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Date: 10/12/2021

Dr Bhaskar Kumar Kakati  
Centre Manager  
Dr APJ Abdul Kalam Centre for Policy Research and Analysis  
IIM Shillong, Umsawli, Shillong-793018 (Meghalaya)

Subject: Application for the position of Assistant Professor

Sir/Madam

With reference to the subject cited above, I would like to apply for the position of Assistant Professor in the Department of Policy Studies. I am presently working at Dr APJ Abdul Kalam Centre for Policy Research and Analysis, Indian Institute of Management Shillong as Centre Manager on contract, coordinating various research activities, and looking after day-to-day administration. Besides, I am also an academic counsellor of IGNOU for the Department of Rural Development. I have work experiences of more than nine years (including both Pre-PhD and Post-PhD) and worked for various organisations including, PRADAN, MoTA, GoI, NIRD & PR, Assam State Rural Livelihoods Mission, NIRD & PR, Ministry of Tribal Affairs, PRADAN at various capacities such as District Project Manager, Senior Research Fellow, Executive (Projects). Besides, I have undertaken short-term capacity-building training for entrepreneurs of various states of North East India sponsored by IIM Shillong, SDS, CML, Guwahati, NERLP.

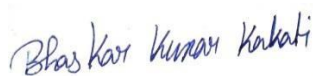
I did my doctoral research at Tata Institute of Social Sciences, Guwahati and graduated in 2018. **My areas of study were local governance and women empowerment with references to Panchayati Raj and Tiwas of Assam.** I completed my first Post-Graduation in History from Gauhati University and second Post Graduation in Rural Development from IGNOU. Moreover, I have also cleared UGC NET in women studies.

I have contributed more 17 research papers to scholarly journals published by reputed publishers, including Routledge, Sage and NIRD & PR. Presently, I am also co-project director of an ICSSR, New Delhi sponsored Project (Rs 7.00 lakh (Rs Seven lakh) entitled “Gandhain Gram Swaraj: The Combating mechanism to economic challenges of Covid-19”.

I look forward to the opportunity to meet with the members of the selection committee to demonstrate further how I could contribute to research and academics at your institute.


I have enclosed my curriculum vitae and first pages of five recent publications for your kind perusal.

Yours' Faithfully



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## CURRICULUM VITAE OF DR BHASKAR KUMAR KAKATI

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| Position Applied For  | Assistant Professor   |   |
| Location  | Department of Policy Studies  |  |
| Name  | Dr Bhaskar Kumar Kakati   |   |
| DATE OF BIRTH   | 01/03/1983  |   |
| COUNTRY OF CITIZENSHIP/RESIDENCE  | India   |   |
| TOTAL-EXPERIENCE  | 09 Years 01 months<br>(Excluding PhD period)  |   |
| EXPERTISE   | Local Governance, Empowerment, Sustainability, Social Mobilisation, Institution and capacity building, Social Change, Tribal Studies, Training, Livelihoods |   |
| PRESENT ADDRESS   |   |   |
| Centre Manager on Contract<br>Dr APJ Abdul Kalam Centre for Policy Research and Analysis Indian Institute of Management Shillong<br>Umsawli<br>Shillong-793018 (Meghalaya)<br>Email- <a href="mailto:bhaskarkumarkakati@gmail.com">bhaskarkumarkakati@gmail.com</a><br>Mobile- 9854754514   |   |   |
| PERMANENT ADDRESS   |   |   |
| C/O- Shri Dilip Kumar Kakati (Retired Teacher) Near Hatibat LP School<br>Hatibat Gaon<br>Nagabandha<br>Morigaon, Assam-782103   |   |   |
| EDUCATION   |   |   |
| <div>➤ Doctor of Philosophy (PhD) in Social Sciences from Tata Institute of Social Sciences (TISS)</div> <div>➤ Empowerment and Social Transformation: A Study on Elected Women Representatives of Gaon Panchayat among Tiwa Communities of Morigaon, Assam.</div> <div>➤ Master in Rural Development (MARD) from Indira Gandhi National Open University (IGNOU) in 2011 with 76 %<br/><b>Title of MARD Dissertation:</b> “Understanding and impact assessment of PRADAN promoted SHG Federation with special reference to Gumla District of Jharkhand”</div> <div>➤ Master of Arts in History (M.A.) from Gauhati University in 2008 with 53.68 %</div> <div>➤ Bachelor of Arts with History (Major), Economics, English, Hindi, Environmental Studies from Cotton College in 2006 with 57.3 %</div> <div>➤ AISSCE from JNV Howly, Barpeta in Arts stream in 2002 with 73.2 %</div> <div>➤ AISSE from JNV Morigaon in 2000 with 68 %</div> |   |   |

**OTHER CERTIFICATION:**

- Qualified **UGC NET** on 25<sup>th</sup> March 2013 in the subject **Women Studies (UGC Ref. No:- 34228/(NET-DEC.2012))**
- Received **Certificate of Merit** for being among the top 0.1% of successful candidates of All India Senior School Certificate Examination 2002 in History.

