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Gifita Angline Kumar, is from Odisha, belongs to the Church of North India, Sambalpur Diocese. Started her theological learning at Bethel Bible College, Guntur, Andhra Pradesh, and completed her BD in 2012 and M.Th. in the department of Religions from North India Institute of Post-Graduate Theological Studies (NIIPGTS) in 2015. After M.Th. she taught at Orissa Christian Theological College, Gopalpur-on-Sea, Odisha for two years. After that she pursued her Doctorate in Theology (D. Th) at South Asia Theological Research Institute (SATHRI), beginning in 2017 under the supervision of Rev. Dr. S. Robertson, and completed it in 2021. At present, she is working as an assistant professor at Bishop's College, Kolkata. She is also the core faculty member of NIIPGTS since 2023 and guiding MTh students as well. She is also a member of Assembly Planning Group (2023-2024) of Council for World Mission.

She is a member of Vaiṣṇava-Christian Dialogue and She has presented three papers such as **“Loving Surrender and Social Engagement,”** Presented on 5th Annual Vaiṣṇava-Christian Dialogue held in ISKCON Chennai (December 16-18, 2019), **“Inner and Outer Climate Change: God, Nature, and Human Transformation,”** Presented on 6th Annual Vaiṣṇava-Christian Dialogue (16th-17th December 2020), and **“Interpreting Karma, Grace and Freedom: Perspectives for Integral Transformation” on 8th Annual Vaiṣṇava Christian Dialogue (14th December 2022).**

She has been actively engaged in ministry such as she was the guest speaker of Summer Camp 2022 Durgapur Children Project held in Diocese of Durgapur. She has been conducting Bible study. She has undertaken Bible Study on the theme **“Re-interpreting “His”-story in the Bible”**, and Women Seminar on the Topic **“Breaking Free: Towards Gender Justice”** which was held on 26th May 2023- 27th May 2023 at Diocese of Durgapur. She has also presented a paper for the Interdisciplinary Seminar held in Bishop's college 28th-29th August 2023 on the Theme **CLIMATE JUSTICE AND CARE FOR CREATION** and the Topic **“Harmony of the Universe: Unveiling the *Cosmo-Theandric* Vision of the Vedas – Prospects, Problems”** which is her upcoming publication. Besides, she also presented a paper on the title **“The Impact of Religious Rituals and Ceremonies on Gender”** in Bangkok, DARE Conference organized by Council for World Mission on 13th-16th September 2023.

She has been publishing articles in various Journals. Her publications as follows:

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- **“Durgā: A Hidden Aspect of Every Woman for their Emancipation in Today’s Context,”** *Journal of Henry Martyn Institute* 36, no. 2 (July-December 2017).
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- **“Loving Surrender and Social Engagement,”** *Indian Journal of Theology* 61, no. 2 (2019).
- **“Christanku Grahana,”** *Nabadiganta* an Odia Theological Literature. Orissa Christian Theological College, 2020.
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- **“Goddess Tradition in India: An Overview,”** *ABS Journal of Theology* 8, no. 2 (December 2020).
- **“The Relevance of Śrī Caitanya’s Bhakti Movement in India,”** *Journal of The Henry Martyn Institute* 40, no.1 (January-June 2021).
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- **“Inner and Outer climate Change: God Nature and Human Transformation”** *Indian Journal of Theology* 64, no. 2 (2022).