

Personal Profile

I am Ph. D. in Political Science from the University of North Bengal. At present, I am working as Associate Professor of Political Science at Cooch Behar Panchanan Barma University. Prior to join this institution, I have been associated with Raiganj University and Sitalkuchi College. During my academic career I have authored several articles in the journal of international and national repute. My areas of interest include 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: 15 Years

1. From 27/07/2006 to 16/08/2016 at Sitalkuchi College, Cooch Behar, West Bengal as Assistant Professor of Political Science
2. From 17/08/2016 to 18/03/2021 at Raiganj University as Associate Professor of Political Science
3. From 19/03/2021 to till date at Cooch Behar Panchanan Barma University as Associate Professor of Political Science

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:	03
ii.	Ph. D. ongoing:	04
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. **Siliguri is Changing (?): Uttarayan Township and the Prospects and Problems of Urbanisation in North Bengal**, 2014, Monthly Interdisciplinary Research Journal Review of Research, Vol III, Issue IX June, ISSN No: 2249-894X, pp. 1-11.

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

6. **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.

7. **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.

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

9. **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.

Administrative Experience

1. Member, Governing Body, Sitalkuchi College.
2. Teacher-in-charge, sports, Sitalkuchi College.
3. NSS, Programme Officer, Sitalkuchi College.
4. Paper setter, Examiner, Chairman etc. University of North Bengal.
5. Member, Library Sub-Committee, Sitalkuchi College.
6. Secretary, Teachers' council, Sitalkuchi College.
7. Co-ordinator, RBU Distance Education Centre, Sitalkuchi College.
8. Co-ordinator, UGC Sponsored 'Foundation course on Human Rights and Values in Education'.
9. Co-ordinator, Netaji Subash Open University Sitalkuchi College Study Centre.
10. Convener (Organising Committee), UGC Sponsored Two Days National Level Seminar.
11. Coordinator, IQAC, Sitalkuchi College.
12. HOD, Department of Political Science, Raiganj University
13. Chairman, BOS, Department of Political Science, Raiganj University
15. Member, BOS and BRS, Department of Political Science, Raiganj University
16. HOD, Department of Political Science, CBPBU