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- NA

**Professional Experiences:**

- Joined the C.H.S. in July 1985 as lecturer.
- Involved in research and M.phil teaching on the region since then.
- Teaching M.A. in Strategic and Area Studies since 2005. Also remained associated with teaching and evaluation of M.A in History (DDE) Remained guest Faculty of History in Panchanan Barma University in Coochbehar in 2014.
- Edited Six Volumes of Himalayan Miscellany (with ISBN no.), House journal of the Centre(Volume 15, 2004, Volume 16,2005, Volume 23, 2012, Volume 24 2013 & Volume 25 2014)

**Administrative Experiences:**

- Remained Director of the Centre for two terms - 2004-2007 and 2013-2016.

**Selective List of Publications:****Books Edited:**

1. Religion and society in the Himalayas(jointly with T.B.Subba), Gian Publishing House, New Delhi, 1991, ISBN 81- 212- 0334-1 (jointly edited publication) ISBN 978 81 9387 127 3
2. Urbanisation in the Eastern Himalayas : Emergence and issues, Serials Publications, New Delhi, 2006, ISBN 81-8387-041-4 ISBN 81 8387 041 4
3. Essays on Tibetan cultural Heritage, Serials publications, New Delhi, 2008, ISBN 978-81-8387-127-3
4. People and Forests in India's North and the North- East (in press)

**Articles in Journals:**

5. Human flows, trade and security: The changing role of Chumbi Valley in the Himalayan region – *Athens Journal of History* (published by the History research unit of ATINER, Greece)Vol.1, No.3, 2015
6. Tibet trade through the Chumbi Valley- Growth, rupture and reopening- Vidyasagar University Journal of History Vol.2, 2013 -2014 , Refereed Journal, ISSN 2321-0834,pp.123-140
7. Women in Bhutan ; Changing status and challenges ahead - *Dialogue*,(A journal of Aastha Bharati), New Delhi, April – June 2009
8. Heritage of Tibetan culture among the people of Darjeeling Hills- *Social Change*, New Delhi, Vol.36, No.2, June 2006
9. The Empire and its merchants: Relations between the Portuguese Government and the Goan business community in the 18th century, *Indica*, Organ of the Heras Institute of Indian History and Culture, Bombay, vol. 37, No.2, September 2000
10. Reincarnation and Politics in Tibet- *Bulletin of Tibetology* , Namgyal Institute of Tibetology, Gangtok, No 1-3, 2000

11. Goa and the second Portuguese Empire -*The Quarterly Review of Historical Studies*, Institute of Historical Studies, Vol.XXXVII, Nos. 1&2, 1998
12. Tibetan monasteries in Darjeeling hills – *Bulletin of the Akshaya Kumar Maitreya Museum*, University of North Bengal, vol. 2, No.1, 1998.
13. The Portuguese and the early Christians of Bengal -*The Quarterly Review of Historical Studies*, Institute of Historical Studies, vol.XXXVII, Nos.1&2.II – September 1997
14. Portugal's experiment with Brazilian tobacco in India in the eighteenth century vol. 28, *Indica*. Organ of the Heras Institute of Indian History and Culture, Bombay, September 1991
15. A Portuguese travel account of 18th century Bengal - published in three parts in *The Quarterly Review of Historical Studies*, Institute of Historical Studies, vol.XXVII No.3, 1988, vol.XXIX 1989, No.I, vol.XXVII ,No.4,1989
16. Paper accepted for publication ( jointly with Ms. Deepika Chhetri)– Change and continuity : Preserving the cultural heritage of Tibet in era of diaspora, accepted for publication in the journal of Netaji Institute of Asian Studies, Kolkata.

