

Curriculum Vitae

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PERSONAL DETAIL

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Caste: Scheduled Caste (sub-caste: Chain).

EDUCATIONAL AND PROFESSIONAL HISTORY

Academic Positions

(a) UNIVERSITY:

Professor, Department of History, University of North Bengal, 2010 – till date
Associate Professor, Department of History, University of North Bengal, 2007-2010.

(b) COLLEGE:

Kurseong College (affiliated to University of North Bengal)
Associate Professor, 2006-07.
Selection Grade Lecturer in History: 1998-2006,
Lecturer (Sr. scale), 1992-1998,
Lecturer in History: 1984-1992.

Higher Education

Ph.D., University of North Bengal, History, January 2006.

P.G. Dip. in Museum Studies, University of North Bengal, 2004.

M.A., University of North Bengal, History, 1981.

B.A. (Hons.), University of North Bengal, History, 1979.

Honours and Awards

University Silver Medal, awarded by the University of North Bengal for securing 2nd class 1st
(Marks obtained: 59%) in M.A. (History) Examination, 1981.

Surajmohini Debi Medal, awarded by the University of North Bengal for securing 2nd class 1st in
M.A. (History) Examination, 1981.

Countries Visited on Seminars/ Conferences:

U.K., Denmark, Sweden, Japan, Thailand, Bangladesh.

PUBLICATION

Book

(a) Self-authored:

i. *Sun Cult in Prachyadesa: History, Religion and Iconography*.

Delhi: Pratibha Prakashan, 2010, ISBN: 8177022172, ISBN-13: 9788177022179; 2500.00.

ii. *Muthke Dhan*, Poetry in Chain Language, Akshar Prakashani, Calcutta, 2017, Rs. 150.00.

(b) Edited:

Sepoy Mutiny – 1857: A Miscellany, Dipali Publihers, Siliguri (Darjeeling), 2012. 978-81-89036-37-9; **Co-edited** with Ananda Gopal Ghosh and Ratna Roy Sanyal, Dept. of History, University of North Bengal.

© Journal Edited:

KARATOYA (North Bengal University Journal of History; ISSN: 2229-4880; Refereed):
Volume III (March 2009), Volume VII (March 2014), Volume IX, March 2016.

Articles, Book Chapters and Review Essays published:

- * “Women, Ethnicity and Society in the late Twentieth century: The Chain community of West Bengal, *Journal of People’s History and Culture*, Vol. 6 No.2, December 2020, pp. 7-18.
- * “Origin and Ethnic Identity of the Nasya Seikhs of Cooch Behar”, *Proceedings of North-East India History Association*, 2019, pp. .
- * “Vaishnavism in Varendri during the Sena period: An Epigraphical Study,” *Karatoya* (North Bengal University Journal of History), ISSN: 2229-4880, Vol.XII, 2019 (Accepted).
“Narasimha Temples in Cooch Behar: Religious Pluralism against Aggressive Imperialism,” *Karatoya* (North Bengal University Journal of History), ISSN: 2229-4880, Vol. XI, 2018, pp 39-47.
- * “Neo-Vaishnavism in Kamata-Koch Dynasty: A Study of Birnarayan,” *Proceedings of North-East India History Association*, 2016, pp. 143-154.
- * “Worship of Balarama in Cooch Behar: A Historical Study,” *Journal of the Asiatic Society of Bangladesh* (Humanities), Vol. 59, No.1, September, 2015.
- * “Aspects of Buddhism in Early Chittagong”, *Global Journal of History and Culture*, Vol. 1, No. 1, June 2015, pp. 13-22.
- * “Chain Jatir Utpatti: Ekti Oitihasik Anusandhan”- in Bengali (Origin of the Chains: A Historical Quest), *Historical Writings*, 2014, Dhaka. pp. 7-14.
- * “Navagraha Images from Bengal: A Comparative Study with their Orissan Counterparts,” *Journal of Bengal Art* (ISSN: 1607-1344), Vol. 19, 2014, pp. 141-149.
- * “Development of the Underdeveloped: Changing Perspective of the Chain Community in West Bengal,” *The International Journal of Humanities and Social Studies*, Vol. 2 Issue 7, July 2014, pp.

