



Amrita Gogoi

Dr Amrita Gogoi joined the CHSS Project in September 2022, as a mentee in the inaugural batch of the “Researching Marginalities Workshop” at SPPU. The project also supported her participation in two AAS conferences; one at the 2023 AAS-in-Asia, and the second at the AAS 2024 Annual Conference in Seattle, WA. Participating in the workshops and conferences along with the continuous mentoring have equipped her with enhanced reading, writing, thinking, and analytical skills. The project gave her the confidence and clarity to complete her doctoral writing projects and undertake new initiatives. One of them was to lead a group of 34 volunteers to undertake a health survey in Baghjan, Tinsukia, where in 2020 an oil inferno led to devastating effects on the people and ecology of this easternmost region of Assam.

CHSS 2022 SPPU Workshop Fellow  
**Nationality:** Indian  
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**Research interests:** women and gender studies, Nepalese female guerillas, memory.

In 2024, she collaborated with SOIL, a farm, art and craft studio in Dibrugarh, Assam, to curate a self-financed residential workshop for researchers, artists, farmers, and activists working on food and ecological conservation. She also successfully signed a book contract with Lived Places Publishing, LLC, New York, with contributions from the workshop participants. CHSS was able to create a safe space for her to share and listen to fears, excitements, dreams and hopes with mentors and fellow researchers who have all been instrumental in shaping the trajectory of her work.

Over the years, the benefits of the project have extended to many others in the region. Not only has the number of participants from the Northeastern part of India increased, but the project has also reached out to her university. In collaboration with SPPU, she organized a research methodology workshop for 30 researchers from different departments. Dibrugarh University is located in the easternmost fringe of India and it is characterized by high levels of poverty. It has also been severely affected by more than four decades of armed conflict and natural disasters. Starting with the support to one individual, CHSS has expanded its positive impact to help nurture a region that has long remained forgotten in scholarly exchange.