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DATE OF JOINING: 1ST SEPTEMBER 2017

QUALIFICATIONS:

- M.A. (NET), Sociology.
- Pursuing PhD at the Department of Sociology, NEHU, Shillong, 2021.
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Areas of interest : Gender studies

PROGRAMME CO-ORDINATOR/ ORGANISER:

- ❖ An Organiser of the Outreach Programme organised by Sociology Department, St. Edmund's College on **“Environment Programme related to World Environment Day 2018”** at St. John Paul Secondary School, Mawpdang on the **6th June 2018**.
- ❖ A Co-ordinator of the National Webinar on **“Significance of Matriliney to the Khasi Society”** delivered by Fr. Barnes Mawrie, sdb, Director, Vendrame Institute of Rural Training and Animation, organised by Sociology Department in collaboration with IQAC, St. Edmund's College, Shillong held on **27th of October, 2021**.
- ❖ Organised a series of Department online lecture **“Gender in Society”** on **30th March 2021**.
- ❖ Coordinator of the National Webinar on **“Significance of Matriliney to the Khasi Society”** delivered by Fr. Barnes Mawrie, sdb, Director, Vendrame Institute of Rural Training and Animation, organized by Sociology Department in collaboration with IQAC, St. Edmund's College, Shillong held on **27th of October, 2021**.
- ❖ Jointly-organized a workshop on **“A Sociological Understanding of Magic in Contemporary Times”** on the **5th of May 2022**.
- ❖ Organized and took the 5th Semester students to an **Out-Reach Programme at Sisters of Charity Mercy Home, Demthring, Nongthymmai, on the 9th August 2022**.
- ❖ Coordinator of the lecture on **“Women and Child Issues: The Meghalaya Context”**
- Resource person: Miss I. M. Syiem, Chairperson State Commission for Protection of

Child Rights, organized by Sociology Department in collaboration with IQAC, St. Edmund's College, Shillong on the **20th September 2022**.

PAPER PRESENTATION:

- ❖ Presented a paper titled **“Decentralisation of Democracy: Khasi Dorbar Shnong (Khasi Village Durbar)”** at a Two Day National Conference organised by William Carey University, Shillong on ‘Relevance of Gandhian Philosophy of Universal Uplift (Sarvodaya) in the Contemporary World’ on the **17th to 18th October 2019** at William Carey University, Shillong.
- ❖ Presented a paper titled **“Women and Work- Domestic Workers in Meghalaya”** in a seminar entitled **“Gender, Society and Development in the Context of North-East India”** organised by North Eastern Hill University, on 27th and 28th March 2023.

RESOURCE PERSON:

- ❖ A Resource person on the topic **“Gender and Roles”** in the webinar titled **“Gender in Society”** organised by Sociology Department, St. Edmund's College, Shillong on the **30th March 2021**.
- ❖ A Resource person for a programme **“Panel Discussion on the Occasion of 16 Days of Activism against Gender-Based Violence”** organised by the Doordarshan Kendra, Shillong and sponsored by The Office of The Mission Director, State Resource Centre for Women, Government of Meghalaya, Shillong, on the **30th November 2021**.
- ❖ A Resource person in the Culture Literacy Programme titled **“Tip ia la ka Kolshor”** organised by the Vendrame Institute of Rural Training & Animation Services (VIRTAS), Mawpdang, for school and college students on **18th, 22nd and 23rd of March, 2022**.
- ❖ Served as a Resource person in the Culture Literacy Programme titled **“Tip ia la ka Kolshor”** organised by the Vendrame Institute of Rural training and Animation

services (VIRTAS), Mawpdang, for Higher Secondary School students on **28th May 2022**.

- ❖ Served as a Resource Person for the Value Added Course organised by the department of Sociology, on **“Basic Concepts of Social Research”**, from 15th to 23rd of March 2023.

INDUCTION/ ORIENTATION/ FDP PROGRAMME:

- ❖ Successfully completed a 4-Week Induction/ Orientation Programme for **“Faculty in Universities/Colleges/Institutes of Higher Education”** from **December 10, 2020 to January 08, 2021** and obtained **grade A+**, organised by Teaching Learning Centre, Ramanujan College, University of Delhi under the aegis of Ministry of Education, Pandit Madan Mohan Malaviya National Mission on Teachers and Teaching.
- ❖ Participated in the 7 Days Faculty Development Programme (FDP) on **“Mentoring Skills for Millennial Educators”** between 6th March and 14 March 2023 , organised by the IQAC, St. Edmund’s College, Shillong in collaboration with Centre for Professional Excellence and Lifelong Learning (CPELL), Kristu Jayanti College (Autonomous), Bengaluru.
- ❖ Participated in the Faculty Development Programme (FDP) on **“Role of SWAYAM in Higher Education: Planning and Designing an Outcome Based Learning MOOCs”** from 16th - 19th October 2023, organised by the IQAC, St. Edmund’s College, Shillong.