**TEACHING EXPERIENCES**

- **Academic Counselor** of IGNOU for Master in Rural Development for the year 2021-22.  
**Academic Counselor Code: BCMPK8642P/001**

**ACADEMIC TRAINING:**

1. Attended five days "Training of Master trainer on Financial Literacy" organised by National Academy of Rudseti, Bangaluru from 18<sup>th</sup> to 22<sup>nd</sup> December 2017.
2. Attended a ten-day workshop on Research Methodology in Social Sciences held at Shillong, organised by the Indian Council of Social Science Research –North East Regional Centre (ICSSR-NERC) in collaboration from 5-14 November 2013.
3. Attended a seven-day workshop on Research methodology for University / College Teachers & Researchers held at J.B. College, Assam, organised by J.B. College in collaboration with Omeo Kumar Das Institute of Social Change Development from 9-15 December 2012.
4. Attended a three-day Skill Training Workshop on " Collecting Folklore Material and Digital Archiving " organised by National Folklore Support Centre in collaboration with Central University of Jharkhand, held at Central University of Jharkhand from 28th to 30th November 2012.
5. Attended a "three days' Workshop" on " Documentation and Digital Archiving" organised by Educational Multimedia Research Centre Manipur University in collaboration with National Folklore Support Centre, held at Manipur University from 28-30 March 2012

**LANGUAGE SKILLS**

| Language | Reading   | Speaking  | Writing   |
|----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| English  | Excellent | Excellent | Excellent |
| Hindi    | Excellent | Excellent | Excellent |
| Assamese | Excellent | Excellent | Excellent |

**EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES:**

- Creative Writing
- Theatre (Acting, Direction, Script Writing)

**EMPLOYMENT RECORD**

| Period               | Employing organisation and title/position.<br>Contact info for references          | Experience          | Job Profile  |
|----------------------|--|---------------------|--|
| 07/01/2019-till date | <b>Centre Manager on Contract</b><br>Dr APJ Centre. Indian Institute of Management | 2 years 8 months 08 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Establishing the Centre at IIM Shillong in collaboration with Ministry of DoNER, New Delhi and North Eastern Council Shillong.</li> </ul> |

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|                          | Shillong, Meghalaya<br><b>Reference: Prof Keya Sengupta</b><br><a href="mailto:ks@iimshillong.ac.in">ks@iimshillong.ac.in</a>   | days                    | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Conducting research study on economically critical sectors of North East India such as Handicrafts, Handloom, Horticulture, Logistics, BPO and Tourism.</li> <li>• Content development for quarterly newsletter and website</li> <li>• Conducting academic symposium</li> <li>• Conducting capacity and skill-building training for entrepreneurs of North Eastern India</li> <li>• Look after day to day administration of Centre</li> </ul>                                 |
| 21-05-2018 to 05-01-2019 | <b>District Project Manager</b><br>DMMU, Barpeta, Assam<br>State Rural Livelihood Mission, Assam<br><b>Reference: Shri RN Sharma, ACS,</b><br><a href="mailto:pddrdabarpeta1@gmail.com">pddrdabarpeta1@gmail.com</a>                                | 7 months 15 days        | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Setting up the district team at Barpeta district.</li> <li>• Supervising the implementation of livelihood mission at the district, including social mobilisation, financial Inclusion, skill-building, capacity building etc.</li> <li>• Implementation of DAY-NRLM and DDU-GKY</li> <li>• Administration</li> <li>• Monitoring and Evaluation</li> <li>• Networking and collaboration</li> <li>• Supervision of 51 direct employees at ten blocks of the district</li> </ul> |
| 06-01-2019 to 16-05-2018 | <b>District Functional Expert (Financial Inclusion)</b><br>DMMU, Karbi Anglong, Assam<br>State Rural Livelihood Mission, Assam<br><b>Reference: Shri Kamal Kanto Goala,</b><br><a href="mailto:kamalgoalamsw@gmail.com">kamalgoalamsw@gmail.com</a> | 1 year 4 months 10 days | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Supporting blocks in the financial inclusion programme</li> <li>• Capacity building of ASRLM Karbi Anglong and beneficiaries on various financial schemes such as PMJDY, PMJJY, APY, Stand Up, Mudra etc.</li> <li>• Monitoring and Evaluation</li> <li>• Networking and collaboration with financial institutions</li> <li>• Capacity Building of Bank Sakhi</li> </ul>  |
| 01-01-2015 to 30-06-2015 | <b>Senior Project Associate</b><br>NIRD & P.R. (NERC), Guwahati, Assam<br><b>Reference: Dr Kamal</b>  | 6 Months                | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Evaluation of 11 Integrated Watershed Management Programme (IWMP) of 11 districts of Nagaland</li> </ul>  |

