

# RESUME



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### A. Qualification:

- **2001-2005:** PhD, Jadavpur University, Kolkata  
Dissertation: *Philosophical Consideration of Some Current Environmental Issues*  
External Examiners- Prof. Brinda Dalmia, University of Hawaii at Manoa and late Prof. Pabitra Kumar Roy, University of North Bengal
- **1998-2000:** M.Phil, Jadavpur University, Kolkata  
Dissertation: *Man and Nature*  
External Examiner- Late Prof. Dikshit Gupta, University of Calcutta  
Other subjects taken: Applied Philosophy, Analytic Philosophy, Epistemology (Indian and Western) *Nyaya* and *Sankhya* Philosophy
- **1995-1997:** M.A, First Class , Utkal University, Bhubaneswar  
Specialization: Meta-ethics and Philosophy of Religion  
Subjects taken: Indian Philosophy, Ethics, Continental Philosophy and Logic
- **1992-1995:** B.A (Hons. in Philosophy) First Class, Udala College, Utkal University,
- **1990- 1992:** Higher Secondary, C.H.S.E, Bhubaneswar
- **1990:** Matriculation, B.S.E, Bhubaneswar

**B. Specialization:** Practical Ethics, Philosophy of Religion, Western Epistemology and Meta-Ethics,

**C. Area of Interest:** *Dharmaśāstra*, History of Western Philosophy and Virtue Ethics

### D. Awards and Achievements:

- **2000-2003 :**Junior Research Fellowship by ICPR, New Delhi
- **2004-2005:** Project Fellow, Centre for Cognitive Science, Jadavpur University
- **2016-2018:** Associateship, Indian Institute of Advanced Studies, Shimla.

### E. Teaching Experience:

- Assistant Professor in Philosophy at Coochbehar College by *West Bengal College Service Commission* from 2005 to 2007
- Assistant Prof. (Stage-II and III) in the Dept. of Philosophy, University of North Bengal from February, 2007
- Associate Professor in the Dept. of Philosophy, University of North Bengal, from 2017
- Professor of Philosophy in the Dept. of Philosophy, University of North Bengal from 2020

### F. Teaching Courses:

- Philosophy of Religion - PG1<sup>st</sup> Semester
- Western Epistemology - PG 2<sup>nd</sup> Semester and M.Phil 2<sup>nd</sup> Semester
- Applied Ethics - i – PG 3<sup>rd</sup> Semester
- Applied Ethics - ii (recent developments and contemporary issues)-Special Paper, PG 4<sup>th</sup> Semester
- M.Phil 1<sup>st</sup> Semester/PhD Course Work: Basic Computer Applications and Basic Technique for Dissertation/Thesis Preparation

### G. Research Experience & Training:

- **Post Doctoral:** NA
- **Ph.D Awarded:** 03
- **Ph.D Registered:** 04
- **M. Phil: Awarded:** 03
- **M. Phil Registered:** 01

### H. Research Projects carried out:

Title of the Project	Name of the Funding Agency	Duration & Amount	Place of Work
Environmental Ethics and Sustainable Development	MRP Scheme of University Grants Commission, New Delhi	Two Years (16-01-07 to 17-01-09), Rs. 80,000/-	Coochbehar College and Dept. of Philosophy, University of North Bengal
Moral Status of Animals: A Critical Exploration	MRP Scheme of University Grants Commission, New Delhi	One and half Year Rs. 1,20,000/- (17-09-12- to 31-01-2014)	Dept. of Philosophy, University of North Bengal
Religious Conflicts and Philosophy of Religion	University of North Bengal Research Project Scheme	Rs. 50,000/- April 2015 to 31 <sup>st</sup> March 2016	Dept. of Philosophy, University of North Bengal
A Comparative Study between 'Why I am not a Christian' by Bertrand Russell and 'Why I am an Atheist' by Bhagat Singh	University of North Bengal Research Project Scheme	Rs. 1,00,000/- April 2020 to 31 <sup>st</sup> March 2021	Dept. of Philosophy, University of North Bengal
Jainism and Ecology in 21 <sup>st</sup> Century	University of North Bengal Research Project Scheme	Rs. 1,00,000/- April 2021 to 31 <sup>st</sup> March 2022	Dept. of Philosophy, University of North Bengal