AWARDS:

- ❖ Awarded with a Certificate of Appreciation by St. Edmund’s College, Shillong in recognition of the outstanding contribution to research activities in the College for the period 2018-21.

Seminars/ Webinars/ Workshops Participated:

- ❖ Participated in the RVP International Conference on **“Being Human in Multicultural Traditions”** from **29th to 31st March 2016** organized by the Department of Philosophy, Andhra University, Visakhapatnam, Andhra Pradesh.
- ❖ Participated in the Seminar on **“Socio-Economic and Cultural Challenges for Holistic Development”** organized by William Carey University (WCU), supported

by The ACTS Group of Institutions, Bangalore on **24th and 25th October 2016** at the William Carey University Campus, Nongmenson, Umkdait, Shillong.

- ❖ Participated in the residential training on **“Training on Youth Leadership and Community Development”** organized by William Carey University (WCU) in collaboration with Nehru Yuva Kendra (NYK) and Nongmenson Youth Development Organization (NYDO) from **7th to 11th March 2017** at the William Carey University Campus, Nongmenson, Umkdait, Shillong.
- ❖ Participated in the workshop on **“Substance Abuse and Importance of Counselling”** organized by New Hope Centre, Shillong on the **30th March 2017** at KJP Guest House, IGP Shillong.
- ❖ Participated in the Colloquium on **“Caste: India’s Daughter”** organized by Sociology Department, St. Edmund’s College, Shillong, at Audio Visual Room on **4th August 2017**.
- ❖ Participated in the workshop on **“Higher Education: Reshaping the Learning Space”** organized by Internal Quality Assurance Cell (IQAC), St. Edmund’s College, Shillong held at the College Auditorium on **August 19, 2017**.
- ❖ Participated in the seminar entitled **“Looking Beyond”** organized by Sociology Department, St. Edmund’s College, Shillong, held at the College Auditorium on the **23rd September 2017**.
- ❖ Participated in the **“Voter Awareness Programme”** organized by Political Science Department, William Carey University (WCU) on the **31st October 2017** at St. Francis D’Assisi Higher Secondary School, Mawkasiang.
- ❖ Participated in the seminar on **“175 Years of Khasi Written Literature”** organized by Sahitya Akademi in collaboration with Khasi Department, St. Edmund’s College, Shillong, held at the College Auditorium on **14th and 15th December 2017**.
- ❖ Participated in the programme on **“Gender Spectrum”** organized by the Department of Social Work, St. Edmund’s College, Shillong, in collaboration with Shamakami held at the College Auditorium on the **19th April 2018**.
- ❖ Participated in the workshop on **“Achieving Excellence in Higher Education: Strategies and Efficacy”** organized by Internal Quality Assurance Cell (IQAC), St. Edmund’s College, Shillong held at the College Auditorium on **April 23, 2018**.
- ❖ Participated in the **“Workshop on Dissemination of Information through e-resources”** organised by St. Edmund’s College Shillong on the **1st October 2018**.

- ❖ Participated in the Awareness Programme/ Workshop on the **“Sexual Harassment in Workplace”** organized by St. Edmund’s College, Shillong held at the College Auditorium on the **31st October 2018**.
- ❖ Attended a Seminar on **“United Nations Year of Indigenous Languages 2019”** organised by the Khasi Department in collaboration with Syngkhong Kyntiew Ri, St. Edmund’s College, at the College Auditorium on the **19th September 2019**.
- ❖ Participated in the One Day Participatory Workshop on **“Instructional Strategies for Sociology Teachers,”** organized by the Department of Sociology, Sankar Dev College, Shillong on the **13th of March, 2020**.
- ❖ Participated a National Webinar on **“Interactive Session-Globalisation Post Covid 19”** by Mr. Shine Gopal, Founder and Chairman, Marketnext, organized by Lourdes Matha Institute of Management Studies (LIMS), Trivandrum, on the **12th September 2020**.
- ❖ Participated a National Webinar on **“Re-thinking Gender Mainstreaming and Women’s Empowerment in North East India”** jointly organized by Church’s Auxiliary for Social Action (CASA Northeast) and Department of Sociology, Rajiv Gandhi University, Arunachal Pradesh, in collaboration with Tata Institute of Social Sciences (TISS), Guwahati, on the **18th September 2020**.
- ❖ Participated a National Webinar on **“Gender Equality: Issues, Challenges and Measures”** Hosted by IQAC, Bethany Christian College, Churachanpur, Manipur in collaboration with IQAC, Churachanpur College, Churachanpur, Manipur, on the **30th September 2020**.
- ❖ Participated a National Webinar on **“Prevention of Substance Abuse among Youth”** by Dr. V. Surendran, organized by Rajiv Gandhi National Institute of Youth Development (RGNIYD), Sriperumbudur, Tamil Nadu, on the **6th October 2020**.
- ❖ Attended a Webinar on **“Google Suite Demonstration”** organized by Indian Society for Training and Development Shillong Chapter and North Eastern Hill University (NEHU), Shillong, on the **20th October 2020**.
- ❖ Attended a Webinar on the theme **“Working Environment and Mental Health Status of Working Women: Issues and Challenges”** jointly organized by National Commission for Women, Delhi and St. Edmund’s College, Shillong in collaboration with IQAC, St. Edmund’s College, Shillong held on the **15th December 2020**.