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|                          | <b>Haloi,</b><br><a href="mailto:kanakhaloi1408@gmail.com">kanakhaloi1408@gmail.com</a>  |                                |  |
| 01-04-2014 to 30-08-2014 | <b>Consultant (Documentation)</b><br>Seven Sisters Development Assistance (SeSTA), Bongaigaon, Assam<br><b>Reference: Shri Pradyut Bhattacharya,</b><br><a href="mailto:pradyut@sesta.org">pradyut@sesta.org</a> |                                | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Baseline survey</li> <li>• Documentation of Autonomous Councils of Assam</li> </ul>   |
| 03-01-2014               | <b>Senior Research Fellow</b><br>Ministry of Tribal Affairs, GoI<br><b>Reference: Prof Virginus Xaxa,</b><br><a href="mailto:virg1978@gmail.com">virg1978@gmail.com</a>  | 2 months<br>14 days            | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Research</li> <li>• Documentation of Social, Economic, Educational, the Health status of tribals of North East India</li> </ul>   |
| 01-08-2009 to 23-03-2012 | <b>Executive (Projects)</b><br>PRADAN, Gumla, Jharkhand<br><b>Reference: Shri Rajeev Ranjan,</b><br><a href="mailto:rajeevranjan@pradan.net">rajeevranjan@pradan.net</a>   | 2 years<br>7 months<br>22 days | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Establishment of the team in Basia and Kamdara blocks of Gumla, Jharkhand</li> <li>• Conducting Capacity Building Training</li> <li>• Implementation of livelihoods projects</li> <li>• Institutions building including SHGs and Federation.</li> <li>• Financial Inclusion</li> <li>• Supervision of Local Resource Person</li> <li>• Monitoring and evaluation</li> </ul> |
| 01-08-2008 to 31-07-2009 | <b>Development Apprentice</b><br>PRADAN, Gumla, Jharkhand<br><b>Reference: Dr Pankaj Das,</b><br><a href="mailto:drpankaj_2002@yahoo.co.in">drpankaj_2002@yahoo.co.in</a>  | 12 Months                      | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Doing by learning</li> <li>• Implementation of livelihoods projects</li> <li>• Conducting Capacity Building Training</li> <li>• Institutions building including SHGs and Federation.</li> <li>• Financial Inclusion</li> <li>• Supervision of Local Resource Person</li> <li>• Monitoring and evaluation</li> </ul>   |

**SHORT TERM CONSULTANCY PROJECT**

| <b>Period</b>            | <b>Employing organisation and your title/position. Contact info for references</b> | <b>Experiences (days)</b> | <b>Summary of activities performed relevant to the Assignment</b> |
|--------------------------|--|---------------------------|---|
| 06-09-2015 to 18-09-2015 | SeSTA Development Services   | 12 days                   | • Training to Trainer (ToT) on Basic Livelihoods                  |
| 04-07-2016 to 22-07-2016 | Centre for Microfinance and Livelihoods  | 18 days                   | • Training to Trainer (ToT) on Basic Livelihoods                  |
| 16-11-2016 to 18-11-2016 | DPMU, NERLP, Aizwal  | 3 days                    | • Training to Trainer (ToT) on Basic Livelihoods                  |

**MEMBERSHIP IN PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS:**

1. Life Member- Social Science and Humanities Research Association (SSHRA) Membership ID: SSHRAM19508
2. Senior Member- The Asia Society of Researcher (ASR), Membership ID: R219041101
3. Life Member- Teaching and Education Research Association (TERA), Membership ID: TERA M191059
4. Life Member-Assam Sahitya Sabha, Membership ID: 32935

**RESEARCH PROJECT**

1. Co-project Director of an ICSSR, New Delhi Sponsored project entitled **“Gandhian Gram Swaraj- Combating Mechanism to Economic Challenges of Covid-19”**. The value of the Project is Rs 7.00 lakh (ongoing)

**PUBLICATION****Book**

1. Kakati, B. K. (2018). *Tribal Women of North East India and Empowerment: Tiwa Women's Participation in Panchayati Raj Institutions*. New Delhi: Nation Press (ISBN-978-93-87436-27-5).

