

CV OF DR. PROTIM SHARMA

Summary: Associate Professor of English at Dikhowmukh College, Sivasagar in Assam, India for more than 22 years, Ph.D. in Organizational study from Dibrugarh University. A columnist with *The Assam Tribune*, popular English daily of northeast India since 1997 with a Post Graduate Diploma in Journalism and Mass Communication; and an approved language specialist for aviation English for the Airports Authority of India, communication trainer, organizer and coordinator of both academic and non-academic events.

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Qualifications:

- Academic:* - - Ph.D. in Organizational Study, 2013, from the Department of Sociology, Dibrugarh University, India.
- M.A. in English, 1996, University of Pune, India.
 - B.A. in English, 1994, Cotton College, Gauhati University, India.
- Professional:* - Post Graduate Diploma in the Teaching of English, 1997, CIEFL, Hyderabad (now EFL University), India, equivalent to two Refresher Courses/M.Phil degree as recognized by the University Grants Commission.
- Post Graduate Diploma in Journalism and Mass Communication (A Grade) from Assam Professional Academy, Guwahati, India, 2015.
 - Impressive grades in the Test of Proficiency in English, by CIEFL, Hyderabad (now EFL University), India, 2001.
 - Successfully completed training for Interlocutors, Aviation English Language Experts and Aviation English Trainers organized by IIT Madras in Dec, 2019.
 - Spoken English certificate course from Institute for Career Development, Jorhat, Assam, India, 1989.

- Attended Entrepreneurial Orientation Programme for College and University Teachers at the Indian Institute of Entrepreneurship (IIE), Guwahati, an organization under the Ministry of Small Scale Industries, Govt. of India, in 2001.
- Successfully completed a professional workshop on Media and TV/Radio Anchoring at IAAN, Guwahati, India, 2004.
- Undergone a Course on Research Methodology and Development Studies in December, 2008 at the Omeo Kumar Das Institute of Social Change and Development, Guwahati, Assam, India.
- A+ Grade in Certificate Course in Computer Application, conducted by Community Information Centre, Gaurisagar, under Ministry of Communication and Information Technology, Govt. of India and Directorate of Industries, Govt. of Assam, India.

Professional Experience: Associate Professor and Head, Department of English at Dikhowmukh College, Sivasagar, under Dibrugarh University, India, on the UGC scale of pay since 12 May, 1998.

PUBLICATIONS

Book Chapters and Journal Articles

- 2019 “Teaching English Communication to Non-English Medium School Students: A Learning Experience” in Mayurakshi Dev (ed) *International Journal for English Learning and Teaching Skills* (IJELTS) for the Volume 2, No. 1. <http://www.ijeltsjournal.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/01/69.-Teaching-English-Communication-to-non-English-Medium-School-Students-A-Learning-Experience.pdf> (ISSN: 2638-5546), featured in *Ingenta Connect*.
- 2016 “Identity Consciousness and Students’ Movements: The Role of AASU”, (Chapter 8) in Dilip Gogoi (ed) *Unheeded Hinterland: Identity and Sovereignty in Northeast India*, published by **Routledge**. http://www.amazon.in/dp/1138100099/ref=cm_sw_r_fa_awdo_gUKQwb1HMDQ8K (ISBN: 9781138100091)
- 2016 “Problem of Immigration and Quest for Identity in Assam, India”, in *Humanities and Social Sciences Review*, ISSN: 2165-6258 :: 04(03):423–428(2015) (<http://universitypublications.net/hssr/0403/pdf/U5K1.pdf>)

