

Curriculum Vitae



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Academic Qualifications:

- * B.A Honours in History Ananda Chandra College Jalpaiguri, University of North Bengal.
- * M.A in History University of North Bengal.
- * M.Phil in History University of North Bengal.

Achievements and Awards:

*Obtained Surojmohini Debi Medal for securing First class 1st position in M.A (History) Examination conducted by the University of North Bengal.

*Obtained University Gold Medal for securing First class 1st position in M.A (History) Examination conducted by the University of North Bengal.

Administrative Experience:

- * Convener, Grievance Cell for reserved category candidates (SC) at the time of student admission in undergraduate and post graduate level (26.09.2022 to till date)
- * In Charge, Entrepreneurship and Career hub under the RUSA 2.0 project at Alipore campus, University of Calcutta (01.04.2022 to till date)
- * Internal member, Ph.D Research Advisory Committee in Islamic history and culture, University of Calcutta (24.02.2021 to till date)
- * Head of the Department, Islamic History and culture, University of Calcutta. (23.09.2019 to 22.09.2021)
- * Member of the Senate, University of Calcutta (23.09.2019 to 22.09.2021)
- * Convener of Post Graduate Board of Studies in Islamic history and Culture, University of Calcutta (23.09.2019 to 22.09.2021)
- * Member of Under Graduate Board of Studies in History, University of Calcutta (23.09.2019 to 22.09.2021)

Notable Activities:

- Appointed as paper setter in History (PG), paper HISPG-305 (TH) in connection with end semester examination of semester III (PG) 2022, by Midnapore College (Autonomous).
- Acted as Chairman (WBCSSC Nominee) in the personality test board (25.07.2021) for the recruitment to the post of Assistant teacher in schools in respect of 1st SLST (A.T), 2016 for upper primary level.
- Acted as Observer, appointed by the WBCSC for 22nd SET held on 19 January 2020 in Kalyani University.
- Acted as Coordinator in one day seminar on 'Recent trends in Research: Medieval and Early Modern India' held on 26th February 2019 organized by the Department of Islamic History and Culture, University of Calcutta.
- Acted as a paper setter for the Post Graduate even semester examination in History, 2019 (Second Semester) conducted by the Kazi Nazrul University, Asansol, West Bengal.
- Setter and moderator of Question papers for under graduate and Post Graduate Examination in Islamic History and Culture, University of Calcutta.
- Examiner for both Undergraduate and Post Graduate Examinations in Islamic History and Culture, University of Calcutta.

Invited lectures:

- Delivered special lectures as resource person on medieval Indian history to the PG students of the department of History, A.B.N Seal College, Coochbehar on 20.09.2022 and 21.09.2022.
- Delivered **Raja Ram Mohun Roy memorial lecture** as a resource person on '**Raja Ram Mohun Roy in the light of 250 years: A discourse on his socio religious and political philosophy**' on 17th June 2022, organized by PG department of History, A.B.N Seal college, Coochbehar.
- Delivered a lecture as resource person in one day state level seminar on '**Rabindranath o Devendranath Thakurer darshan o sahitya**' organized by Baneswar Sarathibala Mahavidyalaya, Baneswar, Coochbehar in collaboration with Lilabati mahavidyalaya, Jateswar Alipurduar, held on 13th May 2022.
- Delivered a lecture as resource person in one day national seminar on '**Bir Chila Rai er jibon darshan**' held on 16th February 2022 organized by IQAC, Baneswar Sarathibala Mahavidyalaya, Baneswar, Coochbehar, WB.
- Delivered a lecture as a Resource Person on "**Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose's philosophy on Women empowerment and Communal harmony and its contemporary relevance**" in the International seminar on "**The Social and Political Thoughts of Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose**" sponsored by Higher Education Department, Govt. of West Bengal organized by Banarhat Kartik Oraon Hindi Govt. College, Binnaguri, Jalpaiguri, WB, 12-13 March, 2020.

Select list of publication:

- A chapter titled '**Ethno-medicine of Chain Community: A comparative study of the past and present**' has been published in Shyamal Chandra Sarkar edited book titled **Changing society of Twentieth century Bengal** published from Progressive publishers, Kolkata, 2014 bearing ISBN no: 978-81-80-64-254-8.
- An article titled '**The role of Royal women in the development of the Koch kingdom**' has been published in the **Proceeding of NORTH EAST INDIA HISTORY ASSOCIATION (NEIHA, Thirty Fifth sessions) 2014**, bearing ISBN no: 2349-753X.
- A chapter titled '**Black magic, witchcraft and occultism among the tribes of NorthBengal: A study in the light of Human Rights**' has been published in Gopal Sharma and Amrita Kumar Shil edited book titled **Human Rights in India: Issues and Concerns** published from Abhijeet Publications, New Delhi, 2015 bearing ISBN no: 978-93-5074-195-5.

