

## Profile

### 1. Personal Details:

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**Profile Summary:** Dola Borkataki is an Assistant Professor in Sociology, K.K Handiqui State Open University with a demonstrated history of working in the higher education sector. Skilled in Qualitative Research, Ethnography, Creative Writing, and Public Speaking, Mrs. Borkataki is pursuing her doctoral studies from Tezpur Central University. She is a Gold Medalist from Tezpur Central University (2013) and Recipient of many other National level Awards and Accolades including All India Merit Scholarship awarded by UGC (2011-2013). Her research interest are in the areas of economic sociology, sociology of development, issues of ethnicity and identity.

**Field of Specialisation:** Sociological Theories, Economic Sociology, Political Sociology, Sociology of Northeast India.

**Scholarly Interest:** Gender; Environment, Development; Agrarian Structure; Social Movements; Ethnicity; Migration; Society and Politics of Northeastern India.

**Language Proficiency:** Assamese, English, Hindi

#### **Award/Accolades:**

- Recipient of **Merit Prize** for being the **First Class First Rank Holder** in B.A Sociology from North Eastern Hill University, 2011.
- Recipient of **Platinum Jubilee Academic Excellence Award** from St. Edmunds College, Shillong in the year 2011 for being the **Best Graduate** in the Arts stream.
- Recipient of **Gold Medal** from Tezpur Central University for securing **First Class First Rank** in M.A Sociology in the year 2013.
- Recipient of the **UGC All India Merit Scholarship** (2011-2013).
- Awarded **UGC Junior Research Fellowship (JRF)** in the year 2013

**2. Educational Qualifications:** MA (2013), BA (2011)

**3. Teaching Experience:** 7 years

#### **4. International Exposure:**

1. Presented a paper titled “Commercialization of Land and Resources, Land Alienation and Issues of Identity: A Study of the Tiwa Tribe of Assam” in the Third Forum of **International Sociological Association**, held at **University of Vienna, Austria** from 10-14<sup>th</sup> July 2016.
2. One of the **European Higher Education Experts (EHEEs)** of Indian Network, Academic Cooperation Association (ACA) of the European Union, 2017.
3. One of the **signatories** in the **Memorandum of Understanding (MOU)** with Academic Cooperation Association (ACA) of the European Union on behalf of KKHSOU (05/062017).
4. Received sponsorship from Academic Cooperation Association (ACA) of the European Union to conduct 3 day Seminar from 3<sup>rd</sup> to 5<sup>th</sup> August 2017 on *Opportunities of Higher Education in Europe*.

**5. Journal Publications:****Regional**

1. 'The Colonial 'Space-Centric' Policies and the Contemporary Ethnic Scenario in Northeast: A Sociological Understanding' in *PSF Social Science Journal*. ISSN 2278-4276

**National**

1. 'Jonbeel Mela: A Site of Hill-Plain Interaction' in *Anthropos India*. ISSN 2394-8396, 2016

**6. Chapters/Research Papers in Books:****Regional**

1. 'Brick Kiln Industries as an Indicator of Economic Development?' in the book titled *Changing Socio-Political Scenario of North-East India: A Study in Wider Perspective*. ISBN 81-928118-1-9
2. 'Jonbeel Mela As A Site Of Articulating Tiwa Identity: An Ethnographic Study', Working Paper Series of Krishna Kanta Handiqui State Open University, WP/2017/02

**National**

1. Co-authored paper titled 'Women and commodification of the natural process of ageing' in the book *The Northeast Indian Women: Issues of Displacement, Violence, Media and Law* published by Chandraprabha Saikiani Centre for Women Studies, Tezpur University, 2018 ISBN 978-93-87035-23-2
2. 'Gender Studies and Its Significance in Contemporary Society' in the book *Contemporary Indian Society: A Gendered Perspective*, published by Concept Publishers, 2017. ISBN 93-5125-285-X

**International**

1. 'The Issues of Land, Development and Identity: A case study of the Tiwa tribe of Assam', in the Conference Proceeding of the International Seminar on 'Development, Resources, And Livelihoods', organised by Dept. Of Anthropology, University of Hyderabad, 2014.
2. 'Dispossession due to Development: A case study of the Tiwa Tribe of Central Assam' in the book titled *Fixed Borders and Fluid Boundaries*, published by Routledge, 2020 ISBN 978-0-367-42899-0 (hbk)/ 978-1-003-00003-7 (ebk), 2020

