

CURRICULUM VITAE

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Profession	Assistant Professor	
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Academic Qualification:

Degree	Board/ University	Div./ Rank	Year
Ph.D.	Tata Institute of Social Sciences, Mumbai	—	2025
M.Phil.	Tata Institute of Social Sciences, Mumbai	1 st Class	2018
M.S.W.	Assam (Central) University, Silchar	1 st Class 1 st position	2014
B.S.W.	Assam (Central) University, Silchar	1 st Class 2 nd Position	2012
H.S. (Sc.)	Assam Higher Secondary Education Council	1 st Class	2009
H.S.L.C.	Board of Secondary Education, Assam	1 st Class	2007

Other Professional Qualifications:

PGDRD	Indira Gandhi National Open University (IGNOU), New Delhi	2015
DCA	Assam Rifle Institute of Information Technology (ARIIT), Silchar, Assam	2010

Career Profile:

- **Assistant Professor** (2023 onwards) at the Department of Social Work, Visva-Bharati (A Central University), Santiniketan, West Bengal
- **Lecturer** (2021 to 2023) at the Department of Community Medicine, Silchar Medical College & Hospital, Silchar, Govt. of Assam
- **Teaching Associate** (2018) at the School of Social Work, Tata Institute of Social Sciences, Mumbai
- **Medical Researcher** (2014 to 2016) in the Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR), Govt. of India research grant at Silchar Medical College & Hospital, Silchar, Govt. of Assam

Administrative Assignments

1. Field Work Director, Department of Social Work, Visva-Bharati, 2024 – Present
2. Nodal Officer of Aikyashree Prakalpa for the scholarship of minority students of West Bengal in Visva-Bharati, 2024 – Present
3. Member, University Steering Committee for Indian Knowledge System (IKS)
4. Member, Reservation Monitoring Committee, Visva-Bharati, 2024 – Present
5. Member, Admission Co-ordination Cell, Visva-Bharati, 2024-25
6. BSW Course Co-ordinator, Department of Social Work, Visva-Bharati

7. Assistant Placement Co-ordinator, Department of Social Work, Visva-Bharati, 2024 onwards					
8. Liaison Personnel of the Admission Coordination Cell with Palli Samgathana Vibhaga (PSV), Visva-Bharati, 2023					
Areas of Interest:					
✓ Public Health Social Work ✓ Social Work Education and Research ✓ Psycho-social Health ✓ Research Methodology (Quantitative, Qualitative and Mixed Research)					
Publications:					
Articles in Journals:					
Sl. No	Author(s)	Title of the Paper	Name of the Journal	Journal Details	ISSN
1.	Firdous Barbhuiya & Farhana Yasmin Laskar	Patient-Physician Communication in the Treatment of Cancer Patients: A Qualitative Study in Assam, India	Journal of Social Work & Social Development	2024, 15(2), pp. 44-66	ISSN: 2229-6468
2.	Firdous Barbhuiya & Surinder Jaswal	Understanding Treatment Delay among Tobacco-related Cancer Patients in Assam	Indian Journal of Social Work [Scopus indexed]	2022, 83(3), pp. 343-366. DOI: 10.32444/IJSW.2022.83.3.343-366	2456-7809 (Online), 0019-5634 (Print)
3.	Firdous Barbhuiya	Causal health attributes and beliefs of tobacco-related cancer patients in Assam, India	Journal of Psychosocial Oncology [Taylor & Francis]	2022, 40(2), pp. 215-233. https://doi.org/10.1080/07347332.2021.1899354	ISSN/ e-ISSN: 0734-7332/ 1540-7586
4.	Firdous Barbhuiya	Methodological challenges in researching health beliefs and practices of cancer patients in Assam	Journal of Social Work Education and Practice [Web of Science indexed]	2021, 6(2), 17-30. https://www.jswep.in/060202.html	ISSN: 2456-2068
5.	Firdous Barbhuiya & Aaqib Zabeed Mazumder	Transformation of a recreational youth group into community service group during the COVID-19 pandemic	Social Work with Groups [Taylor & Francis]	2021, 44(1), pp. 53-59. https://doi.org/10.1080/01609513.2020.1807774	e-ISSN: 1540-9481
6.	Firdous Barbhuiya	Psychosocial health of patients with tobacco-related cancers in Assam, India	European Journal of Cancer Care [Wiley-Blackwell]	2020, 30(3), e13391, pp. 01-11. https://doi.org/10.1111/ecc.13391	ISSN/ e-ISSN: 0961-5423/ 1365-2354
7.	Firdous Barbhuiya	Cancer Care and COVID-19 Pandemic: Coping with a Double Challenge	Asian Pacific Journal of Cancer Care	2020, 5(S1), pp. 225-227. DOI:10.31557/APJCC.2020.5.S1.225	e-ISSN: 2588-3682