- * “State, Power and Ethics of Governance: A Kamata-Koch Experience,” *Karatoya* (North Bengal University Journal of History), Vol. 7, 2014, pp. 52-58.
- * “Vaishnavism in North Bengal in the Gupta Period: An Epigraphical Study,” *Historical Writings*, Dhaka, 2014, pp. 214-224.
- * “Sun Worship in Assam and Bengal: A Peep into Comparative Study,” *Karatoya* (North Bengal University Journal of History), Vol. 6, 2013, pp. 1-12.
- * “Worship of Shakti in Kamata-Koch Dynasty,” *Proceedings of North-East India History Association*, 2013, pp. 197-210.
- * “Vaishnavism in North Bengal under the Palas: An Epigraphical Study,” *Historical Writings*, Dhaka, 2012, pp. 262-269.
- * “History of Goddess Manasa: A Case Study of Deopara,” *Bangladesh Historical Studies*, Vol. XXI, 2010-2012, pp. 19-38.
- * “Iconography of Navagraha Images: A Case Study of North Bengal,” *Karatoya* (North Bengal University Journal of History), ISSN: 2229-4880, Vol. 5, 2012, pp. 05-18.
- * “Uttar Bange Vaishnava Andolan: Ekti Oitihasi Paryalochana” (in Bengali)(Vaisnava Movements in North Bengal: A Historical Review), *Itihas Anusandhan* 27, 2012, pp. 313-322.
- * “Temples of the Sun-God in early Assam,” *Karatoya* (North Bengal University Journal of History), Vol. 4, March 2011, pp. 29-36.
- * “A Rare Gold Coin of the Koch Kingdom,” *The Journal of the Numismatic Society of India*, Vol. LXXIII, 2011, Part I & II pp. 68-70. Jointly with Debajit Dutta.
- * “Some Aspects of Early Bengal Paintings,” *Pratnatattva*, Dhaka, Vol. 17, June 2011, pp. 135-137.
- * “Minor Religious Cult in Pragjyotishpur- Kamarupa: A Case Study of Surya,” *Historical Writings*, Dhaka, 2011, pp. 31-40.
- * “Reflections on Local history with reference to North Bengal,” *Proceedings of the UGC-sponsored National Seminar*, Parimal Mitra Smriti Mahavidyalaya, 20-21 February, February, 2010, published in 2011. pp. 38-50.
- * “Vaisnavism in Deopara as reflected in sculptures,” *Historical Writings*, Dhaka, 2010, pp.1-12.
- * “An Assam Surya: Re-examined,” *Proceedings of the 29th Annual Conference of North-East India History Association*, 2010, pp. 91-95.
- * “A unique image of Ganesa from North Dinajpur district, West Bengal,” *Karatoya* (North Bengal University Journal of History), Vol. 3, March 2009, pp. 1-12.
- * “Iconography of a few seated Surya-images from Assam: A Critical Study,” *Proceedings of the 30th Annual Conference of the North-East India History Association*, 2009, pp. 31-41.
- * “Prachin Vange Surya Murti Upasana: Abosaner Prekshapat” (in Bengali)(Worship of Sun Images in ancient Bengal: Background of its decline), *Itihas Anusandhan* 23, 2009, pp. 96-102.
- * “Sunga Art and Contemporary Terracotta Sun Images from Bengal,” *Karatoya* (North Bengal University Journal of History), Vol. 2, March 2008, pp. 1-12.
- * “Navagraha Images from Bangladesh,” *Bangladesh Historical Studies*, Vol. XX, 2007, pp. 35-49.
- * “Sun Temples in Early Bengal.” *Karatoya* (North Bengal University Journal of History), Vol. I, March 2007, pp. 1-8.
- * “A Unique Image of the Sungod from Assam,” *Proceedings of the 28th Annual Conference of North-East India History Association*, 2007, pp. 57-61.

- * “Aspects of Gorkha Culture in the Darjeeling Hills,” *Discursive Hills: Studies in History, Polity and Economy*, 2007, pp. 75-84.
- * “Separate Graha-images in Early Bengal,” *Historical Journal*, Department of History, Jagannath University, Dhaka, 2006, pp. 124-128.
- * “The Solar Cult in Ancient Assam,” *Proceedings of the 27th Annual Conference of North-East India History Association*, 2006, pp. 357-58.
- * “Vanga Narider Surya Puja”: in Bengali (Sun-Worship among the Bengali Women”, *Itihās Anusandhān* 20, 2006, pp. 116-122.
- * “Vihare Revanta Puja” – in Bengali (The Worship of Revanta in Bihar), *Itihās Anusandhān* 19, 2005, pp. 131-140.
- * “A Unique Surya Image from Assam,” *Journal of Bengal Art*, Vols. 10, 2005, pp. 299-302. (Jointly with P .K. Bhattacharyya).
- * “Anthropological Museums in India: Some Observations,” *Indian Museum Bulletin*, 2004, pp. 58-64.
- * “Bhramane O Bhraman-Sambhāvanāy Jalpaiguri”- in Bengali (Tourism and its potentials in Jalpaiguri), *Jalpaiguri Jelā Sankalan*, Vol. II, Jalpaiguri, 2004, pp. 71-78.
- * “The Worship of Revanta in Bengal,” *Proceedings of the Indian History Congress*, 64th Session, 2003, Published: 2005, pp. 286-294.
- * “Darjeeling Parvatya Elakar Unnayan Bhavana” (in Bengali) (A thought for the Development of Darjeeling Hill Areas),” *Sambartikā*, (Bengali Literary Journal), 4th year, 2nd Issue, May 2002, pp. 63-74.

HISTORY DICTIONARY ARTICLES:

- * Five articles in Ranjan Chakraborty, gen. ed., *Dictionary of Historical Places: Bengal, 1757-1947*, Primus Books, Delhi, 2013, pp. 31-32, 322-323, 382-383, 557-558, 570-561.

BOOK REVIEW:

- * *Coins and Culture of Early North India*, by Pranabananda Jash, (Pratibha Prakashan, Delhi, 2008), *Journal of the Asiatic Society of Bangladesh*, December Issue, 2009.

Research Project:

- * UGC Minor Research Project, *A Study of Vaisnavism in the Mahananda-Karatoya Valley (Earliest time to the time of Sankaradeva)*: 01.02.2011 - 31.07.2012.
- * North Bengal University Research Project, *Cultural Heritage of the Chain Community in West Bengal: Documentation and Historical Study of the Marriage Songs*, 2015 (ongoing)

Papers presented in conferences and Lectures delivered on invitations.