**7. Other Publications:**

1. 'Inter Community Relationship in Northeast India: Conflict and Co-existence', Souvenir of 7<sup>th</sup> Biennial International Conference of Indian Association for Asian and Pacific Studies held at Tezpur University, December 2014.
2. 'Advantage for whom Really:' published in *The Sentinel*, 9<sup>th</sup> February, 2018

**8. Seminars/Conferences attended:****National**

1. Jointly presented a paper titled 'Positive Discrimination in India: A Sociological Understanding' in a Seminar organized by Equal Opportunities Cell, Tezpur University, 2011.
2. Presented another paper titled 'Jonbeel Mela and the Tiwa Tribe Identity: An Ethnography' in a National Seminar Organized by Department of Sociology, Tezpur University in collaboration with Indian Council of Social Science Research in March, 2013.
3. Presented a paper titled 'Ethnicisation of Space' and Identity crisis: a case study of the Tiwa Tribe of Assam' in a National Seminar organised by THB College, Jamogurihat in August 2013
4. Jointly presented a paper titled 'Commodification of the natural process of ageing' organised by Equal Opportunities Cell, Tezpur University in collaboration with Chandraprabha Saikiani Centre for Women Studies, Tezpur University and Society for Social Research.
5. Presented a paper in a national seminar titled 'The system of Chieftainship among the Tiwas: An Understanding of the significance of the Gobha Kingdom.' organized by North Eastern Social Research Centre in collaboration with Cotton College State University and Tata Institute of Social Sciences, Guwahati on 21-22 March, 2015.
6. Presented a paper on 'Exchange System and Social Unification: A Case Study of Jonbeel Mela' in a National Seminar on 'Syncretism in India: Cultural and Religious Dimensions' organised by SANSKRITI-Northeastern Institute of Cultural Research, Guwahati in collaboration with Indira Gandhi Rashtriya Manav Sangrahalaya (IGRMS), Bhopal on 21-22 November, 2015.
7. Jointly presented a paper titled 'Satellite Councils as a Solution to the Contemporary Ethnocentric Tensions of Northeast India' in XXII Annual Conference of NEIPSA organized by Dept. of

- Political Science, Gauhati University in collaboration with KKHSOU on Ethnic Homelands, Emerging Middle Class and Demand for Separate States on 24-25 February 2017.
8. Participated in the National Conference on *Social Sector Development and governance Issues in the North East* organized by KKHSOU with sponsorship from Indian Council of Social Science Research – North Eastern Regional Centre, 28th and 29th November, 2015.
  9. Participated in the two day national seminar on *Gender Sensitisation in India's North East: Issues and Challenges* organised by Banikanta Kakati Research Institute, KKHSOU sponsored by the National Commission for Women, New Delhi on 5th and 6th March, 2020

#### **International**

1. Presented a paper titled “Market, State and People: A Case study of Jonbeel Mela of Assam” in the International Conference organized by Tezpur University and Indian Association for Asian and Pacific Studies on December, 2014
2. Presented a paper titled “The Issues of Land, Development and Identity: A case study of the Tiwa tribe of Assam.” in the International Conference on *Development, Resources and Livelihoods* organised by Department of Anthropology, University of Hyderabad on 12<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup> February, 2015
3. Presented a paper titled “Commercialization of Land and Resources, Land Alienation and Issues of Identity: A Study of the Tiwa Tribe of Assam” in the Third Forum of International Sociological Association, held at University of Vienna, Austria, July, 2016.
4. Presented a paper titled ‘Protection or Infringement: A critical analysis of Tribal Belts and Blocks with special reference to Morigaon District’ in the International Conference on *Locating Northeast India: Human Mobility, Resource Flows and Spatial Linkages* organised by the Department of Sociology, Tezpur University in January, 2018.
5. Presented a paper titled ‘Women Empowerment through Entrepreneurial Activities: Cases across Assam’ in the ICSSR sponsored International Conference on *Entrepreneurial Innovation and Regional Development-A Bridge between North-east India and Association of South East Asian Nations (ASEAN)* organised by Gauhati Commerce College on 23-24 October, 2019
6. Presented a paper titled ‘Education for all at the time of Pandemic: Issues, Concerns and Way Ahead’ in the Online International Conference organised by Krishna Kanta Handiqui State Open University on 21-22 April, 2020

