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Subject specialization: Social and Cultural Anthropology

Areas of Research Interest: Society, Culture and Civilization; Forest, Environment and Ecology; Tribal Communities, Dalits, Women and Children and other Weaker Sections; Rural Society; Health including Mental Health; Emerging Global Issues; Culture of Peace Studies etc.

No. of Ph.D. students: (a) Supervised: 02 (b) Ongoing: 07.

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

No. of Publications: Forty eight (48) articles/papers only; One (1)Book; three Journals; and two (2)Documentary Films.

Achievement & Awards: Nil

Professional experiences:

- **Research Experience** (I have around 20 year research experiences)
 - As a Research Assistant I did work in CU and Institute of Psychiatry, Government of West Bengal (3 years 4 months).
 - As a Ph.D. scholar (UGC NET Junior Research Fellow) I did research work in CU (1 year 2 months).
 - I have experience of **teaching and research** in North Bengal University (around 15 years)
 - Conducted **Field/research work on Eleven (11) ethnic** communities and also many others, such as: **Rabha (2003), Toto (2004), Chuniya (2005), Mech (2006), Drukpa (2007), Kharwar (2008), Garo (2009), Tamang (2011), Sherpa (2013), Toto (2014-2016), Rajbanshi, etc. communities; and Child Worker, Women, Stone Crusher, Migrant People.**
- **Ph.D. Scholars, P.G. Dissertation, Supervisor etc.**
 - **Ph.D. Awarded: Two** scholars/students have been awarded Ph.D. under my supervision.
 - **Seven Ph.D.** scholars are **doing research work** under my supervision.
 - **36 PG** students have completed their M.Sc. Final year **Dissertation** Work under my supervision.
 - As a supervisor I have **conducted NINE (9) Fieldworks** (Social-cultural) on different communities (Up to 2015).
- **Documentary Films (Two (2))** (Did work as an expert and took active role in making of **two Documentary Films**)
 - 'Tribes of Bengal: Toto'; and
 - Lepchas of Bengal'.
- **Attended Seminars/Conferences/ Workshops/ Symposium ect. and Delivered Lectures; Chaired sessions etc.**
 - **I have attended/participated in 119** National and International Seminars/ Conferences/ Workshops/ Symposiums in India and abroad (Bangladesh, Thailand, China and Nepal, Italy).
 - **Seventy four (77) research papers** have been presented in several National and International Seminars/ Conferences/ Workshops/ Symposiums in India and abroad (Bangladesh, Thailand, China and Nepal, Italy).
 - As an **Invitee Speaker delivered Five (5) lectures** in different Seminars/Conferences/ Workshops/ Symposiums in India.
 - **Chaired Four (4) sessions** in various Seminars/Conferences/ Workshops/ Symposiums in India.
 - Being an **organizing secretary, two (2) National level Seminars/Workshops** have been **organized**.
- **Books/Journal Published as single author or as editor**
 - As a co-editor a **book** entitled "*Violence against Women and Children: Emerging Perspectives, Issues and Way Forward*" has been published in September, 2013.
 - The Departmental Journal- '*North Bengal Anthropologists*' 1(1), 2008 has been published under my Co-Editorship.
 - As a single author, one book is under process of publication.
 - '*North Bengal Anthropologist annually*' Vol. 3., 2015 has been published under my Managing Editorship.
 - '*North Bengal Anthropologist annually*' Vol. 4., 2016 has been published under my Managing Editorship.

Administrative Experiences (Member/Coordinator/Chairman etc. of different Committees in NBU):

- Joint- Secretary Cum Treasurer of NBUTC [2 years], [2003-2005].
- Member of NBU Roster Committee [2 years].
- Member of NBU Pay Implementation Committee [1 year].
- Member of NBU Centre for Differently Abled Persons [6 years].
- Member of NBU Centre for Local Language and Culture [9 years].
- Member of NBU PG Board [14 years].
- Member of NBU Board of Research Studies [14 years].
- Chairman of NBU Cooperative Society [1 year].
- Member of NBU Mess Committee [2 years].
- Member of NBU Anti Ragging Committee [2 years].
- Convener of Centre for Differently Abled Persons (CDAP), NBU (from April, 2013 to).
- Coordinator of Equal opportunity Cell of the North Bengal University (from September, 2013 to till now).
- Secretary of North Bengal University Teachers Council (NBUTC), (from March, 2013 to till now).

