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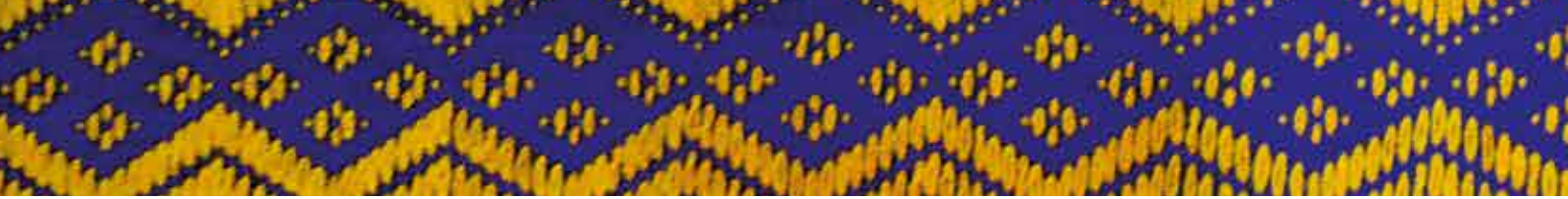


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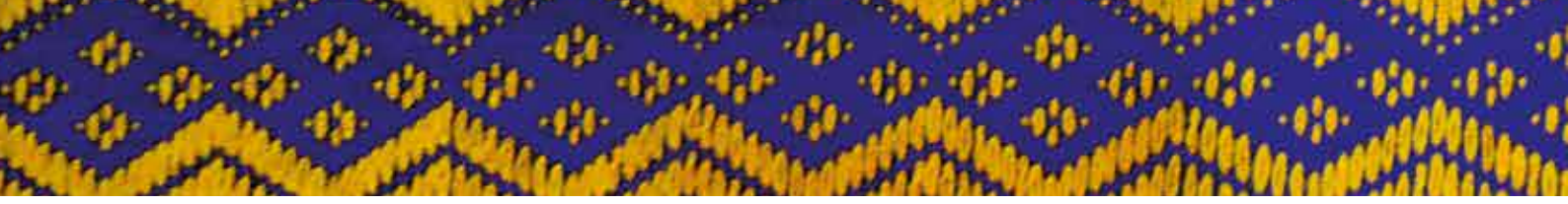
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Director's Message

Dedicated to the Welfare and Development of the People of Northeastern States

Our Vision is to develop the TISS Guwahati Off Campus as a world-class Social Sciences Institution to create human resources and knowledge base contributing to build just and peaceful societies across the Northeastern States.

The Academic Council and the Governing Board of TISS are extremely thankful to the Government of Assam, the Ministry of Human Resources Development (MHRD) and Ministry of Development of North Eastern Region (DONER) of the Government of India for providing all support in setting up the campus and start of academic work. We thank the MHRD for sanctioning Rs. 100 crore for the development of the Guwahati Campus on land allotted by the Government of Assam within the Assam Engineering College. We hope to raise funds required to fully develop the campus from the DONER Ministry, PSUs and other Foundations.

The TISS Guwahati Off Campus will strive to become the best educational hub in Asia in offering higher education in the inter-disciplinary areas of Social Sciences, Health and Management. Excellence will be measured in terms of quality of graduates at the undergraduate, post-graduate and doctoral levels; contribution of research to knowledge building, policy and programme development; impact factor of publications; field action projects (outreach) demonstrating innovation in addressing health, education, water, energy, social welfare, human development, peace building, social entrepreneurship and other areas; engagement with the government, industries and business, civil society and international organisations on policies and programmes, and universities and institutions within and outside the country.

The Guwahati Off Campus will have over 1,000 students in its undergraduate, post-graduate and doctoral programmes. 67% of the intake is reserved for students from Arunachal Pradesh, Assam, Manipur, Meghalaya, Mizoram, Nagaland, Tripura and Sikkim and the remaining one-third of the seats for students from other parts of the country. In this process, the TISS Guwahati Campus has been able to create high quality human service professionals to service the Social Sector.

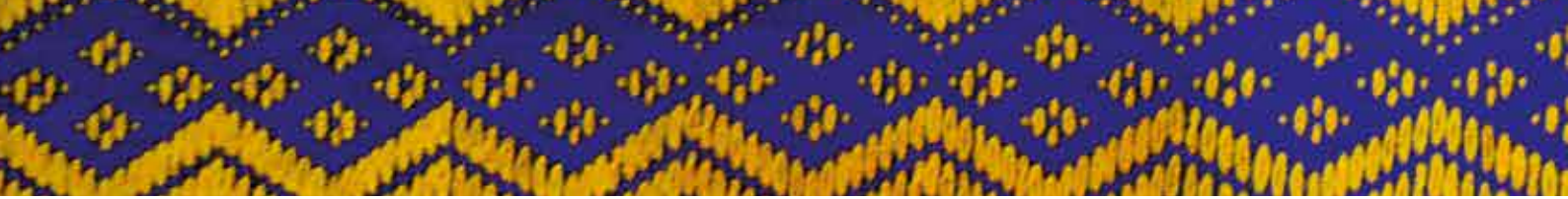
The work integrated skill building model of vocational education perfected by the Mumbai Campus's School of Vocational Education will be introduced in all Northeastern States to reach out to several thousand personnel to gain employable skills at the Certificate, Diploma and B.Voc. levels.



Prof. S. Parasuraman

Director

Tata Institute of Social Sciences



The Mahatma Gandhi Academy of Human Development, established in collaboration with the Nagaland Gandhi Ashram in Chuchuyimlang village, is an off centre of TISS Guwahati. Supported by The Hans Foundation, the 1st batch of 19 students graduated with a Diploma in Livelihoods and Entrepreneurship in April 2017. We thank Shri. Natwar Thakkar and his family of the Nagaland Gandhi Ashram and Lt. Gen. S.M. Mehta, Dr. Rao of the Hans Foundation for the establishment and sustainability of the MGAHD. We thank Ms Smirti Irani, the then Hon. Union Minister of HRD for inaugurating the Nagaland Centre in 2015.

Dr. Himanta Biswa Sarma, Hon. Minister of Education, Health & Finance, Government of Assam, provided constant support and encouragement from 2011.

We thank him for his vision to see the TISS Guwahati campus become a reality. We also thank the Chief Minister of Assam and Shri Ranjit Barthakur Chairman of Amlgated Industries for constant support and guidance.

To Chairman Emeritus of Tata Group Mr. Ratan Tata; then Chairperson of the TISS Governing Board Mr. R.K. Krishna Kumar, and the current Chairperson, Mr. S. Ramadorai, we express our deep gratitude for their guidance.

The Deputy Director, faculty and staff of the TISS Guwahati are to be commended for seeing this vision of the new premises of TISS Guwahati come true today.

S. Parasuraman

May 31, 2017



*Prof. D.K. Srivastava
Deputy Director, TISS Guwahati, Off Campus*

Changing with Challenges

The foundation stone for the TISS Guwahati Off Campus was unveiled by Mr. Ratan Tata on March 9, 2010. Today, the Hon'ble Minister of Education, Dr. Himanta Biswa Sarma has just inaugurated the Campus in the gracious presence of the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Assam, Shri Sarbanand Sonowal. We are overwhelmed with your

continued support, and the guidance and motivation from our Chairperson, Shri S. Ramadorai and our Director Prof. S. Parasuraman.

This is indeed a defining moment for TISS and the Northeast. Speaking about the value addition of TISS campus for the Northeast Prof. S. Parasuraman says:

We have over 75 years of experience in education with a strong research capability and we will fill the gap of the need for human resources in the social and economic sector in the Northeast.

The mandate for TISS Guwahati Campus is to undertake education, training, research and related activities with special emphasis on the eight states of Northeast to enhance the capacities of organisations, communities, states and the market in this region, by focussing on the indigenous communities there.

The academic year 2016–17 has been a year full of restructuring, energetic teaching, research and extension work, as well as networking and collaborations. Some of the key highlights are as follows:

ACADEMIC RESTRUCTURING AND REPOSITIONING

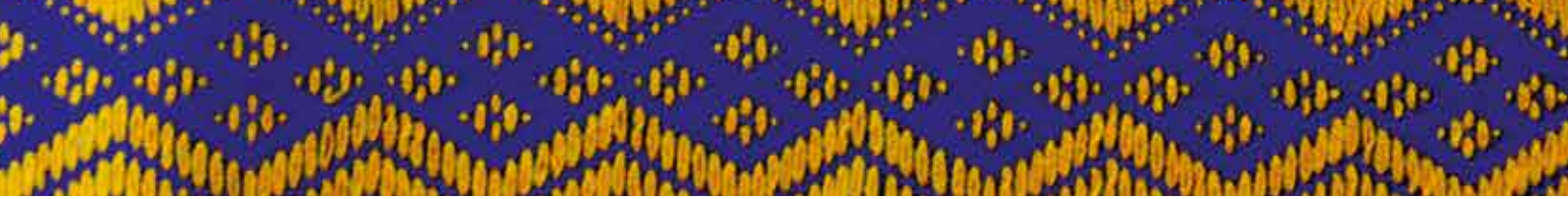
In order to provide a more flexible, open and receptive academic system, a new academic and governance system was brought in for faculty and students. The new system includes two schools (with 4 centres each), one independent centre for undergraduate studies, and one research unit for managing teaching, research, field work and outreach activities. The curriculum of all teaching programmes were thoroughly reviewed and updated as per the mandate of TISS academic standards and the University Grants Commission.

The **School of Social Sciences and Humanities** comprises four centres:

- The **Centre for Ecology, Environment and Sustainable Development** (CEESD) has been successful in developing strong relationships with practitioners as well as the government and NGOs in Northeast India, many of whom actively support academic and research activities at the Centre including student internships and dissertations. One of the highlights of this academic year was the Centre's participation in Eastern Himalayan Natureconomic-Stm Forum, in Guwahati. The CEESD also initiated a public lecture series on 'Sustainability Dialogues' to build public discourse on issues related to public policy on environmental issues. Building its commitment to University–Society Innovations in Higher Education, in 2016-17, the CEESD initiated several collaborative projects, including the Bird Atlas Project as part of Assam consortium collaborating on the citizen science project to document the Birds in Our Backyard, Assam.
- The **Centre for Labour Studies & Social Protection** was created in the year 2016, and it offers the M.A. programme in Labour Studies and Social Protection, which has a mix of development, employment relations (ER), industrial relations (IR), human resource (HR) corporate social responsibility (CSR) and corporate governance. Hence, a student of this programme can fit into any of the roles in IR, ER, HR and CSR. Due to globalisation and structural

change in the last few decades, there has been a fundamental change in employment patterns and employment relations, and the programme highlights the changing nature of employment patterns, labour relations, trade union movement, collective bargaining, migration, labour market, role of corporate governance, occupational safety and health, and labour laws.

- The **Centre for Peace and Conflict Studies** offers an M.A. Programme in Peace and Conflict Studies. This programme reflects the Institute's engagement with the issues of justice and peace, and also acknowledges the Campus' unique location and expertise in being able to impart skill-based, philosophically grounded and employment-oriented degrees to prospective students. It has three principal components spread across four semesters, which combine to offer students a creative mix of theoretical grounding and empirical explorations, field-based experience, and an introduction to the world of policy making, donors and agencies, and practitioners working on peace building and conflict analysis.
- The **Centre for Sociology and Social Anthropology** offers an M.A. programme in Sociology and Social Anthropology with the objectives of integrating the disciplines of sociology and social anthropology to have a comparative and systematic understanding of the society and its institutions. The Centre organised lectures and interactions by inviting scholars from across the country including Prof. Ilna Sen (TISS Mumbai) spoke on "Women's Movement in India" in July 2016; Ms. Pinki Hazarika, who delivered a talk on "Mind Matters", on October 27–28, 2016; Prof. N. Sudhakar Rao (Department of Anthropology, University of Hyderabad) delivered a special lecture on "Caste in Contemporary India: Is Ethnicity Misplaced Identity for Caste?" on March 7, 2017; and Prof Aparna Rayaprol (Department of Sociology, University of Hyderabad) on "Feminist Methodologies", on April 21, 2017.



The **School of Social Work** also has four centres.

- The **Centre for Community Organisation and Development Practice** envisages enabling students to understand the centrality of community and significance of community mobilisation and organisation. The current scenario demands critical engagement, at both the theoretical and practical levels, on the part of the sensitive community organiser. Working from a pro-poor, pro-marginalised group's perspective, the community organiser needs to work with communities towards extending the spaces for engagement with the state, and resisting the multiple onslaughts on their rights and entitlements. There is a need to evolve alternate models of development that are pro-poor and environment-friendly. The M.A. Social Work programme in Community Organisation and Development Practice aims to equip students with knowledge base, skills and techniques to become an effective development practitioner, and enlighten them about the political economy of development, poverty and marginalisation and ways of intervention from a pro-people perspective.
 - The **Centre for Counselling** aims at providing an avenue for the students where they can learn and practice the theories related to counselling. The key focus of the Centre is to understand the complexities of the world with the web of poverty, deprivation, neglect, fear, and the never ending aspect of stigma, because of which people become uncertain of their present as well as their futures, thereby creating conditions of stress, that is extremely difficult to cope with. The number of cases related to depression, mental stress, suicides is on an increasing rate in the country. However, there is a huge dearth of counselling services in the country, which makes it difficult for people, especially those who belong to the marginalized section, to avail any mental health service. There is also a dearth of counsellors in hospitals, schools, family settings and rehabilitation centres, which are very essential for people to deal with day to day stressors. In this relation, the need of such programmes becomes the call of the hour. The M.A. Social Work programme in Counselling emphasises the role and growth of counsellors as individuals and highlights the process in the counselling relationship with a focus on theoretical as well as the practical dimensions of counselling.
 - The **Centre for Livelihoods and Social Entrepreneurship** attempts to develop a cadre of social work professionals with strong knowledge and skill of livelihood and social entrepreneurship who can address the livelihood issues of poor households through inculcating entrepreneurship and promoting social enterprises with optimal social impact. This programme has the objectives to build a focussed understanding on the fundamentals of livelihood concerns and social entrepreneurship at both conceptual as well as practical level. The Self-Initiative Project (SIP) is a unique component of this programme, where students are encouraged to conceive, design and develop their own project plan with a view to strengthen the livelihood of the vulnerable categories of society, which can be taken up as a new start-up individually or in group once they graduate.
 - The **Centre for Public Health** anchors the M.A. Social Work programme in Public Health with the aim of equipping students with an interdisciplinary understanding of India's health system as well as health problems to enable a better understanding of the health realities in India. The Public Health programme also aims to develop evidence-based, context-specific and resource-sensitive practitioners of public health within the realm of professional social work. Further, it works towards developing skills in social work professionals to analyse health issues and problems at the micro, meso and macro levels. The programme has a strong field component and based on the idea of praxis, field work is designed to provide the students with an interface between classroom education and actual practice. These field level engagements help students to have better practical grasp of the social issues and problems. For instance, the community campaigns on dengue and tobacco use organised by the students in November 2016 were well appreciated by the residents of Uzan Bazar Area.
- In line with the vision and mandate of TISS to offer new and distinctive programmes from its Guwahati, Hyderabad and Tuljapur campuses, a Five-Year Integrated B.A.–M.A. programme in Social Sciences

was introduced in 2012. The **Independent Centre for Undergraduate Studies** (CUGS) offers this B.A. programme in Social Sciences (BASS) at TISS Guwahati. The programme focuses on the humanistic aspects of Social Sciences with strong foundations in socio-cultural, economic, political, historical, and environmental theories with the aim of instilling rigorous critical thought. The students also study mathematics and logic blended with Science, along with the imaginative and creative aspect of languages. In addition to this, the students also take a course on research methodology and creative writing to enhance their writing skills. The students of BASS actively participated in various extracurricular activities, both within and outside the Institute.

