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Members of Learned Societies: Life member: INCA, IAA, IUAES (2013), UISPP (2018)

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Subject specialization: Social Cultural Anthropology

Areas of Research Interest: Medical Anthropology, Tribal Studies, Human Rights, Prehistoric Archaeology.

No. of Ph.D. students: (a) Supervised: 03 (b) Ongoing: 05.

No. of M.Phil. students: (a) Supervised: Nil (b) Ongoing:01.

No. of Publications: 2 Books (Monograph) and 38 Research Articles in UGC/CARE/Referred Journals etc. and Edited Books.

Professional experiences: More than 15 Yrs. of University teaching and 20 years of research experiences.

Administrative Experiences: Member of Court, NBU

Member of Executive Council, NBU

Member of Faculty Council, NBU

Chairman, PG Board of Studies

Chairman, UG Board of Studies

Head of the Department

Research Projects: Completion of 6 research projects funded by UGC, ICSSR, Sarva Siksha Mission, Government of West Bengal and University of North Bengal, 1 ongoing research project.

Seminar presentation: Around 60 research articles presented both in national and international events.

Invited Lectures: 10 invited lectures delivered both in national and international events.

Significant International Achievements:

1. **Convenor** of the technical session (LD-23, **Tribal Health: Emerging Consequences in the Era of Globalization**) on the 17th world Congress of International Union of Anthropological and Ethnological Sciences (**IUAES**) on "*Evolving Humanity, Emerging Worlds*" held on August 5th-August 10th August, 2013 in Manchester, U.K.
2. Received **18th UISPP** (International Union of Prehistoric and Protohistoric Sciences) Bursary award (among 30 bursary winners worldwide) to attend and present research paper on 18th UISPP world congress (June, 2018) held at University Paris 1, Paris, France.

Important Publications:

1. **Culture of Health Seeking Behaviour: A Medical Anthropological Study on the Drukpas of Buxa Duar region of West Bengal, India**, B.R. Publishing Corporation, Delhi, 2017. (Single authored, monograph).
2. **The Beggars: Struggle for Survival**, in Metropolitan Ethnic Culture: Maintenance and Interaction, (ed.) China Urban Anthropology Association, Academy Press, 2003.
3. **Child Healthcare among the Santals and the Koras of Jhargram sub-division, District Midnapore, West Bengal** Tribal Health Bulletin, Vol. 12 No. 1&2, Regional Medical Research Centre for Tribals, ICMR, 2006.
4. **Health Development: Displacement of Traditional Culture**, in Health, Environment, Development and Other Essays: Anthropological Perspective, B. Chaudhuri and S. Chaudhuri (eds.), 2007, Inter India Publication, New Delhi.
5. **Rights to Health: The Tribal Situation**, Indian Anthropologist, Vol. 38, No. 1, 2008.
6. **Adibasi Somajer Porompogoto o Adhunik Chikitsokder Bhumika O Obosthan**, in Bipono Bhumij: Ostitwer sonkote Adibasi Somaj, Bangladesh O Purba Bharoter Protichitra, Mesbah Kamal (ed.), Arbal Publications, Dhaka, 2009.
7. **Concepts and Techniques of Population Control among the Santals and the Koras of Jhargram Sub-division, District-Midnapore (West), West Bengal**, *South Asian Anthropologist*, vol.9(2), 2009 pp-133-138.
8. **Indigenous Rights and Folk Medicine: The Toto Context** in Human Rights, Buddhadeb Chaudhuri (Ed.), The Intellectual Publishing House, Beijing, China, 2011.
9. **Impact of Forest on Tribal Health: A Study among the Totos of Totopara, District- Jalpaiguri, West Bengal**, Tribal Health Bulletin, Regional Medical Research Centre for Tribals, ICMR, Vol. 15 (No 1 & 2), 2009, Published in 2012.
10. **Palaeolithic Tools of Siulibona, District-Bankura, West Bengal: A Typological and Morphometric Study**, in the *Journal of the Anthropological Survey of India*, vol. 61(1) & 62 (2), 2013.
11. **Maternal and Child Health Care Practices among the Vulnerable Tribal Population Hill Kharia in the District Purulia, West Bengal**, in Tribal Health Bulletin, Vol 18, Nos. 1&2.
12. **Microlithic Assemblages of Tapaban Pahar: An Emerging Mesolithic Site of District Bankura, West Bengal** in *South Asian Anthropologist*, 2014, vol. 14 (1): 47-58.
13. **Indigenous Population of North Bengal: A Contemporary Contemplation** in Omnibus of North Bengal The History and Culture of the Hills and the Plains, Anita Bagchi and Dahlia Bhattacharya (eds.), B.R. Publishing Corporation, Delhi 2015.
14. **Intangible Cultural heritage: A case of Traditional Knowledge on Health Seeking Behaviour**, *Journal of the Asiatic Society*, Vol. LVIII Nos. 1 & 2 (Papers in Commemoration of Robert Bruce Foote, Father of Prehistoric Archaeology of India). pp.117-132, 2016.
15. **The Burial Practices among the Koms of Manipur: A Continuation of the Indigenous Culture, Knowledge and Technology of Megaliths**, *Journal of the Asiatic Society*, Vol. LVIII No.3, pp.1-23, 2016.
16. **Worshipping of Goddess Rountuk for Well-being: An explorative study on traditional health care practices among the Rabhas of West Bengal**, *Journal of Indian Anthropological Society*, Vol.52, pp153-169 (2017).
17. **A Study on the Health Care Practices among the Sherpas- A Hill Tribe of West Bengal**, in M.C. Behera (ed.) Revisiting Tribal Studies, A Glimpse After Hundred Years, Rawat Publications, Jaipur. (2018).

18. **Exploring and Experiencing Santals' Health Seeking Behaviour: Bodding and Author (A Comparative Review)** in R. Ray (ed.) Tribal Health Care System, A Tribute to P.O. Bodding, The Asiatic Society (2019) (ISBN: 978-93-81574-86-7).
19. **Impact of Religion on Traditional Health Care Practices among the Lepchas of Upper and Lower Lingthem of Upper Dzongu, Sikkim, India**, *Contemporary Voice of Dalit*, Vol.13 No. 2.
20. **Child Birth and Child Care Experiences among the Sherpas of Srikhola and Gurdum areas of District-Darjeeling, West Bengal**, *Journal of Kolkata Society for Asian Studies*, Vol.5 No.1, 2019.
21. **'Saato Haraunu' -a notion of similar to Soul Loss: The glimpses of ethnic revival among the Mangars and Limbus of Darjeeling**, the *Journal of Kolkata Society for Asian Studies*, Vol.06, No. 2, 2020.
22. **Impact of Habitation Change on Traditional Health Care Practices: An Application of Cross cultural comparison in Medical Anthropology**, the *Journal of the Asiatic Society*, vol. LXII, No. 3, 2020. .
