

Curriculum Vitae



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Objective:

Facilitate the development of the downtrodden and the deprived by empowering them to become the modern drivers in the Nations transformation to a global titan. Also play a part in the change that will catapult India into a global power through interventions, which are not only state-of-the-art, but also inclusive and all-encompassing. Above all, contribute meaningfully to the overall development of the Nation.

Personal information

- Date of Birth March 31,1961
- Wife of **Sri Pradipta Pran Changkakati**, Former Secretary to the Government of Assam & Former Member, Assam Administrative Tribunal.
- Granddaughter of **Bharat Ratna Lokapriya Gopinath Bordoloi**, Freedom Fighter and the first Chief Minister of Assam.

Academic and Professional Achievements and Awards

- Ph. D in Political Science (Sociology), 1992, Gauhati University
- MA in Political Science, 1982, Gauhati University.
- Assistant Project Coordinator, Oxfam Project and Royal Netherlands Embassy, Tezpur District Mahila Samiti
- Lecturer, Political Science in Dimoria College
- Training on ‘Gender Issues In Development’ undergone in Asian Institute of Technology (AIT) , Bangkok, Thailand
- Participated as invitee in the ‘World Congress Against The Sexual Exploitation Of Women & Girls’
- Received ‘Parivartan’ Award by Amway for working for the development of women in the society.

- Recipient of the Award from Eastern Women Association for best NGO.
- Recipient of Chandraprabha Saikiani Award for Social Work for women and children for the year 2024 by the Govt. of Assam on Bishnu Rabha Diwas, 2024.

Political Career

- Convenor of Publication Cell, BJP, Assam Pradesh.
- Member of Executive Committee of BJP, Assam Pradesh.
- Joined Bharatiya Janata Party influenced by the ideology of Bharat Ratna ATAL BIHARI VAJPAYEE and Honorable PM Shri NARENDRA MODI in 2014. Since then, associated with various programs and activities of Bharatiya Janata Party.
- An active Member of Bharatiya Janata Party.
- Participated regularly in all the programs of Bharatiya Janata Party in Palashbari Constituency.
- Convenor of the Department of International Relations of Bharatiya Janata Party, Assam since 2017.
- Participated regularly in the programs of “Man ki Baat”.
- Opened Zero balance accounts in Banks for about 5000 women in Palashbari Constituency under “Dhan Jan Yojana” during 2015.
- Organized about more than 500 meetings with women for organizing them under the Bharatiya Janata Party in Palashbari Constituency from 2015 till date.
- Organized many training programmes for the empowerment of women in the constituency since last 20 years.
- Organized many health check up camps in the villages of Palashbari Constituency since last 20 years.
- Participated in the campaigns in the Parliamentary Election in 2024.
- Participated in the campaign of the election of Rabha Hasong Autonomous Council.
- Participated in the Panchayat elections of 2025 in Palashbari Constituency.

Other Association

- Associated with various activities of Rashtriya Swayam Sevak Sangh (RSS).
- Associated with various activities of Rashtra Sevika Samiti, Assam.
- Volunteering services as a Sevika in various areas of Assam.
- Involved with Sewa Bharati, Assam
- Volunteering services as Sevika in various areas of Assam

Professional Compendium

- **Former Chairperson**, Assam State Commission for the Protection of Child Rights. (2017-2023)
- Former **Executive Director** of Assam Centre for Rural Development, a leading NGO of Assam working on the issues of women empowerment, children and women's trafficking and child rights & welfare, child labour, Rights for the Persons with Disability, directly **involved in project formulation, implementation, administration, networking with the Government and International Organisations and monitoring of the NGO's programmes.**
- Assistant **Project Coordinator** of a project jointly managed by Oxfam and the Royal Netherlands Embassy in the Tezpur District Mahila Samiti in Tezpur, Assam.
- Co-ordinator of Project on **Women in Agriculture.**
- Provided training to grass-root level **women on gender, women's empowerment, etc**
- (1985) **Lecturer of Political Science** in Dimoria College, Khetri, Kamrup(M) district, Assam
- Organised two Gram Shree Mela's for promoting rural Artisans across India with the support from CAPART, Ministry of Rural Development.
- Worked among the tribal and down trodden people especially women in many parts of Assam, facilitated in empowering rural women by forming them into self help groups among the grass root women from 1998 till date.