- ❖ Participated in a National Webinar on “**Forests and Livelihoods in Northeast India**” organized by Sociology Department, St. Edmund’s College, in collaboration with IQAC, St. Edmund’s College, Shillong, held on **April 9, 2021**.
- ❖ Attended the National Webinar on “**Safety & Security of Women**” delivered by Mr. Noor Ain Khan, District Judge, Shillong & Member Secretary, Meghalaya State Legal Services Authority, organized by IQAC, St. Edmund’s College, Shillong, on the **10th April 2021**.
- ❖ Attended and Participated in a National Webinar on “**Status of Urban Governance in India**” jointly organized by Economics Department and Sociology Department, St. Edmund’s College, Shillong on the **26th April 2021**.
- ❖ Participated in the Webinar on the topic “**Challenges During the Covid 19 Pandemics: A Frontline Worker’s Experience**” organized by the Department of Social Work- PG (MSW), St. Edmund’s College, Shillong held on **12th June 2021**.
- ❖ Participated in the National Webinar on “**National Education Policy 2020**” organized by IQAC, NEHU, Shillong, held on the **19th of June, 2021**.
- ❖ Participated in the Webinar on the topic “**De-addiction**” organized by the Department of Social Work- PG (MSW), St. Edmund’s College, Shillong held on **19th June 2021**.
- ❖ Attended a Webinar on “**Ka jingdap 180 snem jong ka jingpoi U Rev. Thomas Jones sha Ri Khasi-Jaiñtia**” organized by Khasi Department, St. Edmund’s College, in collaboration with IQAC, St. Edmund’s College, Shillong, on the **22nd June 2021**.
- ❖ La ïa shim bynta ha ka Webinar halor ka Phang “**Ka Thymmei U Thomas Jones bad U Synñiang Jong U Sha Ka Jaitbynriew Khasi**” ba la pynlong da ka Khasi Authors’ Society ha ka Jingrakhe ïa ka Thomas Jones Day ha ka **22 tarik Jylliew, 2021**.
- ❖ Participated in a webinar on “**Mental Health And Stress Management**” delivered by Dr. Didakamiwan Khonglah, MBBS, MD (Psych), SAN-KER, Center for Mental Health and Neurology, Shillong. The webinar was held on **24th June, 2021**. Organized by Department Of Computer Science, under DBT Star College Scheme, in collaboration with Internal Quality Assurance Cell (IQAC), St. Edmund’s College, Shillong.
- ❖ Participated in the Webinar on the topic “**The Impact of Covid-19 Pandemic on social Work Education**” organized by the Department of Social Work- PG (MSW), St. Edmund’s College, Shillong held on **25th June 2021**.

- ❖ Attended a Webinar on “**Academic Stress and Challenges: Learning to Balance and Focus**” organized by the Department of MSW, NEHU, Tura, on the **26th June 2021**.
- ❖ Participated in a Workshop on “**CV Writing for Development Sectors**” organized by the Department of Social Work- UG (BSW) of St. Edmund’s College, Shillong on the **13th July, 2021**.
- ❖ Participated in the Webinar “**Commemorating the 186 Death Anniversary of Tirot Sing (1835 – 2021)**” organised by Ka Thiar Lyngwiar Dpei Society in collaboration with the IQAC, St. Edmund’s College. The programme was held on **17th July, 2021**.
- ❖ Participated in a Webinar on “**Forests and Tribal Life (with special reference to the Khasi)**”, delivered by, Dr. Rekha M. Shangpliang (Associate Professor, Department of Sociology, North Eastern Hill University, Shillong). The webinar was organized by Sociology Department, St. Edmund’s College, in collaboration with IQAC, St. Edmund’s College, Shillong, held on **30th of September, 2021**.
- ❖ Participated in a National Webinar on “**Social Reforms vis-a-vis Marriage and Property in Khasi Society**” delivered by Michael N. Syiem (Convener, Maitshaphrang). The webinar was organized by Sociology Department, St. Edmund’s College, in collaboration with IQAC, St. Edmund’s College, Shillong on **30th of November, 2021**.
- ❖ Participated in the Movie screening “**Parasite**” with the major students in the A.V. room, organized by the Sociology Department, St. Edmund’s college on the **22nd July 2022**.
- ❖ Participated in a One Day Workshop on “**Tourism Development in Meghalaya: Problems and Prospects**” commemorating the 50th Statehood Anniversary of Meghalaya, organized by Department of Sociology, Women’s College, Shillong, sponsored by Public health Engineering Department, Meghalaya, on **23rd July 2022**.
- ❖ Participated an Awareness Programme on “**Gender Mainstreaming for Gender Equality**” organized by the Women Cell, in collaboration with the IQAC, St. Edmund’s College, on **26th July, 2022**.
- ❖ Participated in the Awareness and Interaction Programme on “**Drug Addiction and Related Crimes**” organized by The Meghalaya Police, with the DGP, Meghalaya, Dr. L.R. Bishnoi, IPS on **27th July 2022** at the College Auditorium.
- ❖ Attended the “Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav” program organized by the Assam Rifles on the 10th of August, 2022 in the college auditorium.

