

## Professional Base

Presently, a five-member dynamic team with multi-specialty has been setup to undertake the assignments for CYDLS. The *abridged profiles of the team members have been presented below - - -*

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### 1 Dr. Kaushalendra Pratap Singh, MA(SW), M.Phil., Ph.D. – Chairperson, CYDLS



An imaginative professional social work expert in community development through participatory approaches. Dr. Singh is diversely experienced in range of sector interventions and is versatile in dealing with family and elderly issues involved in social work practice. He is the Assistant Professor in the Department of Social Work at RGU. He is also the Field Work Coordinator of the Department of Social Work from May 2016. He has also been appointed as Deputy Coordinator of International Scholars' Cell at Rajiv Gandhi University from June 2017.

Dr. Singh did his M.A. in Social Work from University of Lucknow and obtained his M.Phil. and Ph.D. from Indira Gandhi National Open University, New Delhi. He has authored a book entitled "working with elderly". He has published more than dozen research

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papers and articles in national and international journals and contributed chapters in edited books as well. He contributes regular articles in Hindi magazines. He also keeps presenting papers in national and international conferences/ seminars etc. Dr. Singh is the recipient of Young Innovator Award by Asian Association of Open Universities (AAOU) at its 26<sup>th</sup> annual conference in Japan for his research paper entitled "Reaching the unreached - IGNOU's interventions in Tihar Central Jail, New Delhi". He has travelled widely in India and visited abroad in countries like Japan and Nepal.

Dr. Singh has sound experience of managing, monitoring, evaluating, organizing and implementing several projects on various sectors across all regions of Uttar Pradesh (UP) particularly Bundelkhand region; part of large project supported by the Uttar Pradesh Diversified Agricultural Support Project (UPDASP), Status review of Drinking Water Supply Sector in UP specific to Swajaldhara and Accelerated Rural Waster Supply Programme (ARWSP) assisted by UP Jal Nigam, Govt. of Uttar Pradesh, DFID assisted "PACS MGNREAGA Campaign" in Uttar Pradesh and Jharkhand, UNICEF-assisted project on "impacting quality of elementary

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education through School Management Committee" in UP, NABARD assisted study for Assessing impact of Bank Linkage Program on ShGs in the State of UP, and Capacity building programmes etc. He has been instrumental in designing framework and evolving strategies for several projects for grassroots NGOs as well.

**2 Ms. Chaphiak Lowang – Coordinator, Counselling Resource Cell**



Miss Chaphiak Lowang is the head (in-charge) of the Department of Social Work at RGU since July 2015. She is an Assistant professor in the Department of Social Work. She has obtained two month training (May-June 2017) on Counseling emphasizing on Psychosocial intervention at Guwahati Medical College & Hospital (GMCH), Assam for Capacity Building in better fulfillment of the objectives of CRC, CYDLS.

She has obtained her Master in Social Work with a Gold Medal from Rashtrasant Tukdokji Maharaj Nagpur Univeristy (RTMNU) in the year 2011. She has been awarded with Late David memorial Award and late Saral Jugade memorial Award for academic excellence in the university. She has experience of working with Population based cancer registry (PBCR),

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Arunachal Pradesh for a period of 3 years (June 2012- May 2015) and with Purvanchal Gramin Sewa Samitti (PGSS), Gorakhpur, UP for a period of 1 year (August 2011 to May 2012).

Her area of specialization is health care System and Counseling. Her areas of interest include Working with Substance Users, Mental Health, Understanding Human behavior in Community development, Disability and crisis intervention.

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### **3 Mr. Ravi Ranjan Kumar - Coordinator, Training and Leadership**

#### **Research Cell**



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Mr. Ravi Ranjan Kumar is an Assistant Professor in the Department of Social Work, Rajiv Gandhi (Central) University, Rono Hills, Doimukh, Arunachal Pradesh. He obtained his Masters in Social Work with a Gold Medal from Delhi School of Social Work, University of Delhi. He has submitted his Ph.D. in Social Work (Viva Voce Awaited) from Delhi School of Social Work, University of Delhi. He was awarded UGC JRF (Social Work) in 2011 and is also recipient of prestigious Gian Pandit Award instituted by Delhi School of Social Work Society for academic excellence. Janaki Devi Memorial Award for

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excellence in social justice and empowerment and Kunda Datar Medal for being an overall best candidate in social work at Delhi University (2011) are his further recognitions. His areas of specialization include Occupational Social Work; State Political Economy & Governance; Ecology and Disaster Management; Gender and Development. He has 14 Publications and 12 seminar papers to his credit at the moment.

**4 Mr. John G. Gangmei - Coordinator, Youth and Community Engagement Cell**



Mr. John G. Gangmei is an Assistant Professor in the Department of Social Work, RGU. He is also the NSS Programme Officer in the RGU. He did his BSW from Nirmala Niketan, Mumbai University and MSW and M.Phil from TISS Mumbai. He was awarded UGC JRF and Dr. Dorothy Baker Award (2nd Rank) & Ms. Helen D'Silva Award (Field Work) during his BSW, Nirmala Niketan, Mumbai in 2010. He is also Top Class Merit Scholarship awardee by Ministry of Social Justice & Empowerment, Ministry of Tribal Affairs, Govt. of India. His areas of Specializations include Tribal Development and Environment, Health. He has presented papers in national and international

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seminars and conferences. He has also published several papers in the journal and edited books. Prior to RGU, he worked in Jeevika Bihar Rural Livelihoods Promotion Society (BRLPS), Patna, Bihar.

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**5 Mr. Gomar Basar - Member Secretary, CYDLS**



Mr. Gomar Basar is presently working as Assistant Registrar (Academic) along with other responsibilities like NSS programme officer, Member Secretary of Training and Placement (T&P) Cell and Community Development Cell which is implementing Unnat Bharat Abhiyan of Rajiv Gandhi University. Prior to RGU, he has also worked as District Programme Manager under National Rural Health Mission (NRHM) at Changlang district for one year. He has obtained MBA (Entrepreneurship & HR) from NERIST and completed MPhil from JNU (School of International Studies CEAS). He has published few articles in journals and a chapter in an edited book. He has organized seminars, Training of Trainers, and workshops.

He was awarded Giridhar Sharma best NSS Volunteer award at Arya Vidyapeeth College Guwahati. He was awarded State outstanding youth

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leadership award by Nehru Yuva Kendra Sangathan (NYKS), Itanagar, Arunachal Pradesh. Mr. Basar was also awarded National Youth Award by Ministry of Youth Affairs & sports, Government of India for the year 2009-10 for voluntary community services.

Presently Mr. Basar is a member of Galo language development committee and actively pursuing for revitalisation and promotion of Galo language in the state. As Secretary Education of Galo Welfare Society (apex organisation of Galo Tribe of Arunachal Pradesh), he is endeavouring to implement Galo Language as third language in the upper primary schools of Galo inhabited areas of Arunachal Pradesh. He is also working on water conservation efforts and development of villages of his native. His areas of interest include youth development, entrepreneurship and rural development & community engagement. He is also interested in studying the regional security concerns and development strategies of both China and India.

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