**Publication in Journal****SCOPUS INDEXED JOURNAL**

1. Kakati, B. K. (2021). Sustainability in the study of Gandhian economic philosophy. *Area Development and Policy*, **(Paper Accepted). Routledge Publication.**
2. Kakati, B. K. (2021). What is in a name: The politics of name changing. *Sociological Bulletin*, **(Paper Accepted). Sage Publication**

3. Kakati, B. K., & Behera, M. C. (2014). Women Worker and their status in MGNREGA Programme: A study in Jharkhand, *Journal of Rural Development*, 33(3), 281-90, ISSN No-0970-3357  
<http://nirdprojms.in/index.php/jrd/article/view/93273>.

#### **ABDC LISTED JOURNAL**

4. Kakati, B.K. (2021). PURA: Ensuring Sustainable Development in the Rural Areas, *The Empirical Economic Letters* (Paper Accepted) (**ABDC-C Journal**)

#### **ROUTLEDGE PUBLICATION**

5. Kakati, B. K. (2021). Role of Traditional Institutions in Covid-19 Management: A Case study of Dorbar Shnong in Meghalaya, India. *Local Development and Society*, <https://doi.org/10.1080/26883597.2021.1960183>,  
6. Kakati, B. K., Sarmah, A. K., & Kakoty, S. (2021). Cooperative is an economically viable social enterprise in the study of JWSSPCFL. *Local Development & Society*, 2(1), 80-96. doi:<https://doi.org/10.1080/26883597.2021.1907214>

#### **SAGE PUBLICATION**

7. Kakati, B.K. (2021). Gandhian Gram Swaraj: The sustainable model for rural industrialisation and employment, *The International Journal for community and social development*, 3 (3), 274-289. <https://doi.org/10.1177/25166026211039063>  
8. Kakati, B. K. (2021). APJ Abdul Kalam & Srijan Pal Singh, Target 3 Billion (PURA: Innovative Solutions Towards Sustainable Development). *Journal of Land and Rural Studies*, 9(2), 368–371. <https://doi.org/10.1177/23210249211005246>. (**BOOK REVIEW**)

#### **UGC CARE JOURNAL**

9. Kakati, B. K. (2019). Autonomy and Autonomous District Councils in the Study of Tiwa Autonomous Council. *Dialogue Quarterly*, 20(3), 139-153  
[https://www.asthabharati.org/Dia\\_Jan%20019.pdf](https://www.asthabharati.org/Dia_Jan%20019.pdf).  
10. Kakati, B. K. (2019). Rural Tourist Product: An Alternative for promotion of Tourist Product in North East India. *Journal of Tourism*, XX(1), 33-54  
<https://www.joethnbgu.in/article/JOT%20june%202019.pdf>.

#### **UGC LISTED JOURNAL (OLD LIST)**

11. Kakati, B. K. (2019). Heritage Village: A Policy Paper for Tourism. *Tourism Innovation*, 9(2), 94-101 (ISSN No. 2278-8379) (Published by Indian Tourism and Hospitality Congress (ITHC) and Bharti Publications).  
12. Kakati, B. K. (2019). Persisting Problem of Agriculture of North East India. *Demorian Review*, 6(4), 39-46 (ISSN 2394-9163)  
<https://www.dimorianreview.com/2019/07/persisting-problems-of-agriculture-in.html>  
13. Kakati, B. K. (2019). Power relation in Rural Assam in the study of Tiwas. *Online International Interdisciplinary Research Journal*, 9(4), 420-29.  
[http://www.oijrj.org/oijrj/mar2019-special-issue\(04\)/62.pdf](http://www.oijrj.org/oijrj/mar2019-special-issue(04)/62.pdf).  
14. Kakati, B. K. (2018). Sanskritization, Genderization and Process of Making of a Woman. *The NEHU Journal*, XVI(2), 15-26. Retrieved from  
[https://nehu.ac.in/public/uploads/NEHU\\_JOURNAL\\_Jul-Dec\\_2018.pdf#page=22](https://nehu.ac.in/public/uploads/NEHU_JOURNAL_Jul-Dec_2018.pdf#page=22)  
15. Kakati, B. K. (2014). Out-migration and its bearing on left-behind Woman: Case in a Jharkhand village. *Social Change and Development*, XI(2), 83-89 ISSN 0975-4016  
<https://www.google.com/search?client=firefox-b-d&q=Out->  
16. Kakati, B. K. (2013). Women Empowerment through Social Mobilization. *Research Journal of MDKG*, 2(2), 21-26 ISSN 2278-1064