The **Unit for Research and Development** looks after the M.Phil. and Ph.D. programmes at the TISS, Guwahati Campus. The M. Phil.-Ph. D. students are working on broader areas of social identity, development and change, migration and livelihoods, social movements and conflicts, ecology and development, democracy and governance, gender, labour and social security.

The TISS Guwahati Off Campus also conducts the **B.Voc. programme** Started in June 2015, a graduate as well as Advance Diploma and Diploma programmes in the area of Child Protection and Early Child Development under Child Care Vertical of TISS-SVE Mumbai are

being offered. Currently, the batch strength is 26 and we have students from diverse section, both working and non-working professionals keen on enhancing their professional skills. The courses are run in tandem with support of Skill Knowledge Partners, who provide the practical and professional skills during the entire duration of the programme. Organisations like Pratham, Assam Centre for Rural Development, Snehalay, Child Friendly Guwahati, Gramya Vikas Mancha, sSTEP, Tender Petals, Third Eye Foundation, and Destination are our registered Skill Knowledge Partners. The course allows on job training for the students with a mandatory 360 hours per semester. TISS, along with its several training partners, is providing trainings that have made students confident and independent to earn respectable incomes to support themselves and their families.

Mahatma Gandhi Academy of Human Development

The Mahatma Gandhi Academy of Human Development (MGAHD) is a joint initiative of Tata Institute of Social Sciences (TISS) and Nagaland Gandhi Ashram (NGA). TISS and NGA signed an MoU on 29th April 2014 to establish MGAHD in the Chuchuyimlang Village, Nagaland. With a generous grant from The Hans Foundation, New Delhi, MGAHD started a training programme on *Diploma in Livelihoods and Entrepreneurship* in July 2016. The first batch of 19 students has completed the diploma programme in March 2017.





The TISS delegation from its Mumbai and Guwahati Campuses with Representatives of the Department of Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement, Government of Myanmar

Building Collaborations with National and International Organisations

TISS Guwahati is committed to build collaborations with organisations engaged in social issues especially in Northeast region. We are currently working with Innovative Change Collaborative (ICCo), National Skill Development Corporation (NSDC), Hans Foundation, V.V. Giri National Labour Institute, Piramal Foundation for Education, UNICEF, TDH and ICIMOD.

A delegation of faculty from the Mumbai and Guwahati campuses of TISS visited Myanmar from April

24–30, 2017 for supporting the Department of Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement of the Government of Myanmar in strengthening the capacity of government and non-government human service professionals broadly in the areas of child protection, protecting women against violence and disability prevention. A draft proposal is under active consideration of TISS and Government of Myanmar.

Faculty and Academics

Research Projects

During academic year 2016–17 a total of 13 research projects, including 4 international projects were ongoing at the Institute. The focus of research was on vulnerable sections of the society and the major research themes were: child protection, human and wild life conflicts, multidimensional poverty and decent work study of small tea growers in Assam.

Seminars and workshops

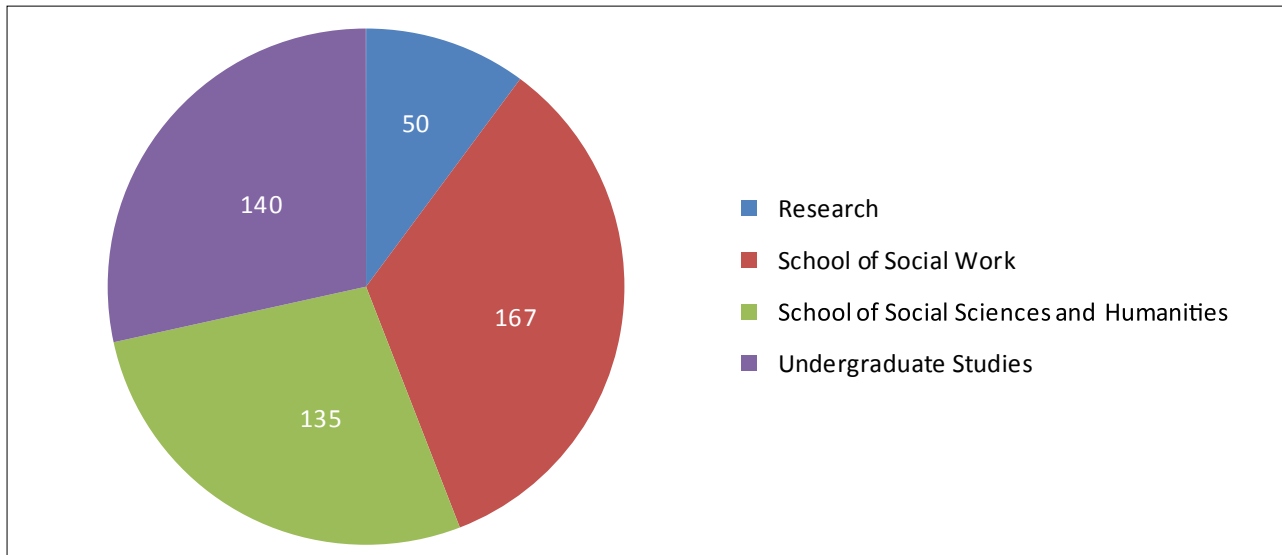
Faculty organised 20 workshops and seminars during the academic year 2016–17. The major themes include: human rights, working with SHG, child rights, internal migration, labour market institutions and labour rights, Northeast labour market, peace in places of endemic conflicts and women and migration.

Publications

Faculty members published 23 research papers in national and international journals.



Students



Enrollment

A total of 66% seats in admissions are reserved for the students of Northeastern states. Student enrolment in TISS Guwahati campus for academic year 2016–17 totalled 492. The Bachelor's programme had 140 students, while the Masters' programme had a total enrolment of 302 students. The M.Phil. and Ph.D. programme had 50 research scholars on roll.

Achievements of Students

- Ms. Preeti Sarmah was one of the finalists in the "Pitch & Win" contest for her idea on "Eri Coccon Bank" at UPSTART Northeast Start up Festival.
- Mr. Vinay Tiwari's poster on "Hazardous Waste Recycling and its Impacts" featured among the Top Three at the UGC-SAP National Seminar on Climate Change and Society at Tezpur University.
- Ms. Manisha Ashraf's research on 'Understanding Human-Rhino Interaction in the Fringes of Pobitora Wildlife Sactuary, Assam' was included in 4th Indian Biodiversity Congress.
- A three-member student team comprising Ms. Vishwa Mohini, Ms. Upatyaka Dutta and Mr. Anubroto was a finalist at the All India RBI Policy Challenge, 2017.
- Ms. Ayesha Rahman has been appointed as *New York Times'* new International Reporter for Climate Change for South Asia and Asia on environmental news.

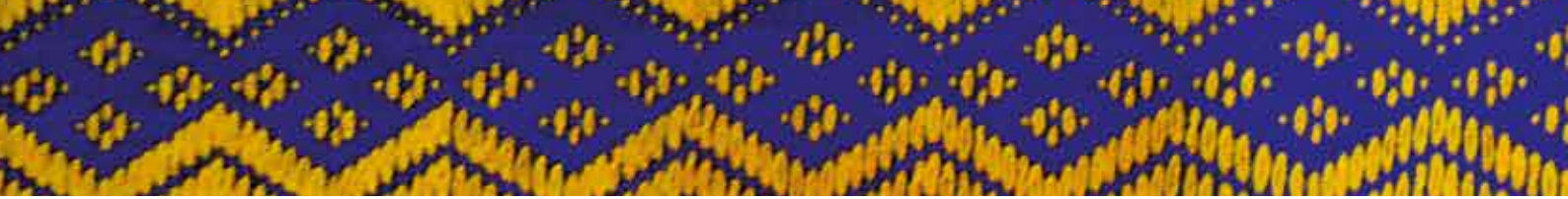
- Ms. Asojini Rachel Kashena's monograph on "Enduring Loss: Stories from the Past Kuki-Naga Conflict" has been accepted for publication by Monologue Publications.

Student Support Services

Social Protection Office: In December 2016, the Social Protection Office (SPO) organised a two-day, pre-admission orientation for students who had applied to various programmes in TISS. Majority of the faculty members interacted with prospective students at the orientation. The SPO also conducted English Remedial Classes for newly admitted students. Student representatives were instrumental in overseeing these classes which were conducted by three in-house research scholars.

Students' Affairs Office: Students of TISS Guwahati organised number of events along with the Students' Affairs Office (SAO), including special lectures, sporting events, cultural events, etc. The Annual Sports Event 2016 was organised between December 1–5, 2016, wherein both outdoor and indoor games were organised. The annual cultural event "Vaomalan 2017" was organised on February 16 and 17, 2017 which saw the campus magazine *Zephyr* getting released.

A wall painting competition (February 11–12, 2017) on the theme of "Celebration of Diversity" saw the exterior walls of two TISS buildings painted by the students so they could be open for public viewing as well. Other



programmes included Walkathon' 17 (February 14, 2017) to mark the 6th year of the *One Billion Rising* Campaign; Blood Donation Camp (February 15, 2017); Food Fest (February 15, 2017) where students sold local cuisines in the college canteen space; and a three-day social lecture-cum-workshop series (February 13–15, 2017).

Gender Amity Committee: The Gender Amity Committee's prime responsibility is to ensure that the mandate of the Vishaka Guidelines are followed on campus. In July 2016, the Committee Members started their activities with an orientation programme, with the help of Ms. Anurita Hazarika from the Northeast Network, Guwahati, for all students across programmes. In August 2016, the Committee organised training on 'Understanding Sexual Harassment of Woman at the Workplace Act, 2013' for all the staff of TISS Guwahati. In January 2017, with the beginning of the new semester, the Committee organised a 'Gender Sensitisation Programme' for all students of the Institute with the support of Northeast Network.

Health and Wellbeing Centre: The Health and Well-being Centre (H&WBC) focuses on the self-empowerment of every student and facilitates them to work towards the desired change in their lives. The H&WBC have two counsellors for providing a better outreach to the students. The cases attended during the academic year were mostly related to behavioural issues, academic challenges, language problem, relationship issues, issues related to self, peer group and family, health issues which included both mental and physical health, adjustment issues, self-confidence, self-esteem, coping issues, issues related to anger, frustration, irritation, stress, anxiety, panic anxiety, career related stressors, personal growth and development. The Centre also focussed on students with low attendance during the academic year and tried to understand their issues. Regular visits were made to the hostels of the Institute by the counsellors of the centre.

Other activities of the Centre included organising workshops on positive state of mind also talks,

including one on "Mind Matters" by Ms. Pinki Hazarika from the Art of Living Foundation. The H&WBC team participated in a State Level Conclave on Strengthening Service Delivery under Department of Social Welfare organised by Social Welfare Department, Kamrup. The H&WBC, along with several organisations from Guwahati, rose in solidarity against the exploitation of women in an event called "One Billion Rising". As part of a collaborative activity with SOS Children's Village, the Centre organised a state-level seminar on "Quality Care for Every Child".

Centralised Placement Cell: The Placement Cell of TISS Guwahati followed the Central Placement Process (CPP) for the year 2016-17. Considering the academic calendar of each programme, the process happened in several phases. Besides on-campus recruitment, the Placement Cell also facilitated the virtual recruitment process via Skype and Video Conferencing for those organisations who could not visit the Campus.

Out of 147 graduating students, 137 students participated in the placement process. The remaining students opted out of the process as they had decided to either take the path of entrepreneurship or pursue further studies. The major recruiters were: HCL Foundation, Tata Trust, Prayas, Pradan, Srijan, National Innovation Foundation (NIF)-India, Foundation for Social Transformation (FST), Foundation for Ecological Society (FES), Centre for Financial Accountability (CFA), TISS National CSR Hub, Excelus Learning Solutions (A Division of Qess Corp Limited), Akshar Foundation, Pravah, New Trade Union Initiatives, Gyanjyoti Foundation, Gandhi Fellowship, and India Housing Federation (IHF).

The Placement Cell signed an agreement with Piramal Foundation for Education Leadership for the Gandhi Fellowship for a period of two years, which will be open to students of both postgraduate as well as undergraduate programmes. The Placement Cell also facilitated the B.A.S.S students to obtain the post of Management Trainees in Public Relations and Marketing at the Gauhati Lions Eye Hospital.

Infrastructure and Development

International Relations Office

The International Relations Office (IRO) coordinates programmes for incoming exchange students from universities across the world. This year, the IRO facilitated the exchange of Ms. Lenka Topinkova from Masaryk University in Czech Republic whose thesis was related to Local Economic Alternatives of Global South. Dr. Avinandan Taron and Dr. Abhinandan Saikia were her field mentors.

The IRO also facilitates the exchange scholars, students and faculty of the Institute by networking with other universities and institutions. This year two students and one faculty member went on exchange programmes:

- Dr. V. Sawmveli (Centre for Sociology and Social Anthropology, School of Social Sciences and Humanities) was selected for the Linnaeus Palme Scholarship to Gothenburg University. The exchange programme enhanced her understanding of global social issues of social justice, human rights and issues related to migration.
- Ms. Chandana Gogoi (M.A. Social Work in Counselling) went on an Exchange Programme to Gothenburg University on the Linnaeus Palme Scholarship from March 28 to June 18, 2016.
- Ms. Manisha Kumari (M.A. Ecology, Environment and Sustainable Development) successfully completed her four-month exchange programme at Alpen-Adria.

Tiss Guwahati Campus Library

The Library is a core essential of a University's mission in education and education mission, and the Library at TISS Guwahati lives up to it. It was established in 2012 with a vision to play vital role in the support and development of new knowledge and wisdom through acquisition, organisation and dissemination of resources and providing value-added services. TISS Guwahati has been making constant efforts to develop a high-quality library with good collection of learning resources and

provide access to all kinds of resources to users. The Library provides reference services in locating the resources, and also in conducting plagiarism checks.

The TISS Guwahati Campus Library has about 8,900 books in stock, and subscription to more than 55 scholarly journals/magazine covering the principle field of interest in social sciences and social work. The Library also has a collection of research reports, documentaries and access to more than 5,000 electronic journals provided through UGC Infonet Digital Consortium. All management of Library resources is done through the KOHA library management software.

Campus Development

The new TISS Guwahati Campus is located in the Jalukbari area on 24.5 acres of land given by the Government of Assam. The campus is being built with a Rs 100 crore grant made by the Government of India in the 2013 Union Budget for infrastructure development. The Ministry of DoNER also made a commitment of Rs. 59.4 crores in 2011 for infrastructure development of the Guwahati Campus.

Phase I of the campus has a total built-up area of 20,000 sq.m with 16 spacious classrooms having a total seating capacity of 1,200; faculty offices, hostels, administrative staff quarters, housing for Ph.D. students, and provision for playgrounds, a conference hall, cafeteria, daycare centre and a health centre. Two virtual classrooms have been provided with live streaming and interactive study facilities. The Data Centre has a capacity of 100 mbps line and entire campus will be a wi-fi enabled campus. For safety and security purposes, the campus is equipped with CCTV cameras.

Phase II of campus development will see the addition of an auditorium, a guest house, a recreation centre, a training and development centre, an amphitheatre, and more classrooms. A proposal has been submitted to the Rural Electrification Corporation for installing a 2.5 Megawatt solar power plant and with that the entire campus will be managed by solar energy.

4th Convocation

The 2017 Convocation is very special for TISS Guwahati as it is a Convocation of many firsts: the first convocation in its own campus; the graduation of the first batch of the Integrated B.A.–M.A. Social Sciences programme and the first batch of M.A. in Sociology and Sociological Anthropology; as well as the first Ph.D. degree to be awarded from TISS Guwahati.