List of Seminars, Conferences and Workshops attended:

1. Participated in the 7 days National workshop on **Inscription and Languages on Indian Coins** organized by the Ramakrishna Mission Sikshanamandira in collaboration with The Numismatic Society of Calcutta held from 17th to 23rd July, 2019.
2. Attended and presented a research paper titled **'Folklore and popular Culture among the tribes of Sub-Himalayan North Bengal: A socio-Cultural study in historical perspective'** in three days Indian Council for Social science Research (ICSSR) sponsored International Seminar on 'Exploring Sub-Himalayan Region of West Bengal and her Neighbors: Society, Religion and Culture since 1947' organized by Department of History, Coochbehar Panchanan Barma University, held on 25th, 26th and 27th March, 2019.
3. Attended and presented a research paper titled **'Popular Islam and the medieval Koch kingdom: Emergence of a syncretic culture in the light of socio-religious study'** in one day seminar on 'Recent trends in Research: Medieval and early modern India' held on 26th February 2019 organized by the Department of Islamic History and Culture, University of Calcutta .
4. Attended and presented a research paper titled **'Islamic mysticism and the Medieval Koch kingdom: A socio-religious study of the emergence of an Indo-Islamic culture in the medieval North-East of India'** during the 39th annual session of North East India History Association held at Synod College, Shillong from 01.11.2018 to 03.11.2018.
5. Attended and presented a research paper titled **'Magnitude and relevance of Caste movement in 20th century North Bengal: Focusing on Chains'** in the two days ICHR (Indian Council of Historical Research) sponsored National Seminar on 'Demography and its impact in North Bengal with special reference to the Himalayan region' organized by the Department of History, Gyan Jyoti College, Dagapur, Siliguri held from 9th to 10th September, 2016.
6. Attended and presented a research paper titled **'Impact of globalization on marginalized communities: Focusing on few communities of North Bengal'** in the two days UGC sponsored International Seminar on 'Contemporary trends in Humanities and Social Science' organized by A.B.N Seal College, Coochbehar held on 7th and 8th April, 2016.
7. Attended and presented a research paper titled **'Swami Vivekananda's idea of Man making and Character building education : Its contemporary relevance'** in the Higher Education Department, Govt. of West Bengal sponsored two days national seminar on 'Vivekananda's Theory of Education: Its contemporary Relevance' Organized by Banarhat Kartik Oraon Hindi Govt. College held on 16th and 17th March, 2016.

8. Attended and presented a research paper titled '**The magnitude and relevance of Women reservation bill in Indian politics: A quest for women empowerment in 21st century**' in the UGC sponsored two days national seminar on 'Women in 21st century: Livelihood, Environment and Sustainability' Organized by Centre for Women's studies, University of North Bengal from 27th to 28th March, 2015.
9. Attended and presented a research paper entitled '**Black magic, witchcraft and occultism among the tribes of North Bengal: A study in the light of Human Rights**' in two days UGC sponsored National seminar on Theory and Practice of Human Rights: The Indian Context held on 20th and 21st March, 2015, organized by Department of Political Science, Sitalkuchi College, Coochbehar, West Bengal in collaboration with Department of Political Science, Madhusudan Hore Mahavidyalaya, Nishiganj, Coochbehar, West Bengal.
10. Attended and presented a research paper titled '**Empowering tribal women in Terai-Dooars through education: A historical study of the attainments and Challenges in post-colonial North Bengal**' in the UGC sponsored two days national seminar on 'Women, patriarchy Gender: Deconstruction and reconstruction of History (India and beyond)' Organized by the Department of History, University of North Bengal from 13th to 14th March 2015.
11. Attended and presented a research paper titled '**Unobingsho shataker Koch Rajye Maharani Suniti devir obodan: Sahityo, sanskriti o Nari unnoyon kendrik ekti oitihasic porjalochona**' (in Bengali) during XXXst annual conference of Paschimbanga Itihas Samsad held from 22nd to 24th January, 2015 at Department of Ancient Indian History and Culture, University of Calcutta.
12. Attended and presented a research paper titled '**The role of Royal women in the politics, administration and society of the Koch Kingdom**' in the 35th Annual conference of North East India History Association held at Gargaon College, Sivasagar, Assam from 10th to 12th November, 2014.
13. Attended and presented a research paper titled '**Origin and development of Human-Elephant conflict in the landscape of Terai-Dooars region of North Bengal: A historical study**' in the UGC sponsored two days International seminar on 'Environmental history of North Bengal and adjacent regions: Contested issues and emerging perspectives' Organized by the Department of History, University of North Bengal on 21st and 22nd March 2014.
14. Attended and presented a research paper titled '**Ethno-medicine of Chain Community: A comparative study of the past and present**' in the UGC sponsored 3 day National seminar on 'Changing society of Twentieth century Bengal (from historical perspectives) with special reference to North Bengal' Organized by the Department of History, Prasanna Deb Women's college in collaboration with Maynaguri college, Jalpaiguri, West Bengal, India held from 26th to 28th September, 2013.

