## **PROFILE**

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**Qualification** : Ph.D. in Botany

**Area(s) of Specialization** : Angiosperms, Biodiversity, Conservation and Ethnobotany.

Occupation/Designation : Teaching and Research / Professor of Botany

Major Activities : Current research interests include assessment of floristic diversity of

Tripura, conservation of threatened species and Ethnobotany.

**Awards/Recognitions** : As Principal member of the North Eastern Biodiversity Research cell,

funded by the North Eastern Council, Govt of India (1998 – 2007), have represented the cell in many joint programmes, awareness programmes involving NGOs, State Departments etc., covering the entire Northeast Region. Have organized, conducted and presented paper related to biodiversity and medicinal plants conservation in Meghalaya, Assam, Aizawl, Mizoram, Sikkim and Arunachal Pradesh (b) Member of the State Steering Committee (Meghalaya) for the National Biodiversity Strategy Action Plan (NBSAP), funded by MoEF, 2000-2002 have toured, survey, organized public hearings, awareness etc the technical report of which has been submitted to MoEF. (c) Collaboration with FRLHT, Bangalore in a UNEP programme to conduct public hearings, workshop, exhibition on the topic Sustainable Utilization and Conservation of Medicinal Plants w. e. f. December 2002 –April 2003 all over the state of Meghalaya. A technical report was prepared and submitted.

Membership/Positions in Learned: Academic Bodies/Organizations

- Membership/Positions in Learned: 1. Life Member, Indian Science Congress Association
  - 2. Life Member, International Society for Environmental Botanists.
  - 3. Life Member of East Himalayan Society for Spermatophyte Taxonomy.
  - 4. Life Member of Indian Association for Angiosperm Taxonomy.
  - 5. State Level Nodal Officer, National Institute of Folk Medicine (NEIFM), Pasighat, Arunachal Pradesh, Department of Health and Family Welfare (AYUSH), Government of India.
  - 6. Expert Member of Tripura Biodiversity Board, Govt. of Tripura.