#### **OTHER REFEREED JOURNAL**

17. Kakati, B. K. (2021). *Gram Swaraj: Its relevance in present context*. Retrieved from Gandhi e-Journal: <https://www.mkgandhi.org/articles/gram-swaraj-its-relevance-in-present-context.html>

#### RESEARCH PAPER UNDER REVIEW

18. Kakati, B. K. (2021). Can reservation ensure women's participation in local governance: A study among Tiwas. *Journal of the Anthropological Survey of India*, (Submitted after first review-Minor revision).
19. Kakati, B. K., & Kakoty, S. (2021). Role of Women's Cooperative in empowering women: A Study in Jharkhand. *Indian Journal of Human Development*, (Submitted).

#### Book Chapter

1. Kakati, B. K. (2021). Issue of Autonomy and Statutory Autonomous Councils of Assam. In V. Dhanaraju(Ed), *Problems and Prospects of Sixth Schedule: Towards Tribes Autonomy and Self Governance* (pp. 273-296). Kolkata: The Asiatic Society.
2. Kakati, B. K. (2021). Role of Ankia Naat Bhaona in the formation of Greater Oxomiya Society. In B. Baruah, A. Konwar, & B. Rabha(Eds), *Performing Arts of Assam*. Guwahati: Assam College Teachers' Association (ACTA). (Paper Accepted).

#### Newspaper Publication

1. Kakati, B. K. (2020, 18th October). Gandhian Gram Swaraj-Combating mechanism to economic challenges of Covid-19. *Sunday News*, pp. 15-16.
2. Kakati, B. K. (2020, 08th November). Is it Social or Physical Distancing? *Sunday News*, pp. 22-23.
3. Kakati, B. K. (2020, 04th October). The Mystery of Genius. *Sunday News*, pp. 19-20.

#### LIST OF SEMINARS ATTENDED AND PRESENTED PAPER

1. Kakati, B. K. (2019). *Political Identity of Surname in Rural Assam*. A paper presented in the Annual Social Science Congress organised by ICSSR-NERC collaborated with Tezpur University at Tezpur University held on 24-26 March 2019.
2. Kakati, B. K. (2016). *Neo-Vaishnavism vis-à-vis social change among Tiwas of Morigaon*. A paper presented in the national seminar organised by NIRD & P.R. (NERC) at Guwahati was held on 25-26 February 2016.
3. Kakati, B. K. (2016). *Searching for Autonomy: A study on Tiwa Autonomous Council*. A paper presented in a Consultative meet organised by TISS in collaboration with the Ministry of Panchayati Raj, Government of India, held on 29th-30th January 2016.
4. Kakati, B. K. (2014). *Women, PRIs and the question of Inequality*. A paper presented in the First Annual Winter School on Research Methodology" "Roots and Bridges" organised by TISS at Guwahati on December 15-19, 2014.
5. Kakati, B. K. (2013). *Empowerment Matrix- SHG Federation and Tribal Women*. A paper presented in the 3rd International Seminar on Women Empowerment in India was held at Ranchi from 1-3 March 2013, organised by Institute for Social Development & Research.



