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Dr Ranjan Sharma is an Associate Professor in the Department of Physics, Cooch Behar Panchanan Barma University, Cooch Behar, India.

The career of Dr Ranjan Sharma spans over twenty-five years of academic and administrative responsibilities at various colleges, research institutes and universities. Dr Sharma was awarded National Scholarship for his ranking in Secondary and Higher Secondary Examinations conducted by the West Bengal Board of Secondary Education and the West Bengal Council for Higher Secondary Education, respectively. He graduated from the University of North Bengal, India in 1992 and obtained a Master's degree in Physics from the same university in 1994. He completed his PhD from the University of North Bengal in 2002. The Indian Association for General Relativity and Gravitation (IAGRG) has awarded him the prestigious *V V Narlikar Memorial Award* for his thesis. He moved to the University of KwaZulu-Natal, Durban, South Africa, for his post-doctoral research work in 2006-2007.

Dr Sharma started his professional career as a faculty at St. Joseph's College, Darjeeling, India, in the year 2002. He worked as a Lecturer in the School of Physics (Pietermaritzburg Campus), University of KwaZulu-Natal, South Africa in 2008. In 2010, he joined as an Assistant Professor at P. D. Women's College, Jalpaiguri, India. Currently, he is employed as an Associate Professor in the Department of Physics, Cooch Behar Panchanan Barma University, Cooch Behar, India. He had discharged the duty of the Head of the Department of Physics at Cooch Behar Panchanan Barma University during 2020-2022.

Dr Sharma's research interests are focused on theoretical aspects of relativistic astrophysics and cosmology. Currently, he supervises five research scholars and one scholar has already been awarded PhD degree in Physics under his supervision. Dr Sharma has more than fifty publications on his name.

Dr Sharma worked as a Research Fellow funded by the Department of Science and Technology (DST), Govt. of India and the Council for Scientific and Industrial Research (CSIR), Govt. of India. He was also awarded research fellowship by the National Research Foundation (NRF) of South Africa for his post-doctoral work.

Dr Sharma has been a Visiting Research Associate at the Inter-University Centre for Astronomy and Astrophysics (IUCAA), Pune, Govt. of India, since 2009. He has also been a Coordinator of the IUCAA Centre for Astronomy Research and Development (ICARD) at the Department of Physics, Cooch Behar Panchanan Barma University, since 2018. Dr Sharma also renders his service as a referee of several the International Journals.

Dr Sharma holds membership in several national and international bodies, which include life membership of the Indian Association for General Relativity and Gravitation (IAGRG), India and the South African Gravity Society (SAGS), South Africa.

PUBLICATIONS:

A partial list of Dr Sharma's publications can be retrieved from the following link:

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