## **I. Publications:**

### **i. Books:**

1. Jointly edited a volume entitled: *Moral Language: East and West* with Dr. D. Saha, Northern Book Centre, New Delhi, (NBU studies in Philosophy-15) 2010, (ISBN: 81-7211-287-4)
2. Jointly edited a volume entitled: *Phenomenological Meaning* with Dr. D. Saha, Northern Book Centre, New Delhi, (NBU studies in Philosophy-22) 2014. (ISBN: 81-7211-334-x)
3. *Current Environmental Issues and Philosophy* Northern Book Centre, New Delhi. (forthcoming)

ii. Editor-in-Chief /Coeditor of UGC Care-Enlisted Journal: *Philosophical Papers, Journal of the Dept. of Philosophy*, (ISSN 0976 – 4496). ([jpp@nbu.ac.in](mailto:jpp@nbu.ac.in)) from 2007 onwards

iii. Papers in Journals, Proceedings and Edited Volumes: 42

iv. Review and Critical Comments: 05

### **v. PhD thesis Examined:**

1. **Punishment A Critical Study of the Ethical Theories** submitted by Mr. Anupam Mallick, Dept. of Philosophy, Sarvepalli Radhakrishnan School of Philosophical Studies, Assam University, Silchar, 2018
2. **The Critical Analysis Of Karma In Theravada Buddhist Philosophy** submitted by Nandathiri, Center for Mahayana Buddhist Studies, Acharya Nagarjuna University, Guntur, AP, 2019.
3. **The Concept of Interculturality in the Philosophy of Rabindranath Tagore** submitted by BIDYUT KANTI PAUL Dept. of Philosophy, Sarvepalli Radhakrishnan School of Philosophical Studies Assam University, Silchar, 2020.
4. **The Ideal Of Sthita-Prajna And It's Relevance"** submitted by Sri Ramakrushnavasu Patnala, Dept. Of Philosophy, Andhra University, Visakhapatnam, 2020.
5. **The Concept Of Non-Violence From Classic To Contemporary Society: In Buddhist Philosophical Understanding** submitted by NGUYEN THANH MUU, Centre for Mahayana Buddhist Studies, Acharya Nagarjuna University, Guntur, 2020

### **vii. M.Phil Thesis Examined :**

1. **Moral Reasoning** by Sangita Chanda in the Dept. of Philosophy, Jadavpur University, Kolkata, 2011.
2. **Conceptualizing Transgender Rights: Analysis of Personhood and Identity** submitted by Ms. Jayshree Jha, Dept. of Philosophy, University of Delhi, December, 2018.
3. **Ecology and Environment: Ethical approaches** submitted by MD Mansur Alam, Dept. of Philosophy, University of Gour Banga, Malda, 2020.
4. **Shushanaer Haal Hakikat: Prachina Greece and Prachina Bharatiya Oitihya Abalambane Ekti Samiksha (সুশাসনরে হালহককিত : পুরাচীন গ্রীস ও পুরাচীন ভারতীয় ঐতিহ্য অবলম্বনে একটি সমীক্ষা)** submitted by Mr. Subhankar Das, Department of Philosophy, Jadavpur University, November, 2020.

5. **Jati, barna o Lingabaishmya: Prachya o paschatyer Tulanamulak Alochana** submitted by Ms. Piyali Ghosh, Department of Philosophy, West Bengal State University, January 2021

**vii. Presentations: International: 05**  
**National: 52**

**J. Resource Person in Orientation Programmes, FIP, Refresher Courses (UGC-HRDC), Winter Schools (HRDC- DU), and Periodical/Special Lectures (ICPR): 44**

**K. Participation in Refresher Course/ National Workshop:**

1. UGC- ASC, sponsored **17<sup>th</sup> Refresher Course** in *Cotemporary Philosophy: East and West* at Dept. of Philosophy, University of Calcutta from 17<sup>th</sup> Nov- 6<sup>th</sup> December, 2008.
2. UGC- ASC, sponsored **Refresher Course** in *Applied Ethics* at Dept of Philosophy, Jadavpur University from 24<sup>th</sup> Aug. -12<sup>th</sup> September, 2009.
3. ICPR sponsored **ten days National Workshop** on *Advaitasiddhi* at Academic Centre of ICPR, Lucknow, from 13<sup>th</sup> to 22<sup>nd</sup> July 2015.

