

Name: Dr. Thomas Malsom

Designation: Assistant Professor

Branch: Sociology



Educational Qualification(s):

Qualification(s)	University	Year of Completion
B.A.	Tripura University	2015
M.A.	Tripura University	2017
Ph.D	North-Eastern Hill University	2026
UGC-NET Q		2018

Experience in years:

Academic:

Details:

Sl. No.	Organization	Position Held	Duration	
			From	To
1	ICFAI University, Tripura	Assistant Professor	August 2026	Present
2	Tata Institute of Social Sciences, Mumbai	Research Officer	July 2025	February 2026
3	North-Eastern Hill University, Shillong.	Field Investigator	October 2023	December 2023
4	North Eastern Social Research Centre, Guwahati.	Research Assistant	April 2020	September 2020
5	Holy Cross College, Agartala	Assistant Professor (contractual)	January 2019	February 2020

Other Information:

- a) Publication details.

Book

1. *'Ethnicity and Land Conflicts: Development-Induced Displacement in Tripura 1947-2010'* (co-author with Walter Fernandes, Meenal Tula and Gita Bharali), published by North Eastern Social Research Centre, Guwahati, 2021

Picture Book

1. The Fishing Trip published by Pratham Books' Storyweavers
2. Lungdai and the Hornbills published by Pratham Books' Storyweavers

Research Articles

1. (2025) Dam as Estrangement: Collective Memory and Development Questions in the Tribal Resistance Against Hydropower Project in Tripura, Northeast India | *Journal of Asian and African Studies* (Sage Publication) (Scopus)
2. (2025) Socio-Cultural Integration of Smaller Tribal Communities in a Multi-Ethnic Society: The Case of Hrangkhawls in Tripura (Co-Authored with Prof. B Panda) | *Sociological Bulletin* (Sage Publication) (Scopus)
3. (2025) Palm Oil and The Politics of Deforestation in Tripura | *Economic and Political Weekly (EPW)* (Scopus)
4. (2021) Necropolitics and the Impact of the COVID-19 Pandemic on the Indigenous Peoples of Tripura, Northeast India (Co-Authored with Dr. Biswaranjan Tripura) | *Intersectionalities: A Global Journal of Social Work Analysis, Research, Polity and Practice*, 2021 (Web of Science)
5. (2021) COVID-19 and the Everyday Challenges of Indigenous Peoples of Tripura (Co-Authored with Dr. Biswaranjan Tripura) | *Economic and Political Weekly (EPW)* (Scopus)

Chapters

1. (2026) 'Multi-dimensional Poverty and Food Security in Northeast India: A Focus on Tripura' (Co-authored with Alimpik Debbarma) in *'The Palgrave Encyclopaedia of Global Poverty Research'* edited by Rajendra Baikady published by Springer Nature (upcoming).
2. (2026) Locating 'Forestry Extractivism': Everyday State, Tribes and (im)Possibility of (Non) Extractive Place in Tripura in *Tribes, State and the Environment in India's Northeast* edited by Sarit Kumar Chaudhuri, Ambika Aiyadurai, and Thanglienmang Haokip, published by Orient Blackswan (upcoming).
3. (2026) 'Scheduled Tribes and the Rhetoric of Inclusion: The Development Experience of Hill Tribes in Tripura, Northeast India' in *'Diversity, Disparity and Discrimination in Access to Resources: Challenges of Not Leaving Anyone Behind'* by Sanghmitra S Acharya published by Springer Nature (upcoming).

4. (2025) Reading 'Methodologies' in Tribes and Community Development Practice: Insights from the Peripheral/Endangered Tribe of Tripura, Northeast India (Co-Authoring with Dr. Biswaranjan Tripura), in *Social Work Research: Methodologies of Fields of Practice*, edited by Alex Akhup, Biswaranjan Tripura and Bipin Jojo, published by Springer Nature.
5. (2025) Impact of Oil and Natural Gas Extraction on Water Crisis in Northeast India: A Case Study of Tribals Hills of Tripura in *Land and Water Nexus in South Asia: Exploring the Interplay of Resources*, edited by Seema Rani, published by Springer Nature.
6. (2024) State, Indigenous and Revitalisation of Endangered Language in Tripura, Northeast India: Possibilities, Challenges and Movements. in *Language and AI in Asia*, edited by Dr. Jieun Kiaer, Dr. Ju Seong Lee and Mohini Gupta, published by Lincom - the esteemed German Academic Publisher
7. (2023) 'Memories of (Un)Belonging: Narratives from Mazhabi Sikhs in Bara Bazaar, Shillong' (Co-author with Sanjana Hazarika) In *Conflict and Coping in Northeast India: The Role of Memory*, edited by Anurag Das, published by North Eastern Social Research Centre, Guwahati.