- * “Origin and Ethnic Identity of the Nasya Seikhs of Cooch Behar”, paper presented at the 40th Annual conference of North East India History Association (NEIHA), Karmashree Hiteshwar Saikia College, Guwahati, October 24-26, 2019.
- * ‘Chain Sampradayer Kone-Putul Bhasano Utsab: Ekti Sanskritik Paryalochana,’ paper presented at the International Seminar on *Lok Sanskriti: Atit, Bartaman o Bhabisyat* at the

- Centre for Studies in Local Languages and Cultures, University of Bengal, March 11-13, 2018.
- * “Narasimha Temples in Cooch Behar: Religious Pluralism against Aggressive Imperialism,” *Bi-Decennial Conference and International Seminar*, Association of Third World Studies South Asia Chapter, Cooch Behar Panchanan Barma University, Cooch Behar, November 27-29, 2015.
 - * “Neo-Vaishnavism in Kamata-Koch Dynasty: Uniqueness of Biranarayan,” paper presented at the 36th Annual conference of North East India History Association (NEIHA), Dept. of History and Ethnography, Mizoram University, November 18-20, 2015.
 - * “Decline of capitals and urban centre in early and Medieval Bengal: A historio-Geographical Approach,” special lecture delivered at the UGC-sponsored National Seminar on *Historical Geography of Ancient to Medieval Eastern India*, Abhedananda Mahavidyalaya (Sainthia, Birbhum), September 23-24, 2015.
 - * “Historical Geography of Bankura in in the early medieval period,” special lecture delivered at the international seminar on *Recent Trends on Histro-Geographic Approaches of South-Asian Environment*, Saldiha College (Bankura), September 24-25, 2015.
 - * “Panchpuriya of the Chain Community in West Bengal: An Anthro-Historical Perspective”, paper presented at the International Conference of Itihas Academy-Dhaka, Dhaka, August 28, 2015.
 - * “Oral Literature of the Chain Community in West Bengal: An Anthropological Study of the Marriage Songs," paper presented at the IUAES (International Union of Anthropological and Ethnological Sciences) 2015 Inter-Congress; Thammasat University, Bangkok (Thailand), 15-17 July, 2015.
 - * “Recent Trends in Indian Historiographical Thought and Writing and History of North Bengal,” paper presented at the International Conference on Modern Trends in Social and Basic sciences (MTSBS-2015), Alipurduar College, Alipurduar, March 27-28, 2015.
 - * “Kshatriya as depicted in the Vedic Literature vis-à-vis the Rajbanshi Kshatriya Issue” paper presented at the UGC-sponsored National Seminar on A Critical assessment of the Kshatriyanization Movement of the Rajbanshi Society and the Role of Panchanan Barma, Vivekananda College, March 24-25, 2015.
 - * “Was the Great war only negative for India? A Critical Review, ” paper presented at the West Bengal Council of higher Education-sponsored State Level Seminar on Looking Back at the First World War: 100 Years Later, History Department, Dewanhat Mahavidyalaya, March 18, 2015.
 - * “Peeping into the condition of Chain Women as reflected in Marriage Songs,” paper presented at the UGC-sponsored National Seminar on Women, Patriarchy and gender: Deconstruction and Reconstruction of History (India and Abroad), History Department, North Bengal University, March 13-14, 2015.
 - * “Indo-Bhutan Relations with special reference to the Treaty of Friendship, 1949: A Critical Study,” paper presented at the International Level Seminar on Indo-Bhutan Relations through the centuries, Nani Bhattacharya Smarak Mahavidyalaya, Jaigaon, Alipurduar, 23-24 December, 23-24, 2014.

- * “Right to Education Act-2009 and Education System,” special lecture delivered in NSOU B.Ed. ODL Workshop II, A.C. Training College (Jalpaiguri), October 16, 2014.
- * “Neo-Vaishnavism in Kamata-Koch Kingdom: Early Phase of Consolidation (1587-1627),” paper presented at the 35th Annual conference of North East India History Association (NEIHA), Gargaon College, Sivsagar, Assam, November 10-12, 2014.
- * “Significance of the Teachers’ Day,” special lecture delivered on the Teachers’ Day, Jalpaiguri District Administration, Zilla Parishad Hall, Jalpaiguri, September 05, 2014.
- * "Socio-Economic Condition and Human Rights Issues of the Chain: a Depressed Community Of West Bengal, India," paper presented at the IUAES (International Union of Anthropological and Ethnological Sciences) 2014 Inter-Congress, Chiba City, Greater Tokyo Japan, 14-18 May, 2014.
- * “Aspects of Environmental History of Darjeeling Hills,” paper presented at the UGC-sponsored International Seminar on Environmental History of North Bengal and Adjacent Regions: Contested Issues and Emerging Perspectives, History Department, North Bengal University, March 21-22, 2014.
- * “Who are the Chains? A Historical Quest”, paper presented at the International Conference of Itihas Academy-Dhaka, Dhaka, February 14, 2014.
- * “ Kamata-Koch Rajye Navya Vaishnav Dharmar Udbhav: Byakti- Samparka o Samadarsha,” paper presented at the 30th Annual Conference of the Paschim Banga Itihas Samsad, P.N. Das College, Palta, North 24 Parganas , January 24-26, 2014.
- * “Ethno-Political Movement for Development in the Post-Independence Period: The Chains in West Bengal,” paper presented at the UGC-sponsored National Seminar, Department of History, Siliguri College, November 22-24, 2013.
- * “Worship of Shakti in Kamata-Koch Dynasty,” presented at the 34th annual conference of North East India History Association (NEIHA), Manipur University, Canchipur, Imphal, November 11-13, 2013 .
- * “Women, Ethnicity and Society in the Late Twentieth Century: The Chain Community of West Bengal,” paper presented at the UGC-sponsored National Seminar on Changing Society of Twentieth Century Bengal (from Historical Perspectives) with special reference to North Bengal, Department of History, P. D. Women’s College, September 26-28, 2013.
- * "Development of the Underdeveloped: Changing Perspective of the Chain Community of WestBengal," paper presented at the 17th World Conference of the International Union of Anthropological and Ethnological Sciences, University of Manchester, U.K., August 05-10, 2013.
- * "State, Power and Ethics: Kamata-Koch Experience,” paper presented at the International Seminar on State, Power and Ethics of Governance: The Indian Experiences, Department of History, University of North Bengal, February 18-20, 2013.
- * “Vaishnavism in North Bengal in the Gupta Period: An Epigraphical Study,” paper presented at the International Conference of Itihas Academy, Dhaka, Asiatic Society of Bangladesh, Dhaka, February 8, 2013.