Achievements as Chairperson, Assam State Commission for Protection of Child Rights

- The followings are the issues dealt as Chairperson of Assam State Commission for Protection of Child Rights since 2017-
 - i. Child Right Violation cases
 - ii. The Protection of Children from Sexual Offence (POCSO) Cases
 - iii. Child Labour cases
 - iv. Corporal Punishment cases
 - v. Child Marriage Cases
 - vi. Child Need of Care and Protection((CNCP)
 - vii. Cases Right to Education(RTE) Cases
 - viii. Child Trafficking/Missing/Abduction Cases
 - ix. Other (Cyber-crime,Conflict with law,Substanceabuse,Illegal Adoption) Cases
 - x. Illegal Adaption
 - xi. Organized about 100 Training and Sensitization Workshops on Child Rights issues

Total No of Cases = More than 1000

- Organized many workshops on New Education Policy, Child trafficking, RTE etc.
- Conducted an enquiry on **Darul Ulum Yatama** founded by Maulana Badaruddin Ajmal in Dhubri, Goalpara and Hojai districts with the National Commission for Protection of Child Rights and submitted report on the same to the Central and State Government.
- Prepared and submitted a report on private Madrassas in seven districts of Assam where only religious education is being taught and various violations of child rights is done to the Govt. of India and Govt. of Assam.
- Intervention on cases of child marriages and child trafficking for the purpose of “Love Jihad”

Other Works

- Columnist in local dailies and weeklies, including *Amar Asom*, *Sadin*, *Niyomiya Barta* and *Pratidin*
- Resource person in seminars, trainings and workshops organised by NIRD, NABARD, RGVN, NIPCCD, IIE, IIBM, Women Studies Research Centre, Gauhati University, Administrative Staff College, Guwahati, Institute of Research for Schedule Castes and Tribals, Guwahati, Girls’ Polytechnic, Guwahati, Nehru Yuvak Kendra, etc.
- Invited as Panel member on various issues in local television channels.

Books Published

- *Surjya Kalanka*: A collection of three Assamese novels
- *Hajik Longhadu*: A novel based on the Hmar-Dimasa ethnic clash in the Dima Hasao district of Assam during 2003-04 based on personal experiences and interviews.
- *Moi Cottonian Asilu*: A semi-autobiographical novel of my days in Cotton College, a prestigious college in Guwahati often called the ‘Centre of Excellence’ of Northeast India. The subject of the novel was the period of the Assam Agitation of 1979-81.
- *Agnisnata Sita*: Based on real-life stories of women, who are victims of human trafficking, gang rape and other violence against women.
- *Angha*: The story is set in Varanasi and tells the story of the mental conflict of a US based Assamese woman because of the cultural differences and present trend lifestyle who decide to come to Varanasi for mental peace and solace.
- *Sujatar Sariyoh Muthi*: A novel based on the conflicts and differences between two generations and complexities of human psychology.

Research Reports and Publications

- Impact of Irrigation on Social Change and Development: A case study of Mora Bhorali Lift Irrigation Scheme (Omeo Kr Das Institute of Social Change and Development, Guwahati)
- North East India: Future Perspectives - A document (Tezpur District Mahila Samiti)
- Socio Economic Evaluation of Bordikorai Irrigation Scheme (Ministry of Water Resources, Government of India)
- Women's Freedom: An ignoble myth (Women's Studies Research Centre, Gauhati University)
- Women and Rural Development Schemes (National Seminar on Women Development, Department of Commerce, Gauhati University)
- Women & Social Harmony: Role of Women's Institutions (Assam Institute of Research for Scheduled Castes and Tribals)
- Research Study on Effectiveness of Education Guarantee Scheme in Minority Concentrated Districts of Assam (implemented by the Sarva Siksha Abhiyan Mission)
- Impact of Urbanisation and Modernisation on Rabha's of Odalbakra and Rajapara in the Kamrup District of Assam.

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