and Environment XLVII (1): 9-18. Indian Society for Prehistoric and Quaternary Studies. ISSN: 0258-0446.

4. 2024. Das, Nisha Rani and Chinmoy Jyoti Baruah. Depiction of Animals in the Sculptures of Brahmaputra Valley, Assam. Proceedings of Indian Art History Congress. ISSN 2454-8871:99-108
5. 2024 Das, Nisha Rani. Tracing the Past in Stones: Unravelling Doyang-Dhansiri Valley's Archaeological Narrative. Interdisciplinary Horizons: Exploring Knowledge Through Academic Research towards Human Development; Published by dr. Rohini Kanta Barua Law College, Dibrugarh, Assam; Nowgong Law College, Nagaon Assam; Kokrajhar Law College, Kokrajhar, Assam. ISBN: 978-81-976415-3-4: 61-67 http://doi.org/10.5281/Zenodo. 14580614.
6. 2024. Das, Nisha Rani. Cultural Diversity in Dima Hasao District, Assam: Unravelling the Heritage of Ethnic Communities. The South East Asian Review. ISSN: 0257-7364; 19-31, DOI: https://doi.org/10.32381/SEAR.2024.49.3
7. 2025 Das, Nisha Rani. Revisiting Bongshar: Unearthing the Archaeological Marvels of Kamrup District, Assam: With Special Reference on Rock-cut Icons. Heritage Journal of Multidisciplinary Studies in Archaeology volume 11.2, ISSN 2347-5463: 586-594.
8. 2025 Bhuyan, Rashmi Rekha, and Nisha Rani Das. Archaeological Remains of the Dihing Valley of Assam: A Visit to Moiramora. Heritage Journal of Multidisciplinary Studies in Archaeology volume 11.2, ISSN 2347-5463: 531-538.
9. 2025, Das, Nisha Rani. Prehistoric and Historic Cultural Connections: Northeast India's Relationship with Southeast Asia and the Indian Subcontinent. Proceedings of Indian History Congress, pp. 1028-1038.
10. 2026, Bhuyan, Rashmi Rekha, Nisha Rani Das, and Chandan Kumar Sarma. From Hayagriva to Hari-Nama: The Historical Trajectory of Hajo's Sacred Space. Journal of Dharma Studies 9:10; DOI: http://doi.org/10.1007/s42240-025-00242-y, latest scimago ranking Q2 Journal, Springer, impact factor 0.25, pp. 1-18.

Presentation

1. Presented a paper titled "**A Preliminary Exploration of Karbi-Langpi Valley, Karbi-anglong District, Assam**" at International Joint Annual Conference of Indian Archaeological Society (IAS), Indian Society for Prehistoric and Quaternary Studies (ISPQS) and History and Culture Society (HCS) organized by Department of Archaeology, University of Kerala, Kariavattom Campus, Thiruvananthapuram, Kerala during 07-10 November, 2019.
2. Presented a paper titled "**From Stone Tools to Stone Jars: An Overview of the Archaeology of North-Cachar Hills, Assam" at** international conference of Indo-Pacific Prehistoric Association (IPPA) held at Chiangmai, Thailand during 6th-12th November, 2022.
3. Presented a paper titled "**Depiction of Animals in the Sculptures of Brahmaputra Valley, Assam**" at 30th session of Indian Art History Congress held at Nalbari College, Nalbari, Assam during 7th-9th January, 2023.
4. Presented a paper titled "**The Cultural Heritage of the Ethnic Communities of Dima Hasao District, Assam: An Ethnographic Study**" at the international Seminar on History, art,

Archaeology and Culture organized by Himachal State Museum, Shimla from 17th- 19th March, 2023.

5. Presented a paper titled **"Importance of Assam-Meghalayan Foothills in the development of Cultures from Pre-historic to Histroic Culture: Special Reference to Digaru-Kolong Valley"** at the international joint annual conference of Indian Archaeological Society (IAS), Indian Society for Prehistoric and Quaternary Studies (ISPQS) and History and Culture Society (HCS) with financial assistance of ICHR, New Delhi, organized by Jai Minesh Adivasi University, Ranpur, Kota, Rajasthan from 25th to 27th July, 2024.
6. Presented a Paper titled "**Tracing Prehistoric and Historic Cultural Connections: Northeast India's Relationship with South-East Asia and the Indian Subcontinent**" in section Archaeology at the Indian History Congress Conference held at Panjabi University, Patiala, Punjab from 28th-30th December, 2024.
7. Presented a paper titled "**Hajo Across Traditions: Art, Architecture, and the Hindu–Buddhist Sacred Landscape of the Hayagriva-Madhava Temple"** in section Archaeology at the Indian History Congress Conference held at Govt. Brenner College, Thalassery, Kannur, Kerala from 28th-30th December, 2025.

