

Profile

1. Personal Details:

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Profile Summary: Murchana Kaushik works as an Academic Consultant (Sociology), in the Surya Kumar Bhuyan School of Social Sciences, Krishna Kanta Handiqui State Open University. She engages in developing Self- Learning Materials and Audio-Video Materials on different components of the Undergraduate and Post-graduate courses of Sociology. Her research interests include the broad areas of Political Sociology, Folk studies and oral history. In her M.Phil. research (State and sub nationalism: The case of ULFA, Assam) she attempted to understand the dynamics of state-nationalism-militancy, with particular reference to Assam.

Field of Specialisation: State, nationalism, militancy (Particular reference to Assam, India).

Scholarly Interest: Political Sociology, Sociological theories, Oral History, Folk studies.

Language Proficiency: Assamese, Hindi, English

Award/Accolades:

- Junior Research Fellowship (Sociology), awarded by University Grants Commission, 2014
- 1st Rank holder, M.A., 2014
- Awarded distinction, M.Phil, 2016

2. Educational Qualifications:

- M.Phil (Sociology), University of Hyderabad: 2016
- Master of Arts (Sociology), Tezpur University: 2014
- Bachelor of Arts (Sociology), Miranda House, University of Delhi: 2012

3. Teaching Experience: 2 years 7 Months

4. Journal Publications:

International

1. Book review of 'Nationalism without a nation in India' by G. Aloysius, published in **Journal of Open Learning and Research Communication**; KKHSOU Volume III, pp. 114-116, 2017. (ISSN no.: 2456-2742)
2. "Stories from the folks: Perceiving society through oral narratives", published in **Journal of Open Learning and Research Communication**, VOL V, pp. 64-71, 2019. (ISSN no.: 2456-2742).

5. Other Publications:

Articles/chapters in Newspapers/magazines/Others

1. "NRC Draft publication and the brouhaha", published in the Assam Tribune, 4 August, 2018.
2. "Corona virus epidemic and the test of humanity", published in The North East Mail, 7 June, 2020.
3. "The art of news brewing" (blog) published in MURCHANA KAUSHIK.WORDPRESS.COM/Perspectives, 23 June, 2020.

6. Seminars/Conferences attended:(2018, June- 2020)

1. Attended a webinar on “Artificial Intelligence in Higher Education”, on 26 June, 2020, organised by CEMCA.
2. Attended a Live Webinar on “*Ethical Issues and Use of Anti Plagiarism for Academic Integrity*”, on 26th April, 2020, organised by KKHSOU.
3. Attended the International Online Conference on “*Teaching-Learning in the Time of pandemic: Role of Online Learning*”, as a participant and Rapporteur, organised by KKHSOU, on 21-22 April, 2020.
4. Presented a paper titled “Towards Gender Equity: A discourse”, in the National seminar on Gender sensitisation in India’s North East: Issues and challenges”, organise by KKHSOU, India (5-6 February, 2020).
5. Presented a paper titled “Perceiving society through oral narratives: Stories from the folks” in the International seminar on ‘Indigenous Languages and Culture: It’s preservation and dissemination’, organised by Gauhati University, India (21-22 September, 2018).

7. Workshops/Training Programmes attended: (2018, June- 2020)

1. Attended the “Online Capacity Building Workshop for Teaching and Academic staff on development of MOOCs for ODL learners”, from 22-25 June, 2020, organised by CEMCA and KKHSOU.
2. Attended the online workshop “Capacity building of Academic Counsellors of KKHSOU”, from 16-18 June, 2020, organised by KKHSOU and CEMCA.
3. Attended the workshop on ‘Intellectual Property Rights’, organised by KKHSOU, at Guwahati, Assam, India. (13 August 2019).
4. Attended the Indian Council of Social Science Research sponsored ten days ‘Research Methodology Course in Social Sciences’, organised by KKHSOU, at Guwahati, Assam, India. (3-12 October, 2018)
5. Attended the workshop on ‘Adoption and Development of MOOCs in KKHSOU’, organised by Indira Gandhi National Open University and KKHSOU, at Guwahati, Assam, India. (28-29 June, 2018).
6. Nominated by KKHSOU to participate in jointly organised workshop on ‘Documenting Oral Cultural Traditions of North East India’, organised by Maulana Abul Kalam Azad Institute of Asian Studies, Kolkata, and Indian Council of Historical Research, New Delhi, at Guwahati, Assam, India. (12-18 February, 2018).
7. Workshop on ‘Training of Trainers on Gender Equity’, organised by Rajiv Gandhi National Institute of Youth Development and KKHSOU, at Guwahati, Assam, India. (8-10 January, 2018).

8. Professional Programmes Completed:

- 5 days Faculty Development Programme on “Experiential learning: Nai Talim and rural community engagement”, jointly organised by Mahatma Gandhi National Council of Rural education, Ministry of Human Resource Development, India, and KKHSOU (2-6 July, 2019).

9. Experience in Organising Conference/s:

- Co-organised academic lecture on “Indigenous knowledge: It’s relevance in the contemporary period” at KKHSOU, on 26 February, 2019.

10. Resource person/Expert appointed:

- Invited as a speaker in the Two-Day National Workshop on ‘Tradition versus Modernity: Oral Cultural Traditions of India, vis-a-vis Interactions with Educators’ (March 27-28, 2018), Kolkata, India, organised by Maulana Abul Kalam Azad Institute of Asian Studies.
- Topic of the lecture: “Modernity and the resurgence of tradition: The essence of modern socio-political thought in oral cultural traditions”.

11. Administrative Experiences:

As a student, have served at different capacities, in the college and university administrations.

12. Membership in National/International Forum/Association:

1. Member, Golden Key International Honour Society.

13. Any other relevant personal information not covered above:

1. Participated in a live program for discussion on significance and career prospects of Sociology, on Prag News, 16 December, 2018
2. Participated in AIR live phone-in programme for a discussion on ODL system and KKHSOU, 24 October, 2019.
3. Online classes conducted, available on YouTube.
4. Facebook live session conducted on the broad area of Sociological Theory.

Voluntary associations

1. Worked for National Service Scheme (2009-2010): Teaching school going children of economically background families.
2. Individual initiative of teaching slum children (Kingsway Camp, Delhi) and encouraging them to enrol into formal education (2010-2011).