8.	Firdous Barbhuiya	Treatment trajectory of tobacco-related cancer patients: A study in Assam, India	Cancer Epidemiology [Elsevier]	2019, 63, 101614, pp. 01-08. https://doi.org/10.1016/j.canep.2019.101614	ISSN/ e-ISSN: 1877-7821/ 1877-783X
9.	Firdous Barbhuiya	Tobacco Consumption, Production and Trade: Political Economy in South Asia	International Council on Social Welfare (ICSW), Regional Cooperation Newsletter - South Asia	July - September, 2016, pp. 23-27	—
10.	Firdous Barbhuiya	Factors Affecting Couples to Adopt Family Planning Methods: A Study in Silchar Medical College & Hospital, Silchar, Assam	International Research Journal of Interdisciplinary & Multidisciplinary Studies	2016, 2(2), pp. 73-82	ISSN/ e-ISSN: 2394-7950/ 2394-7969
11.	Firdous Barbhuiya	Female Domestic Workers in India: From Socio-Economic Perspective	New Man International Journal of Multidisciplinary Studies	2016, 3(1), pp. 11-19	ISSN: 2348-1390
12.	Firdous Barbhuiya	Natural Disaster Especially Flood and Its Management in India: With Special Reference to Assam	International Journal of Humanities & Social Science Studies	2015, 2(3), pp. 289-299	ISSN/ e-ISSN: 2349-6711/ 2349-6959
13.	Firdous Barbhuiya	Millennium Development Goals (MDGs) and Maternal Health in India: The Long Road Ahead	Social Work Journal	2014, 5(1), pp. 01-09	ISSN: 0976-5484

Books/ Chapters in Books:

Sl. No	Author(s)	Title of the Chapter	Name of the Book	Book Details	ISBN
1.	Firdous Barbhuiya	Cancer Burden and Health Care in India: An Analysis	Contemporary Issues of Northeast and Social Work Interventions	2020, pp.123-141. Editors: B. Das, A. Das & M. T. Devi Publisher: Akansha Publishing House, New Delhi.	9788183705790