- * “Kamata-Koch Rajye Shiv-Upasana- Ekti Vishleshanatmak Alochana, paper presented at the 29th Annual Conference of the Paschim Banga Itihas Samsad, Lady Braborne College, Kolkata, January 24-26, 2013.
- * “A Coin of the Kamata-Koch Dynasty in Madan Mohan Temple: A Critical Approach,” paper presented at the 95th Annual Conference of Numismatic Society of India, Visva-Bharati, Santiniketan, November 30 and December 1-2, 2012.
- * “Paribesh o Rabindranath: Ekti Aitihāsik Paryalochana,” paper presented at the 9th Bi-Annual National History Conference of the Bangladesh Itihas Parishad, Dhaka, May 20-21, 2012.
- * Typology and Methodology of Local History: A Few Observations,” paper presented at the International Seminar on “The Methodology and Historiography of Studying Local history, Society and Culture; Centre for Studies in Local Languages and Culture, University of North Bengal; Conference Hall (NBU), March 23-24, 2012.
- * “Worship of Balarama in Cooch Behar: A Historical Study,” paper presented at the UGC-sponsored International Seminar on “Historians and Historiography: Dimensions and Perspectives (Focus on Eastern and North-East India), Department of History, ABN Seal College, Cooch Behar, March 20-21, 2012.
- * “Vaishnavism in Varendri during the Senas: an Epigraphical Study,” paper presented at the International Seminar on *North Bengal: Society, Politics and Cultural Heritage*; Department of History, University of North Bengal, March 16-17, 2012.
- * “Vaishnavism in North Bengal under the Palas: An Epigraphical Study,” paper presented at the International conference, Itihas Academy-Dhaka, Dhaka, February 17, 2012.
- * “Uttar Bange Vaishnav Andolan: Ekti Aitihāsik Paryabekshan,” paper presented at the 28th Annual Conference of the Paschim Banga Itihas Samsad, Vivekananda College, Thakurpukur, January 24-26, 2012.
- * “*Sun Worship in Assam and Bengal: A Peep into Comparative Study*,” paper presented at the 32nd annual conference of North East India History Association (NEIHA), Tripura University, Agartal, Tripura, November 17-19, 2011.
- * “National Integration and the role of the Educationists,” paper presented at the National Conference on *Education and Indian Culture*, Bharat Sevasram Sangha, Beldanga Unit, Murshidabad, November 05, 2011.
- * “Memoirs of a Deputy and the late nineteenth Century Malda,” paper presented at the ICHR-sponsored International Seminar on *Memoirs and History – Exploring New Dimensions*, Department of History, University of North Bengal, May 23-25, 2011.
- * “The Eternal Contribution of Indian Education and Culture and Swami Pranabananda,” paper presented at the National Conference on Education and Culture, Bharat Sevasram Sangha, Aurangabad, Murshidabad, April 12, 2011.
- * “Aspects of Buddhism in early Chittagong,” paper presented at the International Seminar, Bangladesh History Association and the Department of History, University of Chittagong, Bangladesh, March 31 and April 01, 2011.

