

## Curriculum Vitae

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**Education:**

**Bachelor of Arts (2003)**

University of North Bengal  
Raja Rammohanpur, Darjeeling, West Bengal, India

**Master of Arts in History (2005)**

Jadavpur University, Kolkata – 700032, West Bengal, India  
Specialization: Economic History of Modern India (1757-1947)

**PhD in History (2017)**

Jadavpur University, Kolkata – 700032, West Bengal, India

**Teaching and advising experience:**

Overall teaching experience in PG and UG courses: 15 Years

**(I) In College:** 10<sup>th</sup> July 2008- 10<sup>th</sup> November 2014

**Designation:** Assistant Professor in History

**Institution:** Thakur Panchanan Mahila Mahavidyalaya

**Address:** Magazine Road, Cooch Behar  
West Bengal, India

**(II) In University:** 11<sup>th</sup> November 2014 to till date

**Designation:** Assistant Professor, Department of History

**University:** Cooch Behar Panchanan Barma University

**Research Area:** History of Environment, Economic History and Comparative religion

**Research Experience:**

Overall research experience in various projects of the Government of India, Government of West Bengal and PhD Programme of the Jadavpur University, Kolkata: 14 years

**Projects completed:**

(I) University Grant Commission sponsored *Minor Research Project* (2009 – 2011).

(II) Contributor, *Project on Dictionary of Historical Places: Bengal 1757-1947*, funded by Government of West Bengal.

(III) Contributor, *Project on Dictionary of Historical Personalities: Bengal 1757-1947*, funded by Government of West Bengal.

**Books:**

1. **The Ravaged Paradise: Environmental History of Colonial Darjeeling Himalaya (1835-1947)**, Routledge, Taylor and Francis Group, New York and London, 2023, doi: 10.4324/9781003395652 (Global edition). South Asia edition published by Manohar, New Delhi, ISBN: 9781032498287.

2. Forthcoming book on **History of Nature** in process.

3. Forthcoming edited book on **Theater** in process

**Articles and chapters published in books:**

I. **“Modern Information Technology and Trafficking of Human-beings”** *The Status of Women in India: From Antiquity to Modernity*. Biswas, M (ed), New Delhi, 2010. ISBN 978-93-80031-76-7. Pp. 134-42

II. **Entries.** *Dictionary of Historical Places Bengal, 1757-1947*. Prof. Ranjan Chakrabarti (ed), New Delhi: Primus Books, 2013. ISBN 978-93-80607-41-2 Pp. 278-80 & 601-02

III. **“British Forest Policy in Darjeeling and Bengal Duars (1865-1947)”** published in *Exploring History*; Vol. VI, No. 2, July – December 2014, ISSN- 2230-8490, (Peer Reviewed), pp. 59-73

IV. **“The Liberal Morality of Mahanirvana Tantra and the Bhadrals in Nineteenth Century Bengal”**, Journal of Higher Education and Research Society: A Refereed International, Vol. 3/ Issue-2, October 2015, ISSN. 2349-0209, (Peer Reviewed), p.103-110

V. **“Rabindramanon: Swadeshikata o Gramonnayan”** *Rabindracharcha*, December, 2014, ISSN. 2393-9958, pp. 33-36

VI. **“Telegraph and Wireless Network: The Strategic Significance of Information Technology in First World War”**, published in *Exploring History*; Vol. VIII, No. 1, January – June 2016, ISSN- 2230-8490 (Peer Reviewed), pp.181-190

VII. **Environmental History: An Emerging field of Historical Research, Environment, Ecology and Humans: Challenges and Contestations**, Piyal Basu Roy, Rajib Bhowmik, et.al (ed) Rachayita, Kolkata, ISBN 978-93-82549-55-0, pp. 282-287

VIII. **“Sub-Tropical Insect World: Colonial Method of Deforestation and Insect Control in Darjeeling Himalaya”** published in *Aitihya The Heritage: Multilingual Research Journal on Indology*, Vol.XIV, Issue-2, 2023, ISSN: 2229-5399, (UGC CARE LIST- I), 2023, pp.59-70

IX. **Adaptation, Migration and Challenges: Impact of Climate Change in Sub-Himalayan Bengal**, Ghosh, Mili (ed), *The Shattered Earth: Histories of Climate, Catastrophe and the Wilderness*, Primus Books, New Delhi, ISBN: 978-93-5852-903-6, 2023, pp.168-181