Book Reviews

1. (2025) Environment and Human-Animal Interactions | Changing Affinities: Ecologies of Human-Mithun Relationship in Northeast India by Abhishruti Sarma and Joshep Zoliana | *Economic and Political Weekly (EPW)* (Scopus)

Popular Writings (Editorial/Commentary/Short Stories//Photo Essays)

1. (2026) Inside Meghalaya's sacred groves where community care sustains water beyond policy | *India Water Portal*
2. (2026) Receding Rudrasagar leaves Neermahal stranded and fishermen without livelihood| *India Water Portal*
3. (2026) Silent spills: Tracing the impacts of changing waters in Tripura's gas-producing hills | *India Water Portal*
4. (2026) Why the wettest hills of India are running dry: The changing water story of Meghalaya | *India Water Portal*
5. (2026) Children's water journeys on wheels in Shillong Meghalaya | *India Water Portal*
6. (2025) Tankers in the Abode of Clouds: Shillong's Growing Water Crisis | *India Water Portal*
7. (2025) Dumboor Lake: When Fields Sank and Farmers Became Fishers in Tripura | *India Water Portal*
8. (2025) Unheard Voices of Climate-Induced Flood Disasters in Tripura | *Northeast India Water Talk (NEIWT)*.
9. (2025) The Challenges of Indigenous Scholars in Writing and representation | *Homchang*.

10. (2024) Tripura's Floods 'Classic Example' of Climate Change Intensifying Extreme Weather Events: Experts | *Down to Earth* (Co-Authored with Monoj Gogoi)
11. (2024) Photo Essay: Beyond Fire: Exploring Forest Loss in Tripura | *Homchang*
12. (2023) Photo Essay: Water Insecurity Among Hill Tribes of Tripura | *India Water Portal*
13. (2023) Is Agroforestry Model a Sustainable Alternative to Jhum? | *Grassroot Options*
14. (2023) Sponsored Water for the Hill Tribes in Tiprasa Village in Tripura | *Northeast India Water Talk* (Co-Authored with B Motom Debbarma)
15. (2023) Living River to Commodified Island: The Tale of Dumboor Lake in Tripura (Co-author) | *Northeast India Water Talk* (Co-Authored with Ishika Chakma)

Peer-Reviewed for Journals

1. The Extractive Industries and Society (Elsevier)
2. Discover Global Society (SpringerNature)
3. Social Identities: Journal for the Study of Race, Nation and Culture (Routledge)
4. The Oriental Anthropologist (Sage)
5. Journal of Asian and African Studies (Sage)

b) Details of Seminar/Workshop/Conference.

Workshops

1. Participated in ICSSR (New Delhi) Sponsored 10-Days Research Methodology Course in Social Sciences held on 19 -29 May 2025, organised by the Department of Sociology, North-Eastern Hill University (NEHU).
2. Participated in 2-day workshop on '*Research Capacity Development Workshop on 'Researching Marginalities'*' held on 21-22 April 2025, organised by IIT Roorkee, Savitribhai Phule Pune University (SPPU), Association of Asian Studies (AAS) and Swedish International Development Cooperation Agency (SIDA).
3. Participated in 2-day '*Orchid GPF Supported Workshop on Open Access Publishing*' held on 17-18 October, 2024, organised by Department of Journalism and Mass Communication, North-Eastern Hill University, Shillong in collaboration with Central Library, Indian Institute of Technology, Delhi
4. Participated in the 4-day '*Research Capacity Development Workshop on 'Researching Marginalities'*' held on 16-20 May 2024, organised by Savitribhai Phule Pune University (SPPU), Association of Asian Studies (AAS) and Swedish International Development Cooperation Agency (SIDA).
5. Participated in 5-Day Residential Workshop on '*Resource Rights, Environmental Governance and Jurisprudence*' Organised by Centre for Science, Technology and Society, School of Habitat Studies, Tata Institute of Social Sciences, Mumbai, 2022.

