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Biographical note:

- 2018–till date: Chairperson, Special Centre for the Study of North East India, JNU
- 2015–17: Chairperson, Centre for Media Studies, School of Social Sciences, JNU.
- 2012–14: Director, North East India Studies Programme, JNU.
- 2012: Visiting Scholar at the Department of Philosophy, Tel Aviv University, Israel, during the later half of May.
- 2011: Visiting Researcher at the Department of Philosophy, Freie University, Berlin during June-July.
- 2010: Visiting Faculty, Department of Philosophy, Panjab University, Chandigarh in March.
- 2009–11: Chairperson, Centre for Philosophy, SSS, JNU.
- 2004–10: Associate Professor, Centre for Philosophy, School of Social Sciences, JNU.
- 2003–04: Assistant Professor, Department of Humanities and Social Sciences, Indian Institute of Technology (IIT), Mumbai.
- 2002–03: Lecturer, Department of Philosophy, North Eastern Hill University (NEHU), Shillong.
- 2002: Visiting Associate Fellow, Centre for the Study of Developing Societies (CSDS), Delhi.
- 1998–2002: Editor (R&P), Project of History of Science, Philosophy and Culture in Indian Civilization, Centre for Studies in Civilizations, New Delhi.
- 1998: Ph.D. from the Department of Philosophy, Panjab University.
- 1993: M.Phil. from the Department of Philosophy, Panjab University.

Research and Teaching:

- Research areas: Phenomenology and existentialism; Moral, social and cultural philosophy; Philosophical Anthropology; Aesthetics; Contemporary Indian philosophy.
- Research areas: Ethnicity, identity politics, conflict, violence, and gender.
- Undertaking a major research project on ‘Spirituality and mysticism in indigenous religions of North East India under the ICSSR IMPRESS programme (2019–21).

- Completed a major research project on *Women in the Traditional Worldviews and Institutional Practices: Reading the Aesthetic and Ethical Discourses in Northeast India* under India Gandhi National Centre for the Arts (IGNCA), New Delhi (2012–13).
- *Dimensions of Value Conflict: A Critical Perspective* (Ph.D.)
- *Freedom and Praxis in the Philosophy of Sartre* (M.Phil.)
- Have been teaching M.Phil., M.A., and B.A. courses. Titles of the courses are ‘Concepts in Philosophy’, ‘Philosophical Methods’, ‘Existential Phenomenology and Its Engagements’, ‘Philosophical Studies’, ‘Moral and Social Philosophy’, ‘Facets of Existentialism’, ‘Readings in 20th Century Indian Philosophy’, ‘Readings in Analytic Philosophy and Phenomenology’, ‘Ethics’, ‘Philosophy and Culture’, etc.
- Produced 17 Ph.D. and 25 M.Phil. students with degrees awarded under my supervision (as on May 2019).

Other Engagements and Achievements:

- Selected as Participant in the MHRD sponsored Leadership for Academicians Programme (LEAP) organised by HRDC-JNU and National University of Singapore (NUS) during 11–22 February 2019 at Delhi and 4–8 March 2019 at Singapore.
- Member, Governing Board, Centre for Studies in Civilizations, New Delhi.
- Co-chair in the Social Philosophy section of World Philosophy Congress, FISP, Athens (August 2013).
- Executive Editor, *Eastern Quarterly*, a journal on the study of Northeast India, 2003–11.
- Member of various academic bodies at JNU (Court, Executive Council, Academic Council, Board of Studies, etc.), Manipur University (Department of Philosophy), Kurukshetra University (Department of Philosophy), MJP Rohilkhand University (Department of Applied Philosophy).
- Member in the NCERT textbook writing committee on Political Theory in India for class XI (2007).

Select publications:

Books

- Bhagat Oinam and Dhiren A. Sadokpam (eds.), *Northeast India: A Reader*, London & New Delhi: Routledge, 2018.
- S. Shyamkishore Singh and Bhagat Oinam (eds.), *Perspectives on Manipuri Culture*, New Delhi: CSC and Munshiram Manoharlal, 2017.

Select Papers (Journals and anthologies)

- “‘Philosophy in India’ or ‘Indian Philosophy’: Some post-colonial questions”, *SOPHIA* (2018) 57: 457. <https://doi.org/10.1007/s11841-018-0679-0>
- ‘Colonial modernity and plight of the receiving communities’, in Bhagat Oinam and Dhiren A. Sadokpam (eds.), *Northeast India: A Reader*, London and New Delhi: Routledge, 2018.
- ‘Some normative issues in the *Chainarol*’, in S. Shyamkishore Singh and Bhagat Oinam (eds.), *Perspectives on Manipuri Culture*, New Delhi: CSC and Munshiram Manoharlal, 2017
- ‘Body as Site of Ethic’, *Journal of Indian Council of Philosophical Research (JICPR)*, (June 2015), 32(2): 239–255, published by Springer.