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| <p>6. Kakati, B. K. (2013). <i>Empowerment, Cultural Notion and Tribal Women: A Critical Analysis</i>. A paper presented in a National Seminar on Tribal Women: Status, Challenges and Possibilities held at Bhopal from 22-23 March 2013, organised by Tribal Research and Development Institute.</p> <p>7. Kakati, B. K. (2013). <i>The Status of Women in Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Act: A Critical Analysis</i>. A paper presented in a UGC sponsored National Seminar on Rural Development in India: Issues, Progress &amp; Programme Effectiveness, organised by Department of Commerce, Rajiv Gandhi University, Arunachal Pradesh, held on 26th and 27th April 2013.</p> <p>8. Kakati, B. K. (2012). <i>Gender component in Special SGSY</i>. A paper presented in the 9th Annual Seminar on Community Development and Social Work held at Visva-Bharati (Shantiniketan) from 27-29 January 2012, organised by Visva- Bharati, IGNOU.</p> |
| <p><b>INVITEE LECTURE</b></p> <p>1. Kakati, B. K. (2019). <i>Tourism in North East India</i>. Delivered a lecture at Shimla Conclave on Tourism development organised by Centre for Policy Research and Governance held at Petroff Hotel Shimla held on 3-4 March 2019.</p>  |
| <p><b>PANELIST</b></p> <p>1. Invited as panelist for the session entitled “emerging Trends of Grassroots Development in Northeast India” organised under “North East Samagam” by SeSTA in collaboration with PRADAN, PRIYA and CYSD, held on 8<sup>th</sup> October 2021.</p>  |
| <p><b>WORKSHOP/ SEMINAR/SYMPOSIUM ORGANISED</b></p>  |
| <p><b>As Workshop Coordinator</b></p> <p>1. Coordinator of <b>Capacity Building workshop for entrepreneurs of Nagaland</b> organised by Dr APJ Abdul Kalam Centre for Policy Research and Analysis, Indian Institute of Management Shillong held at Dimapur, Nagaland on 21<sup>st</sup> January 2020.</p> <p>2. Coordinator of <b>Capacity Building workshop for entrepreneurs of Assam</b> organised by Dr APJ Abdul Kalam Centre for Policy Research and Analysis, Indian Institute of Management Shillong held at Guwahati, Assam on 10<sup>th</sup> February 2020.</p> <p>3. Coordinator of <b>Capacity Building workshop for entrepreneurs of Arunachal Pradesh</b> organised by Dr APJ Abdul Kalam Centre for Policy Research and Analysis, Indian Institute of Management Shillong held at Namsai, Arunachal Pradesh on 17<sup>th</sup> March 2020.</p>  |
| <p><b>As a member of the Organizing Committee</b></p> <p>1. Member of Organising Committee of national-level e-Symposium entitled "Logistics Management in the emergent North-East India Strategic and Developmental Imperatives", organised by Dr APJ Abdul Kalam Centre for Policy Research and</p>  |

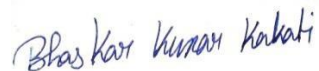
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| <p>Analysis, Indian Institute of Management Shillong held on 11<sup>th</sup> July 2020.</p> <p>2. Member of Organising Committee of national-level e-Symposium entitled "Handloom Sector in the emergent North-East India Strategic and Developmental Imperatives" organised by Dr APJ Abdul Kalam Centre for Policy Research and Analysis, Indian Institute of Management Shillong held on 20<sup>th</sup> July 2020.</p> <p>3. Member of Organising Committee of national-level e-Symposium entitled "Emergent North-East India: Strategic and Developmental Imperatives in Handicrafts", organised by Dr APJ Abdul Kalam Centre for Policy Research and Analysis, Indian Institute of Management Shillong held on 24<sup>th</sup> July 2020.</p> <p>4. Member of Organising Committee of national-level e-Symposium entitled "Emergent North-East India: Strategic and Developmental Imperatives in the BPO Sector", organised by Dr APJ Abdul Kalam Centre for Policy Research and Analysis, Indian Institute of Management Shillong held on 31<sup>st</sup> July 2020.</p> |
| <p><b>OTHER DETAILS</b></p> <p>1. Author of an Assamese drama entitled “Shakuntalar Kothare”. ISBN-978-93-5137-870-9</p> <p>2. Authored 80 popular articles, short stories, one-act plays, novels in Assamese and published in different Assamese daily and monthly newspapers and magazine-like <i>Amar Asom, Rangghar, Ajir Asom, Ajir Batari, Ajir Batori Kakat</i> etc</p> <p>3. Member and editor of editorial board many Souvenirs of Cotton College, Gauhati University and other Non-Governmental Organisation</p> <p>4. Best Actor, Best Director, Best Dramatist of Cotton College and Gauhati University in 2005 and 2008, respectively</p> <p>5. Attended six workshops on theatre</p> <p>6. Participated and performed plays at various international, national theatre festivals like <i>Bharat Ranga Mahotsav, Delhi, Settalite Theatre Festival, Bangaluru, Siliguri Natya Mela, West Bengal, All Assam Dance Drama Festival, Guwahati, Akhra-Tribal India International Festival, Ranchi, Kalasamannaya- An International Festival, Guwahati.</i></p>          |
| <p><b>REFEREES</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Prof Sanjay Barbora, Professor, TISS, Behind Assam Science and Technology University, Tetelia Road, Assam Engineering College Campus Jalukbari, Guwahati, Assam 781013, Email: - <a href="mailto:sanjay.barbora@tiss.edu">sanjay.barbora@tiss.edu</a>, Mobile: - 8811805323</li> <li>• Dr Sanjeev Kakoty, Associate Professor, Indian Institute of Management Shillong, Umsawli Shillong- 793018 (Meghalaya), Email – <a href="mailto:sky@iimshillong.ac.in">sky@iimshillong.ac.in</a>, Mobile- 9436118372</li> <li>• Dr Amrita Pritam Gogoi, Assistant Professor, Department of Political Sciences, Dibrugarh University, Dibrugarh, Assam Mobile-8811095121, <a href="#">Email-</a></li> </ul>  |

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**Certification:**

I, the undersigned, certify that this CV correctly describes my qualifications and experience to the best of my knowledge and belief. I understand that any wilful misstatement described herein may lead to my disqualification or dismissal if engaged.

