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Research Areas of Interest

- Indian English Literature
- Indian Classical Literature
- Dalit and Tribal Writing

Teaching

- British Literature
- Indian Writing in English
- American Literature
- New Literatures including Writing from the Margin

Awards & Honours

• The University Gold-centred Silver Medal for standing First in the M.A. Examination in English of Vidyasagar University in the year 1996

- The WBCUTA (West Bengal College and University Teachers' Association) Medal for standing First in the B.A. (Honours) Examination in English of Vidyasagar University in the year 1994
- Amiya Bala Ghosh Memorial Endowment Medal for standing First in the M.A. Examination in English of Vidyasagar University in the year 1996

Teaching, Learning and Evaluation

- Teaching at the U. G. Honours Level for 24 years
- Counselling at the P. G. Level of Netaji Subhas Open University, Vidyasagar University (DDE), Rabindra Bharati University (DDE) for many years
- Examiner of P. G. Exams of VU (DDE) for a few years
- Paper Setter and Head Examiner of U. G. Honours Exams of V. U. for many years & Examiner since joining
- Paper Setter and Examiner of U. G. Hons. Exams of Midnapore College (Autonomous) & S. S. C. Exams for a good number of years

Co-curricular, Extension and Professional Development

- Head, Department of English (Garhbeta College: 01.03.2004-08.04.2010 & K. D. College of Commerce and General Studies: 09.04.2010-30.06.2015, 01.07.2017-30.06.2019, 01.07.2021-30.06.2023)
- College Nodal Officer, All India Survey of Higher Education (2011-2016)
- Programme Officer, NSS, Unit IV (2011-2016)
- Member, College Governing Body (2010-2019)
- Member, IOAC
- Member, NAAC Steering Committee
- Member, RUSA Sub-Committee
- Member, Library Sub-committee
- Member, Admission Sub-committee

Responsibilities at Other Colleges / Institutes

- Member, Board of Studies in English, Midnapore College (Autonomous) (2014-2019)
- University Nominee, Governing Body, S. B. S. S. Mahavidyalaya, Goaltore (2013-2017)
- University Nominee, UGC Building Committee, Garhbeta College (XII Plan)

Some Other Performances

- Judge of the District Level Youth Parliament Competition for quite a few times organised by the Office of the District Inspector of Schools, Paschim Medinipur under the auspices of the Govt. of W. B.
- Subject Expert on the interview board for several times conducted by the neighbouring colleges for appointment of Guest teachers in the Dept. of English and that by the WBCSSC for appointment of assistant teachers in Govt.-aided schools in West Bengal
- Observer of SLET (conducted by the WBCSC), S.S.C. Exams for a few years

Member, Editorial Board

- Member, Editorial board : *Indian Journal of Research in Multidisciplinary Studies* (ISSN: 2348-2524)
- Member, Editorial board : Swarantar (ISSN: 2349-8323)
- Member, Editorial board: *Indian English Prose and Poetry: New Perspectives* (ISBN: 81-89365-69-X)
- Member, Editorial board: *Tagorean Concept on Library Activities and Services* (ISBN: 978-81-923636-0-8)

Seminar / Conference Organisation

- Secretary of the Organising Committee of a state-level seminar titled "Social Aspects of Victorian Literature" organised through online mode by the Dept. of English, K. D. College of Commerce and General Studies on 20.06.2022.
- Joint Secretary of the Organising Committee of a Two-Day UGC-Sponsored National Seminar titled "Indian English Prose and Poetry: New Perspectives" organised by the Dept. of English, Midnapore College in collaboration with the Dept. of English, K. D. College of Commerce & General Studies on 6&7.12.2012.
- Secretary of the Organising Committee of a One-Day State Level Seminar titled "British English Romantic Poetry: New Readings" organised by the Dept. of English, Garhbeta College in collaboration with Vidyasagar University English Teachers' Consortium (VUETC) on 22. 11. 2006.

