



FACULTY PROFILE

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4. **Professional experience & Year of joining:**
Teaching & Research (07.07.2007 to date)
Department of History & Archaeology
Nagaland University, Kohima Campus, Meriema.
5. **Education:**
 - **BA:** History (Hons.), Fazl Ali College, Mokokchung, Nagaland University.
 - **MA:** Department of Archaeology, Deccan College (Post-Graduate & Research Institute), Pune.
 - **Post Graduate Diploma (Archaeology):** Institute of Archaeology, ASI, New Delhi,
 - UGC NET (Archaeology)
 - **PhD:** Department of Archaeology, Deccan College (Post – Graduate & Research Institute), Pune.
Title of thesis: Oral Tradition and Archaeology: Reconstructing the Pre-Colonial History of Ao Nagas with special reference to the Naga-Ahom Relationship (2016)

6. Professional Society Memberships:

- Indian Society for Pre-historic and Quaternary studies
- North East India History Association
- Institute of Northeast India Studies

7. Projects:

- **Research Assistant (2008)**, Title of Project: *Cultural History, Ethnography and Physical Characteristics of the Nagas of Nagaland*, a joint project undertaken by the Directorate of Art and Culture, Government of Nagaland and Anthropological Society of Nagaland.
- **Principal Investigator ICHR Research Project (2020-2022)**, Title of the Project: *A Preliminary Research on Reconstructing the Pre- Colonial History of Phom Nagas: Ancestral Archaeology and Phom- Ahom Relationship*

8. Publications:

i. Journals & Book Chapters:

- **2008:** Stories at Hand: Dynamics of Oral Tradition in Archaeological sites, *Nagaland University Research Journal*, ISSN 0973-0346, pp. 269-278.
- **2011:** Rethinking relations between Nagas and Ahoms from oral and literary sources: References from two Ao Naga villages, Mokokchung district, 32th *Proceedings of North East India History Association (NEIHA)*, 2011, pp- 112-114.
- **2013:** Local Museums in Nagaland, *E- Journal of Heritage and US*, 2013, ISSN 2319-1201, pp. 56-63.
- **2014:** The past in Oral tradition and Text: A case of Reconstructing Naga- Ahom Historical Relations from corroborating Sources in *50 years after Daojali- Hading emerging perspectives in the Archaeology of Northeast India* (Tiatoshi Jamir and Manjil Hazarika Eds.), ISBN 978-81-89131-90-6, pp. 236-242.
- **2014:** Preservation of Heritage through Local Museums in Nagaland, *Nagaland University Research Journal*, Vol. 7, ISSN 0973-0346, pp. 242-250.

- **2014:** Foundation of Archaeology in Northeast India: From the earliest till Independence, *Nagaland University Research Journal*, Vol. 8, ISSN 0973-0346, pp. 127-137.
- **2016:** Role of local Museums and its status in Nagaland, *Journal of the Asiatic Society*, Vol. LVIII Number 4, pp. 33-38, ISSN 0368-3308.
- **2016:** Archaeological Investigations at Longmatenem and Noksenkeni, *Nagaland University Research Journal*, Vol. 9, 2016, ISSN 0973-0346, pp. 73-85.
- **2017:** Early Ao Naga Settlements and Village Formations: Lenses from Oral tradition and Archaeology, *Soanri College Academic and Research Journal*, Vol. 6, ISSN 2321-15X.
- **2020:** Excavation at Nokpu: A Naga – Ahom Perspective in Man and Environment Vol. XLV, No. 2 (July to December 2020) 43-57.

9. External Participation in Excavation/Survey Program:

- **2002:** Participated in excavation of site Brahmagiri, Maharashtra, under Deccan College, Pune, 2002.
- **2002:** Participated in exploration of Nevasa, Maharashtra, under Deccan College, Pune, 2002.
- **2002:** Participated in the archaeological exploration project at Sisupalgarh, Orissa, under Department of Anthropology, Cotsen Institute of Archaeology, Los Angeles, California, 2002.
- **2003:** Worked on the excavated stone tools of Atterampakam, Chennai, under Sharma Heritage Studies, Pune, 2003.
- **2004:** Participated in excavation of Bhirrana, Harappan Site, Haryana, under ASI, 2004.
- **2004:** Participated in excavation of Baror, Harappan site, Rajasthan, under ASI, 2004.
- **2004:** Participated in excavation of Hansi, Haryana, under ASI, 2004.
- **2004:** Participated in Chemical conservation in Archaeology Training at Dheradun, 2004.
- **2004:** Participated in Structural conservation Training, Fathipur Sikhri, 2004.