**L. Seminars/Refresher Course Coordinated:**

- a. UGC sponsored one day Seminar on **Contemporary Issues in Applied Ethics** on 20<sup>th</sup> August 2010, in the Dept. of Philosophy, University of North Bengal.
- b. National Seminar on **Postmodern Paradigms in Philosophy** from 13<sup>th</sup> to 14<sup>th</sup> February, 2014, in the Dept. of Philosophy, University of North Bengal sponsored by SAP (DRS-II) of UGC.
- c. National Seminar on **Philosophy of Religion: Conflicts and Perspectives** from 27<sup>th</sup> to 29<sup>th</sup> November, 2014, in the Dept. of Philosophy, University of North Bengal sponsored by ICPR, New Delhi.
- d. World Philosophy Day, 2015 by ICPR, New Delhi and NBU on 1<sup>st</sup> December 2015.
- e. Jointly coordinated UGC-HRDC sponsored Refresher Course in **Studies in Peace & Conflict**, from 3<sup>rd</sup> to 23<sup>rd</sup> January 2017 at University of North Bengal.
- f. Organized a half day work shop on 159 numbers of free online courses jointly with IIT, Kharagpur on 3<sup>rd</sup> August, 2017 as Registrar (Officiating), NBU.
- g. Jointly coordinated National Seminar on **Moral Language** from 13<sup>th</sup> to 14<sup>th</sup> February, 2019, in the Dept. of Philosophy, University of North Bengal sponsored by SAP (DRS-III) in Philosophy of UGC.
- h. Jointly coordinated National Webinar on **Philosophy of Yoga in 21<sup>st</sup> Century** on 2<sup>nd</sup> July, 2020, in the Dept. of Philosophy, University of North Bengal sponsored by sponsored by ICPR, New Delhi.
- i. **Convener of Series of National and International Online lectures** organized in the capacities of Head, Dept of Philosophy, University of North Bengal from July 2020 onwards.

**M. Membership of Learned Societies and / or Professional Bodies:**

- Life member of the Journal of ICPR, New Delhi.
- Life Member, Book Club, IAS, Shimla
- Enlisted under the scheme of Dissemination of Knowledge of ICPR, New Delhi.
- Life member of Indian Philosophical Congress.
- Member, Asian Philosophical Congress.

#### **N. Administrative Experience: Institutional governance and responsibilities:**

- a. **Registrar (Officiating)**, NBU, from 05-07-2017 to 11-03- 2018
- b. **External Member**, Under Graduate Board of Studies in Philosophy, Assam University, Shilchar from 2018 to 2020
- c. **Nodal Officer**, Anti-Ragging Cell, University of North Bengal 2010-18
- d. **Convener**, Anti-Ragging Squad, University of North Bengal 2010-2018
- e. **Member**, Committee for NAAC (Cycle-iii), University of North Bengal, 2016
- f. **Member**, Election Commission for PG Students Union, NBU, 2016-17
- g. **Member**, Sports Board, University of North Bengal 2008-12
- h. **Member**, Advisory Committee, Computer Centre, University of North Bengal 2010-12

#### **Management of the Department and Institution:**

- a. **Member**, Under Graduate Board of Studies in Philosophy, University of North Bengal 2012-18
- b. **Member**, Board of Research Studies in Philosophy, University of North Bengal 2012-16.
- c. **Member**, P. G. Board of Studies in Philosophy, University of North Bengal, 2007 onwards.
- d. **Member**, M. Phil Committee in Philosophy, University of North Bengal 2008 onwards.

#### **Committees for student welfare:**

- a. **Member**, Cultural Committee, University of North Bengal, 2008-14
- b. **Member**, Convocation Committee 2008- 2017
- c. **Chairman**, Cultural Sub-committee, 22<sup>nd</sup> West Bengal State Science and Technology Congress, University of North Bengal, 2015
- d. **Chairman**, Cultural Sub-committee, 46<sup>th</sup> and 47<sup>th</sup> Annual Convocation, University of North Bengal, 2016-17
- e. **Convener**, Cultural Programme for NAAC (cycle-3) Peer Team Visit, 21-11-2016, University of North Bengal

#### **P. Extra Curricular Activities:**

- *Singing:*
  - A) Participated and secured first runners-up in the Television Serial, **SA RE GA MA PA**, a singing talent competition in D.D-1 (Oriya) conducted by View TV from 6<sup>th</sup> - 16<sup>th</sup> May 2000 at Bhubaneswar.
  - B) Participated in the Television Serial, **RAGA ANURAGA**, a singing talent competition in **E-TV Oriya** on 8<sup>th</sup> March 2004 at Bhubaneswar.
  - C) Performed as a invited artist in the phone-in live TV programme **Pratham Alo** by CCN Music, Siliguri, on 22<sup>nd</sup> September, 2018.