Dr Bhaskar Kumar Kakati



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Signature



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# Gram Swaraj: The Sustainable Model for Rural Industrialisation and Employment

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## Abstract

This article discusses the relevance of Gram Swaraj or village self-governance and rural industries in the context of pandemic-ravaged countries like India. Drawing mainly from Gandhian Gram Swaraj ideas and secondary sources, it discusses the impact on informal sector workers, their rural–urban–rural migration and precarious livelihood question, the need for rural industries and the adaptation and application of Gram Swaraj ideas. The analysis has implications for considering these ideas for creating sustainable employment and livelihood in rural areas in countries like India.

## Keywords

Self-reliant, unemployment, employment, livelihood, rural industries, migration, COVID-19

## Introduction

Most of the world has experienced unemployment and livelihood issues due to the outbreak of COVID-19 pandemic and public health disaster, and the consequent national/regional lockdown, self-isolation and physical distancing measures to prevent the mass spread of the virus. In this context, the article aims to discuss the relevance of ‘Gram Swaraj’ ideas and their potential for rural industrialisation and employment in India. The literary meaning of ‘Gram’ is village and ‘Swaraj’ is self-rule, self-governance or self-restraint. Thus, Gram Swaraj refers to achieving self-rule or self-governance by the village.

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# Role of traditional institutions in Covid-19 management: A case study of Dorbar Shnong in Meghalaya, India

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## ABSTRACT

With the outbreak of Covid-19, India's focus becomes to prevent the disease from the mass spread. Accordingly, several preventive measures were introduced, including nationwide lockdown. However, despite these preventive measures, the government fails to stop the mass spread of the virus mainly because of the lack of community participation on a large scale. Participation of the community in managing public health can make a difference, as shown by Ebola epidemic management in Sierra Leone. In such context, an attempt is being made in this paper to understand the role of traditional institutions of Meghalaya - a hilly state of North Eastern India, in managing Covid-19.

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## Introduction

The present study deals with the community management of Covid-19 in Shillong, the capital city of Meghalaya, one of the North-Eastern States of India. It has a specific reference to the role of traditional institutions like *Dorbar Shnong* in managing the pandemic. Based on extensive fieldwork, this study presents a reality check on how these institutions could prevent the mass spread of Covid-19 in the state.

Health is considered as one of the most basic human rights by the UN Special Rapporteur on the right to health (UNHR, [n.d.](#)). The right to health includes appropriate and timely access to health care, safe drinking water and sanitation, access to health education and information, and healthy occupation and environmental conditions (UNHR, [n.d.](#)). Public health is one of the significant concerns of entire developed and developing nations of the world. In fact, "health care reform has been a catalyst, often unwittingly, to the long-running debate about how best to improve health because the separation of purchaser and provider responsibilities, as well as notions of markets and managed competition, have been at the heart of the change process in most countries" (Hunter & Berman, 1997, p. 345). It is one of the significant segments of human development. Public health can be defined as "the science and art of preventing disease, prolonging life and promoting health through the organised efforts of society" (Acheson, 1988, p. 1). As it involves the community, public





# Cooperative is an economically viable social enterprise in the study of JWSSPCFL

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## ABSTRACT

The Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) are considered worthy successors of the Millennium Development Goals. Generally accepted as one of the foremost priorities for most nations, the effort is to attain them in a time-bound manner. One important first step toward reaching the SDGs would be to lift people out of poverty and create an environment of socioeconomic empowerment. Achieving economic empowerment of the marginalized social groups through community-based initiatives is very crucial. Many such initiatives have been operationalized in different regions of India through cooperative movements and self-help groups. In this context, we have attempted to examine and analyze the Jharkhand Women's Self-Supporting Poultry Cooperative Federation in Jharkhand, which is a resource-rich but economically backward Indian state.

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Sustainability; cooperative; development; poultry; environment

## Introduction

This paper will undertake an empirical examination of the structural, social, economic, and political factors that impact the sustainability of the cooperative model. For the purpose of this study, the Jharkhand Women's Self-Supporting Poultry Cooperative Federation Ltd (JWSSPCFL) is taken as a case study and examined in some detail. It is argued that workers' cooperatives are more efficient and robust than conventional businesses (Olsen, 2013; Pencavel, 2014). However, the dominance of capital-owned firms in market economies is an undeniable fact (Errasti, Bretos, & Nunez, 2017). Since its foundation in 2005, JWSSPCFL has shown a tremendous capacity for economic growth while maintaining a democratic character and social commitment toward its members.

