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- NA

Professional Experiences:

- Served as Visiting Faculty, Calcutta University
- Member, Board of Research Studies, NBU, & Raiganj University
- Organised National Seminars, Conferences, and Refresher Courses.
- Delivered Invited Lectures in UGC Human Resource Centre, ICSSR Courses on Research Methodology.
- Chaired Seminar Sessions in other Universities, IPSA and WBPSA Conferences.
- Delivered lecture in the population education programme in rural area undertaken by the Centre for adult and continuing Education of NBU, now renamed as Department of Lifelong Learning.
- Acted as Chancellor's Nominee for Selection Committee in Political Science for Calcutta University.
- Acted as member of the Selection Committee for Sikkim Public Service Commission for recruitment of Lecturers in Political Science.
- Acted Paper Setters/Examiners of Sikkim Public Service Commission.
- Acted as paper setter for UPSC for Political Science.
- Acted as Observer of SET of West Bengal College Service Commission.
- Acted as member of the Board of Examiners for SET of West Bengal College Service Commission.
- Member of Research Team for Survey Research conducted by the Indian institute of Hill economy, 1982, Darjeeling
- Member of Task Force for the preparation of the Perspective Plan for the Development of North Bengal undertaken by the Centre for Development studies of North Bengal university commissioned by the Uttarbanga Unnayan Parisad and completed the interim Report in 2002.
- Worked as a member of the Monitoring Team of research and resource Institute (NBU) for SSA project of the Government of Sikkim (For First Report submitted for the year 2002-3.
- Dy. Coordinator, UGC Special Assistance Programme, Department of Political Science, University of North Bengal

Administrative Experiences:

- Elected member, Faculty Council, NBU for two terms.
- Member, Executive Council, University of North Bengal, for two terms.
- Member, Finance Committee, NBU, for one term.
- Member, Governing Body, Siliguri College of Commerce, for one term.
- Former Academic Coordinator & Hony. Director, Directorate of Distance Education, North Bengal University.
- Chairman, UG Board of Studies in Political Science, NBU.
- Dy. Coordinator, NAAC Committee, NBU
- Director, IQAC, NBU.
- Acted as member of College Inspection Teams of NBU
- Associated with Curriculum development of Panchanan Barma University.
- Member, Advisory Committee, UGC Centre for Himalayan Studies, NBU.

Selective List of Publications:**Books Authored:**

1. *Nationalism and Separatism in Bengal* (New Delhi: Vikash, 1992)
2. *Participatory Forest Management and Democratic Decentralisation in India* (Siliguri, Dibrugarh ,N.L. Publishers, 2005)

Chapters in Books:

3. 'Provisions of the Sixth Schedule in North-East India : An Inquiry into their Relevance Today' in L. S. Gassah (ed) *Autonomous District Council*, New Delhi: Omsons,1997.
4. Bhutanese state and stateless Bhutanese: Politics of Identity and Stalemate in Refugee Crisis" in sanjay Kr. Ray, (ed) *Refugees and Human rights*, 2001, New Delhi, Rawat.
5. "Congress and the new political Compulsions in India: The Resilience of a Centrist Party in Polycentric Polity" in A.K. Jana and Bhupen Sarmah (eds) *Class, Ideology and Political Parties in india*, New Delhi, South Asian Publishers, 2002.
6. 'BJP's politics of Expediency: Permeating Hindutva and Legislating Neo-Liberal reforms", *ibid*.
7. "Terrorism: The Ethical Dilemma of International political theory' in Omprakash Mishra and Sucheta Ghosh (eds), *Terrorism and low-intensity Conflict in South Asian Region*, New Delhi, manak,2003
8. "Interrogating Public sphere in India" in Maya Ghosh and Arun Kanti Jana (eds) *Development and Disorder: The Crisis of Governance in the Northeast and East of India*, New Delhi, South Asian Pub.,2011.

Journal Articles:

9. 'Liberalism in Nineteenth Century Bengal' in *Socialist Perspective*, Vol. 10, No. 1&, June-Sept, 1982.
10. "Interdisciplinary Studies and Political Science : A Search for a Perspective" in the *Indian Journal of political Studies*, Vol. 6&7, July, 1983
11. "Rammohun Roy and Economic Modernisation: A Dissection" in *Society and Change*, , Vol. IV, No.1, , Oct-Dec, 1984
12. 'Political Theory and Political Philosophy' in *Indian journal of Political studies*, Vol. 9, December, 1985
13. "Historicism and Humanist Reinterpretation of Karl Marx' , *Socialist perspective*, Vol. 14, No 1 & 2, June-Sept, 1986
14. "Harold Laski in His place" in *Journal of Politics*, ,Vol. 2, 1995.
15. Review of Ross Mallick's book, *Development , Ethnicity and Human Rights in South Asia*, in *The West Bengal Political Science Review*, Vol. II, No. 1&2, January-December, 1999.
16. 'Green Order: Limits and Possibilities of Global Reconstruction of Issues" in *West Bengal Political Science Review*, Vol. VI, No.1 and II, January-December,2003.
17. 'Multiculturalism and Indian University Education' in *University News (AIU)*, Special Issue, Vol. 42, No. 46, Nov. 15-21,2004.
18. "Democratic Decentralisation , Alleviation of Poverty and Administration of Schedule Areas : A Focus on PESA," (co-authored with A. K. Jana), in *Indian Journal of Political Science* , Vol. LXVIII, No. 1, Jan-March, 2007.
19. "Morality and State Policy: Issues of Moral Relativism and Moral Difference in Political Theory, *Journal of Political Studies*, Vol. 2,2007
20. 'Where Process Betrays Outcome: A Study of Deforestation related Issues in North Bengal (With Sourish Jha) in *Indian Journal of Regional Science*, Vol. XXXXIII, No. 2, 2011.
21. 'The QWERTY Path to FDI' in *Journal of the Department of Commerce, University of North Bengal*, 2013.
22. " Technology, Politics and Indian Political Science" in *The West Bengal Political Science Review*, Vol. XVIII , No. 1&2, 2015-16