Other Publications (Newspapers/ News Portal/ Web platforms):				
Sl. No	Author(s)	Title of the Article	Newspaper/ News Portal	URL/ Link
1.	Firdous Barbhuiya & Aaquib Zabeed Mazumder	Vaccine hesitancy weakening fight against COVID-19 in rural Assam	Northeast Now (July 23, 2021)	https://nenow.in/north-east-news/assam/vaccine-hesitancy-weakening-fight-against-covid-19-in-rural-assam.html
2.	Firdous Barbhuiya	How COVID-19 impacts the psycho-social health of the most vulnerable?	Northeast Now (May 12, 2020)	https://nenow.in/health/how-covid-19-impacts-the-psycho-social-health-of-the-most-vulnerable.html
3.	Firdous Barbhuiya & Farhana Yasmin Laskar	How the Coronavirus Outbreak Has Disrupted the Lives of Cancer Patients	The Wire Science (April 18, 2020)	https://science.thewire.in/health/how-the-coronavirus-outbreak-has-disrupted-the-lives-of-cancer-patients/
Achievements and Awards:				
Sl. No	Award Details	Awarding Agency	Year	Remarks (if any)
1.	Best Youth Publication Award - 2021	Indian Association for Social Sciences and Health (IASSH)	2022	Awarded a cash prize of Rs. 25,000/- and a certificate for the publication “ <i>Causal health attributes and beliefs of tobacco-related cancer patients in Assam, India</i> ”
2.	Best Participant Award	Department of Geography, Aligarh Muslim University, Aligarh	2021	For the best participation in the ICSSR-sponsored 10-day workshop on Research Methodology in Social Sciences
3.	Golden Jubilee Award for Best Paper Presentation	National Institute of Mental Health and Neuro Sciences (NIMHANS), Bengaluru	2019	Conferred with a cash prize and a certificate of recognition
4.	Junior Research Fellowship	University Grants Commission (UGC), New Delhi	2015	—
5.	Gold Medal	Assam (Central) University, Silchar	2014	For securing 1 st class 1 st position in M.S.W.
6.	Premendra Mohan Goswami Memorial Endowment Prize	Assam (Central) University, Silchar	2014	For securing 1 st class 1 st position in M.S.W.
7.	Merit Certificate	Assam (Central) University, Silchar	2014	For securing the highest marks in M.S.W. of PG Integrated examinations
8.	Anundoram Borooah Award	Planning and Development Department, Govt. of Assam	2007	In recognition of the excellent academic performance

Editorial/ Review Experience:

1. Reviewer, Journal of Public Health, ISSN: 1741-3842/ 1741-3850, published by Oxford University Press, weblink (<https://academic.oup.com/jpubhealth>).
2. Reviewer, Health Promotion International, ISSN: 0957-4824/ 1460-2245, published by Oxford University Press, weblink (<https://academic.oup.com/heapro>).
3. Reviewer, Qualitative Health Research, ISSN: 1049-7323, published by Sage Publications, weblink (<https://journals.sagepub.com/home/QHR>).
4. Reviewer, BMC Women's Health, ISSN: 1472-6874, published by Springer Nature, weblink (<https://bmcwomenshealth.biomedcentral.com/>).
5. Reviewer, International Journal of Qualitative Studies on Health & Well-being, ISSN: 1748-2631, published by Taylor & Francis, weblink (<https://www.tandfonline.com/journals/zqhw20>).
6. Reviewer, BMC Cancer, ISSN: 1471-2407, published by Springer Nature, weblink (<https://bmccancer.biomedcentral.com/>).
7. Reviewer, Indian Journal of Social Work, ISSN: 2456-7809/ 0019-5634, published by Tata Institute of Social Sciences, Mumbai, weblink (<https://journals.tiss.edu/ijsw/index.php/ijsw>).

Seminars and Conferences:

Sl. No	Title of the Paper Presented	Title of the Conference/ Seminar	Organiser(s)	Date/ Year	Level
1.	Understanding Health Beliefs and Cognitive Appraisals of Cancer Patients: A Study in Assam	Sustainable Development and Social Work: Exploring the Road Ahead	Department of Social Work, Visva-Bharati, Sriniketan	March 25-26, 2025	National
2.	Treatment Trajectory of Tobacco-related Cancer Patients: A Study in Assam	Graduate Research Meet 2019	Department of Humanities and Social Sciences, IIT Guwahati	Nov. 01-02, 2019	National
3.	Delays in Seeking Treatment: A Study among Tobacco-related Cancer Patients in Assam	Sustainable Development Goals and Changing World Order	Department of Sociology, Poona College, Pune, in Association with the Federation of International Students Association (FISA)	February 20, 2019	International
4.	Causal Health Attributions & Treatment Seeking Processes: Exploring Tobacco-Related Cancer Patients in Assam	Young Social Scientists' Meet 2019	OKD Institute of Social Change and Development, Guwahati	January 07-08, 2019	National
5.	Psycho-Social	XXXVII Annual	Department of Psychiatric	January	National