- * “Rabindranath’s Idea of History,” paper presented at the UGC-sponsored National Seminar on *Rabindranath Tagore: Investigating His Views on Nation, Nationalism and Universal Humanism*, Department of History, University of North Bengal, March 26, 2011.
- * “Minor Religious Cults in Pragjyotisa-Kamarupa: A Case Study of Surya,” paper presented at the International Conference of Itihas Academy-Dhaka, Asiatic Society of Bangladesh, Dhaka, February 18, 2011.
- * “An Assam Surya Image Re-examined,” paper presented at the 31st annual conference of North East India History Association (NEIHA), Don Bosco College, Tura, (Meghalaya),, February 14-16, 2011.
- * “A Rare Gold Coin of the Erstwhile Koch Kingdom,” presented jointly with Mr. Debajit Dutta at the 94th Annual Conference of Numismatic Society of India, KIIT University (Bhubaneswar, Orissa), October 19-21, 2010.
- * “History of Goddess Manasa: A Case Study of Deopara (Rajshahi),” paper presented at the International Seminar and 16th Biennial Conference of the Bangladesh History Association, Rural Development Academy, Bogra (Bangladesh), April 29. - May 01, 10.
- * “Bharatiya Siksha-Sanskritir Amar Avadan abong Manobata jagorane Acharya Shrimat Swami Pranabanandaji Maharaj”, invited lecture at the *Hindu Dharma-Siksha-Sanskrit Sammelan*, Bharat Sevasrama Sangha (Aurangabad, Murshidabad) , March 24, 2010.
- * “Vaisnavism in Early Deopara (Rajshahi) as reflected in Sculptures,” paper presented at the International Conference of Itihas Academy-Dhaka, Asiatic Society of Bangladesh, Dhaka, February 27, 2010.
- * “Reflections on Local History Study in North Bengal,’ presented at UGC-sponsored National Seminar on “Regional Histories and its Possibilities”, Parimal Mitra Smriti Mahavidyalaya, Jalpaiguri, February 19-20, 2010.
- * “Mahajagaran and Mahamilane Shivabatar Swami Pranabananda”, *Hindu Dharma Siksha-Sanskriti Sammelan*, Bharat Sevasram Sangha, Ballygaunge, Kolkata. February 12,2010.
- * “Abalupta Rajbanshi Lokokriyay Samajik Itihas,” presented jointly with Chanchal Adhikary at the 26th Annual Conference of the Paschim Banga Itihas Samsad, History Department, University of North Bengal, January 24-26, 2010.
- * “Life and Philosophy of Mahaprabhu Shri Chaitanya,” invited lecture at the 3-day Bharatiya Gaudiya Vaisnav Sanatan Dharma Sammelan, Bharatiya Gaudiya Vaisnav Math, Shivmandir, Darjeeling, November 27-29, 2009.
- * “Iconography of a few seated Surya-images from Assam: A Critical Study,” paper presented at the 30th annual conference of North East India History Association, Khagarijan College, Nagaon, Assam November 5-7, 2009.
- * “Livelihood, Sustenance and the Natural World in the Mountains: A Case Study of Darjeeling in the Eastern Himalayas,” paper presented at the 1st World Congress for Environmental History 2009, Copenhagen, Denmark, August 4-8, 2009.
- * “*Bangiya Adivasider Souropasana*” (in Bengali),” paper presented at the 25th Annual Conference of Paschim Banga Itihās Samsad, Rabindra Bharati University, January 24-26, 2009.

- * ‘Life and Contribution of the freedom fighter Kshudiram Bose’, **Centenary** of Kshudiram Bose's martyrdom, invited Lecture, Haidarpara Buddha Bharati High School (Siliguri), August 11, 2008.
- * “Bharatiya Sanskritir Chirantan Avadan” (Eternal contribution of the Indian culture), invited lecture, *Dharma-Siksha-Sanskriti Sammelan*, Bharat Sevasrama Sangha (Aurangabad, Murshidabad), 14th April 14., 2008.
- * “Sun Temples in Ancient Assam,” paper presented at the 29th Annual Conference of North-East India History Association, Dibrugarh University, Nov.6-8, 2008.
- * “Some Aspects of Early Bengal Paintings,” paper presented at the 15th Biennial National Conference and *International Seminar of Bangladesh History Association*, Dhaka University, Dhaka, March 27-29, 2008.
- * “Prachin Vange Suryamurti-Upasana: Abosaner prekshapot,” (in Bengali) , paper presented at the 24th Annual Conference of Paschim Banga Itihās Samsad, Hiralal Mazumdar Memorial College for Women, Dakshineswar (North 24-Pargana), January 24-26 January, 2008.
- * “Early Bengal Paintings: A Source of Indian History,” paper presented at the National Seminar on Painting: Source of Indian History, Organized jointly by the A.K.M. Museum and the National Museum, North Bengal University, December 22-24, 2007.
- * “A unique image of the Sun-god from Assam,” paper presented at the 28th Annual Conference of North-East India History Association, Goalpara College, Goalpara (Assam), Nov.1-3, 2007.
- * “Navagraha-Images from North Bengal,” paper presented at the UGC-sponsored National Seminar on North Bengal through the Ages, History Department, North Bengal University, Marach 28-29 March, 2007.
- * “The Solar Cult in Ancient Assam,” paper presented at the 27th Annual Conference of North-East India History Association, Aizawl, Mizoram University, November 1-3, 2006.
- * “Early Terracotta Sun-images from Bengal,” paper presented at the National Seminar on *Sunga Art: A Reappraisal*,” Directorate of Museums, Bihar Govt., Patna Museum, Patna, February 25 – 27, 2006.
- * “Sun-Worship in Ancient Assam,” paper presented at the *Indian History Congress*, 66th Session, Visva-Bharati (Santiniketan), January 28-30, 2006.
- * “Prāchīn Orissāy Sūryopāsānā” (in Bengali), paper presented at the 22nd *Annual Conference of Paschim Banga Itihās Samsad*, Ramkrishna Mission Residential College, Narendrapur , January 24-26, 2006.
- * “Separate *Graha*-images in Early Bengal,” paper presented at the *International Conference*, Department of History and Department of Islamic History and Culture at *Jagannath University, Dhaka* , January 20, 2006.
- * “Navagraha Images from Bangladesh,” paper presented at *the* 14th Biennial National Conference and *International Seminar of Bangladesh History Association*, Dhaka University, Dhaka, December 20-22, 2005.

