

ACADEMIC PROFILE



DR. ARITRA SAMAJDAR

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- **Specialization:** Social-Cultural Anthropology
- **Date of joining in this college:** 14.08.2025
- **Total teaching experience in college level:** 11 years
- **Area of research:** Social-Cultural Anthropology, Tribal Studies, Indigenous Knowledge System (IEK).
- **Title of Ph.D. thesis (if any):** “Cultural Knowledge, Beliefs and Practices among the Lepchas: Case Study of a village in Dzongu Region of North Sikkim”. (Thesis submitted at the University of Hyderabad under the guidance of Prof. R. Siva Prasad and Dr. Alok Kumar Pandey).
- **Research guidance (if any):** Nil
- **Research projects [completed / ongoing] (if any):** Nil
- **List of publications:**

A. Published papers in Journals:

1. Samajdar, A., (2020) ‘GENDER AND NATURAL RESOURCE MANAGEMENT AMONG THE LEPCHAS OF SIKKIM AND DARJEELING’. CONTEMPORARY SOCIAL SCIENCES. ISSN. 0302-9298.
2. Samajdar A., (2015) ‘Religion in the Age of Globalization: Reflections on a Village in West Bengal, India’. Journal of Developing Societies, 31(1):43-65. ISSN: 0169-796X.

B. Published papers in Seminars/Symposia/Conferences:

1. NIL

C. Published Books / Chapters in Books:

1. Samajdar A., (2025), ‘Health Care Practices in Village Sikkim: A Comparative Case Study of Traditional and Modern Health Care Practices among the Lepcha Tribe’. In, An Anthropological Perspective on Nutrition, Growth and Health: A Bio-Social

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- Approach. Ed. By Bijitendriya Debasharma. Jayanti Prakashan, Belda, Paschim Medinipur, WB. ISBN: 978-93-94449-32-9.
2. Samajdar A., (2025), 'Fieldwork experiences among the Lepchas of Dzongu Region of North Sikkim District: An Anthropological case study'. In, From Theory to Practice: Research Methodology for Diverse Disciplines. Ed. By Angshumita Chakraborty. Taurean Publications, New Delhi. ISBN: 978-93-49804-90-6.
 3. Samajdar A., (2026), 'The Lepcha People of North Sikkim's Bakchojo Village and Their Traditional Medical Practices: An Anthropological Study'. In, Sustainable Health and Well Being: Livelihood, Culture and Policies. Ed. By Sachita Nanda Sa, Akash Mallick, Biswajit Parida. Kunal Books, New Delhi. ISBN: 978-93-6389-279-8.
 4. Samajdar A., (2023), 'Tangible Culture of the Lepchas of Dzongu Region of North Sikkim'. In, Nature and Society in the Realm of Science. Ed. By Sudipta Chakraborty. Kabitika, Medinipur, WB. ISBN: 978-93-94830-71-4.
 5. Samajdar A., (2022), 'Lepcha Identity Revisited: From 'Vanishing Tribe' to 'Primitive Tribe'. In, Tribal Identity: Contradictions of Ascribed and Self-Asserted Perspectives. Ed. By J. Devarapalli. Kalpaz Publications, Delhi. ISBN: 978-93-5324-935-9.
 6. Samajdar A., (2021), 'Gendering Natural Resource Management among the Lepchas of Sikkim and Darjeeling'. In Indigenous Tribes and Biodiversity Conservation Ed. By Dr. Hrudayanth Thatoi & Dr Madhusmita Sahoo. SSDN Publishers & Distributors New Delhi. ISBN: 978-93-8895-035-0.
 7. Samajdar A., (2018), 'Lepcha Understanding of Disease and Disaster: An Anthropological Study of Indigenous Knowledge System'. In Knowledge, Experience and Education Among Tribal People of Eastern India, Ed. By Sudip Bhui & Dr. S. K. Behera, Mangalam Publications, Delhi, India.
 8. Samajdar A., (2015), 'Muffled Vocies of Development: Involuntary Migration and Rehabilitation after Sardar Sarovar'. In Society, Economy and Development: Issues and Challenges, Ed. By Hasibul Rahman & P.K.Tripathi, Kunal Books, Delhi, India.
 9. Samajdar A., (2015), 'Narratives of Sustainable Life Ways: A Case Study of Tribes of Nilgiri Biosphere Region'. In, Development for the Communities and Country: Role of Anthropology, Ed. Samanta, S.K.:Pragatishil Prokashak, Kolkata,pp.208-224. ISBN; 978-81-89846-64-0.
 10. Samajdar A., Devarapalli J., (2015), 'Onslaught of Urbanization on the Structure and Function of Family and Marriage'. In, Facets of Urbanization: Views from Anthropology, Ed. Chaudhuri S.: Cambridge Scholars Publishing, UK, pp.40-58. ISBN (13): 978-1-4438-7111-2.
 11. Samajdar A., (2014), 'Disease and Disaster in Lepcha Traditional Knowledge: A Case Study'. In, Some Empirical Aspects of Economic Growth and Diversification in India's Emerging Economy, Ed. Chattopadhyay, P.K.: New Delhi Publishers, New Delhi, pp: 111-124.ISBN: 978-93-81274-54-5.
 12. Samajdar A., Devarapalli J., (2012), 'The Challenges of Medical Pluralism: A Brief Description on Some Basic Issues'. In, Human Health: A Bio-cultural Synthesis, Ed. Biswas S.:Concept Publishing Company Pvt. Ltd. New Delhi, pp40-50. ISBN-13:978-81-8069-846-0.