- 2015 “A Degree is Not Enough” in Dipankar Sarmah (ed) *Youth Development in India*, ISBN 978-93-83580-42-2, Shanti Educational Foundation, Guwahati (p 40-44)
- 2015 “English Teaching: Challenges for the Teacher” in Shiva Prasad Mili (ed) *Panchajanya* (A Peer-Reviewed Multidisciplinary Journal), Issue VI, ISSN 2230-911X, ACTA Sivasagar Zonal Committee (pp 138-140).
- 2014 “Using Mother Tongue in ESL Classroom : The Assam Experience” in Shiva Prasad Mili (ed) *English Language Teaching : North East Perspectives*, ISBN 978-81-922831-6-6, Perfect Imagers, Guwahati (pp 94-100).
- 2014 “Contribution of Ajan Pir to the Assamese Nation Building Process: A Reflection” in Muktab Hussain and Mustafij Ahmed (eds) *Xoragurir Ajaan*, Management Committee, Hajrat Ajan Pir Dargah, (pp 328-333).
- 2012 “Student Movement as a Form of Popular Protest: An Analysis of AASU led Anti-Foreigners Movement in Assam, India” in Sunil Kumar *et al* (eds) *Handbook of Management and Behavioural Science*, Vol. VII, ISBN : 978-93-81505-37-3, Wisdom Publications, New Delhi. pp 932-940.
- 2012 “Changing Identities in Assam: Linguistic Nationalism to Ethnic Nationalism” in Anuradha Chakrabarty Barua and Hemanta Kr Nath (eds) *Problematics on Ethnicity, Identity and Literature*. Published by The Sibsagar College, Assam, India, October, pp 754-758.
- 2012 “Bengali Muslim Migration in Assam: A Century Long Concern” in Devabrata Sharma (ed) *Migration and Assimilation: Society, Economy, Politics of Assam*. 9788189654191, Published by Daanish Books, December, pp 111-117.
- 2008 “Migration and Population Growth in Assam” in Asok Ray and Sutapa Sengupta (eds) *Population Dynamics in North East India*, ISBN: 9788190676601 Om Publications, New Delhi, pp 199-208.
- 2003 “The Wolf Man” in *Indian Literature*, No. 213, Vol. XLVII No. 1, published by Sahitya Akademi, Delhi, Jan-Feb, pp 96-134. (ISSN: 0019-5804)

Editorial assignments and Reviews

1. Guest Editor for *TMYS Review, Digital Quarterly for Humanities*, 2020 (<https://mail.google.com/mail/u/0/#search/dasguptakoral%40gmail.com/FMfcgxwJZJZjl nCcLsGrzjLXQScVqXvV?projector=1&messagePartId=0.1>)
2. Guest Editor of *Anusandhan* , a peer reviewed multidisciplinary journal.

3. Language editor for Commonwealth Educational Media Centre for Asia (CEMCA), New Delhi.
4. Language Consultant and Editor of 'Tourist Guidebook' on Sivasagar, published by the District Administration, Sivasagar, Assam.
5. Associate editor of **Assam Yearbook**, published by Jyoti Prakashan, Guwahati, India.
6. Editorial Board member of *Rongpur*, the mouthpiece of Rongpur Unnayan Utsav, 2015, organized by Sivasagar District Administration.
7. Published Book review of "*Insurgency and Economic Development in North East India*". in 'The Assam Tribune', Guwahati in 2009 and many film and play reviews in newspapers.

Conference presentations

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| 2020 | Presented paper titled "Mind Your English as a Teaching Material in Language Classroom : A Firsthand Experience" at virtual International Conference 'ELT Summit 2020', organized by International Society for Educational Leadership in association with ELTAI and others, 27-28 June. |
| 2020 | Presented paper titled "Education in the Times of Corona: New Normal or New Abnormal?" at a National Webinar on "Covid-19's Impact on Science, Society and Education' held at Sivasagar College, 25-26 June. |
| 2019 | Presented paper on "Using 'Mind Your English' in ESL Classroom : A Rewarding Experience" in 14 th International Conference of English Language Teachers' Association, at Amity University, Noida, from 9-12 October. |
| 2019 | Presented paper titled "Teaching English Communication to Non-English Medium School Students: A Learning Experience" at 2nd International Conference on English Learning and Teaching Skills, held at IEM, Kolkata, from 25-27 July. |
| 2015 | Presented a 90 minute talk on identity consciousness and the issue of immigration in Assam, India titled 'A Nationality without Identity? Students answer the Big Assam Question' at the University of Edinburgh, UK on 22 October: http://www.csas.ed.ac.uk/events/seminar_series/2015_2016/nationality_without_identity |
| 2015 | Presented paper on 'Problem of Immigration and Quest for Identity in Assam' at the IJAS Conference, University of London , 3-6 November. |
| 2014 | "Ethnic Assertion and Middle Class Hegemony in Assam" - presenter at National Conference on 'The Problem of Peoples Ignorance about Historical facts leading to Ethnic Violence' at SMD College, Charing, Sivasagar, March 30-31. |