A total of 200 students will be receiving their B.A. / M.A. / M.Phil. / Ph.D. degrees at the 4th Annual Convocation of TISS Guwahati today: **1** student will be awarded the Ph.D.; **11** their Master of Philosophy

degree; **147** their M.A. degrees — **25** in Social work in Community Organisation Development Practice; **15** in Social Work in Counselling; **24** in Social Work in Livelihood and Social Entrepreneurship; **18** in Social Work in Public Health; **22** in Environment and Sustainable Development, **20** in Labour Studies and Social Protection, **12** in Peace and Conflict Studies; **11** in Sociology and Social Anthropology, and **41** students graduate with a B.A. in Social Sciences.

Third Convocation of TISS Guwahati Campus

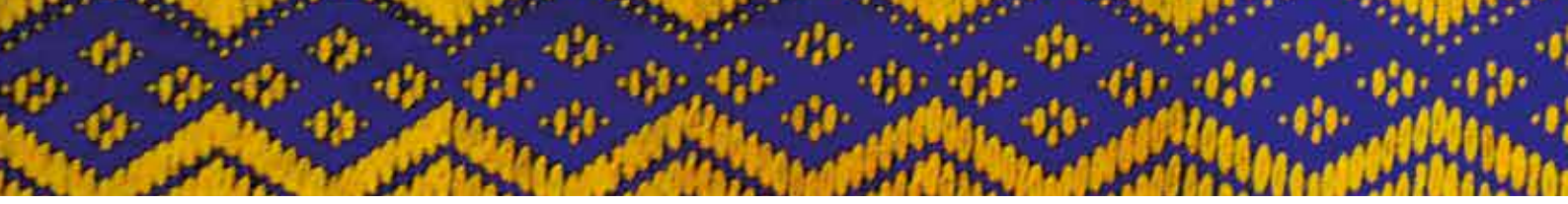




Concluding Remarks

TISS Guwahati is now prepared for taking on high quality and socially relevant cutting edge education, research, consultancy and outreach activities in the interdisciplinary areas of social sciences. We aim at becoming a centre of excellence in the Northeast with an ambition to reach out to the needs of South East

Asian countries. With continued support and guidance from Government of Assam and Ministry of DoNER we are readying for the needs of academia and the larger society in the region. Our faculty and students are committed towards professional education, research and capacity building for a humane society.





School of Social Sciences & Humanities

Dean: Dr. Sanjay Barbora

Centre for Ecology, Environment and Sustainable Development

Chairperson: Dr. Shalini Sharma

Dr. Abhinandan Saikia

Dr. Namita Brahma

Centre for Labour Studies and Social Protection

Chairperson: Dr. Rajdeep Singha

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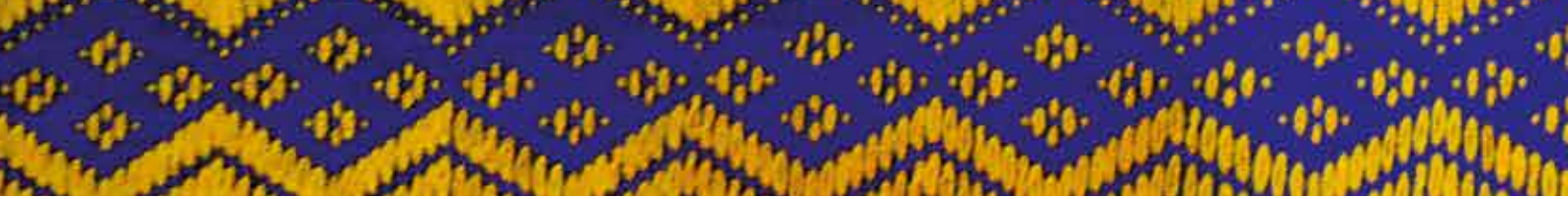
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Centre for Sociology and Social Anthropology

Chairperson: Dr. V. Sawmveli

Dr. Stephen Pamei

Dr. Subeno Kithan



It is my pleasure to present the Dean's Annual Report on the activities and achievements of the School of Social Sciences and Humanities (SSSH) at the TISS Guwahati Off Campus. Incidentally, it is the first such presentation, since SSSH was created in the academic year 2016-2017. This has, in turn, meant greater autonomy for the four Centres that constitute the School.

Annual reporting is a time to reflect on the reasons why we are able to celebrate our achievements and there are ample reasons to do so. However, it is also a time to introspect about the challenges that lie ahead of us. Rather than give in to the impulse to engage in a once-a-year applause, we ought to remember the conditions that nurtured and challenged the students and faculty at SSSH.

Since 2009, when it started its diploma courses for students and after 2012 when it began its M.A. and B.A. programmes, TISS Guwahati has attempted to address the issues that impact on the lives and livelihoods of the people of Northeast India. The region's potential and its creative talent had never been in doubt, but decades of political conflict had led to a steady traffic of students moving out from the region to other places in the country. Since its inception, TISS Guwahati had collaborated with other academic and research institutions in the region and outside, to ensure that students would have access to spaces of critical contemplation and action. The role of SSSH emerged from the initial experiences of the past four years was one aimed at nurturing the liberal ethos of the university system, while preparing students for the uncertainties of the future.

I must, therefore, congratulate the faculty who have gone to extraordinary lengths to overcome various challenges and ensured that students receive quality education relevant to the needs of the region, in particular, and to society, at large. The Centre for Ecology, Environment and Sustainable Development (CEESD) has worked tirelessly to ensure that the fourth batch of students graduate and contribute to the ongoing debates on ecology. Its alumni have been placed in diverse locations and have been contributing to critical political and academic discourse around human-animal conflicts in the various parks in the region. The addition of new faculty in the programme

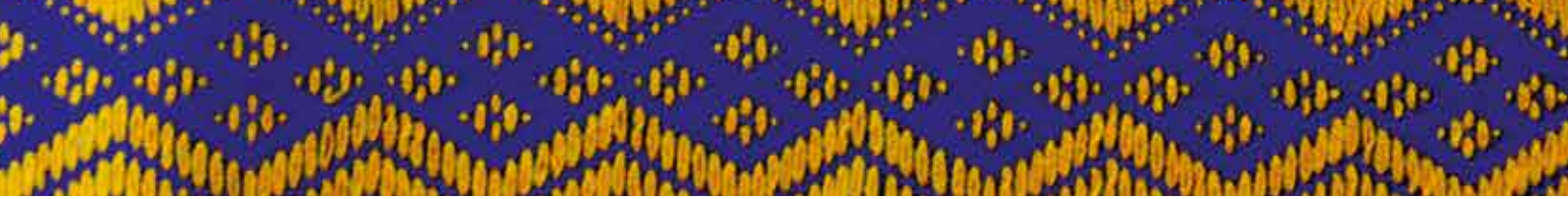
has coincided with the students' participation in the Bird Atlas Project, thereby adding to their immersion in local and regional issues.

Similarly, the Centre for Labour Studies and Social Protection (CLSSP) has excelled in collaborative efforts, where faculty and students have engaged with research on migration and livelihoods with experts from the Department of Social Anthropology, Stockholm University and the Department of Anthropology and Development Studies, University of Melbourne, in the course of the academic year. The enviable research-based, peer-reviewed publication of books and articles by the faculty, as well as alumni of the Centre further enhanced its quality of work.

The Centre for Peace and Conflict Studies (CPCS) will see its second cohort graduate in May 2017. The Centre was built on the need for rootedness in people's experiences in the region, as well as an effort to learn from peace building practices around the world. Its students, alumni and faculty have been working towards publishing cutting edge, reflective research work on the roots of conflicts, as well as the pathways for peace in the region. This was further highlighted by their commitment to conducting a Summer School in Dialogue and Democracy in order to encourage conversation between various student leaders, civil rights activists and academics based in the Northeast.

As the only Centre that specialises in disciplinary study, the Centre for Sociology and Social Anthropology (CSSA) will see its first cohort graduate in May 2017. Being inspired by the history of urban studies around the world, as well as by its interaction with other Centres in the SSSH, the Centre has chosen to focus on detailed studies of the transformations around Guwahati (and its immediate neighbourhood). The Centre has been benefited greatly from the scholarship and guidance of senior sociologists and anthropologists who have enhanced the quality of engagement with theory and practice. It is through such a purposeful and committed vision that one hopes to contribute towards a new, research-oriented teaching of sociology and social anthropology in the region.

Taken together, the exciting work being undertaken in the four Centres demonstrate the new areas



of research, as well as the possibility of creating innovative skill-based, trans-disciplinary courses for social sciences and humanities in Northeast India and its transnational neighbourhood. Even as one is optimistic about a bright future for the School, there is a need to further underline the need to prioritise our research and teaching mission, so that we are able to sustain the crucial work of recruiting, supporting and retaining the best faculty and students. Looking at this strong foundation, I remain optimistic about our

future. In the short span of a year, I have seen alumni, faculty, staff and students, confront challenges – local ones on campus and larger ones facing society – with compassion, integrity and intellectual honesty. It has been my honour to share this experience and I look forward to doing so for the year ahead.

Dr. Sanjay Barbora

Dean, School of Social Sciences and Humanities,
Tata Institute of Social Sciences,
Guwahati Off Campus



CENTRE FOR ECOLOGY, ENVIRONMENT AND SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT

Field Work and Action Projects

Field work and Orientation at the Rain Forest Research Institute (October 26–29, 2017), Indian Council of Forestry Research and Education, Jorhat, Assam: The programme included, interaction on Ecosystem Services, Agar Project and Artificial Inoculation, mushroom cultivation for livelihood support, Forest fruits and its value addition and Agarbatti Industry, Medicinal and aromatic plants cultivation, Bamboo value chain. Visit to Gibbon Wildlife Sanctuary and RFRI Demo Village.

Bird Atlas: TISS is part of an Assam consortium collaborating on this Citizen Science Project to document 'Birds in Our Backyard', Assam (Ongoing).

Indian Biodiversity Wikipedia Project: EESD part of this pan-India citizen science project for knowledge creation and dissemination on India's biodiversity (Ongoing).

Digital Textbook Project: EESD's experimental collaborative project with Green Hub Network, a youth-led video documentation initiative, to co-produce curriculum relevant material from the Northeast on themes like Human wildlife conflict, traditional ecological knowledge and natural resource management, gender and environment, community conserved areas.

Student Research Projects

Title of the Study	Name of Student	Supervisor
Invisible Shades of Smoke: A Study on the Health of Traffic Police Persons in Delhi	Aparna Subramanian	Dr. Rajdeep Singha
Invisible Shades of Smoke: A Study on the Health of Traffic Police Persons in Delhi	Baskar Chakma	Dr. Abhinandan Saikia
A Study on Socio-Ecological Impact of Brick Kiln industry in Kanchanpur, Tripura	Dikshani Konwar	Dr. Prashant Kesharvani
Can Flood be a Boon? A Case Study of the Mishing Community in Sumoimari Village in Majuli	Geetanjali Purkayastha	
A Boon or A Bane? A Study on the Impacts of Coal Mining Ban in Jaintia Hills, Meghalaya	John Zothansanga Rokhum	Dr. Abhinandan Saikia
Socio-ecological Importance of Wetland: A Case Study on Rudrasagar Lake (Ramsar Site), Melaghar, Tripura	Manisha Kumari	Dr. Rajdeep Singha
Market and Energy Flows: A Comparative Study of Two Agricultural Systems Practiced by Monpa Community	Mousumi Dutta	Dr. Abhinandan Saikia
Understanding the Dynamics of Human- Wildlife Conflict around Hollangapara Gibbon Wildlife Sanctuary, Assam	Nikhil Kumar	Dr. Rajdeep Singha
Water Allocation and Utilisation Across Agriculture and Industrial Sector: The Case of Hasdeo Bango Irrigation Project, Chhattisgarh	Pragya Timsina	Dr. Shalini Sharma

Title of the Study	Name of Student	Supervisor
Women and Floods: Resilience, Vulnerability, and Adaptation to the Flood, Lakhimpur District, Assam	Saurov Buragohain	Dr. Prashant Kesharvani
Traditional Governance System and Environment: A Study on Buliyangs of Apatani Community in Ziro Valley, Arunachal Pradesh	Sayan Banerjee	Dr. Shalini Sharma
'En-gendering' Human Animal Conflict (HEC): The Case of Udalguri District, Assam	Shiva Sardar	Dr. Joseph Riamei
Impact of Automobile Industries on Land and Socio-Economic Status: A Case of Adityapur, Jharkhand	Toijam Diana	Dr. Shalini Sharma
Perils of Indiscriminate Urbanisation: Case of Ima Keithel, a Women's Market, in Imphal, Manipur	Vinay Trivedi	Dr. Prashant Kesharvani
Hazardous Waste Recycling: A Case Study on Lead Acid Battery	Ruchunsinle Tep	Dr. Shalini Sharma
Persistent Firewood Consumption in an Evolving Naga Society: Case of Tseminyu Village	Manisha Ashraf	Dr. Abhinandan Saikia
Understanding Community's Interaction with the Greater One-horned Rhino in the Fringes of Pobitora Wildlife Sanctuary, Assam, India	Priyongsu Borthakur	Dr. Razdan Sarim Rahman
To Study the Benefits of Community from Tourism to Strengthen their Socioeconomic Conditions in the Fringe Areas of Kaziranga National Park	Kankana Trivedi	Dr. Razdan Sarim Rahman
Understanding the Emerging Contestations on Hydropower Projects in Arunachal Pradesh	Ayesha Shabnam Rahman	Dr. Abhinandan Saikia
Vehicular Emission Norms in Public Transport: A Study in Guwahati City	Chongnei Moi	Dr. Razdan Sarim Rahman
Impact of Agro-based Livelihood Intervention in Hilly Region of Manipur	Barsha Baishya	Dr. Shalini Sharma
Ecosystem Services, Traditional Ecological Knowledge and Culture: Case of the Chandhubi Lake, Assam	Malini Banerjee	Dr. Abhinandan Saikia

Seminars, Conference, Workshop and Training Programmes Organised

Faculty	Programme Title	Place	Sponsor	Date
Dr. Shalini Sharma	Understanding World Heritage Sites	TISS Guwahati	-	Jul. 27, 2016
Dr. Shalini Sharma	Nature Conservation: Conditions and Challenges: A Conversation with Dr. George Schaller	Guwahati	Green Hub Network	Feb. 18, 2017
Dr. Shalini Sharma and Dr. Abhinandan Saikia	Community Forest Rights Under the Forest Right Act of 2006.	TISS Guwahati	CFRLA	Mar. 31, 2017
Dr. Shalini Sharma	On Peace Ecology: Case of the Amur Falcon in Nagaland Resource Person: Dr. Suresh Kumar, Department of Endangered Species Management, Wildlife Institute of India	TISS Guwahati	-	Apr. 12, 2017

Public Lectures

Title of Lecture	Resource Person	Date	Faculty
How Green Is Indian Judiciary	Dr. Geetanjoy Sahu, TISS Mumbai	Sept. 20, 2016	Dr. Shalini Sharma
The Psychology of Sustainability	Dr. Ron Chandler, University of Florida Dr. Kashmira Kakati, Wildlife Biologist	Feb. 13, 2017	Dr. Shalini Sharma
Biodiversity Act, TEK and Scope in Northeast India	Mr. A.K. Johari, Addl. Principal Chief Conservator of Forest (Biodiversity & Climate) and Member Secretary of the Assam State Biodiversity Board	Feb. 21, 2017	Dr. Shalini Sharma

Publications

Dr. Abhinandan Saikia

- Change, Cosmology, and Time in Innovation: The Idea of Non-Obsolescence in Shifting Cultivation. In V. Dhanaraju (Ed.), *Regional Environmental History: Issues and Concepts in the Indian Subcontinent*, New Delhi: Aakar Books, 2016.

Participation in Talks, Conferences and Workshops

Dr. Abhinandan Saikia

- Delivered a Public Talk titled, "Social Sciences in Agro Forestry: The Challenges Within" at Rural Research Methodology Training Programme at National Institute of Rural Development and Panchayati Raj, Guwahati on July 27, 2016.

