

CURRICULUM VITAE

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AREAS OF INTEREST

- **Research and Teaching:** State Politics of Sikkim, Limboo History, Culture, Language and Literature, Mundhum and Rituals, Folklore, Indigenous Knowledge of tribal people.
- **Documentation and Recoding:** Limboo mundhum and rituals, Limboo folklores and Indigenous knowledge of traditional healings.
- Writer of poetry, fictions, drama; music player and singer; bamboo arts and crafts maker.

EDUCATION

- **Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.):** University of North Bengal, Raja Rammohunpur, Darjeeling, West Bengal. Doctoral Thesis: *Democracy and Development Experience in Sikkim: A Study of Sikkim Sangram Parishad Government (1984-1994)*.
- **Master of Arts (MA): Political Science,** Department of Political Science, University of North Bengal, Raja Rammohunpur, Darjeeling, West Bengal (2000-2002).
- **Masters of Arts (MA, Gold Medalist):** Limboo, Department of Limboo, Sikkim University, 6th Mile, Samdur, Tadong, Gangtok, Sikkim (2016-2018).
- **Bachelor of Arts (BA Hons.):** Political Science, Sikkim Government College, Tadong, Gangtok, Sikkim (1997-2000).
- **Bachelor of Education (B.Ed.):** Loyola College of Education, Namchi, South Sikkim. Indra Gandhi Open University (2005-2007).
- **Higher Secondary Education (Class-XII):** Government Senior Secondary School, Pelling, West Sikkim (1997).
- **Secondary Education (Class-X):** Denzong Padma Choeling Academy, Pelling, West Sikkim (1994).

CONTRIBUTIONS ON LIMBOO LANGUAGE AND LITERATURE

A. BOOKS:

- *Sāpsak Injum nu Yākthuñ Sāpsak* (Literary Theory and Limboo Literature), 2018 (co-authored with AB Subba).
- *Balihān: Thiklèn Nènduri Kubèn Thānmèllè* (A Critic on Balihang: Limboo Drama), 2017.
- *Yākthuñ Pañwā-illā: Powèn nu Thobo* (Limboo Drama: Growth and Development), 2016 (co-authored with A. B. Subba).
- *Yākthuñ Mundhum: Lèkwāgèn Camyok Thakmèllè* (Limboo Mythology: A Revisit), 2015.
- *Itchāplām Yākthuñ Sāppān* (Limboo Language Through Composition), 2011.
- *Yākthuñ Mundhum Vol-I* (Limboo Mythology), 2009.
- *Pemuksigāñbā Khèdā'hā'* (Collection Limboo Short stories), 2009.
- *Kusañ Tānām* (Collection of Limboo poems), 2007.
- *Pènjiri Pèmmikhā'* (Collection of Limboo poems), 1999.
- *Iṭlā'bā Sèpmānhā'* (Collection of Limboo stories), 1998.

B. JOURNALS/MAGAZINES AS EDITOR:

- *Sewāro* (Annual Limboo Bulletin, 2008 onwards).
- *Sèmmui* (Limboo Postal Magazine, 2003-2009).
- *Thumyā* (Annual Limboo Satire: 1997-2008).
- *Sèllèngo* (Annual Limboo Student Magazine: 1996-till date).
- *Nāmsāñle Otti* (Annual Limboo Magazine: 1995-2005).
- *Souvenir*, (School Souvenir: Govt. Sec. School, Gerethang), 2004
- *Niruppāmārèn Niwā'sohā'* (Limboo Souvenir, 1997).