Research Projects

- Completed Research Project titled "Outsider's Vision vs. Insider's Trauma: Dalit Life in Mulk Raj Anand's *Untouchable*, Arundhati Roy's *The God of Small Things*, Joseph Macwan's *Angaliyat* and Manoranjan Byapari's *Itibritte Chandal Jiban*" sponsored by UGC (ERO)
- Completed Research Project titled "A Study of the Representation and Inclusion of the Dalits / Subalterns in the Select Writings of Mulk Raj Anand and Raja Rao in Colonial India" sponsored by UGC (ERO)

Publications

- "An Anatomy of Stress: A Literary Discourse" *Indian Literature: Sahitya Akademi Bimonthly Journal*, No. 311: Vol. LXIII No. 3, pp. 163 69. ISSN: 0019580-4.
- "Tagore's 'The Wife's Letter': A Critique of the Nationalist Construct of Gender". *Contemporary Discourse: A Peer Reviewed International Journal*, Volume 8 Issue 2, pp. 74 81. ISSN: 0976-3686.
- "Tagore's Stay in the Garden House of Ramgarh's Zamindar: An Exploration of the Pristine Glory of Kaibalyadayini College". *Visva-Bharati Quarterly*, Volume 23 Number 4 & Volume 24 Number 1, pp. 121-129. ISSN: 0972-043X.

- "Nation as God's Manifestation: Sri Aurobindo's Idea of India". *Contemporary Discourse: A Peer Reviewed International Journal*, Vol. V Issue II, pp. 37-42. ISSN: 0976-3686.
- "Ekdiner Opeksha" (Translation). Swarantar, Vol. I Issue I, pp. 47-50. ISSN: 2349-8323.
- "Gandhi and Ambedkar: Caste and Nation-Building". *JONER Journal of Northeast Region*, Vol. 3 No. I, pp. 26-30. ISSN: 2321-0583.
- "Ganatantra O Hinsha: Bharater Ghare-Bahire" (Translation). *Bharatiya Ganatantra: Prapti O Pratasha*. Ed. Sujit Sen. Kolkata: Lucky Publishers, pp. 141-156. ISBN: 978-81-922614-4-7.
- "Nation in the Smoke: Caste Oppression and Alienation in *Abhagi's Heaven*". *Litscape: Journal of VUETC*, Vol. 8 No.1, pp. 71-77. ISSN: 0976-9064.
- "Premchand's 'The Shroud': A 'Progressive' Short Story". *Middle Flight*, Vol. II No. I, pp. 34-41. ISSN: 2319-7684.
- "Teaching English Literature to the Undergraduate Students of Backward Areas: Problems and Remedies". *Developing Competitive Strength of Higher Education in Rural and Backward Regions*. Ed. Amal Kanti Chakraborty. pp. 133-38. ISBN: 978-81-922208-7-1.
- "Primeval': A Tale of 'The Stream of Darkness". *Journal of the Department of English*, Hijli College, Kgp., Vol. 4 No. 1, pp. 11-16. ISSN: 2320-3080.
- "Manjari" (Translation). Bibhasha, Vol. 7 No. 1, pp. 54-7.
- "Swami Vivekananda on India as a Nation". *IOSR Journal of Humanities and Social Science*, Vol. 9 No. 3, pp. 25-28. ISSN: 2279-0837.
- "Parallel Indias: Tribal Oppression in Mahasweta Devi's Palamu Stories". Wizcraft Journal of Language and Literature, Vol. II Issue. I, pp. 61-65. ISSN: 2319-4952.
- "Is Bakha in Mulk Raj Anand's *Untouchable* 'A Child of Modern India'?". *Drishti: The Sight*, Vol. II No. I, pp. 100-105. ISSN: 2319-8281.
- "Ekhuni, Ekhuni" (Translation). *Bodhisattva Ambedkar*. Ed. Hemendu Bikash Chowdhury. Kolkata: Kolkata Prokashan, p. 112.
- "Raja Rao Speaks for the Marginalized in *Javni*". *Indian English Prose and Poetry: New Perspectives*. Ed. Amal Kanti Chakraborty. Midnapore: Amritalok Sahitya Parishad, pp. 91-95. ISBN: 81-89365-69-X.
- "Tagore's Twin Concepts of Education and Library: A Detour". *Tagorean Concept on Library Activities and Services*. Ed. M. Sarkar. Midnapore: KDCCGS, pp. 72-77. ISBN: 978-81-923636-0-8.
- "The Wretched Nature in *The Man Eater of Malgudi*". *Litscape: Journal of VUETC*, Vol. 6 No.1, pp. 41-50. ISSN: 0976-9064.
- "I feel I have not lived in vain": Derozio's Poetry and Bengal Renaissance". *Litscape*: *Journal of VUETC*, Vol. 5 No.1, pp. 40-50.
- "Orhan Pamuk: A Few Words". Litscape: Journal of VUETC, Vol. 3 No.1, pp. 98-103.
- "The Portrayal of Flecknoe in *Mac Flecknoe*: A Study". *Litscape: Journal of VUETC*, Vol. 2 No.1, pp. 52-57.