

RESUME



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A. Qualification:

- **2001-2005:** PhD, Jadavpur University, Kolkata
Dissertation: *Philosophical Consideration of Some Current Environmental Issues*
External Examiners-
 1. Prof. Brinda Dalmia, University of Hawaii at Manoa and
 2. Late Prof. Pabitra Kumar Roy, University of North Bengal
- **1998-2000:** M.Phil, Jadavpur University, Kolkata
Dissertation: *Man and Nature*
External Examiner- Late Prof. Dikshit Gupta, University of Calcutta
Other subjects taken: Applied Philosophy, Analytic Philosophy, Epistemology (Indian and Western) *Nyaya* and *Sankhya* Philosophy
- **1995-1997:** M.A, First Class , Utkal University, Bhubaneswar
Specialization: Meta-ethics and Philosophy of Religion
Subjects taken: Indian Philosophy, Ethics, Continental Philosophy and Logic
- **1992-1995:** B.A (Hons. in Philosophy) First Class, Udala College, Utkal University,
- **1990- 1992:** Higher Secondary, C.H.S.E, Bhubaneswar
- **1990:** Matriculation, B.S.E, Bhubaneswar

B. Specialization: Practical Ethics, Philosophy of Religion, Meta-Ethics, and Western Epistemology.

C. Area of Interest: *Dharmaśāstra* and *Itihāsa*, History of Western Philosophy and Virtue Ethics

D. Awards and Achievements:

- **2000-2003 :**Junior Research Fellowship by ICPR, New Delhi(www.icpr.in)
- **2004-2005:** Project Fellow, Centre for Cognitive Science, Jadavpur University

- **2016-2018:** Associateship, Indian Institute of Advanced Studies, Shimla.(www.iias.ac.in)
- **2021:** International Award for Excellence in Higher Education in the discipline of Humanities and Social Sciences by VIF.

E. Teaching Experience:

- Assistant Professor in Philosophy at Coochbehar College by *West Bengal College Service Commission* from 2005 to 2007
- Assistant Prof. (Stage-II and III) in the Dept. of Philosophy, University of North Bengal from February, 2007
- Associate Professor in the Dept. of Philosophy, University of North Bengal, from 2017
- Professor of Philosophy in the Dept. of Philosophy, University of North Bengal from 2020

F. Teaching Courses:

- Philosophy of Religion - PG1st Semester
- Western Epistemology - PG 2nd Semester
- Applied Ethics - I – PG 3rd Semester
- Applied Ethics - II (Recent developments and contemporary issues)-Special Paper, PG 4th Semester
- M.Phil 1st Semester/PhD Course Work: Basic Computer Applications and Basic Technique for Dissertation/Thesis Preparation
- Epistemology-II (Course-III, Part-II, 2nd half) - M.Phil 2nd Semester

G. Research Experience & Training:

- **Post Doctoral:** NA
- **Ph.D Awarded:** 03
- **Ph.D Submitted:** 01
- **Ph.D Registered:** 05
- **M. Phil: Awarded:** 03
- **M. Phil Registered:** 01

H. Research Projects carried out: 05 (UGCand NBU Funded)

I. Publications:

i. Books:

1. Jointly edited a volume entitled: *Moral Language: East and West* with Dr. D. Saha, Northern Book Centre, New Delhi, (NBU studies in Philosophy-15) 2010, (ISBN: 81-7211-287-4)
2. Jointly edited a volume entitled: *Phenomenological Meaning* with Dr. D. Saha, Northern Book Centre, New Delhi, (NBU studies in Philosophy-22) 2014. (ISBN: 81-7211-334-x)
3. *Current Environmental Issues and Philosophy* Northern Book Centre, New Delhi. (forthcoming)

iii.. Papers in Journals, Proceedings and Edited Volumes: 44

iv. Review and Critical Comments: 10

v. PhD thesis Examined:

1. **Punishment A Critical Study of the Ethical Theories** submitted to the Dept. of Philosophy, Sarvepalli Radhakrishnan School of Philosophical Studies, Assam University, Silchar, 2018