**Book chapters / Conference proceedings:**

17. 'Population increase, development and ecological disbalance : A case study of Darjeeling in historical setting' in Ashim Kumar Sarkar, Kaushik Chakraborty (ed)*New aspects on Indian History: Local, Regional, National*, , Kolkata, Readers Service, 2011, ISBN 81 8791 50 5
18. 'Bangalay Portuguese dharmiya mission er utthan o patan : Sorash – astadas satak - ekti ruparekha' – (in Bengali) in Manju Chattapadhyaya (ed) *Itihas anusandhan 25*, Paschimanga Itihas Samsad, Kolkata, 2011 .
19. 'Social status and changing position of the women of Bhutan', in *Perspectives: Asia Pacific: Proceedings of the Fourth Biennial Conference*, Indian Association for Asian and Pacific Studies, Kolkata, 2010
20. 'Role of Tibetan monasteries in the era of Tibetan diaspora' in Dr. Buddhadev Bhattacharya(ed) *Dimensions of Buddhism and Jainism* (Prof. Suniti Kumar Pathak Felicitation volume), volume 2 Kolkata, Sanskrit Book Depot, 2009)
21. 'Universal Women's education: Policies and challenges ahead' in Rajarshi Ray (ed) *Women education and development* , Delhi, Shipra Publications.,2009 , ISBN978 81 7541 459 4
22. 'Emergence and some characteristics of the towns of Darjeeling hills' in Chittabrata Palit (ed) *Urbanisation in India: Past and present* ( Prof. N.R.Ray birth centenary volume), Kolkata, Institute of Historical Studies, 2009 .
23. 'Portuguese trade in Indian cotton textiles : A focus on the late 18th century' in ) S.Jeyaseela Stephen (ed) *The Indian trade at the Asian frontier*, New Delhi, Gian Publishing House , 2008 ,ISBN 81 212 0946 3
24. 'Emergence and trend of urbanisation in the Eastern Himalayas' in *Proceedings of the Second Biennial Conference*, , Indian Association for Asian and Pacific Studies, 2006 .
25. 'Buddhism in Sikkim: A Short history of its introduction and status in pre and post merger period in , N.K.Dash (ed) *Indo Tibetan Culture* , Santiniketan, Visva Bharati, 2003
26. 'Transformation of the Tibetan women in exile' in *Proceedings of the first Biennial Conference*, Indian Association for Asian and Pacific Studies, 2002. .
27. 'Freedom in Exile: The Tibetan refugees in India in pursuit of rights and identity' (jointly with Ms. Ratna Chakaravorty) in , S.K.Roy (ed) *Refugees and Human rights*, Jaipur & New Delhi, Rawat Publications, 2001 .
28. 'Religion and society in Tibet, Bhutan and Sikkim : A bibliographical study' in Tanka .B.Subba and Karubaki Datta (ed) *Religion and Society in the Himalayas*, New Delhi, Gian Publishing House, 1991 , ISBN 81 212 0334 3
29. Across the peaks and through the passes – The Tibetans in the hills of Darjeeling , *Omnibus of North Bengal, Vol.2* (ed) Anita Bagchi, B.R.Publications, New Delhi, 2015.

**Occasional Papers published by the Centre:**

30. Status of forests and forest administration of Sikkim O.P No. 17. 2006
31. The Buddhist monasteries of Darjeeling Hills O.P No 13. 2001
32. Inter ethnic relations in Sikkim in historical perspective O.P No.11,1997.

**Articles in Himalayan Miscellany ISSN 0970 4922 , Published by the Centre:**

33. 'Women in anti Chinese demonstration in Tibet' , vol. 12-1998/99
34. 'Changing status of Buddhism in Sikkim' vol. II, March 1997
35. 'Ethnicity and politics in Sikkim', vols.7&8, March 1993-94
36. 'The tea industry of Darjeeling during the GNLf agitation', vol. 6, no 1, March 1992
37. 'A note on the present state of the histories of Sikkim', vol.5, No.1, March 1991
38. 'Cinchona plantation in Darjeeling', vol.4,1990
39. 'The recent discovery of the Great Cathay or the Kingdom of Tibet by father Antonio de Andrade of the Company of Jesus, Portuguese, in the year 1624: An account of the first Christian mission in Tibet', vol.3, 1989
40. 'War between China and Tibet c.1773', vol. 1,No.2 &vol.2, No1. March 1988.

**Area Reports and Compendiums published by the Centre:**

41. The GNLf Movement : A compendium (in three volumes): Vol.1 –( April 1996 – December 1987), Vol.2- (May-December 1986), Vol. 3 –(January – December 1987)
42. Compiled the Tibet part of the Area Report 5 (1987-88) of Tibet, Bhutan, Arunachal Pradesh and Sikkim, 1992
43. Compiled the Tibet part of the Area Report 5 (1988-89)of Tibet, Bhutan Sikkim, Darjeeling and Arunachal Pradesh, 1994