X. **Colonization of the Highlands: The Rise and Growth of Hill Stations in Bengal Province (1828-1947)**, published in *International Journal for Multidisciplinary Research*, ISSN: 2582-2160, 2024, (Peer Reviewed), pp.1-6

**Papers presented at International / National Seminars / Conferences / Workshops:**

(I) **‘Modern information Technology and Trafficking of Human Beings’** paper presented at the U.G.C.-sponsored National Seminar (29-30 August 2009) on “Social Attitude to Trafficking and Violence against Women in India, with special reference to West Bengal and the District of Cooch Behar” at *Thakur Panchanan Mahila Mahavidyalaya*, Cooch Behar.

(II) **“Deadly Plains and Homely Hills: A Study of the British Summer Stations in Indian Highlands”** paper presented at the U.G.C.-sponsored National Workshop (23-24 February 2011) on “*Nature Transformed: Ecology, Environment and Conservation in Global and South Asian History*” at *Jadavpur University*, Kolkata

(III) **“A Comparative Study of Vedanta, Mahanirvan Tantra, and the preaching of Swami Vivekananda and their relevance in Modern World”** paper presented at the U.G.C.-sponsored National Seminar (1-2 April 2011) on “Relevance of Swami Vivekananda in the Present Social and Economic Scenario” at *Cooch Behar College*, Cooch Behar.

(IV) **“Telegraph and Wireless Network: The Strategic Significance of Information Technology in First World War”** paper Presented at the ICHR Sponsored two days

international Conference on ‘The Great War (1914) in Memories and Letters’ (16 - 17<sup>th</sup> April, 2014) at *Malda Collage*, Malda.

(V) **“Adaptation, Migration and Challenges: Impact of Climate Change in Sub – Himalayan Bengal”** paper Presented at international seminar sponsored by Government of India on “History of Global Climate Change: Water, Ecology, Politics and the Management of Nature (January 21-22, 2015) at *Maulana Abul Kalam Azad Institute of Asian Studies* (MAKAIAS), Kolkata.

(VI) **“The Liberal Morality of Mahanirvana Tantra and the *Bhadraloks* in Nineteenth Century Bengal”**. Paper Presented at international Conference on Comparative Literature & Culture (11<sup>th</sup> & 12<sup>th</sup> September, 2015) organized by *Higher Education & Research Society* at Nagpur, Maharashtra.

(VII) **“Environmental History: An Emerging Field of Historical Research”**. Paper presented at the two days U.G.C.-sponsored National Seminar on Need and Prospect of Environmental Education (16<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup> November, 2016) organized by Department of Geography *Alipurduar College* in collaboration with *Alipurduar Mahila Mahavidyalaya*, Alipurduar.

(VIII) **‘The Ideas of Mahanirvana Tantra and the Brahmo Samaj Movement in Nineteenth Century Bengal’**. Paper presented at the one day international conference on History and Heritage 2018 (23<sup>rd</sup> February, 2018) organize by *Itihas Academy Dhaka* at Asiatic Society of Bangladesh.

(IX) Participated in two days workshop on Extension Activities of the Universities (7<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> March, 2018) jointly organized by Department of **Lifelong Learning and Extension**, *University of North Bengal* and *Cooch Behar Panchanan Barma University* at Cooch Behar Panchanan Barma University Campus.

(X) **Socio-Economic and Cultural Transition of the Lepchas in Colonial and Post Colonial Period (1835-2011)**. Paper presented in UGC-RUSA 2.0 Sponsored Two-Day International Seminar organized by Centre for Studies in Cultural Diversity and Wellbeing, Jadavpur University in collaboration with Department of Political Science, Sidho-Kanho-Birsha University, Department of Bengali, Dr. S.P. Mukherjee University, Ranchi, Jharkhand and Byanjanbarna Foundation, Kolkata on 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> February 2020.

### **Invited and Special Lectures:**

1. Invited lecture delivered in Department of History, Ghokshadanga Mahavidyalaya (Affiliated under Cooch Behar Panchanan Barma University) on Role of Women in Indian National Movement on 18.11.2022.