- Presented a Paper titled, "From Shifting to Terrace Cultivation: The Idea of Sustainability in India's North-Eastern Region", at the 14th Globelics International Conference 2016 on Innovation, Creativity and Development: Strategies for Inclusiveness and Sustainability, Bandung, Indonesia, October 12–14, 2016.
- Attended UGC sponsored Refresher Course on 'Environmental Science' at Human Resource Development Centre, Gauhati University, Guwahati, from December 8–28, 2016.
- Chaired a Session on "Ecotourism and its Potential in Northeast India" at the ICSSR-sponsored National Seminar on Tourism Development in India: Problems and Prospects, at Government College, Diphu, Assam, on December 21–22, 2016.
- Presented a Paper titled, "Whether Climate-Smart Agriculture is Sustainably 'Comprehensible': The Story of WDPSCA in Nagaland, India", at the National Seminar on Climate Change and Society, organised by the Department of Environmental Sciences, Tezpur University, on February 24–25, 2017.

Dr. Shalini Sharma

- Delivered a Public Lecture on 'Youth Empowerment and its Relevance to Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)', at the Seminar on 'Engaging Youth in Sustainable Development Goals', on August 13, 2016.
- Attended the "First Stakeholder Consultation Workshop of Assam State Biodiversity Strategy and Action Plan", in Guwahati, on September 16, 2016.
- Chaired the Session on 'Rapid Participatory Assessment of Local Community in Pithoragarh' as part of the Stakeholder Consultation for Nomination of Kailash Sacred Landscape as a UNESCO Mixed/ Cultural Landscape (Serial) World Heritage Site at ITBP, Jajardeol, Pithoragarh, on October 14, 2016.
- Participated in the 5th Annual Coordination Meeting of the UNESCO World Heritage-related Category 2 Institutes and Centres, at UNESCO C2C-WII, India, on November 22, 2016.
- Chaired the Session on 'Developing World Heritage Landscape Governance Capacity Framework for KSL India: Participatory Assessment of Core Collective Capabilities', at Consultative Dialogue on

Kailash Sacred Landscape Nomination as UNESCO World Heritage Site at UNESCO C2C-WII, India, on November 23, 2016.

- Participated in the Consultative Dialogue on Kailash Sacred Landscape, at UNESCO C2C-WII, India, on November 23, 2016.
- Participated in the Consultative Dialogue on Cultural Landscapes, Mixed and Transboundary Heritage Sites, at UNESCO C2C-WII, India, on November 24–25, 2016.
- Attended the "National Convention on Forest Rights Act", at New Delhi, on December 13–14, 2016.
- Co-curated the Natural Heritage Festival titled, 'Celebrating Natural Heritage in Literature, Arts and Culture', organised at Wildlife Institute and Great Himalayan National Park by UNESCO C2C-WII, India, February 7–12, 2017.
- Chaired the Session on "People's History of Nature in the Himalayas", at Celebrating Natural Heritage in Literature, Arts and Culture of UNESCO C2C-WII, India, on February 8, 2017.
- Delivered a Public Lecture on 'Landscape, Memory and Heritage', as part of the Eclectic Conversation Series in collaboration with Nagaon College, Assam, on April 21, 2017.

Fellowships and Consultancies

Dr. Abhinandan Saikia

- Consultant for Project of Guwahati Urban Transport Project (GUTPRO), for Centre for Environmental Education – Northeast Regional Office, Guwahati, March–June, 2016.

Dr. Shalini Sharma

- Visiting Fellow at UNESCO C2C for Natural Heritage Management and Training for Asia Pacific Region, Dehradun, India (October 1, 2016 to February 28, 2017).
- Consultant for 'Public Perception of Manas National Park and Its Impacts' for Aaryanak's IUCN-supported project (2016).
- Advisor to Cultural Resource Conservation Initiative, New Delhi for Cultural Mapping related to urban development projects.

CENTRE FOR LABOUR STUDIES AND SOCIAL PROTECTION

Student Research Projects

Title of the Study	Name of Student	Supervisor
Social Security of Senior Citizen Working as Street Vendors in Guwahati	Amit Chetry	Dr. Rajdeep Singha
Production, Use and Value: A Study on Food Processing Industries in West Bengal	Anupama Das	Dr. Debdulal Saha
Migration as Livelihood Strategy: A Study of Chakma Tribe in India	Kinchan Chakma	Dr. Debdulal Saha
Study on Work of Trucking Population in India: Understanding Challenges and Issues	Natalia Joseph	Prof. Kalpana Sarathy
Crop Diversification, Agriculture Linkages and Employment Pattern: A Study in Kharupetia	Nawab Quibria Tausiful Haque	Dr. Rajdeep Singha
A Study on the Floriculture Practice among the Mao Community	Pf. Leshiphro Kashena	Dr. Shivani Chauhan Barooah
Imprisonment–Back to Dignity: A Study of Employment Prospects for Inmates after Release from Correctional Home in Kolkata	Pintu Hati	Dr. Soibam Haripriya
Commodification of Emotional Labour: A Study of Bar Dancers in Mumbai	Priyakhi Pooja Borah	Dr. Debdulal Saha
Benefits and Challenges of Self Help Groups: A Study in Wokha District, Nagaland	S. Benrilo Shitiri	Dr. Shivani Chauhan Barooah
Control, Power and Workplace Politics: Understanding Labour Process of IT Sector in Kolkata	Sayani Banerjee	Dr. Debdulal Saha
Sharing Motherhood: A Case Study of Surrogate Mothers in Gurugram	Suravi Gupta	Dr. Rajdeep Singha
Sales Promotion Work in Pharmaceutical Industry: A Study of Medical Representatives in Jorhat and Guwahati	Swati Baruah	Dr. Rajdeep Singha
The Other End of the Rat Hole: Entanglements of Coal Mining on its Workers	Vivek Chhetri	Dr. Rajdeep Singha
Understanding Livelihoods and Role of Institutions in Baksa, BTAD	Subhalakshmi Bhagawati	Dr. Sanjay Barbora
Trade Unions in India: Structural Changes and Politics	Banaani Deka	Dr. Debdulal Saha
Migration as an Adaptation Strategy: Insights from Climate Induced 'Migrants' of Sunderbans	Supriya Jha	Dr. Rajdeep Singha
Lives and Livelihoods of Migrants in North-East India: A Case Study of In-Migrants in Churachandpur District, Manipur	Vungh Thian Muan K.	Dr. Debdulal Saha
Agriculture Practice through the Reciprocal Exchange of Labour: A Study of Purul Village, Manipur	Joyson P.	Dr. Rajdeep Singha
Understanding Industrial Relations in Tea Estate: A Study on Tea Estates of Doom Dooma area of Upper Assam	Chinmoyee Bhuyan	Dr. Sanjay Barbora
Selling, Brewing and Celebrating: A Study on the Rice Beer Manufacturers in Dibrugarh District	Juthika Gogoi	Dr. Sanjay Barbora

Research Projects, Field Action Projects and Other Projects

Project	Sponsor	Date of Sanction	Present Position	Faculty
Multidimensional Poverty and Vulnerability Assessment Survey in Selected Five Districts of Meghalaya State	International Centre for Integrated Mountain Development, Kathmandu, Nepal	Jun. 2015	Ongoing	Dr. Rajdeep Singha and Dr. Debdulal Saha
Community-based Perceptions in Changes in Ecosystems Services: Kolkata, Kathmandu and Dhaka Cities	International Water Management Institute, Colombo, Sri Lanka	Nov. 2015	Ongoing	Dr. Pijush Kr. Dutta and Dr. Rajdeep Singha
Value Chain and Decent Work: Study of Small Tea Growers in India	International Center for Development and Decent Work, University of Kassel, Germany	Jul. 2016	Ongoing	Dr. Debdulal Saha
Analytical Study of Conditional Cash Transfer Scheme in Uttar Pradesh	Samajwadi Pension Yojana, Department of Social Welfare, Govt. of Uttar Pradesh	-	Completed	Prof. D.K. Srivastava

Seminars, Conference, Workshop and Training Programmes Organised

Faculty	Programme Type and Title	Place	Sponsor	Date
Dr. Debdulal Saha and Dr. Rajdeep Singha	58th Annual Conference of the Indian Society of Labour Economics	IIT Guwahati	Indian Society of Labour Economics	Nov. 24–26, 2016
Dr. Rajdeep Singha	Internal Migration: The Challenges and Experiences of the Migrants from Northeast India	TISS Guwahati	Stockholm University, Sweden	Nov. 29–30, 2016
Dr. Otojit Kshetrimayum	3-Day Modular Workshop on Northeast Labour Market	TISS Guwahati	TISS	Mar. 16–18, 2017

Patent

“Mobile App for Prastutikakaran and Tikakaran”, International classification GO6F17/00, Official Journal of Patent Office Issue Number 35/2016. Published on August 26, 2016. (Prof. D.K. Srivastava, Dr. D. Kalbande, Prof. S. Parasuraman, Mr. Sunil Kumar and Mr. R.K. Singh)

Publications

Dr. Debdulal Saha

- *Informal Markets, Livelihood and Politics: Street Vendors in Urban India*, London & New York: Routledge, 2017.

Dr. Rajdeep Singha

- An Analysis of the Impact of MGNREGA within the Livelihood Framework: Study of a Gujarat Village, India, *International Journal of Humanities & Social Studies*, 2016. (co-author)

Participation in Talks, Conferences, Consultations, Workshops

Dr. Debdulal Saha

- Presented a Paper on 'Urban Informal Markets, State and Alternative Development in India' in an International Workshop on 'Between the State and the Site of Production: The Making of Informal Labour Relations' organised by the International Centre for Advanced Studies: Metamorphoses of the Political, at TISS Mumbai, on September 26–27, 2016.
- Presented a Paper on 'Value Chain and Decent Work: A Study of Small Tea Growers in India' at the 11th Global Labour University's Annual International Conference on The Just Transition and the Role of Labour: Our Ecological, Social, and Economic Future in Johannesburg, South Africa, on September 28, 2016.
- Chaired a Session on 'Precarious Work & Precarious Livelihoods' at the 11th Global Labour University's Annual International Conference on 'The Just Transition and the Role of Labour: Our Ecological, Social, and Economic Future' in Johannesburg, South Africa, on September 30, 2016.
- Co-Presented a Paper on 'Labour Questions in Indian Tea Industry: Emerging Issues and Challenges' at the 58th Annual Conference of Indian

Society of Labour Economics organised by IIT Guwahati, TISS Guwahati and OKD Institute of Social Change and Development, on November 24–26, 2016.

- Delivered a Lecture on 'Global Supply Chain and Decent Work in Agriculture: Insights from Plantation Economy in India' at the Workshop on Decent Work in Global Supply Chains, organised by Global Labour University at TISS Guwahati Campus, on February 25, 2017.
- Delivered a Lecture on 'How to publish?' in a Modular Workshop on 'Academic Writing Skills, Data Analysis and Report Writing' organised by TISS Guwahati Off Campus, on March 24, 2017.

Dr. Rajdeep Singha

- Delivered a Lecture on 'Wage Slavery under New Capitalism: Insights from India', International Center for Development and Decent Work (ICDD), University of Kassel, Germany.
- Co-Presented a Paper on 'Labour Questions in Indian Tea Industry: Emerging Issues and Challenges' at the 58th Annual Conference of Indian Society of Labour Economics organised by IIT Guwahati, TISS Guwahati and OKD Institute of Social Change and Development on November 24–26, 2016.

Prof. D.K. Srivastava

- "Reimagining a vision for National Skill Development University: From Idea to Reality", Dayalbagh Educational Institute, South India initiative @ Landmark Workshop, MTV Puram (Tamil Nadu), on June 14, 2016.

CENTRE FOR PEACE AND CONFLICT STUDIES

Student Research Projects

Title of the Study	Name of Student	Supervisor
Poetry in Resistance: A Study of Violence and Azaadi in Kashmir	Sreyasi Mukherjee	Dr. Sanjay Barbora
Military and Ethics	T. Chingmuanni Paite	Dr. Sanjay Barbora
Ethnic Tribal Minorities and Involvement: With Special References to the Three Bills in Manipur, 2015	Thangliensang	Dr. Joseph Riamei
Locating Disability in the Valley: A Study of Half Widows in Kashmir	Pulama Mukherjee	Dr. Soibam Haripriya
Understanding the Role of Customary Law in Resolving Conflict: A Case Study of Zelaing Nagas	Haipourangbe Moses	Dr. Joseph Riamei
Development, Displacement and Conflict: A Case Study of Brahmaputra Cracker and Polymer Limited (BCPL) in Assam	Swarnami Chanda	Dr. Jagannath Ambagudia
Graffiti is a Political Expression: A Study of Kokrajhar	Arun Morang	Dr. R.K. Debbarma
In the Pursuit go a New Song: The Role of Resistance and Reconciliation in Nagaland	Henry Robert Goldsmith	Dr. Soibam Haripriya
Markets in Contested Space: Understanding Ethnic Relations between Renames and the Karbis through Markets Post-2013	Anwasha Saikia	Dr. R.K. Debbarma
A Study on Village Regrouping Programme in Haduk Para, Tripura	Eti Mog	Dr. R.K. Debbarma
The Black Economy of Nagaland: Stories of Bootleggers	Wungreithan Awungshi	Dr. R.K. Debbarma
Celebrating the Karbi Youth Festival: Reimagining Identity	Augustin Millik	Dr. R.K. Debbarma

Programmes Organised

Faculty	Programme Type and Title	Place	Date
Centre for Peace and Conflict Studies	Workshop on Exploring Possibilities of Peace in Places of Endemic Conflict: Lessons from J&K	TISS Guwahati	Feb. 20, 2017
Centre for Peace and Conflict Studies	Workshop on Women and Migration	TISS Guwahati	Mar. 6, 2017
Centre for Peace and Conflict Studies	Musical Performance by Akhu Chingangbam on 'A Native Tongue Called Peace'	TISS Guwahati	Mar. 21, 2017

Research Projects

Title	Sponsor	Date of Sanction	Present Position	Faculty
Mapping Children in Armed Conflict in Assam	UNICEF	Jan. 2017	Ongoing	Dr. Sanjay Barbora

Publications

Dr. Jagannath Ambagudia

- Regime of Marginalisation and Sites of Protest: Understanding the Adivasi Movement in Odisha, India. In H. Devere, K. Te Maiharoa and J.P. Synott (Eds.), *Peacebuilding and the Rights of Indigenous Peoples: Experiences and Strategies for the 21st Century*, Switzerland: Springer International, 2017.

Dr. Sanjay Barbora

- Remember Easter 1916? When the Irish Declared a Republic, *Economic and Political Weekly*, 51 (25), 63–67, 2016.
- Shifting Ground? State and Market in the Uplands on Northeast India, *The Newsletter, International Institute for Asian Studies*, 2016. (co-author)
- Survivors of Ethnic Conflict. In H. Mander (Ed.), *India Exclusion Report*, New Delhi: Yoda Press, 2016. (co-author)
- Unearthing a Terrible Beauty: Violence and the Politics of Choices in Assam. In K. Kannabiran (Ed.), *Violence and its Habitations in South Asia*, New Delhi: Oxford University Press, 2016.
- Northeast India: Amplifying Voices of Women in Conflicts. In L. Murthy and M. Verma (Eds.), *Garrisoned Minds: Women and Armed Conflicts in South Asia*, New Delhi: Speaking Tiger, 2017.

Dr. R.K. Debbarma

- Celebrating a New Year in Tripura: Space, Place and Politics. In Y. Saikia and A.R. Baishya (Eds.), *Northeast India: A Place of Relations*, Cambridge University Press, 2017.
- How Not to Fight Discrimination in India: Desire, Difference and Northeast India, *Economic and Political Weekly*, 51 (26&27), 2016.

