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Areas of interest: Rural Development, Women Empowerment, Decentralised Governance and the role of NGOs in Development

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Educational qualifications

- 1. Ph. D in Political Science:** University of North Bengal (NBU), 2013.
- 2. Master of Arts in Political Science:** University of North Bengal (NBU), 2003
- 3. Master of Arts in Rural Development:** IGNOU, 2015
- 4. Bachelor of Arts (Honours):** Siliguri College, University of North Bengal (NBU), 2001
- 5. H.S.:** WBCHSE Board, 1998
- 6. MP:** WBBSE, 1996
- 7. National Eligibility Test (NET),** December 2004.

Awards

1. Awarded Departmental Fellowship, University of North Bengal, 2005-06
2. Awarded Faculty Development Programme (FDP) of UGC, 2010-11

Teaching Experience:

1. From 27/07/2006 to 16/08/2016 at Sitalkuchi College, Cooch Behar, West Bengal
2. From 17/08/2016 to 18/03/2021 at Raiganj University, Uttar Dinajpur, West Bengal
3. From 19/03/2021 to till date at Cooch Behar Panchanan Barma University, Cooch Behar, West Bengal

Research Activities

i) Ph. D degree: **Political Science**

ii) Title of Ph. D degree: **Non-Governmental Organisations and Empowerment of Women: A Case Study on some selected NGOs of Darjeeling District of West Bengal**

ii) Research projects Completed:

Title of the project: **The Impact of Rural Out-migration: A Case Study of Cooch Behar in West Bengal**

Funding Agency: **University Grants Commission, ERO, Kolkata**

iii) **Seasonal Out-Migration as a Survival Strategy of the Rural People: A Study of Seven Districts of North Bengal, West Bengal**

Funding Agency: **ICSSR, New Delhi**

iii) Research Guiding Experience:

i.	Ph.D. scholars:	05
ii.	Ph. D. ongoing:	03
iii.	M. Phil:	05

Books Published (Edited)

1. **Financial Inclusion, Self-help Groups (SHGs) and Women Empowerment** (Edited), 2013, New Century Publication, New Delhi, ISBN: 978-81-7708-339-2

2. **Human Rights in India - Issues and Concerns** (Edited), 2015, Abhijeet Publications, New Delhi, ISBN 978-93-5074-195-5.

3. **Rural Development in India: Issues and Challenges** (Edited), 2015, Abhijeet Publication, New Delhi, ISBN: 978-93-5074-186-3

Research Papers published

1. **Women in Grassroots Democracy in India: Non-Governmental Organisations and its Possibilities**, 2008, IJPS, ISSN: 0019-5510, pp. 815-823.

2. **Role of the NGOs in Women's Development**, 2010, IJP, ISSN: 0303-9957, pp. 259-267.

3. **TELENGANA: Is it an Eye-opener for Gorkhaland?**, 2011, THIRD CONCEPT, ISSN: 0970-7247, pp. 44-45.

4. **Kisaan SMS Portal: A ICT tool for Agricultural Extension in India**, 2014, Kurukshetra, Vol. 62, No. 8, ISSN: 0021-5660, pp. 31-32.

5. **Disparities in Higher Education in India: A Stark Realities**, 2014, University News, Vol. 52, No. 22, June 02-08, ISSN – 0566-2257, pp. 18-20.

6. **Microfinance through Self Help Groups: A Boon for Socio-Economic Development – A Case Study**, 2014, Women's Link, Vol. 20, No. 3, July – September, ISSN: 2229-6409, pp. 30-35.

7. **Indian Parliament: An attractive Second Career for Declining Celebrities (?)**, 2014, Third Concept, Vol. 28, No. 334, December, ISSN: 0970-7247, pp. 46-47.

8. **Seasonal Rural Out-Migration: Trends, Causes, Opportunities and Challenges – Evidence from Cooch Behar District of West Bengal, 2017**, Journal of North East Region, Issue: 5, Vol: 3, ISSN: 2321-0583, pp. 5-21.

Paper Presentation in National and International Level seminars/ conferences/ workshops

1. Presented a paper on **Gorkhaland Movement: Past and Present** in the State Level Seminar conducted by Sitalkuchi College, Cooch Behar, Nov. 19-20, 2009.

2. Presented a paper on ***Rabindranather Jatiyatabadi Chintadhara*** in the UGC sponsored National Seminar conducted by Sitalkuchi College, Cooch Behar, March. 2-3, 2012.
3. Presented a paper on ***The Contribution of NGOs towards the Upliftment of the Values of Human Rights Among Women: A Case Study*** in the UGC sponsored National Seminar conducted by Kaliyaganj College, Uttar Dinajpur, West Bengal, March. 16-17, 2012.
4. Presented a paper on ***Including the Excluded: Women's Empowerment Through Self Help Groups: A Case Study*** in the UGC sponsored National Seminar conducted by Maynaguri College, Jalpaiguri, West Bengal, February, 8-9, 2013.
5. Presented a paper on ***empowering rural women through microfinance: A case study of some selected SHGs of Darjeeling District of West Bengal*** in the NABARD sponsored National Seminar conducted by Geographical Society of North Bengal, Alipurduar, Jalpaiguri, West Bengal, March 23-24, 2013.
6. Presented a paper on **Concept and Operational Dimensions of Women Empowerment: A Pan-Indian Perspective** in the UGC Sponsored National Seminar conducted by Cooch Behar College, Cooch Behar, West Bengal, April 1-2, 2013.
7. Presented a paper on **The Impact of Rural Out-migration: A Case Study of Cooch Behar in West Bengal** in the UGC Sponsored National Seminar conducted by Department of Political Science, Sitalkuchi College, Cooch Behar, West Bengal, November 22-23, 2013.
8. Presented a paper on **Non-Governmental Organisations in India: A SWOT Analysis towards Policy Implications** in the UGC Sponsored National Seminar conducted by Department of Political Science, Sitalkuchi College, Cooch Behar, West Bengal, November 22-23, 2013.
9. Presented a paper on **Banking the Poor: Empowerment of Women through Microfinance** in the UGC Sponsored National Seminar conducted by Union Christian Training College, Berhampore, Murshiabad, West Bengal, December 6-7, 2013.
10. Presented a paper on **Political Participation of Women in India and the Role of NSS Volunteers** in the National Seminar conducted by NSS Wing, North Bengal University during 22-23 March, 2014.
11. Presented a paper on ***Gandhi's Concept of Welfare of Women: An Analysis*** in the International Seminar, organised by Sidho Kanho Birsha University, Purulia, West Bengal during 29th-30th April, 2014.
12. Presented a paper on ***Distance Education in India: An Emerging System of Learning - Opportunities and Challenges*** in the National Seminar organized by Netaji Subhas Open University in association with NSOU Sitalkuchi College Study Centre during October 21-22, 2014.