6. Participated a workshop on '*Publishing Ethics and Research Methodology*,' Organized by Jawaharlal Nehru University (JNU), New Delhi | August 12th – 14th, 2020.

Summer school/certificate course

1. Certificate Course (online): Completed the 7-day short-term course on '*Environmental Humanities: Recent Trends*' held on 01.05.2025-07.05.2025 organised by the Department of English, University of Hyderabad, Telangana, India
2. Participated at Ambedkar Summer School on '*Public Policy and Marginalised Social Groups*' held on 2-7 June 2024 organised by Centre for Dalit Studies, New Delhi and Rosa Luxemburg Stiftung (Germany), South Asia.

Seminar/conference

1. Paper presented title '*Decolonizing Extractivism: Resource Governance, Epistemic Justice and Community Development in Tripura, North-East India*' at the International Roundtable on Debating Decolonisation: The Contours, the Processes and Consequences of Valorising Decolonisation held on 11-12 September 2025 organised by Community Development Journal, Oxford University Press, hosted by Department of Sociology, University of Hyderabad in Collaboration with TISS, Mumbai & Praxis Institute of Participatory Practices.
2. Paper presented title '*Songs of Resistance: Interrogating Collective Memory and Political Mobilization in the Kokborok Songs of Tripura*' at the Graduate Research Meet (GRM) held on 9-10 December 2024 organised by IIT Guwahati.
3. Paper presented titled '*Reclaiming Space: Politics of Place, Memory and Identity in Tripura, Northeast India*' at the British Association for South Asian Studies (BASAS) Annual Conference on "Disaster Response and Community Dynamics" held on 9, 10 and 11 September 2024 at King's College London.
4. Paper presented titled '*Re-Thinking Tribal Research in India: Ethics, Informed Consent and Alternative Methodology*' at National Conference on "Ethics in Human Sciences Research and Publication" held on 21-23 September 2023, at Jawaharlal Nehru University (JNU), New Delhi.
5. Paper presented titled '*State, Indigenous Peoples and Revitalisation of Endangered Language in Tripura, Northeast India: Possibilities, Challenges and Movements*' at the International Conference 'Language and AI in Asia: Challenges and Possibilities' held on 25-26 September 2023 organised by University of Oxford, UK and the Education University of Hong Kong, China.
6. Paper presented titled '*1971 Bangladesh: Role of Tripura and Response of the Tribal People in the Liberation Movement*' at the Eighteenth International Conference of History & Heritage, held on 24 February 2023 organized by Itihas Academy Dhaka, organized by University of Dhaka, Bangladesh.

7. Paper presented titled '*Community Experiences of Extractivism in Tripura, Northeast India*' at 'XXI ISA World Congress of Sociology' held on 25 June to 1 July 2023 organised by International Sociological Association (ISA), Melbourne, Australia.
8. Paper Presented titled '*Extractivism, State and the Tribes in Tripura, Northeast India*' at the National Seminar on "Tribes, State and the Environment: Contemporary Research from India's North East" held on 6-7 March, 2023, Organised by Department of Anthropology, Rajiv Gandhi University (RGU) and IIT Gandhinagar.
9. Paper presented titled '*Echoes from the Heights: Narratives Weaving Jampui Hill's Nostalgic Tapestry*' at the Ninth Annual Conference 'Mountain History: At the Intersection of Memory, Politic and Identity' held on 13-15 March 2024, organized by the Oral History Association of India (OHAI) at North-Eastern Hill University (NEHU), Shillong.
10. Paper Presented titled '*How Extractivism Threatens Forest Cover and Community Rights? The Case of Tripura, Northeast India*' at the National Seminar "Ecological Futures: Communities, Conflicts and Contestations in Northeast India" held on 2-3 November 2023, organised by North Eastern Social Research Centre (NESRC), Guwahati.

Panel organized

1. Organized Panel title 'The Politics of Development and Alternative Modernities' at AAS-in-Asia Conference on 'Reframing Global Asias' organised by Association for Asian Studies (AAS) and Social Science Baha, Kathmandu, Nepal, to be held on 1st June to 7th June 2025

(c) Professional membership of reputed bodies if any.

Membership in academic association

1. Life Member – Itihas Academy Dhaka, University of Dhaka, Bangladesh.
2. Former Member – Association for Asian Studies, USA
3. Former Member – British Association for South Asian (BASAS), UK
4. Former Member – Society for the Study of Social Problem (SSSP), USA