Selective List of Publications:

Books:

1. As a co-editor a **book** entitled “*Violence against Women and Children: Emerging Perspectives, Issues and Way Forward*” has been published in September, 2013.

List of published Articles/Papers: Forty-eight (48):

2. Samataler Rabha: Samaj O Sanskriti Paribartaner Prekshapat (in Bengali), March, 2004, in Goutam Roy (ed.), ‘*Uttar Banger Janajati O Luptopray Lokosanskriti*’, 120-136. Baitanik Patrika Goshthi, Siliguri.
3. Asantosh Karan (in Bengali), March, 2005, in Goutam Roy (ed.), ‘*Santras*’, 81-93. Baitanik Patrika Goshthi, Siliguri.
4. The Stone Crushing Women of Balasan River Bed: An Appeal from Humanitarian Perspective, January-December, 2005, *South Asian Journal of Human Rights* (SAJHR), *Special Issue: Poverty and Human Rights of Women*, 1(1-2): 141-157.
5. Impact of Globalization on a Tribal Community (July, 2006), in V. B. Jugale and Y.V. Jugale (eds.) *The State of Indian Economy, Volume: I: Rethinking Globalization: 200-214*; Serials Publications, New Delhi.
6. Effect of Land Alienation: A Study between a Scheduled caste and a Primitive Tribal Group, July, 2006, in S.H. Samel (ed.), *Rights of Dalit*, 89-114. Serials Publications, New Delhi.
7. Health Situation Among the Stone Crushers of Balasan River Bed in Siliguri, West Bengal, India, July, 2007, in B. Chaudhuri and S. Chaudhuri (eds.) *Health, Environment Development and Other Essays: Anthropological Perspectives*, 5: 182-202. Inter India Publications, New Delhi.
8. ChildHealth: A Socio- Cultural Perspective, Study on the Rajbansi of East Rangia Village in Darjeeling District, West Bengal, India, July, 2007, in B. Chaudhuri and S. Chaudhuri (eds.) *Anthropology and Human Rights in Contemporary Era*, 3: 241-265. Inter India Publications, New Delhi.
9. Child Worker- Poverty and Hunger: A Study Among the Stone Crushers of Balasan River Bed, July, 2007, *Indian Journal of Human Rights and Justice*, 2(1-2): 25-37.
10. The Chuniya: A Little Known Community, July, 2007, *Bulletin of the Cultural Research Institute*, XXIII (1): 28-33. Cultural Research Institute, Govt. of West Bengal, Kolkata.
11. The Rajbansi Stone Crushers of Balasan River Bed, Siliguri, West Bengal, July, 2007, *Journal of the Indian Anthropological Society*, 42(2): 165-175.
12. Women Rights in Indian Society: An Anthropological Observation, January - December, 2007, *Indian Journal of Human Rights and the Law*, 4(1-2): 1-26.
13. Disadvantaged Migrant People on Balasan River Bed, September, 2007, in A. Bhumali (ed.) *Development of Scheduled Caste*, 101-117. Serials Publications, New Delhi.