Dr. Yengkhom Jilangamba

- Sharmila and the Forgotten Genealogy of Violence in Manipur, *Economic and Political Weekly*, 51 (36), 15–19, 2016.
- Participation in Talks, Conferences, Consultations, Workshops

Dr. Jagannath Ambagudia

- Delivered a Lecture on “Introduction to Qualitative Research 1”, at the Short Term Course on Research Methodology, Department of Humanities and Social Sciences, Indian Institute of Information Technology Guwahati, on December 7–13, 2016.
- Presented a Paper on “Rights, Dissent and Conflict: Refugees, State and Citizenship in India”, at the Young Social Scientist Meet 2016, at the OKD Institute of Social Change and Development, Guwahati, December 15–16, 2016.

Dr. Soibam Haripriya

- Presented a Paper on “Memory, Forgetting, Silence and the Question of Evidence” at the IV LASSNET International Conference, Thinking with Evidence, Seeking Certainty, Making Truth, December 10–12, 2016.
- Presented a Paper on “From the Shackles of Tradition: Motherhood and Women’s Agitation in Manipur” at the National Seminar on Identity and Marginality in Northeast India: Challenges for Social Science Research, at the Department of Sociology, University of Hyderabad, on January 16–17, 2017.
- Presented a Paper on “Death as a Field Site” and a Panelist in Winter School on Research Methodology 2017, organised by Dibrugarh University-TISS, Guwahati.
- Delivered a Lecture on “Cultures of Peace”, at the event on ‘Women’s Stories from the Northeast in Guwahati, on November 9, 2016.

- Resource Person for the Workshop on Choosing Identities, Gender Just and Violence Free Society, organised by Mrinal Gore Institute, Mumbai, on November 10–12, 2016.
- Delivered a Lecture on “Cultures of Peace”, at A Different Lens: Peace by Other Means in New Delhi, on December 10, 2016.

Dr. Yengkhom Jilangamba

- Delivered a Lecture on “Understanding Self-determination as a Step Towards Peace”, at a Seminar ‘Rethinking Autonomy, Self-Determination and Sovereignty as Tools for Peace’ organised by the Northeastern Social Research Centre, Guwahati, December 16–17, 2016.
- Presented a Paper on “From the Time of Capital to Self-Determination: History’s Difficulties in the North-East”, at the Workshop on Time-Frames: Questioning Chronologies in South Asia’s Pasts, organised by Shiv Nadar University, Uttar Pradesh, February 24–25, 2017.

Dr. Sanjay Barbora

- Delivered a Lecture on “Riding the Rhino: Criminality, Class and Commerce in Assam”, at the Australia India Institute, Melbourne, on June 10, 2016.
- Delivered a Lecture on “Refusing Refuge: A New Politics of the Governed in Rural Assam” at Calcutta Research Group, Kolkata, on August 31, 2016.
- Chaired a Session on ‘A Social Mapping of Infrastructure and India’s Look East Policy’, at Kolkata, on September 1, 2016.

Dr. R.K. Debbarma

- Chaired sessions during Graduate Research Meet at IIT Guwahati, October 20–22, 2016.
- Chaired sessions during Rethinking Autonomy and Self Determination, NESRC, December 16–17, 2016.
- Chaired sessions during Winter Research Methodology Workshop III: Reappraising the Field in Social Science Research on Northeast India, at Dibrugarh University, January 9–15, 2017.



CENTRE FOR SOCIOLOGY AND SOCIAL ANTHROPOLOGY

Student Research Projects

Title of the Study	Name of the Student	Supervisor
Intimate Relationship among Men having Sex with Men: A Study of MSM from Guwahati	Anamika Deb	Dr. Soibam Haripriya
Children Inside Institutional Care: A Sociological Study of a Child Care Institution in Guwahati	Beda Prakash Dutta	Dr. V. Sawmveli
Generation Culture Diffusion: A Study on Cultural Assimilation of Kuki Tribal Migrants in Guwahati, Assam	Joyce H. Baite	Dr. V. Sawmveli
Sociology of Sport: A Study on Youth Football Players in RG Baruah Sports Complex	K. Sangtea Guite	Dr. V. Sawmveli
Politics, Language, Culture and Experiences of the Kukis Living in Guwahati	Lamneithem Haokip	Dr. Sanjay Barbora
Creating 'A' Woman: Homogenisation of Women by Women's Magazines	Sukannyaa Lahon	Dr. Soibam Haripriya
Gastronomy of Naga Cuisine: Making of an Identity	Tiachenla Imchen	Dr. Soibam Haripriya
Examining the Interface between Environment and Society: Case Study of Fishing Communities	Shuvam Sarma	Dr. Subeno Kithan
Contemporary Relevance of Goalporiya Folk Music: A Sociological Enquiry	Trishangni Baruah	Dr. Subeno Kithan
A Study on Traditional Healers in Meitei Community in Guwahati: Maiba and Maibi	Reni Waikhom	Dr. Sanjay Barbora
Lived Experiences of Homeless Women on the Streets of Guwahati	Sujata Gautam	Dr. Subeno Kithan

Participation in Talks, Conferences, Consultations, Workshops

Dr. Subeno Kithan

- Delivered a Lecture on "Doing Ethnography: Anthropological Insights of Two Muslim Communities" as part of a talk series 'In Perspective', organised by IIT Guwahati, on July 15, 2016.

Dr. V. Sawmveli

- Presented a Paper on "Law Religion and Gender in the Context of the Northeastern States with Focus on Tribal Women", at the International Seminar on Modernity, Women and Gender in a Rising India, organised by the Department of Social Work, Gothenburg University, Sweden, on September 23, 2016.

Publications

Dr. Stephen Pamei

- Perspectives of Ethnic Conflict in North-East India, *International Journal of Current Research*, 3 (11), 450–457, 2011. [ISSN: 0975-833X]

Dr. V. Sawmveli

- Contextualizing Child Rights: A Sociological Perspective. In C. Laldinsanga and P.B. Lallawmawmi (Eds.), *Child Rights and Child Protection: Issues and Challenges*, Aizawl: Lengchhawn, 2016. [ISBN: 978-93-85263-36-1]

School of Social Work

Dean: Prof. Kalpana Sarathy

Centre for Community Organisation and Development Practice

Chairperson: Dr. Joseph Riamei
Dr. Shivani Chauhan Barooah

Centre for Counselling

Chairperson: Ms. Meghali Senapati
Ms. Monica Kaothala
Ms. Rinya Pura

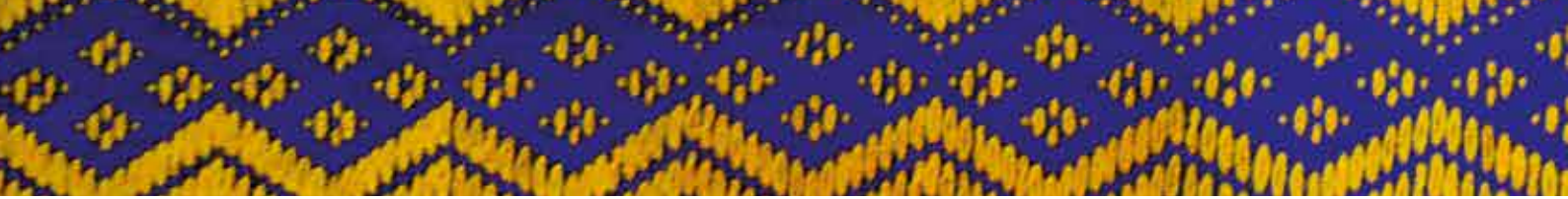
Centre for Livelihood and Social Entrepreneurship

Chairperson: Dr. Meghadeepa Chakraborty
Dr. Razdan Sarim Rahman

Centre for Public Health

Chairperson: Dr. Santhosh M.R.
Dr. Jennifer Kipgen
Prof. Kalpana Sarathy





It is a pleasure to present the Annual Report of the School of Social Work, which was established in the academic year 2016–17 at the TISS Guwahati Off Campus. In the year under review, we undertook the exercise of transition from offering programmes at the Campus level to functioning at the level of a School, with faculty indicating their preferences for affiliation to any of its 4 centres in Community Organisation and Development Practices; Counselling; Livelihood and Social Entrepreneurship; and Public Health. Our faculty worked extremely hard to ensure that this transition has been smooth and seamless.

The transitioning into a school brought with it new challenges and the year under review has been stimulating to say the least. As we continued to teach the existing courses, we were simultaneously engaged in planning new ones that will be offered from the next academic session such as the choice-based credit courses. I must congratulate all the faculty for their tremendously high levels of commitment and initiative in this regard. In the year under review, Dr. Yasir Bhat left us to take up another appointment and we wish him the very best and thank him for his contribution to the School. Dr. Jennifer Kipgen, Ms. Rinya Pura and Ms. Monica Kaothala joined us and we are very delighted to have them with us. The School of Social Work now has 10 core faculty across the centres.

The School owes its origins to the history and rich legacy of an established and pioneering programme in Social Work at TISS Mumbai since 1936, as well as the Social Work programme initiated at the Guwahati Campus in 2012. Our Master's programme continues to be offered at a generic level in the first year of the programme, and thereafter students take courses at the Centre of their choice.

The programmes offered from the School are unique and contextualised to the Northeast. It is our endeavour and aim as a School to prepare students with in-depth knowledge in their field, to ensure that they are culturally competent, sensitive to the realities and context of work, ethically aware and committed to working for social justice.

Our students represent the rich diversity of our country and this offers the opportunity for cross-learning. The field engagement across the country serves to stimulate and motivate the students to engage in contemporary and critical debates. Their learning is, therefore, not limited to the classroom. Social Work students participate in causes that espouse the values of the profession and are also involved in extra-curricular activities.

We are fortunate that the School faculty also represent diversity in terms of training, and also that we are able to draw from the expertise available within the Campus. The Centre Chairpersons offer leadership in the envisioning exercise that we are embarking upon, to work with stakeholders across the region and also across the borders. At this juncture, I would like to thank the faculty of the School of Social Work for the leadership and commitment that they have displayed in the past year. The faculty, Students of the school of social Work and I look forward together, with renewed hopes to reach greater heights and enjoy greater successes.

Prof. Kalpana Sarathy

Dean, School of Social Work,
TISS Guwahati Off Campus

CENTRE FOR COMMUNITY ORGANISATION AND DEVELOPMENT PRACTICE

Field Work Agencies for Master's Students

- Pan Himalayan Grassroots Foundation, Uttarakhand
- Prodigal's Home, Dimapur, Nagaland
- ActionAid India, New Delhi
- Ghar Bachao Ghar Banao Andolan, Mumbai
- PRAYAS, Delhi
- FASCE INDIA, Guwahati
- Impulse NGO Network, Shillong
- Narmada Bachao Andolan, Madhya Pradesh
- Cod NERC, Mizoram
- Deepak Foundation, Gujarat
- Centre for Microfinance and Livelihood, Tripura
- Shakti Vahini, New Delhi
- Lutheran World Service of India, Kokrajhar, Assam
- Vishakha, Udaipur
- IIE, Guwahati
- Meghalaya Basin Development Society
- JUST, Tripura
- BYST, Guwahati

Student Research Projects

Title of the Study	Name of Student	Supervisor
Assessment of Government Schemes and Initiatives on Female Education	Akanksha Kumari	Dr. Razdan Sarim Rahman
Study on the Socio-Economic Condition of Migrant Workers (Patna)	Kundan Kumar	Dr. Razdan Sarim Rahman
Migration among Adivasis of Tea Estate in West Bengal: Emerging Issues and Challenges	Ajay Lakra	Dr. Debdulal Saha
Corporate Social Responsibility With Special Emphasis on Children's Education in Jharkhand: A Case Study of Tata Steel Rural Development Society (TSRDS, Unit-Noamundi CSR Wing of Tata Steel)	Sumant Kumar	Dr. Rajdeep Singha
Early Pregnancy and Abortion: A Study of Perceptions and Experiences	Liansuanmung Suantak	Dr. Santhosh M.R.
Internet Addiction Amongst Adolescents and Young People	Boyar Debbarma	Dr. Joseph Riamei
Farmers' Perspective on Traditional Farming: Case of Sinai Village (Rupini Tribe) West, Tripura	Josiah Rupini	Dr. Joseph Riamei
Understanding the Perception About Special Education System: A Study on Special Schools For Children With Disabilities, Shillong	Gracefulness Rymmai	Dr. Joseph Riamei
Community-Based Tourism as a Key to Community Development: A Case Study of Mt. Pauna Tourist Village, Benreu, Nagaland	Iningle Iheilung	Dr. Joseph Riamei

Title of the Study	Name of Student	Supervisor
Youth's Perception Towards Social Networking Sites in Senapati District, Manipur	T. Maningbila	Dr. Joseph Riamei
Role of Self Help Groups in Enhancing Women's Political Participation: A Study from the Dahod District of Gujarat	Hardip Singh Nardevsinh Parmar	Dr. Meghadeepa Chakraborty
Transwomen Domestic Workers in Jamshedpur City, Jharkhand	Namrata Mukherjee	Dr. Shalini Sharma
Dalit Women Domestic Workers of Jamshedpur Speaks: Caste, Gender, Work Conundrum	Ruchika Kanoi	Dr. Shalini Sharma
A Study on Place-Names and Community in Tripura	Mouma Mog	Dr. R.K. Debbarma
Study of Mid-Day Meal Scheme in Maner Block	Durga Kumari	Dr. Prashant Kesharvani
A Study on the Displaced Population in Dhemaji	Simanta Kotoky	Dr. Abhinandan Saikia
Seasonal Floods and its Effects on Children's Education: A Study in Jiribam Sub-Division, Manipur	Mary L. Songate	Dr. Abhinandan Saikia
Socio-Economic Conditions of the Repatriated Displaced Brus in Mamit District, Mizoram	Lalramnghaki Hauhnar	Dr. V. Sawmveli
Understanding Practices of Marriage Within Bishnupriya Manipuri Community	Suman Sinha	Dr. V. Sawmveli
Effect of Family Income on Schooling: A Study of a Santhal Village in Assam	Naomi Hembrom	Dr. Soibam Haripriya
A Study of Cultural Tourism in Ziro Valley: Challenges and Opportunities	Tage Onia	Dr. Shivani Chauhan Barooah
Sanitising The City: A Case Study of Public Toilets and Solid Waste Management in Puri, Odisha	Sudikshya Sahoo	Dr. Jagannath Ambagudia
The Practice of Traditional Medicine Among The Karbi of Assam	Merina Ronghangpi	Dr. Subeno Kithan
A Study in Elephant Falls, Shillong: Understanding Community Participation in Planning, Implementation and Management With Reference to Tourism	Mona Alice Marbaniang	Dr. Subeno Kithan
Issues of Northeast Migrants in Delhi	Priyanka Dayal	Dr. Subeno Kithan

Programmes Organised

Faculty	Programme Title	Place	Sponsor	Date
Mr. Kalpesh Chauhan, Alumni, TISS Guwahati	Workshop on Working with SHGs	TISS Guwahati	TISS Guwahati	Aug. 2016
Dr. Santhosh M.R.	Workshop on Literature Review for Academic Research	TISS Guwahati	TISS Guwahati	Dec. 2016
Mr. Raile Rocky Ph.D. Scholar, TISS Mumbai	Guest Lecture on Theories of Development	TISS Guwahati	TISS Guwahati	Sept. 2016

Public Lectures

Faculty	Resource Person	Title of Lecture	Date
Dr. Shalini Sharma	Ms. Suhana, Advocate	Public Interest Litigation	September 2016
CODP Faculty	Ms. Sangeeta Barooah Pisharoty, Deputy Editor, <i>The Wire</i>	Northeast in National Media in the Times of Online News: Its Impacts and Possibilities	August 2016

Publications

Dr. Joseph Riamei

- Manipur (Hill Areas) District Council and Peoples' Responses, *Journal of Tribal Intellectual Collective India*, 3 (3), 21–30, 2016.

Participation in Talks, Conferences, Consultations, Workshops

Dr. Shivani Chauhan Barooah

- Attended a Seminar on Quality Care for Every Child, organised by SOS and TISS Guwahati, on December 13, 2016.
- Presented a Talk on "The Ignominy of Child Trafficking" at AIR Guwahati, on February 3, 2017.