2. **The Critical Analysis of Kamma in Theravada Buddhist Philosophy** submitted to the Center for Mahayana Buddhist Studies, Acharya Nagarjuna University, Guntur, AP, 2019.
3. **The Concept of Interculturality in the Philosophy of Rabindranath Tagore** submitted to the Dept. of Philosophy, Sarvepalli Radhakrishnan School of Philosophical Studies Assam University, Silchar, 2020.
4. **The Ideal of Sthita-Prajna and it's Relevance"** submitted to the Dept. of Philosophy, Andhra University, Visakhapatnam, 2020.
5. **The Concept of Non-Violence From Classical to Contemporary Society: in Buddhist Philosophical Understanding** submitted to the Centre for Mahayana Buddhist Studies, Acharya Nagarjuna University, Guntur, 2020
6. **The Moral Degradation and Dread in Theravada Buddhist Philosophical Perspective** submitted to the Centre for Mahayana Buddhist Studies, Acharya Nagarjuna University, Guntur, 2021
7. **The Intellectual Relation Between Wise and Wisdom in the Contemporary Buddhist World** submitted to the Centre for Mahayana Buddhist Studies, Acharya Nagarjuna University, Guntur, 2021
8. **The Moral Philosophy for Householders in the Contemporary Theravāda Society** submitted to the Centre for Mahayana Buddhist Studies, Acharya Nagarjuna University, Guntur, 2021

vii. M.Phil Dissertation Examined:

1. **Moral Reasoning** submitted to the the Dept. of Philosophy, Jadavpur University, Kolkata, 2011.
2. **Conceptualizing Transgender Rights: Analysis of Personhood and Identity** submitted to the Dept. of Philosophy, University of Delhi, December, 2018.
3. **Ecology and Environment: Ethical approaches** submitted to the Dept. of Philosophy, University of Gour Banga, Malda, 2020.
4. **Shushanaer Haal Hakikat: Prachina Greece and Prachina Bharatiya Oitihya Abalambane Ekti Samiksha (সুশাসনের হালহককিত : প্রাচীন গ্রীস ও প্রাচীন ভারতীয় ঐতিহ্য অবলম্বনে একটি সমীক্ষা)** submitted to the Department of Philosophy, Jadavpur University, November, 2020.
5. **Jati, Varna o Lingabaishmya: Prachya o Paschatyer Tulanamulak Alochana** submitted to the Department of Philosophy, West Bengal State University, January 2021

vii. Presentations: International: 09

National: 62

J. Resource Person in Orientation Programmes, FIP, Refresher Courses (UGC-HRDC), Winter Schools (HRDC- DU), and Periodical/Special Lectures (ICPR): 50

K. Participation in Refresher Course/ National Workshop:

1. UGC- ASC, sponsored **17th Refresher Course** in *Cotemporary Philosophy: East and West* at Dept. of Philosophy, University of Calcutta, 2008.
2. UGC- ASC, sponsored **Refresher Course** in *Applied Ethics* at Dept of Philosophy, Jadavpur University, 2009.
3. ICPR sponsored **ten days National Workshop** on *Advaitasiddhi* at Academic Centre of ICPR, Lucknow, 2015.

L. Seminars/Refresher Course Coordinated:

- a. UGC sponsored one day Seminar on **Contemporary Issues in Applied Ethics** on 20th August 2010, in the Dept. of Philosophy, University of North Bengal.
- b. National Seminar on **Postmodern Paradigms in Philosophy** from 13th to 14th February, 2014, in the Dept. of Philosophy, University of North Bengal sponsored by SAP (DRS-II) of UGC.
- c. National Seminar on **Philosophy of Religion: Conflicts and Perspectives** from 27th to 29th November, 2014, in the Dept. of Philosophy, University of North Bengal sponsored by ICPR, New Delhi.
- d. World Philosophy Day, 2015 by ICPR, New Delhi and NBU on 1st December 2015.
- e. Jointly coordinated UGC-HRDC sponsored Refresher Course in **Studies in Peace & Conflict**, from 3rd to 23rd January 2017 at University of North Bengal.
- f. Organized a half day work shop on 159 numbers of free online courses jointly with IIT, Kharagpur on 3rd August, 2017 as Registrar (Officiating), NBU.
- g. Jointly coordinated a National Seminar on **Moral Language** from 13th to 14th February, 2019, in the Dept. of Philosophy, University of North Bengal sponsored by SAP (DRS-III) in Philosophy of UGC.
- h. Jointly coordinated a National Webinar on **Philosophy of Yoga in 21st Century** on 2nd July, 2020, in the Dept. of Philosophy, University of North Bengal sponsored by sponsored by ICPR, New Delhi.
- i. **Convener of Series of National and International Online lectures** organized as the Head, Dept. of Philosophy, University of North Bengal from July 2020 to November, 2021

M. Membership of Learned Societies and / or Professional Bodies:

- Life member of the Journal of ICPR, New Delhi.
- Life Member, Book Club, IAS, Shimla
- Enlisted under the scheme of Dissemination of Knowledge of ICPR, New Delhi.
- Life member of Indian Philosophical Congress.
- Member, Asian Philosophical Congress.