- 2012 “Changing Identities in Assam: Linguistic Nationalism to Ethnic Nationalism” - presenter at International Conference on ‘Problematics on Ethnicity, Identity and Literature’ at Sibsagar College, Assam, India, October 11-14.
- 2012 “Student Movement as a Form of Popular Protest: An Analysis of AASU led Anti-Foreigners Movement in Assam, India”- presenter at ‘International Conference of Management and Behavioural Sciences’ held at Haridwar, India, June 23-24.
- 2010 “Tourism Across the Indian Ocean: A Comparative Study of Mauritius and India with Special reference to Sivasagar district of Assam” presenter at International Seminar on ‘Road Map for Development of Tourism in North-East India’ at Sibsagar Girls’ College, Sivasagar, December 11-12.
- 2010 “Role of Media in Curbing Pollution caused by Oil Exploration of ONGC” presenter at International Congress of Environmental Research, at University of Mauritius, South Africa, September 16-18.
- 2009 “Problem of Migration and Quest for Identity in Assam ” presenter at National Seminar on ‘Influx of Foreign Nationals vis a vis Society in North East: Postcolonial Scenerio’ at Sibsagar College, December 29-30.
- 2009 “Bengali Muslim Migration to Assam: A Century Long Concern” presenter at National ‘Migration and Assimilation’ at Jorhat College, September 25-26.
- 2009 “Social Movement as a Form of Popular Protest: A Case Study of AASU and Anti-foreigners Agitation” presenter at National Seminar on ‘Student Movement in North East India’ at Moridhal College, May 9-10.
- 2008 “Role of Technical Education in the Development of Society in NER” presenter at National Seminar on ‘Role of Higher Education in Development of Society in N E Region’ at Jhanji HNS College, August 22-23
- 2007 “Migration and Population Growth in Assam” presenter at ICSSR sponsored National Seminar on ‘Population Dynamics in North East India’ at Shillong, June 4-5.
- 2006 “Bilingual Education in Classroom” presenter at International Conference on ‘Bilingualism in an ESL Classroom: Issues and Challenges’, Guwahati, March 27-28.
- 2005 “Using ‘Mind Your English’ in the Teaching of Functional English: The Teacher-Writer’s View” presenter in the National Seminar on ‘Fuctional English for Indian Learners’ at ELTI, Guwahati, February 4-5.
- 2003 “Infrastructure and Rural Development in Dikhowmukh: A Panoramic Survey”, presenter in the Regional Seminar on ‘Rural Development: Issues and Strategies’ organized by Assam Sociological Association, Dibrugarh University at Ledo College, Ledo, Assam, Feb 17-18.

Participation in Academic and other activities, special Assignments

- 2020 Master Trainer of Census Operations, appointed by Directorate of Census, Assam.
- 2020 Special Officer (External) of HSLC Exmination at Janajati High School, Sivasagar.