Dr. Joseph Riamei

- Presented a Paper on "Accommodating Diversity: Quest for Inclusive Policies for Tribals in Northeast

India" at the National Seminar on Development and Change in India: Retrospect and Prospect, organised by the Department of Sociology, Central University, Sikkim, on November 4–5, 2016.

- Presented a Paper on "Inclusive Policies for Tribals in Northeast India: Revisited" at the National Conference on Public Policy and Politics in Northeast India: Issues and Challenges, organised by the Department of Political Science, Gauhati University in collaboration with K.K. Handiqui State Open University, Guwahati, on February 24–25, 2017.
- Delivered a Lecture on "Designing Feasible Projects and their Monitoring, Evaluation and Exit Strategies: Discussion of Feasibility Criteria, Different M&E Techniques, Integration of Effective Exit Strategies in the Project", at the Energy and Resources Institute, Northeast Regional Centre, Guwahati, March 9, 2017.

CENTRE FOR COUNSELLING

Field Work Agencies for Master's Students

- HELP Foundation, J&K
- IGSSS, Manipur
- YP Foundation, Delhi
- KOSHISH, Delhi
- PHRN, Jharkhand
- Bapu Trust, Pune, Maharashtra
- Juvenile Justice Board, Delhi
- SOS Children's Village, Guwahati
- Kheti Virasat Mission, Punjab
- The Richmond Fellowship Society, Bangalore

Student Research Projects

Title of the Study	Name of Student	Supervisor
Implication of Closed Tea Garden on the Livelihood and Mental Well-Being of the Workers	Samuel Tamang	Dr. Rajdeep Singha
Life after Retirement: Understanding the Perception of 'Content' Retirement among the State Government Retirees	Kristi Saikia	Dr. Shivani Chauhan Barooah
Lives of Farmers A Study of Wardha District in Vidarbha Region of Maharashtra	Bharat Bajarang Kamble	Dr. Jagannath Ambagudia
Effect of Boarding School on Parent-Child Relationship (A Study of Separation in the Relationship due to Boarding School)	Gyanendra Rai	Ms. Meghali Senapati and Mr. Yasir Hamid Bhat
The Puroiks of Arunachal Pradesh: A Study from the Perspective of Mental Health	Janki Ngongwa	Ms. Meghali Senapati
Bitter Truth (A Study on Child Sexual Abuse in Mamit, Mizoram)	V.L. Remruati Hmar	Ms. Meghali Senapati
Colours of the Rainbow: A Qualitative Study on LGBT Community and Counselling Conducted in Guwahati, Assam	Debika Chakravarty	Ms. Meghali Senapati
The Imperfect Mirror: Body-Shaming and its Impact on Women	Barasha Nasim	Ms. Meghali Senapati
When Marriages Don't Last: Psycho-Social and Economic Well-Being of Women, Post Separation	Chandana Gogoi	Dr. Soibam HariPriya
Lived Experiences of Women Survivors of Intimate Partner Violence (IPV): A Few Case Studies Based in Guwahati, Kamrup District, Assam	Richa Sahu	Ms. Meghali Senapati
Stories of Mental Health and Misconception from Thayong Village in Senapati District of Manipur	Mhangte Bernady Kom	Ms. Meghali Senapati

Title of the Study	Name of Student	Supervisor
Occupational Hazards of Service Delivery Boys in Guwahati City	Bhaswati Deka	Dr. Razdan Sarim Rahman
Beyond the Stereotypes: Life as a Single Child	Akshaya Ravi	Prof. Kalpana Sarathy
A Study of Suicidal Tendency among Youth... An Understanding	Paushali Bhattacharjee	Prof. Kalpana Sarathy
Conflict and Mental Well-Being: A Case Study on the Experiences of the Kuki-Naga Ethnic Conflict of 1993 and its Impact on the Mental Well-Being of the People in Chandel District, Manipur	Thomas Haokip	Dr. Joseph Riamei

Research and Field Action Projects

Title	Sponsor	Date of Sanction	Present Position	Faculty
Review and Mapping of CCI in Arunachal Pradesh	Childline Foundation	Mar. 2016	Completed	Ms. Meghali Senapati
Project Jyoti: Street Lighting in Guwahati City	Guwahati Municipal Corporation	Mar. 2017	Submitted	Ms. Meghali Senapati

Publications

Ms. Rinya Pura

- Food Transition among Tribal and Globalization with Reference to Arunachal Pradesh, *Journal of Social Work Education and Practice*, 2 (1), 1–6, 2017. [ISSN: 2456-2068]

2017 at the Department of Social Work, University of Delhi.

Ms. Rinya Pura

- Presented a Paper on “Traditional Food and Health Implications with Reference to Apatani Tribe in Arunachal Pradesh” at the International Conference of Multidisciplinary Research Foundation, Vijaywada, Andhra Pradesh, June 15–16, 2016.
- Attended a Workshop on “Youth for Social Change” organised by the Delhi School of Social Work in collaboration with Rajiv Gandhi Institute for Youth Development, in January 2017.
- Presented a Paper on the “Spiritual Dimension of Crisis in Human Life” at the National Conference on Social Work, Amity University, Noida, on January 31, 2017.

Seminars, Conferences, Workshops and Training Programmes Organised/Attended

Ms. Monica Kaothala

- Attended a Workshop on the findings of the Research Study on “State of Child Labour in India: Mapping Trends”, at V.V. Giri National Labour Institute, Noida, on September 2, 2016.
- Participated in the Capacity Building Training Programme for SC/ST/OBC Youth on “Youth for Social Change” from January 27–31, 2017. Jointly organised by Department of Social Work, University of Delhi and Rajiv Gandhi National Institute of Youth Development (Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports, Government of India) at Sriperumbudur, Tamil Nadu

Ms. Meghali Senapati

- Attended a State Seminar on Quality Care for Every Child, at SOS Village, Guwahati, in December 2016.
- Organised a Training with the Assam Police in Guwahati on “Human Rights and Police”, on December 5, 2016.

CENTRE FOR LIVELIHOODS AND SOCIAL ENTREPRENEURSHIP

Field Work Agencies for Master's Students

- Srijan, Madhya Pradesh
- Pro-Rural, Nagaland
- WOTR, Jharkhand
- The Goat Trust, Lucknow
- Gramin Sahara, Assam
- PRAN, Gaya, Bihar
- NEIDA, Mizoram
- Avani, Kumaon
- Chaitanya, Pune

Student Research Projects

Title of the Projects	Name of Student	Supervisor
Green Economy: A Study on the Areca Nut Plate Makers of Barpeta District, Assam	Angashikha Gogoi	Dr. Shivani Chauhan Barooah
“DANCE” as a Means of Livelihood for Uplifting Women Belonging to the Vulnerable Section of Society: A Study of the Different Dance Forms in Purulia District, West Bengal	Chandreyee Gupta	Dr. Meghadeepa Chakraborty
Hijras: Identity, Livelihood and their Challenges	Deepti Ramchiary	Dr. Meghadeepa Chakraborty
Impact of Neo-Gharat” in the Life of the Rural Poor: A Comparative Study of Two Villages in Dehradun	Kusha Singh	Dr. Meghadeepa Chakraborty
Hmeithai: A Study on Single Mother in Mizo Society	Lalbiakengi Chawhte	Dr. V. Sawmveli
Livelihood Status of Workers Involved in Rubber Plantations in Diphu, Karbi Anglong	Laxmi Hansepi	Dr. Debdulal Saha
Understanding Livelihood of Women Street Vendors in Guwahati, India	Namita Kalita	Dr. Meghadeepa Chakraborty
Bamboo and Cane Artisans: Livelihoods in the Barpeta Cluster	Parthajit Baruah	Prof. Kalpana Sarathy
Fishery, Climate Variability and Livelihood Challenges in Brahmaputra Flood Plains: A Case Study of Morigaon District	Preeti Sarmah	Dr. Abhinandan Saikia
Contesting Spaces for Livelihood: The Untold Story of the Od Community	Ridhima Sharma	Dr. Abhinandan Saikia
Understanding the Livelihood of Potters: A Study with Kumar Community in Majuli District of Assam	Rituparna Neog	Dr. Meghadeepa Chakraborty
Public Distribution System, Food Security and Rural Livelihood: A Study of Bankura District, West Bengal	Rupesh Kundu	Dr. Debdulal Saha

Title of the Projects	Name of Student	Supervisor
Craft Practices for Sustainable Livelihood: A Case Study of the Dhokra' Community in Burdwan, West Bengal	Sukanto Mete	Ms. Navaneeta Deori
Single Women and Livelihood: A Case Study in Thingba Khullen Village, Senapati District, Manipur	Ts Roveinai Valerius	Dr. Meghadeepa Chakraborty
Understanding the Livelihood Issues and Challenges of HIV/AIDS Affected People in Kohima	Wannyei Konyak	Dr. Meghadeepa Chakraborty
A Study on Traditional Farming System and its Sustainability: A Case of Nongryngkoh Village, Meghalaya	Robert Rose Kshiar	Dr. Joseph Riamei
A Study on Livelihood Opportunities and Practices in Rural Churachandpur	Lianzaw Manglaljoi Zou	Dr. Santhosh M.R.
Role of Self Help Groups in Sustaining Livelihood & Empowerment Among Women: A Study in Sonapur, Assam	Sarmila Kakoti	Dr. Rajdeep Singha
Educated Youths and Unemployment: A Study in Senapati District, Manipur	Athili Andrew	Dr. Joseph Riamei
Livelihood Strategies: A Study of Women Weavers in Udalguri District, Assam	Napolean Basumatary	Dr. V. Sawmveli
A Study on the Livelihood of Below the Line Film Workers of Assam with Special Reference to Assamese Film Industry	Priyam Saikia	Ms. Meghali Senapati
Entrepreneurship Challenges in WADI Programme	Satyaki Ganguly	Dr. Razdan Sarim Rahman
Livelihood of Musicians	H. Sara Khongsai	Dr. Soibam Haripriya
Mirumpvü Widowhood and Lives in Wokha Town	Chumben B. Yanthan	Dr. Subeno Kithan

Research Project

Title	Sponsor	Date of Sanction	Present Position	Faculty
Skill Building and Promoting Sustainable Livelihood and Social Enterprises in Northeast Region	TISS Guwahati and ICCo	Dec. 2016	Ongoing	Dr. Meghadeepa Chakraborty

Seminars, Conferences, Workshops, Training Programmes and Talks

Dr. Meghadeepa Chakraborty

- Conducted a Workshop on Plagiarism and Referencing at TISS Guwahati, on July 30, 2016.
- Presented a Paper on “Women as Change Maker in the Revival and Restoration of Natural Resources: A Case from Small Village of Gujarat”, in the International Seminar on ‘Poverty, Environment and Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) in Asia-Pacific’, organised by the Centre for Ecological Economics and Natural Resources of the Institute of Social and Economic Change (ISEC), Bangalore, on December 8–9, 2016.
- Participated in the International Conference on ‘Methodological Issues in Social Entrepreneurship Knowledge and Practice’, organised by TISS Mumbai on January 18–20, 2017.
- Presented a Paper on “Community Network for Cohesive Development in Rural India: An Exploratory Study”, at the International Seminar on Cohesive Development: An Alternative Paradigm? organised by the A.N. Sinha Institute of Social Studies, Patna, on February 24–25, 2017.
- Presented a Paper on “Hydropower Development Plans and Livelihood Conflicts in the Context

of Northeast India”, at the National Seminar on Contextualising Conflict, Its Resources and Peace Building Initiatives in India, organised jointly by the Department of Social Work Visva-Bharati, Sriniketan, and the North East Institute of Social Science and Research Development, Dimapur, on March 4–5, 2017 at Sriniketan.

Dr. Razdan Sarim Rahman

- Attended the National Stakeholders’ Consultation on Ending Violence against Children at Guwahati organised by the National Action and Coordination Group for Ending Violence Against Children, India, on June 23, 2016.
- Attended the Consultation Workshop to Disseminate the Child Rights Situation Analysis in the Tea Gardens of Assam organised by Save the Children, Assam, on December 21, 2016.
- Attended the National Workshop on Transacting Students Engagement for Promoting Rural Resilience organised by the Department of Social Work and NSS Unit of Rajiv Gandhi University, Arunachal Pradesh, and National Council of Rural Institutes under Ministry of HRD, on February 2–3, 2017.
- Organised a Talk on “Child Rights and Child Protection” at TISS Guwahati, on March 1 and 6, 2017.

CENTRE FOR PUBLIC HEALTH

Fieldwork Agencies

- Ghar Bachao Ghar Banao Andolan, Mumbai
- CINI, Kolkata
- Doctors For you, Bihar
- Enable India, Bangalore
- Mamta, Delhi
- NeADS, Assam
- Prayas, Chittorgarh, Rajasthan
- SAATHI, Kolkata
- Tata Motors Ltd, Telco, Jamshedpur (CSR)
- Alliance India, Delhi
- DevInsights Pvt. Ltd., New Delhi
- Ekjut, Jharkhand
- Family Planning Association India (FPAI), Nagaland
- Medico Pastoral Association (MPA), Bangalore
- Northeastern Community Health Association (NECHA), Assam
- Public Health Resource Network (PHRN), Jharkhand
- Seva Mandir, Udaipur, Rajasthan
- Voluntary Health Association, Meghalaya

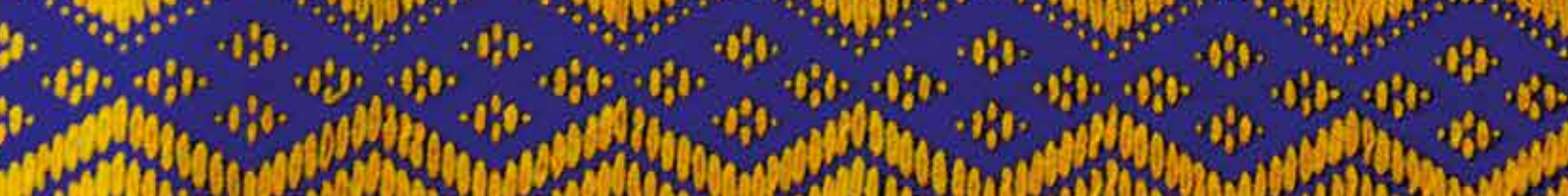
Student Research Projects

Title of the Study	Name of Student	Supervisor
People's Experience and Attitudes towards Malaria and its Influence on Health Seeking Behaviour of the People in Udalguri District of Assam	Birkhang Basumatary	Dr. Prashant Kesharvani
A Study on the Role of Sanitation Facility on Women's Health and Well-Being in the Slums of Shillong City	Preety Syiemlieh	Dr. Prashant Kesharvani
A Study of Implications of Malaria on Chakma Community at Kamala Harbari Para Village, Dhalai District, Tripura	Triratna Chakma	Dr. Santhosh M.R.
Women in Jhum Cultivation: Understanding the Challenges for Health and Service Utilisation: A Study in Natun Lampu Village of Dima Hasao District Assam	Sarada Langthasa	Dr. Prashant Kesharvani
Drinking Water Problems in Rural Areas of Sonitpur District: A Study in Tezpur, Assam	Sukanya Borah	Dr. Santhosh M.R.
A Study on Maternal Health Seeking Behaviour in Old Peren Village (Peren District, Nagaland)	Itulungbe Ndang	Dr. Santhosh M.R.
Issues Related to Health among the Tea Garden Workers: A Study on Teok Tea Estate of Jorhat District of Assam	Sumanjita Barman	Dr. Santhosh M.R.
Access to Health Care by People Who Inject Drugs: A Study of Guwahati, Kamrup District, Assam	Trinashree Borkotoky	Prof. Kalpana Sarathy

Title of the Study	Name of Student	Supervisor
A Study on the Experiences of Transgenders in Accessing Health Care in Hooghly and Howrah District of West Bengal	Sumedha Mandal	Prof. Kalpana Sarathy
Consumption Sale and Purchase of Alcohol at Raghunathpur Siwan District, Bihar	Vikrant Kumar	Prof. Kalpana Sarathy
Lived Experiences of Women in Sex Work and their Mental Health Concerns in Sonagachi, West Bengal	Aritra Moulick	Prof. Kalpana Sarathy
Women's Vulnerability to HIV: A Study in a Slum in Guwahati	Manasi Baishya	Prof. Kalpana Sarathy
Access To Healthcare Services Amongst Street Children: Perceptions of their Mothers — A Study in Guwahati City, Assam	Mayuri Das	Prof. Kalpana Sarathy
Factors Relating to Mental Health of the Elderly People Living in Old Age Homes: A Study in Guwahati City of Assam	Piuli Dhar	Dr. Prashant Kesharvani
Fluorosis and Children's Health: A Case Study of Tapatjuri Village, Hojai District, Assam	Churamoni Saikia	Dr. Prashant Kesharvani
Socio-Economic Status and Physical Health: A Study of Doms in Varanasi	Swati Mishra	Dr. Prashant Kesharvani
Use of Tobacco Amongst College Going Students in Guwahati	Mahfuzur Ismael	Prof. Kalpana Sarathy
Functioning of Public Healthcare Facilities: A Case Study of Missamora Health Block, Golaghat District, Assam	Dhruba Jyoti Kakati	Dr. Santhosh M.R.