BOOKS & POETRY FOR CBSE, AND UG & PG CURRICULUM UNDER SIKKIM UNIVERSITY

A. BOOKS

- *Sāpsak Injum nu Yākthuñ Sāpsak* (Literary Theory and Limboo Literature), 2018, (Co-authored with AB Subba).
- *Balihān: Thiklèn Nènduri Kubèn Thānmèllè* (A Critic on Balihang: Limboo Drama), 2017.
- *Yākthuñ Pañwā-illā: Powèn nu Thobo* (Limboo Drama: Growth and Development), 2016 (Co-authored with A. B. Subba).
- *Yākthuñ Mundhum: Lèkwāgèn Camyok Thakmèllè* (Limboo Mythology: A Revisit), 2015.
- *Itchāplām Yākthuñ Sāppān* (Limboo Language Through Composition), 2011.
- *Yākthuñ Mundhum Vol-I* (Limboo Mythology), 2009.

B. POETRY:

- *Kāmāyèṃ Mèngètte Wā'*, Under-Graduate Level.
- *Kāñbit Sāmdān Lāpmā Kattuñ*, Under-Graduate Level.
- *ānjumme*, Under-Graduate Level.
- *Yèmmīn Mèndumme Wā'*, Under-Graduate Level.
- *ābhīsèān āwā'*, Under-Graduate Level.
- *Teñbe*, Class: XII.
- *Suritte āngā'*, Class: X.
- *Nāmdārè*, Class: X.
- *Iksāñ Phuñiḱ Cogum*, Class: VIII.
- *āngā' Yākthuñsāro*, Class: IV.

ACADEMIC WRITING:

A. JOURNAL ARTICLES

- *The Kirats: A study of Yalamber year and problem in its use*, 2011, Kirat Yelay Sambhat Abilek, Kathmandu, Nepal, pp. 48-52.
- *Present Scenario of Limboo language in Sikkim*, 2012, Laik Journal, Mundhum Bidrati Manch (Limboo Journal), Nepal, pp. 1-11.
- *Growth and Development of Limboo Literature in Sikkim*, 2011, Limbuan Journal, Limboo Students' Forum, Kathmandu, Nepal.
- *Limboo Mundhum: Its status and importance in Limboo society'* BS 11-13 Gatay 2071 (2014), Proceedings of Limboo International Conference, Dharan Limbuwan, Nepal. pp. 97-114.
- *Growth of Democratic Aspiration and Final Merger of Sikkim to Indian Union*, Jan-Dec 2016, The International Journal of Social Science and Humanity Research, An Interdisciplinary Referred International Journal, Vol. IV Number I & II, pp.22-45.
- *The Tsongs (Limbus) Down the Ages in Sikkim*, 2019, December, Journal of Global Literacies, Technologies, and Emerging Pedagogies, Vol. 5, pp. 895-904.
- *Loyalty, Resistance, Subalternity: a history of Limbu 'participation' in Sikkim* (Co-authored with Melanie Vandenhelsken), 2020, Asian Journal, <https://doi.org/10.1080/14631369.2020.1763777>, pp. 1-19.

B. BOOK CHAPTERS:

- *Sikkimese Limboos: Their brief History and Culture*, 2012, SOCIO-CULTURAL AND SPIRITUAL TRADITIONS OF NORTHEAST BHARAT, ed. L. Khimun, Heritage Foundation, Guwahati, Assam, pp. 271-306.
- *Kay (Chyabrung): The Traditional drum of the Limboos*, 2015, Folk Tales of Sikkim, Cultural Affairs and Heritage Department, Govt. of Sikkim, pp. 115-120.
- *Limboo Indigenous Knowledge of Traditional Healing: A Survey*, 2011, K. Manali Rajan () Cinnamara College Sakha Sahitya Sabha & Publication, Assam, pp. 1-7.