#### **9. Workshops/Training Programmes attended:**

1. All India Young Social Scientists’ Workshop on *Emerging Trends in Social Science Research and Methodological Challenges* organised by Department of Sociology, Tezpur University in collaboration with Indian Sociological Society, Rajiv Gandhi National Institute of Youth Development and Indian Council of Social Science Research on 10<sup>th</sup> -11<sup>th</sup> October, 2011.
2. Participated in two-month summer internship programme from 1<sup>st</sup> June, 2012-30<sup>th</sup> July, 2012 as Internship Trainee on the project ‘Spoken English and Personality Development Programme’ for ADHAR a non-governmental organisation.
3. OKD Monsoon School *Philosophy of Social Sciences* organised by Omeo Kumar Das Institute of Social Change and Development from 14<sup>th</sup> – 19<sup>th</sup> July, 2014.
4. Workshop on *Open Educational Resources* organised by CEMCA, New Delhi in collaboration with KKH State Open University, Guwahati, October 15-17, 2014.
5. Workshop on *Techniques and skill development on Question paper setting* organized by KKHSOU on 21 April 2017.
6. Training for the European Higher Education Experts (EHEEs) Network in India on *Enhancing the Attractiveness of European Higher Education in the World Project* organised in Savitribai Phule Pune University on 12-13 April, 2017.
7. Workshop on *Development of MOOCs using OER* on 4.5.2017 organized by KKHSOU.
8. Workshop on *Case Based Methodology* organized by IBS at KKHSOU, Rani on July 18, 2017.
9. Workshop on *Moving towards Choice Based Credit System (CBCS) and the NAAC's Assessment and Accreditation by KKHSOU: A Road Map* organised by KKHSOU on 5<sup>th</sup> March, 2018
10. Training Programme on *The Chapter-X of Assam Land and Revenue Regulation (ALRR) 1886* organised by Assam Institute of Research for Tribals and Schedule Castes, Guwahati on 25<sup>th</sup> May, 2018.
11. Workshop on *Adoption and Development of MOOC's* organized by KKHSOU in collaboration with IGNOU, New Delhi at IIBM Khanapara on 28<sup>th</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup> June 2018.
12. Workshop on *Faculty Development* organized by CIQA, KKHSOU on 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> November 2018

**10. Professional Programmes Completed:**

1. UGC Sponsored Orientation Programme (OP-114) held from 4th to 31st December 2017 at UGC-HRDC, Gauhati University.
2. UGC Sponsored Two weeks Interdisciplinary Refresher Course on *Teacher Education* organised by HRDC, Gauhati University from 19<sup>th</sup> February, 2020 to 3<sup>rd</sup> March, 2020
3. 3 days National Level FDP on *Online College Management & Online Content Creation Tools* organised by Lala Lajpat Rai College of Commerce and Economics in collaboration with University of Mumbai and North Storm Academy from 30<sup>th</sup> April, 2020 to 2<sup>nd</sup> May, 2020.
4. One Week FDP on *Preparation of Self Learning Materials* organised by Dibrugarh University from 12<sup>th</sup> May, 2020- 18<sup>th</sup> May, 2020
5. Online Course on “Understanding Open Educational Resources” offered by the Commonwealth of Learning.
6. One Week FDP on *Contemporary Research Practices in Social Sciences* organised by Amity University from 30<sup>th</sup> May, 2020 to 5<sup>th</sup> June, 2020.
7. Three day Online Workshop on “Capacity Building of Academic Counsellors of KKHSOU”, scheduled during 16,17 & 18 June, 2020, organised by Krishna Kanta Handiqui State Open University, Guwahati, Assam, in collaboration with Commonwealth Educational Media Centre for Asia (CEMCA), New Delhi.
8. Four-day Online Capacity Building Workshop for Teaching and Academic Staff on Development of MOOCs for ODL Learners held on 22, 23, 24 & 25 June, 2020, organised by Krishna Kanta Handiqui State Open University, Guwahati, Assam, in collaboration with Commonwealth Educational Media Centre for Asia (CEMCA), New Delhi.