N. Administrative Experience: Institutional governance and responsibilities:

- a. **Head, Dept of Philosophy** from November, 2019 to November, 2021
- b. **Registrar (Officiating)**, NBU, from July, 2017 to 11-03- 2018
- c. **External Member**, Under Graduate Board of Studies in Philosophy, Assam University, Shilchar from 2018 to 2020
- d. **External Member**, Post Graduate Board of Studies in Philosophy, Coocchebehar Panchanan Burma University, from 2019 to 2021
- e. **Expert Member**, Academic and Administrative Audit Team, Surya Sen College, Siliguri, July, 2018 onwards
- f. **Nodal Officer**, Anti-Ragging Cell, University of North Bengal 2010-18
- g. **Convener**, Anti-Ragging Squad, University of North Bengal 2010-2018
- h. **Member**, Committee for NAAC (Cycle-iii), University of North Bengal, 2016
- i. **Member**, Election Commission for PG Students Union, NBU, 2016-17
- j. **Member**, Sports Board, University of North Bengal 2008-12
- k. **Member**, Advisory Committee, Computer Centre, University of North Bengal 2010-12

Management of the Department and Institution:

- a. **Member**, Under Graduate Board of Studies in Philosophy, University of North Bengal 2012-18

- b. **Member**, Board of Research Studies in Philosophy, University of North Bengal 2012-16.
- c. **Member**, P. G. Board of Studies in Philosophy, University of North Bengal, 2007 onwards.
- d. **Member**, M. Phil Committee in Philosophy, University of North Bengal 2008 onwards.

Committees for student welfare:

- a. **Member**, Cultural Committee, University of North Bengal, 2008-14
- b. **Member**, Convocation Committee 2008- 2017
- c. **Chairman**, Cultural Sub-committee, 22nd West Bengal State Science and Technology Congress, University of North Bengal, 2015
- d. **Chairman**, Cultural Sub-committee, 46th and 47th Annual Convocation, University of North Bengal, 2016-17
- e. **Convener**, Cultural Programme for NAAC (cycle-3) Peer Team Visit, 21-11-2016, University of North Bengal

P. Chairman/Subject Expert, Selection Committees for CAS, University and College

Faculties/Teachers in Philosophy:

1. **Chairman, Selection Committee** for CAS in the Dept. of Philosophy, University of North Bengal (Stage-1-2), July, 2020
2. **Subject Expert, Selection Committee**, for CAS in the Dept. of Philosophy, Ravenshaw University (Stage-3-4, Associate Professor) October, 2021
3. **Chairman, Selection Committee** for CAS, Dept. of Philosophy, Dept of Philosophy, University of North Bengal (Stage-3-4, Associate Professor) September, 2021
4. **Subject Expert, Selection Committee** for CAS in the Dept. of Philosophy, Banarhat Govt. Hindi College (Stage-1-2) August, 2021
5. **Subject Expert, Selection Committee** for CAS in the Dept. of Philosophy, Darjeeling Govt. College (Stage-1-2) August, 2021
6. **Subject Expert, Selection Committee**, for CAS in the Dept. of Philosophy, Alipurduar College (Stage-3-4, Associate Professor) September, 2021

Q. Extra Curricular Activities:

- *Singing:*
 - A) Participated and secured first runners-up in the Television Serial, **SA RE GA MA PA**, a singing talent competition in D.D-1 (Oriya) conducted by View TV from 6th - 16th May 2000 at Bhubaneswar.
 - B) Participated in the Television Serial, **RAGA ANURAGA**, a singing talent competition in **E-TV Oriya** on 8th March 2004 at Bhubaneswar.
 - C) Performed as a invited artist in the phone-in live TV programme **Pratham Alo** by CCN Music, Siliguri, on 22nd September, 2018.