- * “Aspects of Gorkha Culture in the Darjeeling Hills,” paper presented at the *UGC-Sponsored National Seminar* on ‘The History and Development of the Hill Stations in India’, St. Joseph’s College, Darjeeling, September 2- 3, 2005.
- * “Navagraha images from Bengal: A comparative Study with their Orissan counterparts,” paper presented at the *National Seminar* on Artistic Heritage of Orissa with special reference to India, Orissa State Museum, Bhubaneswar, March 15th -17th, 2005.
- * “A unique image of Ganesa from North Dinajpur district, West Bengal,” paper presented at the 6th *International Conference* on Bengal Art, Birla Institute of Technology, Mesra, Ranchi, Jharkhand, February 8-11,2005,
- * “Vanga-Nārīder Sūryapūjā” (in Bengali), presented at the 21st Annual Conference of Paschim Banga Itihās Samsad, Tamralipta Mahavidyalaya, Tamluk, Midnapore, 24-26 January, 2005.
- * “Sun-Temples in Early Bengal,” presented at the *Indian History Congress*, 65th Session, M.J.P. Rohilkhand University, December 28-30, 2004.
- * “Aspects of Intangible Heritage among the Gorkhas of Darjeeling Hills,” paper presented at the Seminar on Intangible Heritage: Indian Scenario with special reference to Orissa, Orissa State Museum, May 18, 2004.
- * “Bihāre Revanta-pūjā” (in Bengali), presented at the 20th Annual Conference of *Paschim Banga Itihās Samsad* , New Alipore College, Kolkata, January 24-25, 2004.
- * “The Worship of Revanta in Bengal, paper presented at the *Indian History Congress*, 64th Session, Mysore University, December 28-30, 2003.

Special Lecture Delivered:

- * *Importance of Museums and Archives in the Study of History*, Siliguri Mahila Mahavidyalaya, Siliguri, 00.00.2019.
- * *Understanding of Museums and Archives*, Prasannadeb Women’s College, Jalpaiguri, 24.09.2019.

Chairing Session/Panel

(a) International seminars/conferences:

- * Resource person, International Webinar on "Revisiting the Liberation Movement of Bangladesh 1971: Involvement of North Eastern India ", organized by Department of History, Swami Vivekananda Mahavidyalaya (Mohanpur, Tripura), 7th July 2021.
- * International Seminar on Swami Vivekananda and India’s response to Universalism” , sponsored by Indian Council of Historical Research, Department of History, Swami Vivekananda College, Tripura, February 11-12, 2017.
- * Panel P6-02 (*Expanding Anthropology through Literature: Studies in Folk literature*) in the International Union of Anthropological and Ethnological Sciences (IUAES) at the IUAES 2015 inter-Congress held from 15-17 July, 2015 at Thammasat University, Bangkok, Thailand.

- * 2nd Session, Theme – *Education, Philosophy and Historiography*, International Conference of Itihas Academy-Dhaka, National Academy for Educational Management, Dhaka August 28, 2015.
- * International Conference on *Modern Trends in Social and Basic sciences (MTSBS-2015)*, Alipurduar College, March 27-28, 2015.
- * International Seminar on *Indo-Bhutan Relations through the centuries*, Nani Bhattacharya Smarak Mahavidyalaya (Jaigaon, Alipurduar), December 23-24, 2014.
- * *Environmental History of North Bengal and Adjacent Regions: Contested Issues and Emerging Perspectives*, chaired at an academic session of the International Seminar, History Department, North Bengal University, March 21-22, 2014.
- * International Conference organized by the Itihas Academy-Dhaka held on 14 February, 2014 at the National Academy for Educational Management, Dhaka, Bangladesh.
- * *State, Power and Ethics of Governance: The Indian Experiences*, chaired at an academic session of the UGC & ICHR-sponsored International Seminar, Department of History, University of North Bengal, February 18-20, 2013.

(b) National seminars/conferences:

- * Chairperson, ICSSR-sponsored National Seminar entitled ***Industrial Development in North-East India: Past, Present and Future*** organized by Margherita College, Tinsukia, Assam; March 13-14, 2020,
- *Demography and its impact in North Bengal with special reference to the Himalayan Region* chaired an Academic Session in a UGC-sponsored National Seminar, History Department, Gyan Jyoti College, Siliguri, September 09, 2016.
- * *Women Education in India through the Ages* chaired an Academic Session in a UGC-sponsored National Seminar, History Department, Mankachar College, Alipurduar, May 17-18, 2016.
- * *Revisiting the Sub-Altern History of North-East India Since Independence*, chaired an Academic Session in a UGC-sponsored National Seminar, History Department, Tufanganj Mahavidyalaya, March 2-3, 2016.
- * *A Critical assessment of the Kshatriyanization Movement of the Rajbanshi Society and the Role of Panchanan Barma*, chaired at an Academic Session of UGC-sponsored National Seminar, History Department, Vivekananda College, Alipurduar, March 24-25, 2015.
- * *Women, Patriarchy and gender: Deconstruction and Reconstruction of History (India and Abroad)*, chaired at an academic Session of UGC-sponsored National Seminar, History Department, North Bengal University, March 13-14, 2015.
- * *Contemporary North Bengal (1947-2011): A Discourse on Regional Politics and Economy*, chaired at Session – II (“Adibasis, Nepalis, Tibetans/ Ethnicities and Ethno Nationalism” at the UGC-sponsored National Seminar, Department of History, Siliguri College, November 22-24, 2013.