2. Invited lecture delivered in Thakur Panchanan Mahila Mahavidyalaya (Affiliated under Cooch Behar Panchanan Barma University) on Alternative Energy and its Application in India as a resource person in the Department of Geography on 22.11.2022.

3. Invited special lecture delivered in National level seminar on 'India at 75: Looking Behind and Beyond' at A. B. N. Seal College (Affiliated under Cooch Behar Panchanan Barma University), organized by Department of Political Science in collaboration with Central Bureau of Communication, Ministry of Information & Broadcasting, Government of India held on 13<sup>th</sup> & 14<sup>th</sup> February, 2023.

4. Invited lecture delivered in Thakur Panchanan Mahila Mahavidyalaya (Affiliated under Cooch Behar Panchanan Barma University) on Prospect of Tourism in North Bengal as a resource person in the Department of Geography on 19.01.2024

5. Invited lecture delivered in Vivekananda College (Affiliated under University of North Bengal) on the Socio-Cultural Heritage of the Rajbansi Community in Cooch Behar as a resource person in the department of history on 09.04.2024.

### **Teaching Activities:**

#### **Postgraduate Courses Taught:**

**First Semester:** Course: 102- State in India (Part-I) & Course: 104- History of Modern Bengal (1757-1947)

**Second Semester:** Course: 201- Twentieth Century World (Part-II) & Course: 204- History of Kamta & Cooch Behar (12<sup>th</sup> Century to Merger with the Union of India)

**Third Semester:** Course: 302- History of Ideas (Part-I) & Course: 303- Historiography: Concept, Methods and Tools (Part-II)

**Fourth Semester:** Course: 405 (C) - Economic History of India (1757-1947), Course: 406 (C) - Economic History of India (1757-1947) & 407 (D) – Colonial North Bengal

#### **M.Phil / PhD Course Work Taught at Cooch Behar Panchanan Barma University:**

**M.Phil / First Semester PhD Course Work:** Paper I: Historiography

**M.Phil Second Semester:** Paper III: Overview of Literature (Modern India)

### **Orientation/ Refresher and other Training Programmes:**

<b>Sl. No</b>	<b>Training Programmes</b>	<b>Duration</b>	<b>University / Institutes</b>	<b>Sponsored by</b>
<b>1</b>	Orientation Course (NSS)	05.01.2009-14.01.2009	Ramakrishna Mission Lokasiksha Parisad, Narendrapur	Ministry of Youth affairs and sports, Government of India
<b>2</b>	Refresher Course on 'Tribe, Nature and Society: Historical Prospective'	06.09.2010-27.09.2010	Jadavpur University	UGC
<b>3</b>	Orientation Programme	03.09.2012-29.09.2012	University of Calcutta	UGC
<b>4</b>	Interdisciplinary Winter School on 'Nation and Higher Education'	10.03.2017-31.03.2017	Jadavpur University	UGC
<b>5</b>	Exploring the Urban: In Time and Space	01.03.2021-15.03.2021	Jadavpur University	UGC

### **Scholarly and Professional Academic and Administrative Activities and Services:**

#### **Service in the College:**

5. In-Charge of Principal, Thakur Panchanan Mahila Mahavidyalaya, Cooch Behar, for one week in 2013

1. Member of Governing Body, Thakur Panchanan Mahila Mahavidyalaya, Cooch Behar, 2014 - 2015

2. Secretary, Teachers' Council, Thakur Panchanan Mahila Mahavidyalaya, Cooch Behar, (2012- 2014)

3. Programme Officer, National Service Scheme, Thakur Panchanan Mahila Mahavidyalaya, Cooch Behar (2012 - 2014)

4. Member, Sport Board, University of North Bengal (2013-2014)

#### **Service in the university:**

1. Assistant Registrar (Offg), Cooch Behar Panchanan Barma University, 2<sup>nd</sup> August 2016 to 2<sup>nd</sup> August 2018.