- ❖ Participated a National Webinar on **“A Sociological Understanding of Mizo Patrilineal System”** Organized by Sociology Department in collaboration with IQAC , St. Edmund’s College, on the **4th August 2022**.
- ❖ Attended the “Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav” program organised by the Assam Rifles on the 10th of August, 2022 in the college auditorium
- ❖ Participated in a Seminar on **“Contribution of Tribal Heroes in Freedom Struggle”** organized by North Eastern Hill University Shillong in collaboration with National Commission for Scheduled Tribes under Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav, Government of India on **October 11th 2022**.
- ❖ Participated in a Webinar on **“Understanding Marcel Mauss’ Perspective on Exchange”** organized by Sociology Department in collaboration with IQAC, St. Edmund’s College, Shillong on the **23rd September 2022**. Resource Person: Dr. Dola Borkataki, Assistant Professor, Department of Sociology K. K Handiqui, State Open University. Gauhati, Assam.
- ❖ Participated in the book release and lecture on **“Seeds and Food Sovereignty: Eastern Himalaya Experiences”** conducted by the Sociology Department in collaboration with the Seminar/Guest Lecture Committee (Centenary), St. Edmund’s College, Shillong.
- ❖ Attended at the awareness programme on **“Sexual Harassment at Workplace Act”** on 21st July 2023 organized by the Internal Complaint Committee, St. Edmund’s College in collaboration with District Legal Service Authorities and IQAC St. Edmund’s College.

ADDITIONAL RESPONSIBILITIES SINCE:

- ❖ Involved as member of the Board of Studies (BOS) for Sociology Department of NEHU.
- ❖ Involved as paper setter for UG Programs NEHU
- ❖ Involved as paper setter of Sociology for Mizoram Public Service Commission 2023-24.
- ❖ Involved as paper examiner for UG Programs, NEHU.

EXTRA ACTIVITIES:

- ❖ Took 6th Semester students to watch the movie “*Captain Marvel*,” in Galleria Anjalee, on 13th March, 2019.
- ❖ Took 6th Semester students to National Commission for Women’s Seminar on “*Empowerment Women Through Entrepreneurship*,” at NEC, Shillong, on 15th March 2019.
- ❖ Took 5th Semester students to a *Field Trip* at Sharawn Tea Estate, Sohryngkham on 7th September 2019.
- ❖ Attended English Department play on “*Breakfast at Tiffany’s*” staged at the College Auditorium on 17th September, 2019.
- ❖ Attended the felicitation programme on “*Ki Sur Tynrai Na Pynter*” organized by Ka Syngkhong Kyntiew Ri, St. Edmund’s College, at U Soso Tham Auditorium, Shillong on 29th October, 2019.
- ❖ Field study with the students to study the “*Nongkrem Dance*” from a Sociological Perspective on 22nd-23rd November, 2021.

MEMBERSHIP:

- ✓ Member of the Discipline Committee, St. Edmund’s College, Shillong.
- ✓ Member of the MCTA, SEC unit.
- ✓ Member of the Dance Club, St. Edmund’s College.
- ✓ Member of Syngkhong Kyntiew Ri (SKR).
- ✓ Joint Secretary of the School Managing Committee (SMC), St. Mary’s Secondary School, Mawpdang.
- ✓ Member of the Associate Editors, *Anthropology Today: An International Peer-Reviewed NEIRA Journal*, North East Institute for Research in Anthropology (NEIRA).

ADDITIONAL RESPONSIBILITIES:

- ✓ Involved as paper examiner for UG Programs, NEHU.

- ✓ Involved as paper scrutiniser for UG programs, NEHU.
- ✓ Involved as paper setter for MPSC, Mizoram.
- ✓ Mentoring of Major Students of the department.