C. NEWSPAPERS ARTICLES:

- *Limbu identity needs protection*, Saturday 10th -16th February, 2001, Sikkim Observer, Nam Nang Road, Gangtok.
- *Plight of Limbus in Sikkim,2001, Saturday, 17th -29th February, 2001, Sikkim Observer, Nam Nang Road, Gangtok.*
- *How Long This fooling game would continue*, Wednesday, 7-13th March 2001, the Sikkimese, Gangtok.
- *Limboo youths demand reservation formula*, 19-25th December, Vol-2. No-31, 2003, Weekend Review, Gangtok.
- *The Limboos: Their Changing history and status in the pre and post-merger Sikkim*, 2004, in Harka Khamdhak's, *Emethnāsuñ*, Vol-XXV, Darap, West Sikkim.
- *Yah-Lak: Limboos' popular dance*, 1-4th April, 2005, Vol.4 No. 32, Weekened Review, Gangtok.
- *The Limboos: Their Homeland and Etymology of their Titles*, 2006, Souvenir Publication Committee, Srijonga Yakthung Sakthim Phojumbho, Tharpu, West Sikkim.
- *Kay: The traditional drum of the Limboos (Part-I)*, Sunday 23rd August, 2009, Sikkim Express, Gangtok.
- *Kay: The traditional drum of the Limboos (Part-II)*, Sunday 29th August, 2009, Sikkim Express, Gangtok.
- *Sikkimese Limboos down the ages*, Sunday,29th March, 2009, Sikkim Express, Gangtok.
- *Limboo Language & Its status in Sikkim: A brief profile (Part-I)*, Sunday, 6th September, 2009, Sikkim Express, Gangtok.
- *Limboo Language & Its status in Sikkim: A brief profile (Part-II)*, Sunday, 13th September, 2009, Sikkim Express, Gangtok.
- *Limboo Language & Its status in Sikkim: A brief profile (Part-III)*, Sunday, 6th October, 2009, Sikkim Express, Gangtok.
- *How Sikkim Became part of India and observes State Day Today*, Saturday, 16th May, 2009, Sikkim Express, Gangtok.
- *Limboo Language and its status in Sikkim: A brief profile*, 2010, in Harka Khamdhak, *Emethnasung*, Vol-XXXI, Darap, West Sikkim.
- *Limboo Language: A brief profile in present context of Sikkim*, Sunday, 9th January, 2011, Sikkim Express, Gangtok.
- *Limboo Folk Literature*, 2012, Yuma Manghim Committee, Aho-Yangtam, East Sikkim.
- *The Sikkimese Limboos down the ages: A historical retrospection*, 2012, Yuma Manghim Committee, Aho-Yangtam, East Sikkim.
- *Tihar: Reflection of Dictum 'Live and let others live'*, Friday 9th November, 2012, Sikkim Express, Gangtok.
- *Struggle of Sikkimese Limboos for the Tribal Status and Seat Restoration in the Sikkim Legislative Assembly*, 2013, in Harka Khamdhak's *Emethnāsuñ*, Vol-XXXIV, Darap, West Sikkim.
- *Integration of Sikkim to Indian Union: A politico-historical overview (Part-I)*, Thursday, 16th May 2013, Sikkim Express, Gangtok.
- *Integration of Sikkim to Indian Union: A politico-historical overview (Part-II)*, Saturday, 18th May 2013, Sikkim Express, Gangtok.

- *Welfarism: What it means to Sikkim? (Part-I)*, Sunday 10th February, 2013, Sikkim Express, Gangtok.
- *Welfarism: What it means to Sikkim? (Part-II)*, Monday 18th February, 2013, Sikkim Express, Gangtok.
- *Welfarism: What it means to Sikkim? (Part-III)*, Tuesday 19th February, 2013, Sikkim Express, Gangtok.
- *Welfarism: What it means to Sikkim? (Part-IV)*, Thursday 21th February, 2013, Sikkim Express, Gangtok.
- *Limboo Indigenous Knowledge of Traditional Healing: My first visit (Part-I)*, Sunday, 22nd September, 2013, Sikkim Express, Gangtok.
- *Outgrowth of Written Limboo Literature in Sikkim (Part-I)*, Sunday, 28th April, 2013, Sikkim Express, Gangtok.
- *Outgrowth of Written Limboo Literature in Sikkim (Part-II)*, Sunday, 5th May, 2013, Sikkim Express, Gangtok.
- *Outgrowth of Written Limboo Literature in Sikkim (Part-III)*, Sunday, 12th May, 2013, Sikkim Express, Gangtok.
- *Outgrowth of Written Limboo Literature in Sikkim (Part-IV)*, Sunday, 19th May, 2013, Sikkim Express, Gangtok.
- *Outgrowth of Written Limboo Literature in Sikkim (Part-V)*, Sunday, 26th May, 2013, Sikkim Express, Gangtok.
- *Outgrowth of Limboo Language in Sikkim (Part-I)*, Sunday, 24th February, 2013, Sikkim Express, Gangtok.
- *Outgrowth of Limboo Language in Sikkim (Part-II)*, Sunday, 3rd March, 2013, Sikkim Express, Gangtok.