- 2020 Chief guest cum Appointed speaker to speak on New Education Policy-2020 at SPP College, Sivasagar during their golden jubilee celebration function in November.
- 2019 Chairperson and Speaker of public talk on the draft New Education Policy-2020 during the Sivasagar Book Fair, held in November.
- 2019 Nodal Officer, SVEEP activities, Sivasagar District, Election Commission of India for consecutive three years.
- 2018 **Developed course materials of M.A. in ELT for Centre for Open and Distance Learning of Tezpur University.**
- 2018 Special Officer (External) of Even Semester B.A. Examination at SMD College, Sivasagar for two years.
- 2016 Resource Person at International Film Festival, organized by Assam Film Society in Jorhat, 19 February.
- 2016 Appointed speaker at 'Nazira Mohotsav' on the topic of Tourism and Prospects.
- 2015 Appointed speaker at the annual conference of All Dhemaji District Students' Union at Simen Chapori, on 22 December.
- 2015 **Coordinator of Seminar Sub-Committee** of Rongpur Unnayan Utsav, 2015, organized by Sivasagar District Administration from 18-20 December
- 2015 **Chaired an academic session at an international conference on Social Science and Humanities at the University of London, on 6 November.**
- 2015 **Invited speaker at the Centre for South Asian Studies, University of Edinburgh, UK, 22 October.**
- 2015 Resource Person in a programme on 'Career Development and the Youth of Northeast India' at M D K College, Dibrugarh, Assam, on January 24.
- 2014 **Coordinator of the UGC sponsored National Seminar on "Mass Media and Society" held at Dikhowmukh College, May 13 and 14.**
- 2011 Participated in the Annual Academic Session of the 58th Annual Conference of Assam College Teachers' Association at Duliajan College, Duliajan, Assam, June 23-26.
- 2011 Resource person of UGC sponsored coaching classes for Entry into Service at Jorhat College, Jorhat, Assam, May 22.
- 2011 **Coordinator of the UGC sponsored National Seminar on "Ethnicity and Identity Crisis in North East India" held at Dikhowmukh College, March 3 and 4.**
- 2010 Adjudicator of 'Learner as Teacher: A Simulation' an inter-college competition among learners majoring in English, on November 23.

2010 Resource person of UGC sponsored coaching classes for Entry into Service at DCB Girls' College, Jorhat, Assam, on June 10.

Workshops and Seminar participation

2020 Participated in International Online Workshop on “Mapping Post Covid World: Challenge and Opportunities” organized by Kumar Bhaskar Varma Sanskrit and Ancient Studies University from 5 to 12 July.

2020 Successfully completed a six-day workshop on “Fake News: Its Aspects, Impact and Ways to Identify It” organized by Priyadarshini Institute of Engineering and Technology, Nagpur in association with Jean Monnet Erasmus Plus Programme of European Union, from 20-25 May.

2020 Actively participated in Fourth JNU Workshop on “Empowering Teaching Through Online Mode”, 11-12 July.

2020 Actively participated in Second JNU Workshop on “Empowering Teaching Through Online Mode”, 9-10 May.

2020 Actively took part in the Webinar on “21st Century Language Skills for English Language Teaching” organized by Sonapur College in association with ELTAI, Assam chapter, 17 June.

2020 Participated in National Webinar on “Modernism in Indian English Literature”, organized by Kamrup College, 14 June.

2020 Took part in three Webinars on “Mind, Mood, Music – A Healthy Balance”, “Motivation and Career Guidance during and after the Covid Pandemic” and “Meet the Author” organized by Royal Global University, Guwahati in the month of June.

2020 Participated in National Webinar on “ Covid-19 and Its Impact on Indian Education System”, organized by Jorhat College, 6 July.

2020 Participated in Awareness programme on Online Use of E-Resources, organized by Borhola College in association with Assam College Librarians' Association, 1 June.

2020 Attended Media Educators Round Table, organized by ABP Education, Kokata, 6 June.

2020 Attended workshop on “Best Practices for Teaching Online” organized by ABP Education, Kokata and Surendranath College for Women, Kolkata, 4 July.

2020 Participated in the Webinar titled “The World Has Changed : The Internet Has Entered a Second Era”, organized by TEDxGateway, 27 June.

2020 Participated in the Webinar titled “The World Has Changed : The Future of Education and Learning in a Disruptive Environment”, organized by TEDxGateway, 18 July.

2019 **Attended training programme for Interlocutors, Aviation English Language Experts and Aviation English Trainers organized by IIT Madras from 2-6 Dec, 2019 at Delhi.**

2015 **Participated in an one day conference on ‘The Future of the Rural Asia’, organized by the SOAS, University of London, at School of Oriental and African Studies, 30 October.**

2015 Participated in National Seminar on ‘Cultural Diversity and Social Integrity of North-East India: Its Past, Present and Future’ in K H Saikia College, Guwahati, Assam, India, September 9-10.