2. In Charge of Registrar's Office, Cooch Behar Panchanan Barma University in absence of Registrar (Actg.) more than 30 days in 2016-2017
3. In Charge of Campus of Cooch Behar Panchanan Barma University in absence of both Registrar (Actg.) and Honourable Vice-Chancellor, CBPBU more than 30 days in 2016-2017
4. Member, Board of Studies PG (History), Cooch Behar Panchanan Barma University (2015- till date)
5. Member, Board of Studies UG (History), Cooch Behar Panchanan Barma University (2015- till date)
6. Member, Board of Research Studies (History), Cooch Behar Panchanan Barma University (2015- 2021)
7. Programme Officer, National Service Scheme, Cooch Behar Panchanan Barma University (2015 – 2016)
8. Member, Internal Quality Assurance Cell (IQAC), CBPBU
9. Member, Anti-Raging Committee, CBPBU
10. Convener, Anti-Sexual Harassment Committee, CBPBU
11. Convener, Women Cell (12B), CBPBU
12. Member, Departmental Research Committee, CBPBU
13. Member, Research Advisory Committee, CBPBU
14. Discharge duty as Centre-in-Charge for Post Graduate Examination of Netaji Subhas Open University, 2016 from 10.07.2016 to 11.09.2016
15. Discharge duty as Centre-in-Charge for Post Graduate Examination of Cooch Behar Panchanan Barma University, 2017 from 11.07.2017 to 26.07.2017

**Community Service / Interim work between classes:**

1. Organized **Blood Donation Camp** in the campus of Cooch Behar Panchanan Barma University on 09.05.2016
2. **Organized Flood Relief Camp: Free Medical Check Up for the Flood Victims in the Kochuban and Sonachaura village in Cooch Behar Block II** in the bank of the Torsha River on 01.07.2016. The programme was supported by the Health Department, Government of West Bengal.

3. **Campus Cleaning Program** in Cooch Behar Panchanan Barma University on 16 May, 2016
4. Organized the programme to spread the significance of **National Unity Day** in the Lankabor Primary School on 4<sup>th</sup> November, 2016
5. Organized the **Awareness Programme for Vector Born Diseases** in the campus of Cooch Behar Panchanan Barma University on 12th August, 2016 in collaboration with Health Department, Government of West Bengal and Cooch Behar Municipality.
6. Organized the Programme of **International Mother Language Day** campus of Cooch Behar Panchanan Barma University on 21.02.2017
7. Organized **special lecture programme of Professor Denies Hanlon, University of St. Andrews, United Kingdom** jointly with Department of Philosophy and Department of English in the campus of Cooch Behar Panchanan Barma University on 16.08.2016
8. Organized special talk for the promotion of **Fulbright-Nehru Scholarship in the Department of History**, Cooch Behar Panchanan Barma University on 31<sup>st</sup> March 2016
9. Organizing **Special Lecture Series on Women and Gender Issues in India** in the campus of Cooch Behar Panchanan Barma University from 27.06.2018
10. Organized **Special Lecture on Rights of Women and Criminal Justice System: A Critical Analysis** jointly with Woman Cell, CBPBU and District Legal Authority Services, Cooch Behar on 21.09.2021

**Other information:**

**National / International Honours / Awards / Fellowships / Memberships / Distinctions and other academic activities:**

- (I) Stood Second in the **B.A. Honours Examination in History 2003**, University of North Bengal.
- (II) Stood first in the interview of **West Bengal College Service Commission** for Lectureship in the North Bengal University zone in 2008
- (III) Life Member, **Pashim Banga Itihas Samsad**, Kolkata
- (IV) Life Member, **Itihas Academy Dhaka**, Bangladesh
- (V) Life Member, **Institute of Historical Studies**, Kolkata
- (VI) Life Member, Alumni Association, **A. B. N. Seal College**, Cooch Behar

(VII) Life Member, Alumni Association, **Thakur Panchanan Mahila Mahavidyalaya**, Cooch Behar

**Ongoing Ph.D topics:**

1. Empire, Medicine and Healthcare in Jalpaiguri District (1869-1947)
2. Guns and Nationalism: The Political Violence in Colonial Bengal (1882-1947)
3. Ordering the Insurgents: The History of Forested Detention Camp in Buxa (1864-1951)
4. Conceptualizing the European Explorations in the Field of Entomology in Colonial India (1757-1947)

**M.Phil dissertation:**

1. Rulers and the Ruled: The Koch Royal Edifices and Traditional Beliefs in Cooch Behar (1515-1951)
2. Pahalwani, Nationalism and Pride: The Culture of Wrestling in Colonial India