D. Participation in Seminars/Symposia/Conferences/Workshops:

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Title of the invited lecture /paper presented (oral/poster)	Title of Conference /Seminar with date	Organized by	Level
Cultures and Indigenous Wetland Conservation Practices of Lepcha Community in Khangchendzonga Landscape, India	Local Biodiversity: Documentation and Conservation. 16th March, 2019.	Department of Botany, Ramnagar College.	National
Gendering Natural Resource Management among the Lepchas of Sikkim and Darjeeling	Participation of Indigenous Tribes in Biodiversity Conservation. 21st & 22nd January, 2019.	Centre for Simlipal Studies and Department of Anthropology & Tribal Studies, North Orissa University, Baripada.	National
The Lepcha People of North Sikkim's Bakchojo Village and Their Traditional Medical Practices: An Anthropological Study	Mapping The Future Human: An Anthropological Perspective. 2019.	Department of Anthropology & History, F. M. College, Balasore, Orissa.	National
Gender and Natural Resource Management among the Lepchas of Sikkim and Darjeeling	Livelihood Practices of the Tribes in India: Problems & future Perspectives. 5th April 2017.	Dept. of Anthropology & Tribal Studies & Dept. of Social Work, North Orissa University, Baripada, Odisha.	National
Pandemic and the response of the Indian Tribes: A Case Study of Lepcha Tribes of North Sikkim District, India.	Social Exclusion and Development. 4-5December, 2016.	Institute of Social Research and Applied Anthropology, Bidisa.	International
Traditional Weather Wisdom and Adaptive Resilience: An Ethnographic Study of the Toto and Birhor PVTGs in North Bengal	Anthropology, Tribal Policies and Tribal development in India. 21- 22March, 2016.	Dept. of Anthropology, West Bengal State University, Barasat, West Bengal.	National
Suniti Kumar Chattopadhyay and Anthropology: A Case Study	International Seminar on SUNITI KUMAR CHATTOPADHYAY.	Dept. of Bengali Language and	International

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	14th September, 2015.	Literature, Vidyasagar University, Medinipur, West Bengal.	
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➤ **Participation in OP/RC/FIP/FDP:**

Name of the Course	Place	Duration	Sponsoring Agency
Faculty Induction Programme (FIP)	UGC Human Resource Development Centre, Aligarh Muslim University, Aligarh (AMU) - Online	08 February 2022 to 12 March 2022	UGC
Subject Refresher Course in Human Rights (open to all)	UGC Human Resource Development Centre, Aligarh Muslim University, Aligarh (AMU) - Online	20 July 2022 to 02 August 2022	UGC

➤ **Membership of Learned Societies/ Editorial Boards, etc. (if any):**

1. Member of Indian Anthropological Society, Kolkata.

➤ **Patents (if any):** Nil

➤ **Awards (if any):**

1. Qualified National Eligibility Test (NET) twice (UGC-JRF in December 2011, and LS in June, 2012).
2. Qualified ICMR JRF in 2010.
3. Qualified Anthropological Survey of India JRF in 2010.
4. Awarded Canara Bank Gold Medal for securing first position in M.Phil Examination, Pondicherry University.

➤ **Other notable activities (if any):**

1. Acted as HOD, Dept. of Anthropology, GGDC, Keshiary, Paschim Medinipur, WB.
2. Social Work and Outreach Programme at Namosole Pallimangal Samiti, Nayagram, Jhargram, WB.