	Health of Tobacco-related Cancer Patients: A Study in Assam	National Conference of Indian Society of Professional Social Work	Social Work, NIMHANS, Bengaluru	03-05, 2019	
6.	Cancer Burden and Health Care in India	15 th Annual Conference of the Indian Association for Social Sciences and Health (IASSH)	IASSH & National Institute of Rural Development and Panchayati Raj (NIRD-PR), Hyderabad	Nov. 16-18, 2017	National
7.	Tobacco Consumption: Impact on Health and Development	4 th Indian Social Work Congress 2016	National Association of Professional Social Workers in India (NEPSWI) & Mahatma Gandhi Kashi Vidyapith, Varanasi	October 22-24, 2016	National
8.	Women in Domestic Work: An Understanding Towards Socio-economic Perspective	Female Domestic Workers in North East India: Challenges and Issues	Department of Social Work & Department of Bengali, Assam (Central) University, Silchar	October 05-06, 2015	International
9.	Natural Disaster, especially flood and its management in India: with special reference to Assam	Climate Change, Development, Social Transition and Social Policy in North-East India	Department of Social Work, Assam (Central) University, Silchar	Sept. 21-22, 2015	International
10.	Social Work Practices in Healthcare Institutions: A Case Study	National Convention of Departments of Social Work of Central Universities in India	Central University of Kerala, Kasaragod, Kerala	February 22-24, 2014	National
11.	Cycling: Impact on Health and Environment	Glo-Cal Crisis and Environmental Governance in the North-Eastern Region of India	Assam University, Silchar and Oil & Natural Gas Corporation Limited (ONGC)	Nov. 11-13, 2013	International

Workshops/ Training Programmes:

Sl. No	Title of the Workshop/ Training Programme	Organiser(s)	Date/ Year	Level of Participation
1.	Short Term Course on Research and Publication Ethics	UGC-MMTTC, Mizoram University	October 17-23, 2024	National [7 days]

2.	Short Term Course on NEP Orientation & Sensitization	UGC-MMTTC, Tezpur University	August 20-29, 2024	National [10 days]
3.	Three-day Training Program on Social Defence Issues for Social Work Educators	National Institute of Social Defence, Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment, Govt. of India	February 05-07, 2024	National [3 days]
4.	Faculty Induction Programme (FIP)	UGC Human Resource Development Centre, Kumaun University, Nainital, India	June 19 to July 19, 2023	National [30 days]
5.	Research Writing lecture series	Department of Social Sciences and Humanities, Indraprastha Institute of Information Technology, Delhi	January 27-28, 2022	National [2 days]
6.	Bio-statistical Data Analysis (online)	Department of Statistics, Assam University, Silchar	November 19-23, 2021	National [5 days]
7.	ICSSR sponsored 10-day Research Methodology Course	Sarojini Naidu Centre for Women's Studies, Jamia Millia Islamia, New Delhi	August 19-30, 2021	National [10 days]
8.	ICSSR sponsored 10-day workshop on Research Methodology in Social Sciences	Department of Geography, Aligarh Muslim University, Aligarh	April 01-10, 2021	National [10 days]
9.	Social Work Interventions During COVID-19 (online)	Faculty of Social Work, Maharaja Sayajirao University of Baroda	May 04-08, 2020	National [5 days]
10.	Qualitative Research and Publishing	Department of Sociology, University of Kerala, in collaboration with the Indian Sociological Society	February 08-15, 2019	National [7 days]
11.	SWORT 2018 A Workshop on Statistical Data Analysis through SPSS	Chhatrapati Shahu Institute of Business Education & Research, Kolhapur	January 22-23, 2018	National [2 days]
12.	Basic to Advanced Data Analysis in SPSS	Department of Statistics, Assam University, Silchar	Jan. 05-07, 2016	National [3 days]
13.	Researchers' Hands-on Training in Microsoft Excel	Department of Statistics, Assam University, Silchar	Dec. 22-24, 2015	National [3 days]
14.	Palliative Care for Medical Social Workers	Cachar Cancer Hospital & Research Centre, Silchar, in collaboration with Australian Palliative Link International	December 13, 2015	International
15.	Block placement training programme at the CSR Dept. of Rourkela Steel Plant (RSP)	Rourkela Steel Plant (RSP), Steel Authority of India Ltd. (SAIL), Rourkela, Odisha	June 02 to July 09, 2014	–
16.	Promotion of Village Industries	Khadi & Village Industries Commission (KVIC), Ministry of MSME, Govt. of India, in association	March 31-April 01, 2014	State Level [2 days]