Invited talk

1. Presented a paper as invited speaker on "**pre-historic studies in North-Eastern India**" at National Workshop on Recent Trends in Archaeology organized by Department of History and Archaeology, Marthoma College for Women, Perumbavoor, Kerala on 2nd August 2019.
2. Presented a paper titled "**Core-Periphery Dynamics and Neolithic Settlement Patterns: Unravelling the historical Tapestry of Assam and Southeast Asia**" at the national conference on *Cultural Materialism of Ancient Northeast India* organized by Pragjyotisha Centre for Cultural Research (PCCR), Guwahati, Assam in collaboration with Maulana Abul Kalam Azad Institute of Asian Studies, Kolkata, India; department of Archaeology, Cotton University, and Indian National Trust for Art and Cultural Heritage, Kamrup Chapter, Assam from 27th to 28th January, 2025.

Attended FDP, FIP, and Refresher Courses:

1. Participated in the National Faculty Development Programme (FDP) on "Techniques and Methodology of Research for Social Sciences," jointly organized by Dr. Rohini Kanta Baruah Law College, Dibrugarh; Nowgong Law College, Nagaon; and Kokrajhar Law College, Kokrajhar, Assam, in online mode from 20–26 December 2023.
2. Participated in the National Faculty Induction Programme (FIP) under the Malaviya Mission Teacher Training Programme of the UGC, organised by the Mahatma Hansraj Malaviya Mission Teacher Training Centre, Hansraj College, University of Delhi, in online mode from 3–29 June 2024.

3. Participated in the National Faculty Development Programme (FDP) on "Bharatiya Jnana Parampara (IKS) and Artificial Intelligence: A Prerequisite Blend for 21st-Century Education," organised by the Inter-University Centre for Teacher Education (IUCTE), Banaras Hindu University, Varanasi, in collaboration with Cotton University, Guwahati, from 5–10 January 2026.
4. Participated in a Refresher Course in Social Sciences organised by the UGC Malaviya Mission Teacher Training Centre, Mizoram University, Aizawl, from 17–30 June 2026.

Conference, Seminars and Workshops Attended

1. Participated in the workshop on the theme "Disability issues" held at Gauhati University on 22nd February, 2010.

2. Participated in a workshop on Application of Sciences in Archaeology held at Indian Museum, Kolkata on 6-8 august, 2013

3. Participated in a seminar on the memorial of Sir Robert Bruce Foote and in a workshop on stone tool making designated as Footsteps of Foote presented by Indian Museum, Kolkata on 11-13 September. 2013.

4. Participated in the Refresher Course/Workshop on Paleography, Epigraphy conducted from 18th to 30th June 2015 at the Institute of Archaeology, ASI, Red Fort, Delhi.

5. Participated in the short-term course-cum-workshop on History, Science and Technology of Stone Beads held at IIT Gandhinagar during August 10-14, 2015.

6. Participated in the workshop on Contributions of Earth Sciences to Archaeology on 4th January, 2017 organized by the Department of Archaeology, Cotton College State University, Guwahati Assam.

7. Participated in the International workshop on "Remote Sensing and Geographical information System in Archaeology" conducted by the Department of Archaeology, university of Kerala, Kariavattom campus, Thiruvanathapuram, Kerala, India during 01-07 December 2017.

8. Participated in the 6th International Congress of Society of South Asian Archaeology in Indian Museum, Kolkata between 16th, 17th and 18th March 2018.

9. Participated in the International workshop on "Social and Economic Impacts of Heritage and Its Potential for Development" held at the Department of Archaeology and Ancient History, the Maharaja Sayajirao university of Baroda, Vadodara, under the aegis of UGC-UKIERI (III) on May 21, 2018.

10. Participated in the National Workshop on “SWAYAM Outreach for the States of Arunachal Pradesh, Assam, Meghalaya, Manipur, Mizoram, Nagaland, Sikkim, and Tripura,” organised at Gauhati University, Gopinath Bordoloi Nagar, Guwahati, on 8 March 2025.

Reference

1. Prof. K. Krishnan. Professor Emeritus, Department of Archaeology and Ancient History and Retired Dean, Faculty of Arts. Email. Krishnan.msu@gmail.com
2. Dr. Chandan Sharma, Professor, Department of History, Dibrugarh University, Dibrugarh, Assam
3. Prof. Nirode Baruah, Vice-Chancellor, Majuli University of Culture, Majuli
4. Dr. Sanjay Manjul, Assistant Director General, Archaeological Survey of India, Delhi. India