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Biographical Sketch

Jacob Islary is a professional Social Work educator and practitioner with Master of Social Work degree from RCSS, Kochi and PhD in Social Work from TISS, Mumbai. Prior to joining St. Xavier's University, he taught Master of Social Work students (2012-2022) and supervised the thesis of PhD Candidates (2021 onwards) at Assam Don Bosco University, Guwahati along with carrying out research projects, consultancies and community engagement programmes. He also worked with Pan Himalayan Grassroots Development Foundation, Ranikhet, Uttarakhand as Team Leader, Himachal Pradesh from 2008-2009 and with State ASHA Resource Center, NRHM Assam as District Community Mobiliser from 2009-2010 before joining TISS, Mumbai to pursue his PhD studies with UGC NET/JRF grant. He is life time member of NAPSWI, IASSH and TICL.

Areas of Specialisation and Research

Islary is specialised in Community Development and has research interest in Human Security (health and development), Health Policy and Systems Research, Tribal Health, Indigenous Knowledge System, Governance and Community Land Ownership System, Corporate Social Responsibility, Assets Based Community Development and Infrastructural Development & Concerns of Justice.

Teaching Experience

For MSW Students

- 1) Introduction to Indian Society, Polity and Economics
- 2) Social Work with Communities and Social Action
- 3) Environment and Disaster Management
- 4) Social Work Research and Statistics

- 5) Peace Education and Conflict Management
- 6) Community Development: Rural, Tribal and Urban
- 7) Community Health and Population Management

For PhD candidates

- 8) Philosophical Foundations of Social Sciences Research

Open for all PG and above students

- 9) Academic Writing, Research Proposal Development and Dissertation Writing Course

Administrative Responsibility

- 1) Chairperson – Institutional Human Ethics Committee, ADBU, Guwahati, 2021
- 2) Founder Editor – The Journal of Development Practice (An A Peer-Reviewed International Journal of Experiences from the Field), Social Work, ADBU, 2014.
- 3) Programme Initiator and Coordinator – International Student Volunteer Exchange Programme between Assam Don Bosco University, India and University College Dublin Volunteers Overseas, Ireland, 2014 – 2020.
- 4) Founder & Programme Coordinator – Community Computer Education Center and Programme, ADBU, Guwahati, 2018 – 2022.
- 5) Programme Initiator and Coordinator – Education for Sustainable Development, Community Children Education Center, ADBU, 2018 – 2022.
- 6) Member – Research Integrity and Ethics Review Board, (2021); Committee for Social Protection (2021); Entrepreneurship Development and Incubation Cell (2021 – 2022), ADBU, Guwahati.
- 7) Member – Board of Studies in ADBU, Social Work (2012 – 2022); Psychology (2013 – 2019); Media Studies (2020 – 2021).
- 8) Member – Board of Studies, Martin Luther Christian University, Shillong, 2018.
- 9) Coordinator, Department of Social Work – Alumni, Social Work, (2014 – 2022); and ERP, Social Work (2014 – 2022).

Publications

Book(s) Authored/Edited

- 1) (2020) **“Pregnancy and Pregnancy Care Practice – the lived experience of the Bodos”**, (Jacob Islary), Mittal Publications, New Delhi, 2020, ISBN: 8183249507/9788183249508.
- 2) (2014) **“Comics for Social Change – A compilation of Artwork to raise Awareness of Local and Global Inequities”**, (Jacob Islary et. al.), UCDVO, Dublin & ADBU, Guwahati, A/F for ISBN

Chapter/Article published in Books

- 3) (2021) **“An international student volunteer programme in India and Ireland”**, in Learner Relationships in Global Higher Education - A Critical Pedagogy for a Multicultural World (Jacob Islary and Caroline Mangan) edited by David Killick and Monika Foster, London, Routledge, ISBN: 9780367271121.
- 4) (2019) **“Dynamics of Power Relationship and Decision Making Process in Employed Married Couples in Bhutan”** in Proceeding of the International Conference on Emerging Social Work Practices and Education (Tshering Dorji and Jacob Islary), Unicef and Samtse College, Royal University of Bhutan, Bhutan, Pp. 89-102, ISBN: 9789993625049.
- 5) (2015) **“Strengthening Human Security through Public Healthcare Service”** in Human Security in Northeast India: Challenges and Predicaments, Volume: II: Gender and Health Vol.2 (Jacob Islary), edited by Homen Thangjam, et. al., pages 182-200, New Delhi, Essential Publications, ISBN: 8183340598/9788183340595.
- 6) (2008) **“Social Workers’ Bitter Gall”** in MindTEXT. (Jacob Islary) by Center for Public Policy Research, Kochi, Kerala.
- 7) (2005) **“Why Terrorism”** in Indian Currents, (Jacob Islary), New Delhi, Media House, Reg, No: ER376/89