Research Projects

Title	Sponsor	Date of Sanction	Present Position	Faculty
What Works for Whom and How?: Understanding Programme Implementation for Education, Health, and Child Protection in the Ongoing Conflict Area of Kokrajhar, Assam	Terre Des Hommes	Mar. 2017	Initiated	Prof. Kalpana Sarathy



Publications

Prof. Kalpana Sarathy

- Mental Health Services in Protracted Conflict Area of Manipur, India: Understanding The Challenges For Policy Makers, Conference Proceedings of the 2nd International Conference on Public Health, DOI: <https://doi.org/10.17501/icoph.2016.2108>, Vol. 2, 52–59, 2016. (co-author) [ISSN: 2324-6735]

Seminars, Conferences, Workshops, Training Programmes and Talks

Prof. Kalpana Sarathy

- Presented a Paper on “Mental Health Services in Protracted Armed Conflict Area of Manipur, India: Understanding The Challenges for Policy Makers”, at the 2nd International Conference on Public Health in Colombo, Sri Lanka, on July 28–29, 2016.
- Made a Presentation at the Capacity Building Workshop for Sisters, at Sacred Heart Palliative Care Centre, Guwahati, on February 18, 2017.
- Panelist on “Protracted Conflict in Manipur: What Happens to People’s Mental Health?” at the National Seminar on Contextualising Conflict, Its Resolution

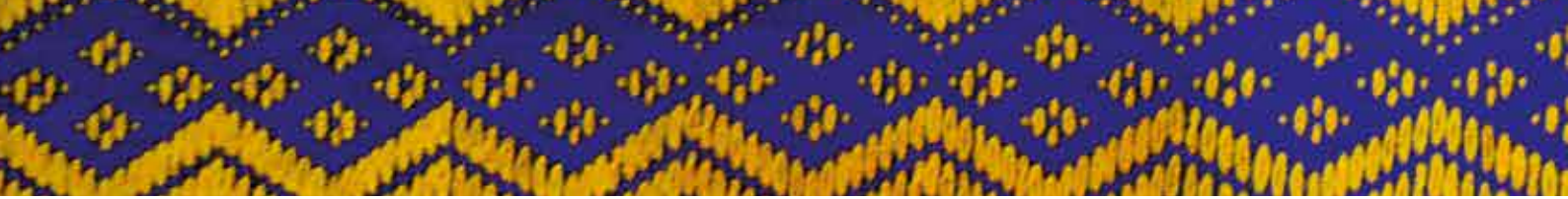
and Peace Building Initiatives in India, organised by the Department of Social Work, Visva-Bharati, Sriniketan and North East Institute of Social Science and Research, Shantiniketan, on March 4–5, 2017.

- Chaired a Session in the Seminar on Contextualising Conflict, Its Resolution and Peace Building Initiatives in India, organised by Department of Social Work, Visva-Bharati, Sriniketan and North East Institute of Social Science and Research, Shantiniketan, on March 4–5, 2017.
- Presented a Paper on “(Re) imagining and (Re) imaging Catholic Education for the 21st Century: A Northeast Perspective” at the North Eastern Education Commission (NEEC) on March 24, 2017.

Dr. Santhosh M.R.

- Delivered a Lecture on “Citation and Referencing”, at the Modular Workshop on Academic Writing Skills, Data Analysis and Report Writing, at TISS Guwahati, on March 23, 2017.
- Delivered a Lecture on “Social Science Research and Software”, at the Modular Workshop on Academic Writing Skills, Data Analysis and Report Writing, TISS Guwahati, on March 25, 2017.





Centre for Undergraduate Studies

Chairperson: Ms. Navaneeta Deori
Dr. Prashant Kesharvani

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Unit for Research and Development

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Dr. Ajay Saini
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CENTRE FOR UNDERGRADUATE STUDIES

BASS Dissertation Topics and Supervisors

Title of the Study	Name of the Student	Supervisor
Monkey Menace in and around Assam State Zoo	Saranga Sekhar Dutta	Dr. Namita Brahma
Wildlife Space in Panjabari	Aishwarya Singha	Dr. Namita Brahma
Negative Environmental Effects of Rubber Plantations in Parts of Western Karbi Anglong, Assam	Jirklimjar Phangcho	Dr. Abhinandan Saikia
Practice of Waste Management in the Apartments of Santipur	Smriti Chaubey	Ms. Navaneeta Deori
Earthquake, Public Memory and Management in Santipur, Guwahati	Oinam Pepe Devi	Dr. Abhinandan Saikia
A Study on Role of Urban Ponds in the Changing World: Ecosystem Services from Jorpukhuri, Guwahati	Sipu Giri	Dr. Namita Brahma
Transport Mobility in Guwahati City: A Study on Tracker	M. Chinbiakthang	Dr. Abhinandan Saikia
A Study on the Relation between the Muga Silkworm and its Rearing Communities in Kamrup District, Assam	Julina Kashyap	Dr. Abhinandan Saikia
A Study on the Ex-situ Conservation: Assam State Zoo-cum-Botanical Garden	Rishita Barman	Dr. Namita Brahma
Wetlands in Transition: A Litany of Two <i>Beels</i> of Guwahati	Vaishali Kashyap	Dr. Subeno Kithan
Water Management in Zoo Road, Guwahati	Barbie Bora	Dr. Namita Brahma
A Study on the Waste Management System in the Apartments of Zoo Road, Guwahati	Narang Tajung	Ms. Navaneeta Deori
An Assessment of the Contributions made by Informal Waste Collectors to the Waste Recycling Chain of Guwahati	Anubroto Sharma	Dr. Rajdeep Singha
A Study on the Traffic Police Workers of Guwahati	Nikita Baruah	Dr. Shivani Chauhan Barooah
A Study of Domestic Workers in Guwahati	Sameeksha Dandriyal	Dr. Rajdeep Singha
Impact of Demonetisation on the Street Vendors in and around Guwahati	Vishwamohini	Dr. Debdulal Saha
Occupational Health Challenges of Loco Pilots and Guards	Ushnish Guha	Dr. Santhosh M.R.
Comparative Study of the Working Condition between Governmental and Non-governmental Hospitals	Lynda Chingbiakhoih	Dr. Shivani Chauhan Barooah
Cashless Society: On the Perspective of the Rikshawala in Santipur	Nian Biakching	Dr. Meghadeepa Chakraborty

Title of the Study	Name of the Student	Supervisor
Understanding the Challenges Faced by Youths in Pursuing Entrepreneurship as Career	Ratnadeep Baruah	Dr. Shivani Chauhan Barooah
Study of Migration in Terms of Education	Tanu Chakma	Dr. Joseph Riamei
Livelihood Sustainability of Handloom Weavers	Gargi Anand	Dr. Razdan Sarim Rahman
Unorganised Sector Female Vendors and their Health Issues	Kiran Kumari	Dr. Santhosh M.R.
Challenges Faced by Orphan Youths	Helarius Shylla	Dr. Meghadeepa Chakraborty
A Study on Livelihood of Women Fisher Sellers in Uzan Bazar Fish Market	Bikram Barman	Dr. Razdan Sarim Rahman
Weaving as Livelihood: A Study on the Women Weavers of Sonaikhuli Village	Ronica Devarshi	Dr. Razdan Sarim Rahman
Challenges Faced by Teachers in Educating Blind Students	Ragamala Rahi Dutta	Prof. Kalpana Sarathy
Street Vegetables Vendors	Robin Bhengra	Dr. Joseph Riamei
Study of Sahayaks/Porters of Guwahati Railway Station	Basil Ekka	Dr. Meghadeepa Chakraborty
A Study on Tuitions	Parasmeeta Borah	Dr. Joseph Riamei
A Study on the Problems and Challenges Faced by Institutional Caregivers in Regard to People having Intellectual Disability	Marjyada Medhi	Prof. Kalpana Sarathy
Education for Children with Special Needs: A Perspective through Right to Education	Adhiti Sinha	Dr. Prashant Kesharvani
The Newsfeed Syndrome: Exploring Social Media and Political Engagement in India	Aditya Sharma	Dr. Prashant Kesharvani
Human Rights Violations among Female Inmates in Central Jail, Guwahati	Akangshya Bordoloi	Dr. V. Sawmveli
A Study of Widowhood Practices and Human Rights Violation among Maithil Brahmins	Harshita Jha	Dr. Subeno Kithan
Working Below the Line: Labourers in Plastic Manufacturing Industry in Guwahati	Hridinayana Dutta	Dr. Rajdeep Singha
Illegal Prosecutions in the Name of "D Voters" in Barak Valley and the Stance of Government to Resolve the Issue	Nasima Sultana Choudhury	Dr. R.K. Debbarma
Status of Education among the Tea Tribes of Sonitpur District of Assam	Richu Sanil	Dr. Jagannath Ambagudia
Understanding the Functioning of the Tableeghi Jamaat System in Local Mosques and to Find Out Whether its Teachings Generate a Concern for Human Rights Principle in Public	Shakeb Zuber	Dr. Subeno Kithan
Expression of Human Rights in Dr. Bhupen Hazarika's Music	Upatyaka Dutta	Dr. Soibam Haripriya
A Study on Buddhist People in Guwahati City	Riki Dewan	Dr. R.K. Debbarma

Publications

Dr. Prashant Kesharvani

- Mental Health Services in Protracted Conflict Area of Manipur, India: Understanding The Challenges For Policy Makers, Proceedings of the 2nd International Conference on Public Health, DOI: <https://doi.org/10.17501/icoph.2016.2108>, Vol. 2, 2016. (co-author) [ISSN: 2324–6735]

Participation in Talks, Conferences, Consultations, Workshops

Dr. Prashant Kesharvani

- Presented a Paper on “Protracted Conflict in Manipur: What Happens to People’s Mental Health?”, at the National Seminar on Contextualising Conflict, its Resolution and Peace-Building Initiatives in India, organised by Department of Social Work, Visva-Bharati, Sriniketan.
- Presented a Paper on “Mental Health Services in Protracted Armed Conflict Area of Manipur, India: Understanding the Challenges for Policy Makers”, at the 2nd International Conference on Public Health in Colombo, Sri Lanka, on July 28–29, 2016.
- Delivered a Lecture on “Introduction to Quantitative Research”, at the Modular Workshop on Academic

Writing Skills, Data Analysis and Report Writing, organised by the TISS Guwahati Off Campus, on March 21, 2017.

- Delivered a Lecture on “Locating Data Analysis in the Process of Research, Matching Data to Methods-Level of Management and Implications for Analysis”, at the Modular Workshop on Academic Writing Skills, Data Analysis and Report Writing, organised by the TISS Guwahati Off Campus, on March 22, 2017.
- Delivered a Lecture on “Quantitative Data Analysis: Data Processing and Coding”, at the Modular Workshop on Academic Writing Skills, Data Analysis and Report Writing, organised by TISS Guwahati Off Campus, on March 22, 2017.
- Delivered a Lecture on “Knowledge Generation in Social Sciences: The Role of Statistics” at the Workshop on Statistics in Society, organised by the Statistics Department, Guwahati University, on March 28, 2017.
- Delivered a Lecture on “Evidence-based Planning, Implementation and Monitoring of Interventions in Public Health: The Role of Statistics”, at the Workshop on Statistics in Society, organised by the Statistics Department, Guwahati University, March 29, 2017.



UNIT FOR RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT

The **Unit for Research and Development** (URD) looks after the M.Phil. and Ph.D. programmes in Social Sciences at TISS Guwahati Off Campus. The Integrated M.Phil.-Ph.D. programme is a five years programme, in which the first year of two semesters of coursework followed by one year for completing an M.Phil. dissertation. The coursework for the programme comprises theories and practices in social sciences and research methods. After successful completion of the two years M.Phil. programme, students with a minimum CGPA of 6 will automatically move to the Ph.D. programme, which is of 3 years' duration. Students also have the option to exit the programme after two years of successful completion of the M.Phil. programme.

During the academic session 2016–2017, 21 scholars joined the Integrated M.Phil.–Ph.D. programme. These scholars are working on the broader areas of social identity, development and change, migration and livelihoods, social movements and conflicts, ecology and development, democracy and governance, gender, labour and social security.

The URD organised the following programmes during this academic year.

Modular Workshop on Academic Writing, Data Analysis and Report Writing Skills at TISS, Guwahati Campus during March 20–25, 2017. In addition to faculty members from TISS Guwahati, Dr. L. David Lal and Dr. Suranjana Barua from the Indian Institute of Information Technology, Guwahati, were also resource persons for the Workshop.

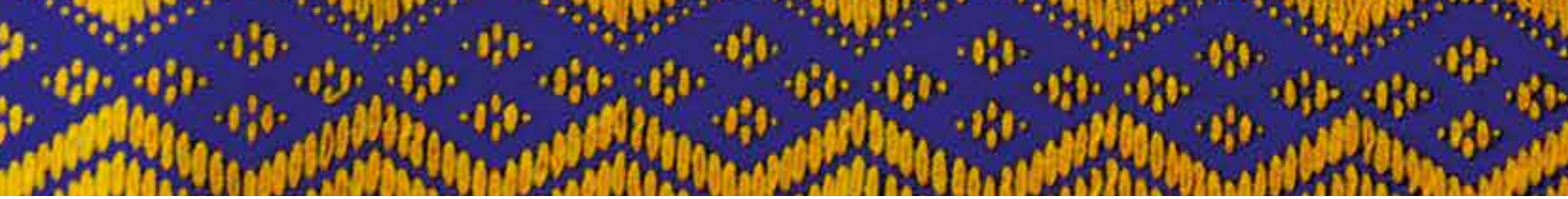
In collaboration with Dibrugarh University, the URD organised the **Third Annual Winter School on Research Methodology** from January 8–13, 2017 at Dibrugarh University. The Winter School was sponsored by the Vice Chancellor of Dibrugarh University, Prof. Alak Kumar Buragohain and partially funded by University of Bern and University of Zurich. With the theme of Reappraising the 'Field' in Social Science Research on Northeast India, 16 papers on allied areas of social sciences were presented by the M.Phil. and Ph.D. research scholars of Dibrugarh

University and TISS Guwahati. The scholars were mentored in research methodology and writing skills by Prof. Duncan McDuie-Ra (University of New South Wales), Dr. Dolly Kikon (University of Melbourne), Anna-Lena Wolf (University of Bern) and Dr. Sandra Baernreuther (University of Zurich). Faculty members from both Dibrugarh University (Prof. Nitul Gogoi, Prof. Deb Kumar Chakravarty, Dr. Shukla Acharjee and Dr. Anannya Gogoi) and TISS Guwahati actively guided the research scholars on their working papers and chapters of dissertation.