14. Culture and Peace: The Major Constraint in Indian Society, November, 2007, *Indian Journal of Human Rights and Social Justice*, 2(1-2): 137-152.
15. Forest in Tribal Life: Some Observation on Totos in Jalpaiguri District of West Bengal, March, 2008, *North Bengal Anthropologist*, 1(1): 1-9. Department of Anthropology, University of North Bengal, Darjeeling.
16. Anthropology and HIV/AIDS: Critical Issues and Challenges in A Vulnerable Region of North Bengal, August, 2008, in G.R. Krishnamurthy, A.K. Singh and S.K. Bajpai (eds.) *Indian Health Scenario Perspectives and Dimensions* (P:145-171). Serials Publications, New Delhi.
17. Women’s Rights: A Theoretical Appraisal, January - December, 2008 (put on October), *Indian Journal of Development Research and Social Action*, 4(1-2): 99-109.
18. Socio-Cultural Factors for Child Survival: A Study on the Resettled Rajbansis of Darjeeling District, November, 2008, *Bulletin of the Department of Anthropology Dibrugarh University*, 36: 43-58.
19. A Socio Economic Study on Displaced Rajbansis, August, 2008, in V.B. Jugale (ed.) in *Demography, Economic Inequality, Women and Other Essays*, 231-251. Serials Publications, New Delhi.
20. Misery of Displacement: A study on the Rajbansis of Tarijot Colony, July-December, 2008, *Voice of Dalit*, 1(2): 217-230. MD Publications Pvt. Ltd. New Delhi.
21. Impact of Ecological and Environmental Change on a Primitive Tribe, November, 2008, in V.B. Jugale (ed.) in *Demography, Economic Inequality, Women and Other Essays*, 252-271. Serials Publications, New Delhi.
22. The Totos In transition, December, 2008, in R.M.Sarkar (ed.) *Primitive Tribal Groups in India: Tradition, Development and Transformation*, 200-218. Serials Publications, New Delhi.
23. Folk Culture of North Bengal Tribes, February, 2009, in A.K. Danda, R.K. Mutatkar and D.K. Midya (eds.) *Essay on Cultural Anthropology*, 316-334. Indian National Confederation and Academy of Anthropologists, Jhargram and Indira Gandhi Rashtriya Manav Sangrahalaya, Bhopal.
24. Depletion of Resources and Violence against Women: An Anthropological Observation, April, 2009, in A.K. Singh, S.P. Singh and S.P. Pandey (eds.) *Domestic Violence Against Women in India*, 400-418. Serials Publications, New Delhi.
25. Socio-Economic Crisis and Its Consequences on a Little Known Tribal Community in West Bengal, India, September, 2009, in E. Kolig, V. SM. Angeles and S. Wong (eds.) *Identity in Crossroad Civilisations*, 8:97-114. Amsterdam University Press, Amsterdam.