**11. Experience in Organising Conference/s:**

1. Convener of the Three-day Seminar on ‘Opportunities of Higher Education in Europe’ organized by Krishna Kanta Handiqui State Open University, sponsored by Academic Cooperation Association of the European Union from 3<sup>rd</sup> -5<sup>th</sup> August, 2017.
2. Co-coordinator, Three day Workshop on Training of the Trainers on Gender Equity organised by Rajiv Gandhi National Institute of Youth Development in collaboration with K.K.Handiqui State Open University from 8<sup>th</sup> to 10<sup>th</sup> January, 2017
3. Member, Core Organising Committee of the Round Table Discussion on ‘Assam Assembly Elections, 2016’ organized by Krishna Kanta Handiqui State Open University on 9<sup>th</sup> March, 2016.
4. Member, Core Organising Committee of One Day Legal Awareness Programme organised by K.K Handiqui State Open University with sponsorship from National Commission for Women held on 7<sup>th</sup> February, 2020 at Dimoria College, Khetri.
5. Member, Organising Committee (Registration In-charge offline) of the Two day National Seminar on ‘Gender Sensitisation in India’s northeast: Issues and Challenges’ organised by Krishna Kanta Handiqui State Open University with sponsorship from National Commission for Women on 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> March, 2020.

**12. Resource person/Expert appointed:**

1. Appointed as one of the Experts for drafting the BA Sociology Syllabus (Pass Course) in Cotton College State University in the year 2016.
2. Invited as Resource Person in an Internship Programme for training young scholars in Research Methodology organised by SANSKRITI, NEICR, Guwahati on 25<sup>th</sup> June, 2016
3. Invited as Special Guest for the Live Dialogue Programme on ‘Distance Education for Women’ through All India Radio, Guwahati on 29<sup>th</sup> November, 2016.
4. Invited as Resource Person to present a paper in the UGC-SAP Seminar on *Land Questions in Northeast India* organised by Department of Sociology, Tezpur Central University on 30<sup>th</sup> March, 2017.
5. Invited as Resource Person to deliver a talk on *Opportunities of Higher Education in Europe in a Study in Europe Seminar*, Aliah University, Kolkata on 18<sup>th</sup> September, 2017.
6. Invited as Resource Person to present a paper in the UGC-SAP Seminar on *Contemporary Inter-State Rural Outmigration from Assam* organised by Department of Sociology, Tezpur Central University on 22-23 March, 2018.
7. Appointed as Visiting Guest Faculty in the Department of Sociology, Cotton University, for teaching the course on Urban Sociology to M.A 2<sup>nd</sup> Semester Students of the department from January-May, 2018.

8. Invited as Expert for Dissertation Viva-Voce of B.A Sociology Programme of Assam Down Town University on 26<sup>th</sup> November, 2019.
9. Serving the Assam Public Service Commission as an external resource person since March, 2017.
10. Invited as External Examiner for Sociology to Assam Science and Technology University in 2015 and 2016.
11. Serving as External Examiner for Sociology in Cotton University since December 2017.

### **13. Administrative Experiences:**

1. Convener, B.A Admission Committee, KKHSOU (2016, 2017)
2. Member, Admission Committee, KKHSOU (2018)
3. Member, Mother Teresa Social Welfare Committee, KKHSOU (2016, 2017)
4. Examination Monitoring Officer, KKHSOU, 2018
5. Member, Annual Report Committee, KKHSOU (2019)
6. Member, Publication Committee for University Journal, KKHSOU, 2020
7. Member, Innovations and International Affairs Committee, KKHSOU, 2020
8. Member, Grievance Redressal Cell, KKHSOU, 2020
9. Internal Member, School of Studies (Surya Kumar Bhuyan School of Social Sciences), KKHSOU, 2020

### **14. Membership in National/International Forum/Association:**

1. One of the European Higher Education Experts (EHEEs) of Indian Network, Academic Cooperation Association (ACA) of the European Union, 2017
2. Member, Indian Association for Asian and Pacific Studies (2014)
3. Member, Society for Social Research.