- ‘Beyond the Politics of Control’, in Sandhya Goswami (ed.), *Troubled Diversity: The Political Process in Northeast India*, New Delhi: Oxford University Press, 2015, pp. 213–23.
- ‘Violence, Impunity and the Fallout: A Tale from Manipur’, in Patrick Hoenig and Navsharan Singh (eds.), *Landscapes of Fear: Understanding Impunity in India*, New Delhi: Zubaan, 2014, pp. 128–150.
- ‘Exploring the Sites of Moral Contextualism’, *JICPR*, Vol. XXIX, No. 1, pp. 77–105, January–March 2012.
- ‘Philosophy in India: An agenda for an Alternative Mode of Philosophising’, *JICPR*, Vol. XXVIII, No. 2, April–June 2011.
- ‘Problem of Distributive Justice’, in Shashi Motilal (ed.), *Applied Ethics and Human Rights: Conceptual Analysis and Contextual Applications*, Delhi: Anthem, 2010.
- ‘Nation Building Projects at the Margins: A Tale of Aspirations, Contestations and Crossroads’, *Eastern Quarterly (Armed Opposition Movements in South Asia)*, Vol. 6, Issues I & II, Spring & Monsoon 2010.
- ‘Preparing for a Cohesive Northeast India: Problems of Discourse’, in Sanjib Baruah (ed.), *Beyond Counter Insurgency*, New Delhi: Oxford University Press, 2009.
- ‘Human Rights as Legal Rights! But What Lies Beneath?’ *JICPR*, Vol. 25, No. 2, April–June 2008.
- ‘State of the States: Mapping India’s Northeast’, Working Paper No. 12, November 2008, Washington: East West Center, 2008.
- A co-authored article with S.S. Barlingay, ‘Aesthetics Parameters in Indian Tradition’, in Kapila Vatsyayan and D.P. Chattopadhyaya (eds.), *Aesthetic Theories and Forms in Indian Tradition*, New Delhi: PHISPC, 2008.
- ‘State, Non-State and Civil Society Space in Northeast’, in V.R. Raghavan (ed.), *Civil Society in Conflict Situations*, Chennai: Centre for Security Analysis, 2008.
- An article ‘Receiving Communities: Encounter with Modernity’, *Eastern Quarterly*, Vol. 3, Issue II, July–September 2005.
- An article ‘Redressing Disadvantages: Problems of Generalization’, *Seminar*, 549, May 2005.
- An article ‘Patterns of Ethnic Conflict in the Northeast: A Study on Manipur’, *EPW*, May 24, 2003.
- A paper ‘Understanding Intentionality and Intentional Action’, *JICPR*, Vol. XVII, No.3, May–August 2000.
- A paper ‘Freedom as Act of Totalization: A Critique on Sartre’, *IPQ*, January–March 1998.

Special lectures and conference papers:

- Delivered Keynote address in the national seminar on *Many Patriarchies, Many Positionalities: Reinterrogating Gender in Narratives from North-East India* organized by Department of English, Shivaji College, University of Delhi, February 16–17, 2017.
- Delivered lecture on the theme ‘What is goodness?’ in the UGC Orientation Programme at JNU on August 4, 2016.
- Delivered Plenary Lecture titled ‘Aesthetic and Ethical Discourses in Northeast: A Reflection’ in the national seminar on Oral and Textual Traditions of North East India, Arunalchal Institute of Tribal Studies, Rajiv Gandhi University, Itanagar, March 28–30, 2016.

- ‘On Moral Contextualism’, in a colloquium on *Moral Dilemmas in Cultural Crossings*, 11th Annual Conference of Asian Studies, Tel Aviv University, May 22–23, 2012.
- A talk on ‘*Philosophy in India: An Agenda Towards an Alternate Philosophising*’ at Dahlem Humanities Centre, Freie University, Berlin, July 4, 2011.
- ‘Philosophical Discourses in India’, in an international conference on *India in International Relations: European and Indian perspectives*, organised by Jawaharlal Nehru University and University of Warsaw, New Delhi, April 27–28, 2011.
- Panellist in the session on ‘Philosophical Perspectives: Western and Non-Western’ in the Asian Philosophical Congress, New Delhi, March 7, 2010.
- A talk on a seminar cum workshop on *Peace is Essential for Development* organised by Gandhi Peace Foundation, New Delhi on February 7, 2009.
- ‘Phenomenology of Cultural Identity as Project’, in an international conference on *Phenomenology, Globalization and Indian Philosophy* organised by ICPR, New Delhi, and CARP, USA, New Delhi, January 5–9, 2009.
- ‘Conciliatory and reconciliatory political processes: From asymmetry of power to community of morals’, in the international conference on *Transformations and Challenges in a Global World – Cross Cultural Inquiries*, organized by Freie University, New Delhi, February 29–March 1, 2008.
- A presentation in a workshop on the *Conception of Human Rights* organized by Philosophy Chair on Human Rights, UNESCO, Ankara, January 8–10, 2000.
- A presentation ‘Grounds of Universal Moral Values’ in the World Philosophers’ Meet, Pune, November 24–30, 1996.