2009	Participated at a course on Research Methodology at OKD Institute of Social Change and Development, Guwahati, December 1-10.
2009	Participated in the Workshop on Counselling the Counsellors of BMC, organized by K. K. Hanhique State Open University in collaboration with Distance Education Council, New Delhi, at IIE, Guwahati, Jan 3-5.
2008	Participated in Orientation Workshop for College Teachers in English, Dibrugarh University, March 28-30.
2004	Participated in the Seminar on 'Vocationalization of Higher Education', organized by ACTA, at Guwahati, India, October 29.
2003	Participated in a workshop on 'Quality in Higher Education' at S. B. Deorah College, Guwahati, January 18.
2002	Participant in the International Seminar on 'Constructing Identities: Local and Global', organized jointly by the Forum on Contemporary Theory, M. S. University, Baroda, India and Louisiana State University, Shreveport, USA, at Shillong, December 15-18.
2002	Participated in National Seminar-cum-Workshop on 'Quality Improvement through Self-Study, Assessment and Accreditation' at Dibrugarh University, August 2-3.
2001	Successfully completed an Entrepreneurial Orientation Programme for College and University Teachers at Indian Institute of Entrepreneurship (IIE), March 19-23.

Skills, Interests and relevant experience:

- Writer of a fortnightly language column titled *Mind Your English* in **The Assam Tribune**, the highest circulated daily of North East India **since August, 1997**; write-ups in many newspapers and magazines.
- Translated Assamese full-fledged play by renowned playwright Arun Sarma into English titled *The Wolf Man*, which was published in **Indian Literature** (Vol. 213, Jan-Feb, 2003), the prestigious bi-monthly journal of the **Sahitya Akademi (Academy)**; also translated Assamese stories for the 'Sahitya Akademi' and Dibrugarh University.
- Published research articles in various journals, edited volumes, etc.
- Stringer with Press Trust of India (PTI) for the last ten years.
- Participated in educational broadcasts of All India Radio, Guwahati as a Resource Person.
- Imparted training in Communication and Personality Development programmes for students, teachers and professionals, sponsored by the UGC and other bodies, in various institutions and colleges as a Resource Person.

- **Counselor of Bachelor of Mass Communication (BMC) degree course of the Krishna Kanta Handique State Open University for more than six years at Sivasagar, Assam, India with experience as Research guide of more than 25 research works/dissertations. Also supervised the dissertation of University topper (Gold Medalist) for the course in Master of Mass Communication (MMC) of KKHSOU in the year 2017.**
- Developed course modules and self-learning materials for the Directorate of Distance Education of the Dibrugarh University, Assam, India.
- Jointly designed the B.A. Mass Communication syllabus for Dibrugarh University.
- Question-paper setter of Alternative English (B.A. Part II), Dibrugarh University.
- Successfully completed a research project on the low achievement in English by the secondary students of Assam, during the CIEFL (EFL University, Hyderabad), diploma course.
- Organized many academic and cultural events in the capacity as the Vice President of the 'English Society' at the University of Pune, and afterwards.
- Taught **spoken English** for several months in Guwahati and elsewhere.
- Participated and presented research papers in many Regional, National and International seminars and workshops.
- Special awards and certificates for creative writing, play-acting et cetera.
- Adjudicator of various inter-college Debate/Quiz/Literary competitions.
- Member of the core committee for organizing Rongpur Festival, one of the biggest tourism festivals of northeast India in December, 2015
- Attended Youth Leadership Camps and National Integration Camps organized by **Rotary Club** in 1997 and **Sri Aurobindo Education Society** in 2001.
- Participated in Broad Outlook-Learner Teacher (BOLT) award competition of Air India, in association with Singapore Tourism Board.
- President of *Ekhyon*, a registered NGO devoted to social causes.
- **President of the Rotary Club of Sibsagar**, RI Dist. 3240, for RY 2019-2020.

