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Assistant Professor of History (W.B.E.S.)
Date of joining W.B. Education Service: 15/12/2015
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Expertise

My areas of expertise are Temple Architecture of Bengal and Iconography.

Honours and Awards

NET-JRF - 2015 UGC

Education

Master of Arts in History 2012

North Bengal University, Darjeeling

Doctor of Philosophy in History 2026

North Bengal University, Darjeeling

Membership in Professional Bodies

Vashistha Institute for North Bengal and North East Developmental Studies (Life Membership)

North Bengal University Alumni Association (Life Membership)

Paschimbanga Itihas Samsad (Life Membership)

Shree Dinabandhu Institute for Historians and Researchers (Life Membership)

Publications

1. *Bagindar and Churamon Siva Temples: Two Unsung Architectural Marvels of Uttar Dinajpur*- Heritage, Culture and Identity: North Bengal and North East India in Perspective, 2025, Pages 139-152
2. **উত্তরবঙ্গের অনন্যসাধারণ মন্দিরস্থাপত্যশৈলীর এক অনালোচিত ইতিহাসঃ ভবানী পাঠক ও দেবীচৌধুরাণী সন্ন্যাসী মন্দির এবং বৈকুন্ঠনাথ শিবমন্দির- উত্তরবঙ্গ অনুসন্ধানে (১),** March 2024, Pages 117-137
3. *Revisiting The Unsung Antiquities of Jalpaiguri: Bateśvara Śiva and Kashia Bari Devi Choudhurani Kālī Temple* – The Historical Review, 2024, Pages 43-58
4. *Revisiting the Jotileśvara and Jalpeśvara Śiva Temples: Two Unsung Architectural Wonders of Jalpaiguri*- Journal of Indian History and Culture, Volume 33, June, 2024, Pages 64-84
5. **ভিতরকুঠি টেরাকোটা শিবমন্দির: এক অনন্যসাধারণ ও বিমিশ্র কোচ স্থাপত্যশৈলী**- Samaj Jijnasa, Volume 17, December 2024, Pages 167-178
6. *Revisiting the Jotilesvara & Jalpesvara Siva Temple: a minute study on its architecture*- Tangible and Intangible Cultural Heritage of Sub-Himalayan Region: Historical Changes and Possibilities, 2023, Pages 32-69
7. *Revisiting the Unsung Treasure Trove of Koch or Nīlācala Architecture: Khamarsitai, Deotapara Siva Temple & Folnapur Madanmohan Temple*- Reflections on the Cultural History of Bengal, 2023, Pages 97-111
8. *Revisiting Some Unsung Age-Old Temples of Uttar Dinajpur: A Minute Study on its Architecture*- ALTERNATIVE HISTORY AND CULTURE, 2023, Pages 115-125

9. *Revisiting the Koch or Nīlācala architecture: origin, development & composite features*- Of Hills and Plains of North Bengal (A Panoply of Socio, Economic, Cultural and Political Issues), 2022, Pages 460-482
10. *Revisiting the Terracotta Temples of Cooch Behar: a survey on iconographic and architectural features*- Conscientia, Volume 8, 2020, Pages 131-142
11. *The Origin, Development and Varieties of the Aniconic Forms of Śaiva Iconography in the Indian Subcontinent*- Victorian Journal of Arts, Volume 11, 2018, Pages 1-10
12. *A Survey on the Unique & Composite Temples of Cooch Behar* (From 17th to 19th century)- Arka Acharjee and Dr. Sudas Lama- KARATOYA (North Bengal University Journal of History), Volume 11, 2018, Pages 1-20
13. *A Comparative analysis of the Temple Architecture between India and Bengal with special focus on the temples of Cooch Behar State from 17th to 19th Century*- CLIO, Volume 18, 2018, Pages 87-106
14. *Comparative Study of Nagara and Vesara/Chalukyan Style of Temple Architecture*- KARATOYA (North Bengal University Journal of History), Volume 10, 2017, Pages 41-59
15. *Moulikattva O Ananyanotai Samriddha Ek Sthapatyakirti: Jotileswar Shivmandir*- Conscientia, Volume 5, 2017, Pages 128-133
16. *Recent Trends in Environmental Historiography in India*- Victorian Journal of Arts, Volume 9, 2016, Pages 30-35
17. *Development of Indigenous Modern Science and Technology in Colonial India*- Journal of People's History and Culture , Volume 2, 2016, Pages 74-83
18. *Comparative Study of Nagara and Dravida Style of Temple Architecture*- Victorian Journal of Arts, Volume 9, 2016, Pages 123-129