Research scholars, too, participated in organising and presenting papers at national and international seminars and conferences.

Ms. Amrita Pritam Gogoi presented a paper on "Combatancy, Memory and the Fantasy of Liberation: Reading Maosit Wartime Memoirs" at the 4th LASSnet International Conference on Thinking with Evidence: Seeking Certainty, Making Truth in New Delhi on December 10–12, 2016. She also presented a paper on "Who is Afraid of the Gun? The Institution of Violence amongst the Women Cadres in the PW of Nepal" at the Third Annual Winter School on Reappraising the 'Field' in Social Science Research on Northeast India jointly organised by TISS Guwahati and Dibrugarh University at Dibrugarh University, January 8–13, 2017.

Ms. Samhita Barooah published an article on "Women Working or Working Women?", *Economic and Political Weekly*, 28 January 2017. She has also edited *Enquiry into the status of Women in Nagaland*, Nagaland: North East Network, 2016. She presented three papers, "Exclusive Commons: Erosion of Women's Agency in North East India" and "Peripheral Livelihoods of Women Across Generations in Rural Nagaland" at the 15th National Conference of Women Studies at the University of Madras organised by the Indian Association of Women Studies on January 22–25, 2017; and "Her-Story of Gendered Intersectionality in a Chakhesang Village of Nagaland" at the National Seminar on *Doing Oral History, Memory, Folklore and Oral Tradition*, organised by Assam University at Diphu Campus in collaboration with Sahitya Akademi, New Delhi, and the Indian Council for Historical Research.



Ms. Rijumani Chetia, presented a Paper on “Land Rights and Tribal Laws: A Study of Deori Women’s Land Rights in Rural Upper Assam” at the 15th National Conference of Women Studies at the University of Madras organised by Indian Association of Women Studies on January 22–25, 2017.

Ms. Dixita Deka presented a paper on “Not the Lady Next Door: Engaging with the Ideas of Childhood and Home for Women in ULFA” at the Third Annual Winter

School on Reappraising the ‘Field’ in Social Science Research on North-East India jointly organised by TISS Guwahati and Dibrugarh University at Dibrugarh, on January 8–13, 2017. She also jointly presented a paper on “Exploring Social Media in Gender Imagery and Social Movement” at the National Seminar on Development and Change in India: Retrospect and Prospects, organised by Department of Sociology, Sikkim University, November 4–5, 2016.



MAHATMA GANDHI ACADEMY OF HUMAN DEVELOPMENT, NAGALAND

The Mahatma Gandhi Academy of Human Development is a regional centre of TISS in Nagaland. The TISS has established this centre at an interior Ao Naga village of Chuchuyimlang, in collaboration with the Nagaland Gandhi Ashram. The Centre was formally inaugurated on October 2, 2015, and is being sponsored by The Hans Foundation. The key objectives of the Centre are to:

develop and offer high quality and socially relevant interdisciplinary teaching and training for transformative human development in the region.

demonstrate and support sustainable livelihood and entrepreneurship initiatives for strengthening the traditional livelihoods and for creating new opportunities.

conduct research on sustainable development, climate change and adaptive strategies in Nagaland so that the lives and livelihoods of the Nagas could be protected and strengthened.

strengthen the capacity of government and non-government personnel in the education, health, water and sanitation, livelihoods and entrepreneurship sectors to better plan and implement programmes and schemes for the welfare and development of the people.

strengthen knowledge on culture, tradition, value systems and development of the Naga people and make it available to the rest of India.

The Centre started its academic programme in July 2016 by launching a Diploma in Livelihood and Entrepreneurship (DLE), a 9-month residential programme with an integrated 3 months of internship in a field setting (3 months of coursework + 3 months of supervised internship + 3 months of coursework). The minimum eligibility for admission to DLE is 12 standard pass in any stream and a minimum age of 20 years with no upper limit.

The Centre enrolled 20 students for the DLE, especially school dropouts and unemployed youth from the weaker sections of Naga society. The DLE has eight subjects/courses which focus

on — understanding society, economy, politics and environment; culture, identity, gender, local institutions, livelihoods; research methodology-participatory rural appraisal; rural development, notion and expression of poverty and equity; governance and social policy; entrepreneurship, sustainable enterprise development, livelihoods and enterprise development models. The Centre has two full-time Assistant Professors — Dr. Ajay Saini and Dr. Ilito Achumi. Various scholars, administrators and policy makers regularly visit the centre for interactions with students and the faculty.

The first batch of the students completed the programme in March 2017, and the Centre is now supporting them in setting up their proposed livelihood ventures— poultry farm, piggery, car wash centre, handicraft/e-commerce, rural knowledge centre, lodge/hostel, fruit processing unit, music jamming, vermiculture and oyster mushroom cultivation. The Centre is working towards launching an M.A. Social Work in Livelihoods and Entrepreneurship programme in September 2017.

Publications and Paper Presentations

Dr. Ajay Saini

- We are not What We Were: The Nicobarese Sociocultural Milieu Post the Tsunami. In B. Jagannatham (Ed.), *Mapping Human Rights and the Voices of Subalterns in Modern India*, New Delhi: Kalpaz, 2016.
- The Southern Nicobar Islands as Imaginative Geographies, *Social Change*, 46 (4), 495–511, 2016.
- Boycotting Schools in Nicobar for Education, *Economic and Political Weekly*, 52 (7), 12–15, 2017.
- The Islanders Who Don't Want to Return, Sunday Magazine, *The Hindu*, March 5, 2017.
- Presented a Paper on "Boycotting Schools in Nicobar for Education" at the National Seminar on Livelihood Challenges of Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes in India: Emerging Issues,

organised by the Institute of Development Studies, Jaipur, on March 28–29, 2017.

Dr. Ilito Achumi

- Presented a Paper on “Nagas Response to Unauthorised Migration: Identity and Destination Impact” at the UGC/SAP-ICSSR funded National Seminar, ‘Identity and Marginality in Northeast

India: Challenges for Social Science Research’, held at the Department of Sociology, Hyderabad Central University on January 16–17, 2017.

- Delivered a Lecture as a Resource Person at the ‘Induction Training Programme for Group B & C State Government Employees of Mokokchung District’, on their field visit to Chuchuyimlang village, sponsored by DOPT Nagaland.



Candidates for the 4th Convocation at the TISS Guwahati Off Campus

Doctor of Philosophy

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Master of Philosophy

Emideiwahun K. Rangad

Nandini Ramamurthy

Himani Ramchiary

Bobby Jyoti Saikia

Premshila Singh

Juri Baurah

Rashmi Rekha Rajkhowa

Lahun Dashisha Rumnong

Rijumani Chetia

Sayani Basak

Dixita Deka

MASTER OF ARTS IN SOCIAL WORK

Community Organisation and Development Practice

Ajay Lakra

Akanksha Kumari

Boyar Debbarma

Durga Kumari

Gracefulness Rymmai

Hardipsinh Nardevsing Parmar

Iningle Iheilung

Josiah Rupini

Lalramnghaki Hauhnar

Liansuanmung Suantak

Merina Ronghangpi

Mona Alice Marbaniang

Namrata Mukherjee

Naomi Hembrom

Priyanka Dayal

Ruchika Kanoi

Sudikshya Sahoo

Suman Sinha

Sumant Kumar

Tage Onia

Simanta Kotoky

T. Maningbila

Kundan Kumar

Mouma Mog

Mary L.Songate

Counselling

Akshaya Ravi

Barasha Nasim

Bhaswati Deka

Chandana Gogoi

Debika Chakravarty

Doungul Thomas Haokip

Gyanendra Rai
Kristi Saikia
V.L. Remruati Hmar
Paushali Bhattacharjee
Bharat B. Kamble

Janki Ngongwa
Samuel Tamang
Richa Sahu
Mhangte Bernady Kom

Livelihoods and Social Entrepreneurship

Angashikha Gogoi
Deepti Ramchiary
Lalbiakengi Chawhte
Namita Kalita
Preeti Sarmah
Rituparna Neog
Sukanto Mete
Wannyei Konyak
Lianzaw Manglaljoi Zou
Athili Andrew
Priyam Saikia
H. Sara Khongsai

Chandreyee Gupta
Kusha Singh
Laxmi Hansepi
Parthajit Baruah
Ridhima Sharma
Rupesh Kundu
Ts Roveinai Valerius
Robert Rose Kshiar
Sarmila Kakoti
Napolean Basumatary
Satyaki Ganguly
Chumben B. Yanthan

Public Health

Aritra Moulick
Churamoni Saikia
Itulungbe Ndang
Sarada Langthasa
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Sumanjita Barman

Birkhang Basumatary
Dhruba Jyoti Kakati
Preety Syiemlieh
Sumedha Mandal
Trinashree Borkotoky
Vikrant Kumar
Mayuri Das
Sukanya Borah
Mahfuzur Ismael

Master of Arts in Ecology, Environment and Sustainable Development

Aparna Subramanian	Baskar Chakma
Dikshani Konwar	Geetanjali Purkayastha
John Zothansanga Rokhum	Manisha Kumari
Mousumi Dutta	Nikhil Kumar
Pragya Timsina	Saurov Buragohain
Sayan Banerjee	Shiva Sardar
Toijam Diana	Vinay Trivedi
Ruchunsinle Tep	Manisha Ashraf
Priyongsu Borthakur	Kankana Trivedi
Ayesha Shabnam Rahman	Chongnoi Moi
Barsha Baishya	Malini Banerjee

Master of Arts in Labour Studies and Social Protection

Amit Chetry	Anupama Das
Kinchan Chakma	Natalia Joseph
Nawab Quibria Tausiful Haque	Pf. Leshiphro Kashena
Pintu Hati	Priyakhi Pooja Borah
S. Benrilo Shitiri	Sayani Banerjee
Suravi Gupta	Swati Baruah
Vivek Chhetri	Subhalakshmi Bhagawati
Banaani Deka	Supriya Jha
K. Vungthianmuan	Joyson P.
Chinmoyee Bhuyan	Juthika Gogoi

Master of Arts in Peace and Conflict Studies

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Haipeurangbe Moses	Henry Robert Goldsmith
Pulama Mukherjee	Sreyasi Mukherjee
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T. Chingmuanniang Paite	Arun Morang

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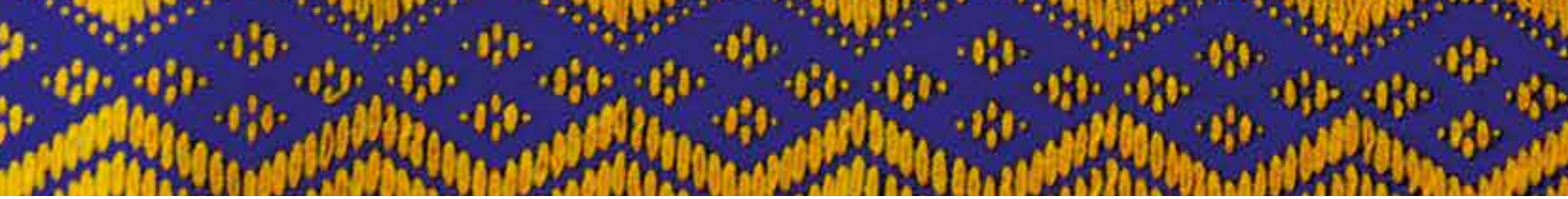
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Bachelor of Arts in Social Sciences

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Anubroto Sharma	Basil Ekka
Bikram Barman	Gargi Anand
Harshita Jha	Helarius Shylla
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Julina Kashyap	Kiran Kumari
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Shakeb Zuber	Sipu Giri
Smriti Chaubey	Tanu Chakma
Upatyaka Dutta	Ushnish Guha
Vaishali Kashyap	Vishwa Mohini
Barbie Bora	

Academic Prize/Shield/Medal Winners

Prize	Name of the Student
Institute Gold Medal to the Best Student in B.A. in Social Sciences	Ms. Marjyada Medhi
Institute Silver Medal to the Second Best Student in B.A. in Social Sciences	Ms. Akangshya Bordoloi
Bronze Medal to the Third Best Student in B.A. in Social Sciences	Ms. Upatyaka Dutta
Institute Gold Medal to the Best Student M.A. in Ecology, Environment and Sustainable Development	Mr. Sayan Banerjee
Institute Silver Medal to the Second Best Student M.A. in Ecology, Environment and Sustainable Development	Ms. Manisha Kumari
Prize to the Best Research Project M.A. in Ecology, Environment and Sustainable Development	Ms. Manisha Ashraf
Institute Gold Medal to the Best Student M.A. in Labour Studies and Social Protection	Ms. Swati Baruah
Institute Silver Medal to the Second Best Student M.A. in Labour Studies and Social Protection	Ms. Sayani Banerjee
Prize to the Best Research Project M.A. in Labour Studies and Social Protection	Ms. Banaani Deka
Institute Gold Medal to the Best Student M.A. in Peace and Conflict Studies	Ms. Pulama Mukherjee
Institute Silver Medal to the Second Best Student M.A. in Peace and Conflict Studies	Mr. Augustin Millik
Prize to the Best Research Project M.A. in Peace and Conflict Studies	Mr. Augustin Millik
Institute Gold Medal to the Best Student M.A. in Sociology and Social Anthropology	Mr. Beda Prakash Dutta
Institute Silver Medal to the Second Best Student M.A. in Sociology and Social Anthropology	Ms. Lamneithem Haokip
Prize to the Best Research Project M.A. in Sociology and Social Anthropology	Ms. Anamika Deb
Institute Gold Medal to the Best Student M.A. in Social Work	Ms. Ridhima Sharma
Institute Silver Medal to the Second Best Student M.A. in Social Work	Ms. Namrata Mukherjee
Prize and Shield to the Best Student in M.A. Social Work (Counselling)	Ms. Janki Ngongwa
Prize and Shield to the Best Student in Field Work in M.A. Social Work (Counselling)	Ms. Janki Ngongwa
Prize and Shield to the Best Research Work in M.A. Social Work (Counselling)	Ms. Janki Ngongwa
Prize and Shield to the Best Student in M.A. Social Work (Community Organisation and Development Practice)	Ms. Namrata Mukherjee
Prize and Shield to the Best Student in Field Work in M.A. Social Work (Community Organisation and Development Practice)	Ms. Namrata Mukherjee



Prize	Name of the Student
Prize and Shield to the Best Research Work in M.A. Social Work (Community Organisation and Development Practice)	Ms. Sudikshya Sahoo
Prize and Shield to the Best Student in M.A. Social Work (Livelihoods and Social Entrepreneurship)	Ms. Ridhima Sharma
Prize and Shield to the Best Student in Field Work in M.A. Social Work (Livelihoods and Social Entrepreneurship)	Ms. Preeti Sarmah
Prize and Shield to the Best Research Work in M.A. Social Work (Livelihoods and Social Entrepreneurship)	Ms. Chandreyee Gupta
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Prize and Shield to the Best Student in Field Work in M.A. Social Work (Public Health)	Ms. Preety Syiemlieh
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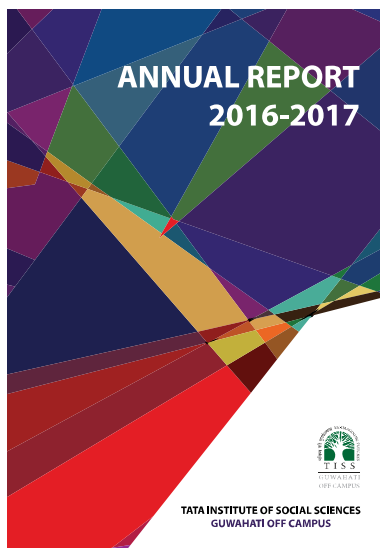
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