26. Factors Related to the Health Situation of the Stone Crushers: A Study of Balasan River Bed in Siliguri, West Bengal, October, 2009, in D.K. Adak, A. Chattopadhyay and P. Bharati (eds.) *People of Contemporary West Bengal*, 354-362. Mohit Publications, New Delhi.
27. Empowerment of Women: An Anthropological Approach, April 2010, in A.K. Singh, S.P. Singh and D.S. Sutaria (eds.) *Gender Budgeting and Women Empowerment in India*, 408-424. Serials Publications, New Delhi.
28. Folk Culture in Front of Serious Challenge: A Case Study on the Tribes of North Bengal, April, 2010, in P. Chakravorty and N. Gupta (eds.) *Dance Matters.*: 40-54. Routledge Taylor & Francis Group, New Delhi.
29. Depletion of Resources and Its Impact on Food, Nutrition and Health: An Anthropological Observation, March, 2011, in U.V. Somayajulu' C.P. Prakasam, N. Audinarayana and K.E.Vaidyanathan (eds.) *Health, Poverty and Human Development Perspectives and Issues*, 201-215. Global Research Publications, New Delhi.
30. Prevalence of Consanguinity and Offspring Mortality- An Observation among the Chunias in North Bengal, July –December 2011, *Journal of the Anthropological Survey of India*, 60(2): 309 – 320.
31. Microfinance and Empowerment of Women: An Anthropological Perspectives, February, 2012, in A.K.Singh, S.P.Singh, Nobert Koubek and O.P. Shukla (eds.) *Micro Financing and Women Empowerment Emerging Perspective*, Issues and Strategies, Vol. II: 743–765. New Royal Book Company, Lucknow.
32. Women Trafficking: An Emerging Social Problems, March 2012, in A.K. Singh, A.P. Singh and P.A. Khan (eds.) *Trafficking in Women and Children in India Emerging Perspective Issues and Strategies*, 137-158. Serials Publications, New Delhi.
33. Child Abuse in An Unorganised Sector: A Case Study, August, 2012, in A.K. Singh, and J. Chaudhury (eds.) *Violence Against Women and Children Issues and Concerns*, 27-34. Serials Publications, New Delhi.
34. Ignorance, Exploitation and Poverty: A Case Study on the Totos, August, 2012, in Dipak Midya (ed.) *Indigenous People in India: Identity, Empowerment and Discontent*, 111-119. APH Publishing Corporatopn, New Delhi.
35. *Suicide: An Anthropological Study at Sagar Block, West Bengal*, September 2012, in S. Biswas, et al., (eds.) *Human Health: A Bio-cultural Synthesis*, 85-99. Cosmo New Delhi
36. *The Drukpas of West Bengal, India*, September 2012, *Bulletin of the Cultural Research Institute*, XXIV (1&2): 50-56. Cultural Research Institute, Govt. of West Bengal, Kolkata.
37. *Environmental Degradation and Its Impact on Human Society with Special Reference to Suicide*, November 2012, in B. Chaudhuri (ed.) *Human Rights: 150-160*. Zhishi Chanquan Publishing House, China, in Huang Zhongcai (Editor in Chief), *Anthropology and Ethnology Today Series*; Book series of the 16th World Congress of IUAES.
38. *Are the Laws sufficient to Protect Child Rights and Development*, *Indian Journal of Human Rights and the Law January- December 2012*, 9(1-2): 171-177.
39. Kaloprobeha Namashudra (in Bengali), November, 2012, *Chaturthabarta* 1(2):24-29. Mira Press, Siliguri.
40. Partition, Displacement and Social Exclusion, January - June, 2013 *Nriattv The Anthropology* 3(4):123-136.
41. Trafficking of Women and Girl Children: Issues and Challenges, August, 2013 in A.P. Singh and A.K. Singh (eds.) *Care and Protection of Girl Children in India Status, Emerging Issues, Challenges and Way Forward*, 86 –96. *Bal Vikas Prakashan Pvt. Ltd.*, New Delhi.
42. Issues of Discrimination and Violence against Women and Children, August, 2013 in A.K. Singh, S.P. Singh and S.K. Biswas (eds.) *Gender Violence in India Perspective, Issues and Way Forward*, 159-172. *Bal Vikas Prakashan Pvt. Ltd.*, New Delhi.
43. Migration: An Anthropological Perspectives with Special Reference To North Bengal, India, September 2013 in K.K. Bagchi (ed.) *Internal Migration in India Nature, Determinants and Consequences, Vol. II:631-657*. Abhijeet Publications, New Delhi.
44. Survival of Indigenous Language: A Case Study in North Bengal, December, 2013, *Bairati* II (I): 1-10.
45. Challenges of Tribal Livelihood: A Study with Special Reference to North Bengal, *International Journal of Human Development and Information Systems (IJHDIS) 2014*, 7(1):31-51.
46. Perspectives of Tribal Livelihood: Issues and Challenges in the present Era, *Humankind* 2013-14, 9-10: 111- 126.
47. *Ethical Issues of Anthropology with Special Reference to Field-Work*, August, 2014 in S. Biswas (ed.) *Ethical Issues in Anthropological Research*, 65-76. Concept Publishing Company Pvt. Ltd, New Delhi.
48. The Jarawa (*Ang*) Territory: Historical Manifestation and Contextual Situations in Andaman Islands, *North Bengal Anthropologist annually*, 3: 1-16.
49. The Issues of Child Rights: A Case Study, *North Bengal Anthropologist annually*, 3: 127-137.

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50. The Departmental Journal- '*North Bengal Anthropologists*' 1(1), 2008 has been published under my Co-Editorship.
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