- * *Regional Histories and its Possibilities, Chaired at at the First Technical Session of the UGC-sponsored National Seminar, Parimal Smriti Mahavidyalaya, Malbazar; February 19-20, 2010.*
- * “Approaches to Translation: Indian and South Asian Perspectives Discourse of the Boundaries and Novel: with special reference to Subarnalata,” chaired at the Inaugural session of the National Conference, National Translation Mission, Central Institute of Indian Languages (Mysore) & Centre for Local Languages and Culture, NBU; Nov. 9 & 10, 2009; Conference Hall of NBU.

(c) State-Level Seminar

- * *Looking Back at the First World War: 100 Years Later*, chaired at an Academic Session of the WBCHE-sponsored State Level Seminar, History Department, Dewanhat Mahavidyalaya, Cooch Bihar, March 18, 2015.

Organizing Seminars

- * Coordinator, International seminar on “Environmental History of North Bengal and Adjacent Regions: Contested Issues and Emerging Perspectives,” Department of History, University of North Bengal, March 21-22, 2014.
- * Coordinator, UGC-sponsored National Seminar on *"The Changing Profile of the Tribes of North Bengal and the Adjacent Region,"* Department of History, University of North Bengal, March 12-13, 2009.
- * Joint Convenor, International seminar on “Interrogating 1857 Rebellion: Dimensions and Perspectives,” Department of History, University of North Bengal, March 12-13, 2009.
- * Director, International Museum Day- Friday 18th May 12.00 noon- 02.00 pm, 2018: Theme - “Hyperconnected museums: New approaches, new publics” observed by A K M Heritage Museum, NBU.
- * Director, Seminar on “Philosophy of Museum Religious Figures and Rajyoga Meditation’, Wednesday 5th December, 2018: organized by A K M Heritage Museum, NBU.

Research Supervision (Ph.D.)

- * *Status of Women under the Ahoms: A Historical Study (1228-1826 AD)*, Ph.D. thesis submitted by Nasrin Ara Rahaman to the University of North Bengal, 2018.
- * *Material Transformations in Darjeeling Hills (1835-1947): A Rereading in History of the Colonized Landscape*. Ph. D. awarded by the University of North Bengal to Ms. Tahiti Sarkar, 2018.
- * *Refugee and Migration Problems in West Bengal: Society, Economy and Polity (1947-2000)*, Ph.D. thesis, submitted by Dipak Kumar Sarkar to the University of North Bengal in 2016.

- * *Fashion and Designing under the Mughals (Akbar to Aurangzeb): A Historical perspective*, Ph.D. thesis, Ph.D. Degree awarded to Gouri De (Chhetri) by the University of North Bengal, 2016.
- * *Koch Coinage: A Study in Historical Perspective*, Ph.D. thesis, Ph.D. Degree awarded to Debajit Dutta by the University of North Bengal, 2015.
- * *Freedom Movement in Contai and the Nihar (1901-1935)*, Ph.D. Degree awarded to Sankar Kumar Sarkar by the University of North Bengal in 2015.
- * *Peasant Unrest and Uprisings in the Brahmaputra Valley Of Assam: A Case Study Of Erstwhile Kamrup, Darrang And Nowgong (1854-1894)*, Ph.D. Degree awarded to Kamal Kumar Pathak by the University of North Bengal in 2011.
- * Five Ph D scholars registered and Three Ph.D. proposals including two under Maulana Abul Kalam Azad Fellowship under Registration process.

Research Supervision (M.Phil.)

- *Devi Cult and Images in Pundravardhana: A Histo-Iconographic Study (9th Century A.D. – 12th Century A.D.)*, M. Phil. Dissertation submitted by Banani Sarkar for M.Phil. Degree to the University of North Bengal, 2019.
- *History of Educational System of Cooch Behar (1863-2011)*, M. Phil. Dissertation submitted by Prasenjit Sarkar for M.Phil. Degree to the University of North Bengal, 2019.
- *Religious Establishments of Siliguri Town in Historical Perspectives*, M.Phil. Degree awarded to Sitadry Chakraborty by University of North Bengal, 2018.
- *Educational Development in the City of Siliguri: A Historical Study*, M. Phil. Degree awarded to Subal Paul by University of North Bengal, 2018.
- * *Religious Establishments of Maynaguri in Historical Perspective*, M.Phil. Degree awarded to Barsha Agarwal, by University of North Bengal, 2018.
- * *Women Education in South Dinajpur District (1869-2011)*, M.Phil. Degree awarded to Kaberi Ghosh by University of North Bengal, 2018.
- * *Darjeeling Polity: The Statehood Movements for Gorkhaland (1907-2014)*, M.Phil. Degree awarded to Vivek Tiwari by University of North Bengal, 2018.
- * *Darjeeling District in the Past: An Archaeology Perspective*, M.Phil. Degree awarded, to Sumit Choudhury, University of North Bengal, 2017.
- * *Examining Marginalized Muslim Group in Historical Perspective: Dynamics of Socio-Economic Life of the Nashya Sheikhs of Jalpaiguri and Cooch Behar Districts in West Bengal*, M.Phil. Degree awarded, to Nabiul Islam by University of North Bengal, 2016.
- * *The Tribes in Movement: Akhil Bharatiya Adivasi Vikash Parishad in Dooars and Terai in North Bengal (1989-2012)*, M.Phil. Degree awarded to Bidhan Biswas, University of North Bengal, 2015.