Cooperatives play a crucial role in the production and distribution system for small-scale producers. Especially in the case of small-scale producers, cooperatives play a crucial role in ensuring the sustainability of small-scale production (Bijman, Poppe, Cook, & Iliopoulos, 2012; Hooks, McCarthy, Power, & Macken-Walsh, 2017). The important role of the cooperative becomes apparent as they emerge as a force that addresses market

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Dear Dr. Bhaskar Kumar Kakati,

We are pleased to inform you that your article titled "What is in a name? The politics of name changing" submitted to *Sociological Bulletin* is accepted for publication.

Thank you for writing for *Sociological Bulletin*.

With warm regards,

B. B. Mohanty

## WHAT IS IN A NAME? THE POLITICS OF NAME CHANGING

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## ABSTRACT

Various socio-cultural and religious backgrounds influence the naming of an individual. For example, the Hindu belief system shapes the Assamese Hindu's name in Assam. In contrast, the Islamic belief system shapes Assamese Muslim names, confirming that the personal name of an individual is a significant attribute of identification. It assists in identifying the individual. Equally, it also reveals the bearers' socio-cultural and religious backgrounds. Therefore, the name directly or indirectly can affect the personal and social life of the individual. As the name can affect the individual's life, sometimes an individual has to change their name to enjoy social, cultural, and political benefits. This article carefully analyses how the name affects the name bearer and why an individual may seek to change his/her name.

**Key Words:** - Identity, Surname, Labour market, Social status, neo-Vaishnavism

## INTRODUCTION

Until she told her name, everything was fine. It was my first visit to Kachamara char, located in the Barpeta district of Assam. Assam is one of the North-Eastern states of India. A 'char' is a tract of sandy land surfacing out of the river Brahmaputra. It is the homeland to Bengali-speaking Muslim communities. Accompanied by one of my colleagues, I travelled for about two hours in a machine boat locally known as *bootbhoti*. The purpose of my visit was to evaluate the progress of the livelihood mission in this area. The local staff organised a meeting with the women Self-Help Group (SHG), who were the primary beneficiaries of our programme. Twelve women attended it. They sat in a circle, as was the norm, and introduced themselves one by one. Suddenly, I heard a name that was different from other women participants. She had a Hindu name.

In Assam, religion plays a significant role in shaping one's lifestyle. For example, neo-Vaishnavites, irrespective of any communities, do not rear pigs and hens as their faith forbids it. The entire inhabitants of the Kachamara char were assumed to be Muslims. When the lady introduced herself with a Hindu name, questions about her religion naturally arose in my mind. Because 'names often construct identities based upon the belief system of the community in which they occur. They are products of history and embody layers of existence of a socio-cultural group for ages' (Rahman T., 2013, p. 34). Thus, the name of the individuals varies from community to community. For example, in Tamil society, Muslims do not use traditional Tamil names as

most of these names have a connection with Hinduism (Britto, 1986).

'What's in a name? That which we call a rose by any other name would smell as sweet' (Shakespeare, n.d., p. 45). Is Shakespeare true? A name is not a mere identification; rather, it bears many attributes of an individual. These attributes can reveal various crucial information about an individual. These include sex, caste, religion, community, kingship, geographical origin, etc. 'At the same time, they may also provide the vehicle for crossing boundaries between those very same categories, as well as between life and death, past and future, humans and non-humans' (Bodenhorn & Bruck, 2006, p. 4). Therefore, the name often plays a critical role in the person's social life (Ibid).

In Assam, religion, caste, community, and sex shape the name and surname of an individual. In addition to this, having some particular surname (also a titled surname) like *Saikia*, *Barbhuyan*, *Talukdar*, *Laskar*, etc., irrespective of religion, caste or community, is common in Assam. Interestingly, most of these title surnames originated during the Ahom period. During the Ahom dynasty, these were military and civil officials' positions. For example, *Barua* was the head of the administrative department; *Kataki* was the messenger. *Deka* was the female royal attendant. *Neog* remained the military commander while *Bora*, *Saikia*, *Hazarika*, *Rajkhowa*, *Phukan* commanded 20, 100, 1000, 3000 and 6000 paiks<sup>1</sup>. Although in the Ahom period, initially, Ahom occupied various military positions, after 1772, the Ahom king started to appoint the individuals