

Personal Profile



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Educational Profile

Ph.D.	Rajiv Gandhi University, Doimukh, Arunachal Pradesh; 2012; Supervisor: Prof. S.K Chaudhuri.
M.Phil.	Rajiv Gandhi University, Doimukh, Arunachal Pradesh; 2012; Supervisor: Prof. S.K Chaudhuri.
M.A.	Rajiv Gandhi University, Doimukh, Arunachal Pradesh; 2005 Subject: Anthropology Specialization: Socio-Cultural Anthropology
BA	Indira Gandhi Government College, Tezu, Arunachal Pradesh; 2003 Subject: Geography (Major) & Economics

Professional Experience

Assistant Professor , Department of AITS, Rajiv Gandhi University, Arunachal Pradesh, India	February, 2016-till date
Post-doctoral Fellow (UGC) , Rajiv Gandhi University, Arunachal Pradesh, India Supervisor: Prof. S.K. Chaudhuri.	April, 2013- February 2016

Administrative Experience

March, 2020-March 2020	Convener-Transport Committee, 13 th Inter-College Youth Festival 2020
December 2020-till Date	Member, Internal Security Committee
October 2019-October 2020	Member-Project Proposal Screening Committee
September 2019-October 2019	Member -Election Committee, RGUSU
November, 2016,2017, 2018, 2019	Member- RGU Convocation Committee
March 2017- till date	In-charge, AITS Museum

Awards & Honours

1. Qualified CSIR-UGC-NET for CSIR-JRF in June, 2012
2. Post Doctoral Fellowship, UGC, New Delhi.
3. Rajiv Gandhi National Fellowship, UGC, New Delhi, 2006-2011
4. Tomo Riba Research Fellowship 2005-06, Centre for Culture and Research Documentation, Naharlagun, Arunachal Pradesh.

Membership of Professional Bodies

1. Indian Science Congress Association, Kolkata, India (Life Membership).
2. Indian National Confederation and Academy of Anthropologists (INCAA), Kolkata, India, (Life Membership).
3. Indian Anthropological Society, Kolkata, India (Life Membership).
4. North East India Council for Social Science Research, Shillong, India (Life Membership).
5. Arunachal Anthropological Forum (AAF), Itanagar, Arunachal Pradesh, India (Life Membership).

Research Interests

- Socio-Cultural and Economic Life of the Marginalised Section of the Society
- Suicide and Tribal Health
- Religion
- Social Change

Research Publications

1. Suicide and Religion: A Perspective from the Idu Mishmi Tribe of North East India; Mene Tarun; *Man, Environment and Society*, **2021**. Vol. 2, No. 1: 131-139.
2. COVID-19 Pandemic and Indigenous Health Care Practices among the tribal Communities of Arunachal Pradesh: John, Simon & Mene Tarun: *Man in India*; **2019**, 100 (1-2) : 59-71.

3. Euthanasia among the Idu Mishmis of Arunachal Pradesh: Understanding Issues and Concerns of a Frontier Tribe: Mene, T and Chaudhuri, S.K.: *Journal of Indian Anthropological Society*, **2016**, Vol:51: 24-40.
4. Women in the Face of Globalization: Observations on the Idu Mishmi Society of Arunachal Pradesh: Mene, T.: *InterView: An Interdisciplinary Journal in Social Sciences*, **2015**: Vol. 2, No. 1, 79-89.
5. Attitude towards Death and Suicide among the Idu Mishmi tribe of Arunachal Pradesh: Mene, T: *Asian Journal of Multidisciplinary Studies*, **2014**, Vol.2, Issue 6, 51-59.
6. Underestimation of Suicide Deaths: A Study of the Idu Mishmi Tribe of Arunachal Pradesh: Mene, T.: *Economic & Political Weekly*, **2013**, Vol xlviii no 52: 129-133.
7. Suicide: A Study of the Idu Mishmi Tribe of Arunachal Pradesh: Mene, T.: *Resarun*, Journal of the Directorate of Research, Government of Arunachal Pradesh. India, **2013**, Vol-37: 20-26.
8. Mene, T. and S. K. Chaudhuri. 2010. Festival and Emerging Social Reality: Perspectives on the Idu Mishmis of Arunachal Pradesh, *The Oriental Anthropologist*, **2010**, Vol.10 No.1: 33-51.