- * *Socio-Politico-Cultural Movements of a Least-Heard Community in West Bengal: A Historical Study of the Chains*, M.Phil. Degree awarded, Pranay Rajak, University of North Bengal, 2014.
- * *A Marginalised Community in Historical Perspective: Society, Culture and Economy of the Chain Community in West Bengal*, M.Phil. Degree awarded, Chanchal Adhikary, University of North Bengal, 2010
- * *From Solitary Temple to Three-Star Hotel: Meteoric Urbanisation of Shibmandir in Terai of Darjeeling*, M.Phil. Degree awarded, Biswajit Das, University of North Bengal, 2014.
- * *Aspects of the Deities and their iconography in the Matsya Purana*, M.Phil. Degree awarded, Ms. Suchitra Das, University of North Bengal, 2011.
- * *Temples of Jalpaiguri Sadar Sub-Division: A Historical Perspective*, M.Phil. Degree awarded, Deb Kumar Sengupta, University of North Bengal, 2010.
- * *Society and Economy during the Palas as revealed from the Ramacharita of Sandhyakara Nandi*, M.Phil. Degree awarded, Ramkrishna Biswas, University of North Bengal, 2010.

Administrative Experience at a glance:-

Major role in different institutions:

- * Head, Department of History, University of North Bengal, 2016 - , 2013-2015, 2008-2010.
- * Head, Department of Mass Communication, University of North Bengal, 2010-2017.
- * Director, Akshay Kumar Maitreya Heritage Museum, University of North Bengal: 2018 – 2020.
- * Principal, Dukhulal Nibaran College (Aurangabad, Murshidabad), 2006-2007.
- * Head, Department of History, Kurseong College (Darjeeling, W.B.). 1997-2006.
- * Member, North Bengal University Court, 2012-
- * Member, Executive Council, North Bengal University, 20.022015- 01.05. 2015.

Administrative Experience institution-wise:

(i) University of North Bengal:

- * Head, Department of History, University of North Bengal, 2016 -2018, 2013-2015, 2008-2010.
- * Head, Department of Mass Communication, University of North Bengal, 2010-2017.
- * Chairman, UG Board of Studies in History, University of North Bengal, 2018- continuing.
- * Member, North Bengal University Court, 2012-
- * Member, Executive Council, North Bengal University, 20.022015- 01.05. 2015.
- * Member, Managing Committee, A.K.M. Heritage Museum, 2013-2015, 2008-2010.
- * Chairman, UG Board of Studies in History, 2009-2011.
- * Member, Managing Committee, Centre for Studies in Local Languages and Cultures, 2009-11.

- * Member, Vehicle Committee, 2009-2011.
- * Member, Working Committee of Zee Learn and PG Diploma in Computer Applications, 2011-13.
- * Member, Anti-Ragging Committee, 2010-2012.
- * Member, Anti-Ragging Squad, 2010-12.
- * Member, Convocation Committee, 2010.
- * Member, Committee for preparation of proposal for Golden jubilee Grant placed to UGC, 2010.
- * Member, News Letter Committee, 2009-2011.
- * Member, Tender Committee, 2009-2011.
- * Member, Expert Committee in Museum Studies, 2005.
- * Founder-Executive Member, North Bengal University Alumni Association.
- * Founder, Computer Lab in History Dept.
- * Founder, Reading Room in History Department for students and scholars.

(ii) Director, Akshay Kumar Maitreya Heritage Museum, University of North Bengal: 2018 – continuing.

(iii) Dukhulal Nibaran College

- * Principal, Dukhulal Nibaran College (Aurangabad, Murshidabad), 2006-2007.

(iv) Kurseong College

- * Secretary, Teachers Council, Kurseong College. 2000-2001.
- * Member, Governing Body, Kurseong College, 1997-2002.
- * History Seminar Library, Kurseong College, started.

(v) Kamtapuri (Rajbanshi) Language Expert Committee

- * Member.

Professional Societies to which attached:

- * Life Member, Bangladesh History Association, Dhaka, Bangladesh.
- * Life Member, Bangladesh Itihas Parishad, Dhaka, Bangladesh.
- * Life Member, Itihas Academy, Dhaka, Bangladesh.
- * Life Member, Indian History Congress, New Delhi.
- * Life Member, North-East India History Association, Shillong.
- * Life member, Institute of Northeast India Studies, Kolkata.
- * Life Member, Indian Society for Greek and Roman Studies, Rohilkhand University.
- * Life Member, *Paschim Banga Itihās Samsad*, Kolkata.
- * Member, Association of South Asian Environmental Historians.
- * Life Member, the Asiatic Society, Calcutta.
- * Life Member, the Asiatic Society of Bangladesh, Dhaka.

- * Member, International Council of Museums (ICOM), Paris.
- * Life Member, Museums Association of India, New Delhi.
- * Ex-Member, Expert Committee in Museum Studies, North Bengal University.
- * Ex- Member, Advisory Committee, Netaji Museum, Kurseong.

Discharging Social Responsibility and Services

- * Founder Secretary, Thakurdas Sarojini Rural Library (Govt. Regd.), Krishnapur, Malda.
- * Founder Secretary, Sumitra Balyapath Bhavan, (Govt. Regd.), Krishnapur, Malda.
- * Founder Secretary, Chandrajoy Club (Govt. Regd.), Krishnapur, Malda.
- * Founder President, Gour Chain Samaj Kalyan Samiti, Malada (Govt. Regd.).
- * Founder President, Akhil Bharatiya Chain Samaj Kalyan Parishad (Registered Trust), Malda.
- * Founder President, Chain Sahitya Sabha (A Literary Organisation of the Chain Language).
- * Member & Ex-Vice-President, Dalit Bandhab Samiti, North Bengal University.