D. ARTICLES IN LIMBOO:

- *Sārikke Kējittān*, 1993, in Tek Bir & Suk Bdr Khamdhak's, *Sēmnik*, Darap, West Sikkim.
- *Yākthuisā Pogiro*, 1993, in Harka Khamdhak's, *Emethnāsuni*, Yaksum, West Sikkim.
- *Yākthuisā*, 1994, in Harka Khamdhak's, *Emethnāsuni*, Vol-XI, Yaksum, West Sikkim.
- *Kākmeppā Lā:lè Dārāp*, 1994, in B.B. Pokhim's, *āpsok*, Sakyong, West Sikkim.
- *Yèmmìn Mèndumme Wā'*, 1995, in Suk Hangman's, *Nisum*, Bermoik-Martam, West Sikkim.
- *Mèrchām hiimannin*, 1996, in Suk Hangman's, *Nisum*, Bermoik-Martam, West Sikkim.
- *Mèrchāmlèn Hiimannin*, 1996, in Bairangi Kainla's, *Kābitā*, Pragma Prathisthan, Kamaladi, Kathmandu, Nepal.
- *Nètigèn Phuriin*, 1996, in Harka Khamdhak's, August *Emethnāsuni*, Yaksum, West Sikkim.
- *Wānāmle ipsiri-o Kēhinbā Hiimannin*, 1996, in Aitaman Tamling's, *Nāngètān*, Hee-Pānbhe, West Sikkim.
- *Khènè' Kusin-nipmā Cure*, 1996, in B. B. Khamdhak's, *Ponā-i*, Sidingbung, West Sikkim.

- *Lāsānge Mudhiṅgum*, 1996, in T. B. Khamdhak & Mahabir Khamdhak's, *Loziphuñ*, Vol-VI, Singpheng, West Sikkim.
- *Tumdumdo Hènā*, 1996, in Keshab Mangyung, *Sillāmākṃā*, Vol-III, Sirbadam, West Sikkim.
- *Yèmmīn Mèndumme wā'*, 1996, in Dhan Roti Khamdhak's, *Mārām*, Vol-I, Sardung, West Sikkim.
- *E āmo-e*, 1997, in B. M. Begha's, Vol-VI, *Sumboṅ*, Bom Pangbhay, West Sikkim.
- *Sodhuṅgen Imānsiñ Cèṅjoñ*, 1997, *Nāmdhiṅgo*, SYSSC, Geyzing, West Sikkim.
- *ābāñ-ñe Cijèptè*, March 1997, in Harka Khamdhak's, *Emethnāsuiñ*, Yaksum, West Sikkim.
- *āñbo Himo Mènuḅhèn*, 1999, in Deo Man Khamdhak's, *Nisum*, Changay, West Sikkim.
- *Sāmbā T.B. Nembāñlèn Kuniñwā'so*, 2003, in *Yakthung Sapsok Saplon Chumbho*, West Sikkim.
- *Letchām*, 2004, in Harka Khamdhak's, *Emethnāsuiñ*, Vol-XXV, Darap, West Sikkim.
- *Ānisum Cāhākèjokkra*, 2004, in Hasta Pandhak's, *Sajum Sawa*, Vol-I, All Sikkim Limboo Language Teachers, Sikkim.
- *Sāmjik Mundhumle Nāmbhe-o Idhuk Soghā Poḅmā Khèdā'*, 2006, in Harka Khamdhak's, *Emethnāsuiñ*, Vol-XXVII, Darap, West Sikkim.
- *āñgā' lathik-kèsibāmonā*, 2006, in Aita Bdr Khamdhak's, *Niyārā*, Mangshila, Kwality Stores, Gangtok.
- *Kumākālā āghyāñ Lètgra*, 2007, in Hasta Pandhak's, *Sajum Sawa*, Vol-IV, All Sikkim Limboo Language Teachers, Sikkim.
- *Sākmrā Poḅmā Mundhum*, 2008, Souvenir, *Sukhim Yakthung Sapsok Songjumbho and Srijonga Yakthung Sakthim Phojumbho*, Himadri Printers, Nam Nang Road, Sikkim.
- *Māre Imèlluñ*, 2009, in Harka Khamdhak's, *Emethnāsuiñ*, Vol-XXX, Darap, West Sikkim.