Book/Book Chapter published

1. Mene, Tarun; Chaudhuri, S.K. (eds). *Change and Continuity among Tribes; The Idu Mishmis of Arunachal Pradesh*, Rawat Publications, New Delhi, 2019.
2. Mene, Tarun. 2019. Origin and Migration Myth of Beads among the Idu Mishmis, in *Folklore of North East India*, ed. Mibang Tamo, Himalayan Publisher, Itanagar, 2020, 168-178.
3. Mene, Tarun. 2019. Suicide: A Public Health Issue with special reference to Arunachal Pradesh, In *Dimensions of Anthropological Research in Northeast India*, Eds. Sengupta, S & Borah, Juri, Gyan Publishing House, New Delhi, 2019, 79-88.
4. Mene, Tarun and Chaudhuri, S. K: Religious Reform Movements in Arunachal Pradesh: Understanding Adi and Mishmi Tribes, In Sengupta, Sarthak, ed, *Social Movements in Northeast India*, Gyan Publishing House, New Delhi, 2019, 61-74.
5. Meto, Rumo and Mene, Tarun. The Great fire and the Creation Myth: The Oral Tradition of the Idu Mishmis of Arunachal Pradesh, In Mene, Tarun and S.K Chaudhuri, eds, *Change and Continuity among Tribes; The Idu Mishmis of Arunachal Pradesh*, Rawat Publications, New Delhi, 2019, 102-107.

Research guidance

Ph.D scholar (Ongoing scholars)

1. Full name of the Scholar: Mr Kemo Padu

Topic of research: Emerging Religious Identity among the Bugun Tribe of Arunachal Pradesh

Year of PhD degree: Ongoing

2. Full name of the Scholar: Ms Sange Chomu Khochy

Topic of research: Women Entrepreneurship: A Sociological Investigation of the Monpa Tribe of West Kameng and Tawang Districts Of Arunachal Pradesh
Year of PhD degree: Ongoing

3. Full name of the Scholar: Ms Isha Basar

Topic of research: Empowerment through Self Employment: A Study of Women Street Vendors of Arunachal Pradesh
Year of PhD degree: Ongoing

Course/Conference/Workshop organized

1. Coordinator, National Seminar, 'Cultural Heritage of Arunachal Pradesh' held at AITS, RGU during 11-12 February 2019.
2. Coordinator, Workshop on 'Suicide Prevention Strategy for the Idu Mishmi Community of Arunachal Pradesh, India', held at Roing, Lower Dibang Valley Arunachal Pradesh during 6th -7th February 2016.

Course/Conference/Workshop etc. attended

1. Delivered an oral presentation in 'Contemporary Research and Emerging Issues of Northeast India: Anthropology and Beyond', a National Seminar held at Department of Anthropology, RGU Doimukh Arunachal Pradesh, India during 2nd-3rd March 2020.
Title of the presentation: Suicide Prevention Strategy for the Idu Mishmi Tribe: An Appraisal.
2. Delivered an oral presentation in 'Ethnicity, Livelihood and Culture Change among the Himalayan People: Anthropology and Beyond', an International Seminar held at Department of Anthropology, RGU during 23rd-24th September 2019.
Title of the presentation: Reminiscing the Past and the Present. Handloom work of the Idu Mishmi tribe.
3. Delivered an oral presentation in 'Cultural Heritage of Arunachal Pradesh' a National Seminar held at AITS, RGU during 11th -12th February 2019.
Title of the presentation: The Dying Cultural Heritage: The Traditional Institution of Shamanism in Perspective.
4. Delivered an oral presentation in 'Issues and Challenges of National Security in the North-East India', a National Seminar held at Centre for National Security Studies (CNSS), Rajiv Gandhi University, Doimukh during 6th April 2018.
Title of the presentation: Confronting Security Challenges: Some Observation of the Frontier State of Arunachal Pradesh, India.
5. Delivered an oral presentation in 'Archaeology, History, Art, Museum and Folklore of the NE India', a National Seminar held at RGU, Doimukh during 20th -22th April 2017.
Title of the presentation: Beads Tradition among the Idu Mishmis of Arunachal Pradesh.
6. Delivered an oral presentation in 'Anthropology and Public Development Policy: Issues and Challenges' a National Seminar held at Department of Anthropology, RGU, Doimukh during 17th - 18th March 2017.

Title of the presentation: Suicide in Arunachal Pradesh: A Public Health Perspective.

7. Delivered an oral presentation in '46th Annual Conference of Indian Anthropological Society and International Seminar on Anthropological Research in NE India: Retrospect and Prospect' held at Department of Anthropology, Manipur University during 8th -10th Nov' 2016.

Title of the presentation: Suicide and Religion: Is there any Missing Linkage.

8. Delivered an oral presentation in 'Golden Jubilee Symposium', a National Symposium held at Department of Anthropology, Dibrugarh University during 26th – 27th May 2016.

Title of the presentation: Suicide in India with special reference to the Idu Mishmi tribe of Northeast India.

Sponsored Project

Title of the project	Funding agency	Year of sanction	Role
Documentation of Endangered Languages, oral narratives and cultures of the lesser known communities of Arunachal Pradesh	North East Council, Shillong	2020	Co-PI
A Study of Traditional Knowledge of the Idu Mishmi Shamans (Igu) of the Eastern Himalayas of India	ICSSR, New Delhi	2019	PI