		with Assam University, Silchar		
17.	Motivation of Youth for Inspiring Rural Reconstruction	National Service Scheme (NSS), Assam University, Silchar, in Collaboration with the Department of Social Work, Assam University, Silchar	March 11, 2014	National
18.	Life Skill Education Training	Nehru Yuva Kendra (NYK), Cachar (An Autonomous Body under the Ministry of Youth Affairs & Sports, Govt. of India)	Sept. 21-23, 2012	Regional [3 days]
19.	Women Entrepreneurship Development	Assam University, in collaboration with National Research Development Corporation, Ministry of Science & Technology, Govt. of India	February 18, 2012	National
20.	Field Work as an Essence of Social Work Practice: Echoes from the Field	Department of Social Work, Assam University, Silchar	Nov. 26, 2011	National
21.	Annual Status of Education Report (ASER) 2010 – A Citizens’ Survey of Children across India	ASER, facilitated by PRATHAM	Sept.- Nov. 2010	National Survey

Research Supervision

PhD: Nil

MA Dissertation:

Sohom Deb (2025): Experiences of ASHA Workers in Promoting Family Planning Services: A Study in Sriniketan Block, West Bengal

Association with Professional Bodies:

- Life Member (Membership ID 1207) of the Indian Association for Social Sciences and Health (IASSH)
- Life Member of the National Association of Professional Social Workers in India (NAPSWI)

Chaired Sessions/ Delivered Lectures in Conferences/ Workshops:

1. Conducted a session (online) on ‘Medical and Psychiatric Social Work’ at the Department of Social Work, Doon University, Dehradun, on 16th May 2025.
2. Conducted a session on ‘Prison System in India’ for MSW Part-II students of Netaji Subhas Open University, Kolkata, on 19th January 2025.
3. Conducted a session on ‘Tribal and Rural Development Policies and Programmes’ for MSW Part-II students of Netaji Subhas Open University, Kolkata, on 17th November 2024.
4. Conducted a session on ‘Prominent Theories in Psychology’ for MSW Part-I students of Netaji Subhas Open University, Kolkata, on 22nd September 2024.
5. Conducted a session (online) on ‘Maternal and Child Health Programme’ at the Department of Social Work, Government Degree College, Sopore, Kashmir, on 14th June 2021.

6. Conducted a training session on 'SPSS: Inferential statistics' at the College of Social Work, Nirmala Niketan Institute, Mumbai, on 24th September 2019.
7. Resource person for a lecture on 'Data Analysis and Interpretation in Quantitative Research' for the Advanced Social Research Methodology course conducted at the College of Social Work, Nirmala Niketan Institute, Mumbai, on 26th December 2018.
8. Resource person for a lecture on 'Data Processing in Quantitative Research' for the Advanced Social Research Methodology course conducted at the College of Social Work, Nirmala Niketan Institute, Mumbai, on 21st December 2018.
9. Invited as a facilitator in the SPSS Inferential Statistics workshop at the College of Social Work, Nirmala Niketan Institute, Mumbai, on 30th November 2018.

Additional skills:

- ✓ Have knowledge about the application of SPSS software
- ✓ Proficiency in MS Office, Internet
- ✓ Effective teamwork and leadership skills

I hereby declare that the aforesaid particulars are accurate to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Place: Santiniketan, West Bengal

Date: 25th July, 2025



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