VISITING LECTURER AND DELEGATION MEMBERSHIP (INTERNATIONAL)

- **VISITING LECTURER:** Department of South Asian, Tibetan and Buddhist Studies, University of Vienna, Austria, February 15- April 11, 2019.
- **MEMBER OF DELEGATION:** Represented India as one of the nine members of delegation in Kathmandu, Nepal led by Dr. Viswanath Prasad Tiwari, Vice President of Sahitya Academi, India on 3rd and 4th February 2012.
- **ONE OF MY LIMBU POEMS** (translated into English) is taught at the Under-Graduate Level (Under English curriculum), Michigan State University, USA.

WORKSHOPS/SEMINARS/CONFERENCES:

- Participation in a number of workshops organised by various institutes such as CIIL, Mysore, NERIE, Shillong, HRDD, Government of Sikkim for the preparation of Text Books and preparation reading materials for adults under TLC/PLP Programme, and other workshops organised by Colleges and Universities.
- Participation in the National and International Seminars and Conferences and presented papers on Limboo community, history, culture and rituals practices; shamanism and mundhum, folklore, language and literature, healing practices, indigenous knowledge etc.
- Participation in literary events such as the Arunachal Literature Festival (IPR, Govt. of Arunachal), International Indigenous Writers' Festival (Sahitya Academi, Delhi), North-East Indigenous Literature Festival, North-East Oral Literature Festival (Sahitya Academi, Delhi, and Tripura University).

MEMBERSHIP IN LIMBOO LANGUAGE INSTITUTIONS

- Member of Board of Studies, Language and Literature, Sikkim University (2016-2019).
- Member of Syllabus Committee, Limboo Language, PG Level, Sikkim University (2016 onwards).
- Member of Syllabus Committee, Limboo Language, Under-Graduate Level, Sikkim University (2008 onwards).
- Limboo Text Book Committee, HRDD, Government of Sikkim (2014-till date).
- Member of Board of Studies, Language and Literature, Sikkim Academy (2007-2012).
- Member of Board of Studies, Limboo Language North Bengal University (2008-2010).

RESEARCH COLLABORATIONS (NATIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL)

- Research collaborator to the Research Project '*Trans-border Religion: Limbu Rituals in Nepal and Sikkim*' with Dr. Melanie Vandenhelsken, Project leader, Center for Interdisciplinary Research and Documentation of Inner and South Asian Cultural History, University of Vienna, Austria since 2017 (2016-2021).
- Expert and author of the book, "A Documentation on Birds of Sikkim associated with Tribal Folklores" as well as on another book, "Srijanga a Limboo Tribal Script Inventor" both under the Tribal Research Institute, Social Justice and Welfare Department, Government of Sikkim since July, 2020.
- Documentation of Limboo Mundhum, Healing Practices of Tribal Limboos and Limboo Indigenous knowledge of naming flora and fauna (2003-till date).
- Question paper Setter, Moderator, Evaluator, and External Examiner for Limboo General and Honours under Sikkim University (2008 Onwards) and Modern Indian Language (Limboo) under North Bengal University (2008-2010).
- Member of Legal Literary Club, Namchi Government College, 2015-2017.
- Co-ordinator of Seminar and Cultural Meet on Limboo Folk Literature in Sikkim, from 23-24th Feb 2014, organised by Sahitya Akademi, North East Centre for Oral Literature, Agartala.