10. Participation & Papers presented in Conference/Seminars/Workshops/Symposia:

- **2004:** *Nagas: An Ethno archaeological Perspective* presented at Joint Annual Conference of Indian Archaeological Society, Indian Society of Prehistoric and Quaternary Studies and Indian History of Cultural Society, Lucknow, 28 – 31st December, 2004.
- **2007:** *Heritage of Mokokchung district* presented at **Teachers Training Workshop-Heritage Clubs**, 10th April, 2007 as part of INTACH Heritage Awareness Programme.
- **2011:** *Beliefs and Women in Naga Society: Reference to the Sumi and Ao Naga Tribes* presented at the **34th Session of Indian Folklore Congress**, Kohima, 2011.
- **2011:** *Rethinking relations between Nagas and Ahoms from oral and literary sources: References from two Ao Naga villages, Mokokchung District* presented in **32nd NEIHA Conference**, Agartala, 18 - 20th November, 2011.
- **2012:** *Role of Local Museums and its status in Nagaland* presented in National seminar of The Asiatic Society *Society, Culture and Development; Emerging Issues in Nagaland*, 14-15th March, 2012, Kohima Science College.
- **2012:** *Oral Tradition and Identification of Ancient Sites in Nagaland*, 20-21st July, 2012 presented in the Regional Conference **Archaeology of North-East India**, Guwahati.
- **2014:** *Songs of Nokpur* presented at the Symposium on **Naga oral literature**, 4– 5th April, 2014, organized by Sahitya Akademi and Nagaland University, Nagaland University, Kohima Campus.
- **2014:** Participated in the *Experimental lithic Knapping and Microwear studies*, organized by Department of History & Archaeology, Nagaland University and Indian Council of Historical Research, 15-22nd March, 2014, Kohima.
- **2015:** *Creating cultural Heritage Awareness and its potential as a source for socio-economic development in Nagaland* presented in the National Seminar **Cultural Heritage of Nagaland** organized by the Dept. of Anthropology, Kohima Science College in collaboration with IGRMS, Bhopal, 29-30th September, 2015.
- **2015:** Short term course- cum-workshop on **History, Science and Technology of Stone Beads**, IIT Gandhinagar, 10th -14th August, 2015.
- **2015:** Poster presentation on *Beads of the Ao Nagas: An Archaeological perspective* presented in the one day seminar on New perspectives on the **Pre- and**

Proto-history in India in Honor of Prof. V. N. Misra on his 80th Birthday held in the Department of Archaeology, Deccan college, Pune, on August 18, 2015.

- **2016: *Local museums as agents for promoting cultural heritage in Nagaland*** in the ICPR sponsored National seminar Organized by Dept. Humanities and Social Sciences Indian Institute of Technology, Guwahati, 15-17th February, 2016.
- **2016: *Corroborating Oral tradition, Literary text and Archaeology in reconstructing the Naga Ahom Relationship*** in the **22nd Himalayan Languages Symposium (An International annual conference for the Himalayan Languages)** held at the Indian Institute of technology Guwahati, Assam, India from 8 to 10 June, 2016.
- **2017: *Settlement and Abandonment of Ancient Sites among tribal Societies: Perspective from Ao Nagas*** presented in **38nd NEIHA conference** held at D. K. Girl's College, Mirza, Guwahati, Assam, 2- 4th October, 2017.
- **2018: Organized an ICHR funded National Workshop **Archaeology: Methods and Approaches****, 30th April - 7th May, 2018.
- **2018: Managing cultural Heritage in Nagaland through Local Museums** presented in ICHR funded National Workshop **Archaeology: Methods and Approaches**, 30th April - 7th May, 2018.
- **2019: 'Tsüngkotepsü and Mangkotepsü in traditional Ao Naga Society and its evolution'** presented in the **National seminar on Culture Paradigm- The Pluralistic North East India: Appreciating the Diverse Culture of North East India** organized by Research Cell and IQAC Don Bosco College, Kohima from 1st-2nd November 2019.
- **2020: Approaches and Methods to Archaeology: An Introduction**, presented in one- day workshop "**Approaches and Methods to Archaeology**" at Nagaland University sponsored by Sazoli College, Jotsoma, Kohima on 15th March, 2020.
- **2020: Participated in Faculty Development Program: E- Learning Content Development & Delivery System** organized by Nagaland University, Kohima Campus, Meriema in collaboration with National Institute of Electronics and Information Technology Kohima, Ministry of Electronics and IT, 17th June- 23th June 2020
- **2020: Understanding Naga Ahom Relationship: Aspects from Namsang Naga** presented in the two days Multi- Disciplinary **International Webinar on Social Formation and Cultural Developments of Northeast India and the Neighboring Regions**, organized by Research Cell Don Bosco College, Kohima on association

with Kohima Education Society/ Kohima Educational Trust and technical support by NIELIT, Kohima from 24th – 25th July, 2020.

11. Workshops/Seminars/Conferences/Symposiums Organized:

- 2018: Organized an ICHR funded National Workshop **Archaeology: Methods and Approaches**, 30th April - 7th May, 2018.

12. Research Supervision of PhD Candidates:

Sl. No.	Name of Student	Title of Thesis	Sex	Year of Registration	Status	Year of Award
1.	Tsutshowe-u Sekhamo	<i>Early Migration and Settlement of the Nagas: Khezhakheno and Beyond</i>	F	2016	On-going	-
2.	Khropeo Koza	<i>Traditional Costumes of Rengma and Pochury Tribes of Nagaland: A Comparative study</i>	F	2016	On-going	-
3.	K A Tenso Phom	<i>Traditional Custom and Traditions of the Phom Nagas</i>	F	2019	On-going	
4.	Neisenuo Apon Rengma	<i>Women and History: The Role of Rengma Women</i>	F	2019	On-going	

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