### **15. Any other relevant personal information not covered above:**

#### **Involvement in Syllabus Development**

1. Member, B.A Course Curriculum Committee, KKHSOU (2015)
2. Member, MA Course Curriculum Committee, KKHSOU (2016)
3. Member, Syllabus Preparation Committee for Sociology (Cotton College State University, 2016)

#### **Counselling Classes**

1. Counselling learners of BPP, BA and MA Programmes of Central Jail Guwahati since the year 2015

#### **Multimedia Interview Programmes**

1. Interviewed Professor Chandan Kumar Sharma, Tezpur Central University on 'Caste-Tribe Relationship with special reference to Assam' for KKHSOU Ekalabya Programme in November 2016. Uploaded in YouTube as well.
2. Interviewed Sanjeev Roy, Senior Higher Education Expert EU Public Diplomacy and Outreach in India and in the SAARC on '*Opportunities of Higher Education in Europe*', in August, 2017 for KKHSOU Ekalabya Programme in November, 2016. Uploaded in YouTube as well.
3. Interviewed Dr. Polly Vauquiline, Department of Women's Studies, Gauhati University on 'Witch Hunting' for KKHSOU Ekalabya Programme in August, 2017. Uploaded in YouTube as well.
4. Interviewed Dr. Sriparna B. Baruah, Faculty and Head, Centre for Industrial Extension and Consultancy, Indian Institute of Entrepreneurship (IIE) Guwahati on 'Entrepreneurship as a Career' in November, 2019 for KKHSOU Ekalabya Programme in November, 2019

#### **Examiner in M.A Dissertation Viva**

1. M.A Dissertation Viva of learners of KKHSOU in Tezpur College, 2014
2. M.A Dissertation Viva of learners of KKHSOU in KKHSOU City Centre, 2015
3. M.A Dissertation Viva of learners of KKHSOU in Assam Textile Institute, Guwahati, 2016
4. M.A Dissertation Viva of learners of KKHSOU in Dispur College, Guwahati, 2017
5. M.A Dissertation Viva of learners of KKHSOU in Dispur College, Guwahati, 2018

**Webinars Attended**

1. Attended a Webinar on ‘Sustainable Entrepreneurial Spirit-Post Covid 19’ organised by Aalim Muhammad Salegh College of Engineering, Chennai on 9<sup>th</sup> May, 2020.
2. Attended a webinar organised by Royal Global University on the topic “Restructuring Educational Sector for Stronger Industrial Interface’ on 29<sup>th</sup> May, 2020.
3. Attended in a webinar organised by Royal Global University on the topic “Time for Nature”.
4. Attended a webinar on ‘Future of Jobs In India after Covid-19’ organised by Department of Economics, GTN Arts College, Dingdul.
5. Attended a Webinar on ‘E-Content Creation and E-learning through MOOCS’ organised by Department of Library Science, Gauhati University in Association with Assam College Librarian’s Association on 4<sup>th</sup> June, 2020.
6. Attended a webinar organised by Ballari Institute of Technology and Management, Karnataka on the topic “Bio Diversity- The Effective Environmental Management system” on 6<sup>th</sup> June, 2020
7. Attended a webinar on ‘The Socio-Economic Impact of Covid-19 Pandemic: The Indian Perspective’ organised by Xavier School of Economics, Xavier University, Bhubaneswar on 8<sup>th</sup> June 2020.
8. Attended a webinar on ‘Gulf Migration and Covid-19’ organised by Centre for Public Policy Research on 3<sup>rd</sup> July, 2020
9. Attended a webinar on ‘Importance of Mental Health of the Students for leading a Well-Balanced Life’ organised by Department of Education, Naharkatiya College on 2<sup>nd</sup> July, 2020.
10. Attended a State Level Synopsis on ‘Legal Rights of Women and Children’ organised by Department of Political Science, Dhakuakhana College on 3<sup>rd</sup> July, 2020

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