- Limboo Language Expert for undergoing two years teachers' training in D. El. Ed. Course, Namchi (2011-2016).
- Member of Admission Committee, Namchi Govt. College, 2010-2011.
- Member of Examination Committee, NGC, 2009-2010.
- Chief Election Commissioner for conducting Students' Representative Council election, Namchi Government College, 2008.
- Worked as teacher in the various Government Schools of Sikkim (2003-2008), before joining Limboo Department, NGC.
- School In-charge at Government Secondary School, Gerethang, West Sikkim (2005).
- Administrative Head in Denjong Padma Choeling Academy for one year (1999-2000).
- School Prefect of Government Senior Secondary School, Pelling, 1997.
- Hostel warden in the same institution (DPCA) for two years (1995-1997).
- School Prefect for two years at Denjong Padam Choeling Academy (1992-1994).

ENGAGEMENT IN SOCIAL AND LITERARY FORUMS

- President: Young Youth Society, Singpheng, West Sikkim (1994-2011).
- Executive Member: Limboo Literary Publication Association, Sikkim, (1995-2011).
- General Secretary: Hill Students' Association, NBU, (2000-2002).

HONOURS AND FELICITATIONS

Recognitions, Honoured and Felicitation received from various social and literary organisations from both within and outside the state of Sikkim for the contribution made towards Sikkimese society, Limboo community and for the promotion of Limboo language and literature as well as preservation of Limboo mundhum and ritual practices. The organisations which conferred honour and felicitated are:

- *Lasangen Mudhingum Lekwahang Mangena Yok Sangjumbho, Rimbi, West Sikkim, 6th March 2020.*
- *Milan Sangh, Timburbung, West Sikkim, July 2018.*
- *State Level Literary Meet Committee, Namchi, Sikkim, June 2018.*
- *Sikkim Limboo Students' Literary Association, Sikkim, May, 2017.*
- *Sukhim Yakthung Sapsok Saplon Chumbho, Sikkim, January, 2016.*
- *Yuma Say Say Mee Chumbho, Ambotay, South Sikkim, December, 2015.*
- *Yakthung Abu Sapsok Sajum, Singpheng, West Sikkim, November, 2015.*
- *Srijonga Yakthung Sakthim Phojumbho, Tharpu, West Sikkim, August, 2015.*
- *All Sikkim Limboo Youth Association, Gangtok, June, 2015.*
- *Limboo Department, Geyzing Government College, West Sikkim, April, 2015.*
- *Sumbona Soyong, Lingchom-Tikjeck-Langang, West Sikkim, April, 2015.*
- *Ningwaphu Yuva Sangathan, Sidingbung, Darap, West Sikkim, February, 2015.*
- *Yuma Samyo Songjumbho, Sombaria, West Sikkim, January, 2015.*
- *Maker Dhoj-Ambali Subba Award Trust, Hee-Yangthang, West Sikkim, Dec. 2014.*
- *Kirat Yakthung Chumlung, Kathmandu, Nepal, September, 2014.*
- *Akhil Bharatiya Limboo Janajati Sangathan, Mirik, West Bengal, October, 2010.*

LIMBOO SONGS RECORDED AND BROADCASTED IN ALL INDIA RADIO, GANGTOK

- *Lāmdhāṅ Tāktumbèro*, 2007.
- *Pāllām*, 2007.
- *Orillo...*1997.
- *Yākthuṅsā Kèrèk*, 1997.
- *Cosāppi Mānlè*, 1997.

SPOKEN LANGUAGES

- Limboo (mother tongue)
- Nepali
- Hindi
- English