Article published in Peer-reviewed journals

- 8) (2021) **“Ensuring public health and care services and health rights in communities through participatory health governance”**, Indian Journal of Health and Well-being, (Jacob Islary), Vol. 12(4). Pp. 445-459, ISSN: 2229-5356.
- 9) (2020) **“Knowledge, Attitude and Practice of Antenatal Care among Tribes: An Evidence Based Study in Assam”**, Journal of Social Work & Social Development, (Jacob Islary), Vol. 12(2). Pp. 12-26, ISSN: 2229-6468.

- 10) (2019) **“A discourse on perspectives to strengthening family resilience through social work methods”**, International Journal of Social Sciences, (Jacob Islary et. al.), Vol. 7(6-I). Pp. 2109- 2112, ISSN: 2347-3797.
- 11) (2018) **“Social Movement and Militancy: A Perspective from Within”**, The Journal of Development Practice, (Jacob Islary), Vol. 4, Pp. 52-55, ISSN: 2394-0476.
- 12) (2015), **“Volunteering by Students in Higher Education: An Inter-Cultural and Participatory Development Experience from Northeast India”**, The Journal of Development Practice, (Jacob Islary et. al.), Vol. 2. Pp. 11-19, ISSN: ISSN: 2394-0476.
- 13) (2014) **“Health and Health Seeking Behaviour among Tribal Communities in India: A Socio-Cultural Perspective”**, Journal of Tribal Intellectual Collective India, (Jacob Islary), Vol. 2. Pp. 1-16, ISSN: 2321-5437.
- 14) (2014) **“A Meta-Analysis on the Health Risk of forest –Ecosystem Degradation”**, The Journal of Development Practice, (Jacob Islary) Vol.1. Pp. 1-10, ISSN: ISSN: 2394-0476.

Research, Community Projects and Consultancies

- 1) Fellow - India Health Policy and Systems Research (Fellowship) supported by Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation and Sir. Ratan Tata Trust implemented by Health Systems Transformation Platform, New Delhi, 2022-2023, Ongoing.
- 2) Evolving Governance and Sustainable Development Framework - An Empirical Study of Emerging Urban Spaces in the Sixth Schedule Areas of Northeast India funded by Azim Premji University Research Grant, Bengaluru, 2019, Ongoing.
- 3) Translation of Research Tools into six languages (of NE, India) for Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health research funded by Access Health International, New York & New Delhi, 2022, Completed.
- 4) A Need for Public Health Act and Regulations: Ensuring Citizens Rights for Positive Health Outcomes funded by Access Health International, New York & New Delhi, 2021, Completed.
- 5) Sustainable Provision and Occupation through Social Action for Improved Nutrition (Suposhan), funded by IGSSS, New Delhi/Guwahati Regional Office, 2021, Completed.
- 6) A Study on Knowledge of Anganwadi Workers on Essential Nutrition Services funded by IGSSS, New Delhi/Guwahati Regional Office, 2020, Completed.

- 7) Community Organisation and Institution Building (for Christian Brothers Society, Shillong) funded by Congregation of Christian Brothers in India, St. Columba's School, Ashok Place, New Delhi, 2018, Completed.
- 8) Community Computer Education Center, a Community E-Learning Center and Programme funded by University College Dublin Volunteers Overseas, Ireland, 2018, Completed.
- 9) Perspective Planning for Development of Social Work Programme at Samtse College of Education, Bhutan, funded by Samtse College of Education, Samtse, Bhutan and Unicef Bhutan, 2017, Completed.
- 10) Strengthening Mental Health Interventions in North East India – Phase III, An Endline Study, funded by Ashadeep Society Guwahati and Tata Trusts, 2016, Completed.
- 11) Strengthening Mental Health Interventions in North East India – Phase III, A Base Line Study, funded by Ashadeep Society Guwahati and Tata Trusts, 2014, Completed.
- 12) Participatory Community Education & Development Programme - International Student Volunteer Exchange Programme between University College Dublin, Ireland and Assam Don Bosco University, 2014-2020 funded by University College Dublin Volunteers Overseas, Ireland, Completed.