PRESENTATION IN SEMINARS/CONFERENCES

Sl. No	Title of the invited lecture /paper presented	Title of Conference/ Seminar with date	Organized by	Level
1	***"Position of Women in Classical Age "***	**"Prasanga Naree" (8th -10th March, 2016)**	**Women's Cell of A.B.N. Seal College in collaboration with the College Library of A.B.N. Seal College, Cooch Behar**	**State**
2	"***The role of forests in Mauryan Age with special emphasis on war elephant***"	**"Approaches to Environment: Society, Culture, Polity and Economy " (26th -27th February, 2018)**	**Collaboration with Indira Gandhi National Open University(IGNOU) and Acharya Brojendra Nath Seal College Parent Teacher Association (ABNSCPTA)**	**National**
3	***"A Comparative analysis of the temple architecture between Bengal and Cooch Behar State from 17th to 19th Century"***	**"Negotiations between the 'Local' and the 'Global' in 'Cultural Bengal: Community, Society and Politics" (13th -14th February, 2019)**	**Acharya Brojendra Nath Seal College, Cooch Behar with partial assistance from Department of Higher Education, Govt. of West Bengal**	**International**
4	**"*Revisiting the Terracotta Temples of Cooch Behar: A Survey on Iconographic and* Architectural Features"**	**"Understanding South Asia & South East Asia: A Historical Perspective" (16th -17th May, 2019)**	**Department of History, University of North Bengal**	**International**

5	***"An outline of Intra-Regional variations of Temple Architecture in Koch-Kamta Region(16th - 19th Century)"***	**"An Intertemporal Discourse upon the Society, Culture, Polity and Economy of North-Eastern and Eastern India"(27th - 28th February, 2020)**	**Acharya Brojendra Nath Seal College, Cooch Behar with sponsored by ICSSR, New Delhi & Department of Higher Education, Govt. of West Bengal**	**National**
6	***"Revisiting Indo-China relationship on the light of Doklam Crisis"***	**"India at 75:Looking Behind and Beyond" (13th - 14th February, 2023)**	**Department of Political Science, Acharya Brojendra Nath Seal College, Cooch Behar in collaboration with Central Bureau of Communication, Ministry of Information and Broadcasting, Government of India.**	**National**
7	***"Revisiting some unsung age-old temples of Uttar Dinajpur: a minute study on its architecture"***	***"Society & Culture of Bengal Through the Ages"(5th May, 2023)***	**Garia Society for Studies of Marginal People in collaboration with Department of History, Gobardanga Hindu College**	**International**
8	**"অনন্যসাধারণ কোচ মন্দির স্থাপত্যশৈলীর এক অনালোচিত ইতিহাসঃ দেওতাপাড়া ও খামারসিতাই শিবমন্দির এবং ফলনাপুর মদনমোহন মন্দির"**	**17-19th January, 2025**	**Paschimbanga Itihas Samsad**	**International**

INVITED LECTURE AS A RESOURCE PERSON

Sl. No	Title of the invited lecture	Title of the Programme/Workshop with date	Organized by
1	*"Revisiting the unsung treasure trove of Northern Part of Bengal"*	Add-On Course entitled "Cultural Heritage of Northern Part of Bengal" from 18th May – 24th May, 2022	P.G. Department of History, A.B.N. Seal College, Cooch Behar
2	*"Art and Architecture of North Bengal"*	Add-On Course entitled "Socio-Cultural and Economic Tradition of North Bengal through Ages" from 24th May – 31st May, 2022	Department of History, Cooch Behar College, Cooch Behar
3	*"The Unsung Antiquities of the Northern Part of Bengal"*	Internship Programme on "Museum Practices and Heritage Awareness" from 11th October –29st October, 2025	NBU AKM Heritage Museum, University of North Bengal

INVOLVEMENT IN FDP/RC/WORKSHOPS:

Sl. No	Type and Theme of the Programme	Date/Duration	Organized by
1	UGC Sponsored Short Term Course on *"Positive Discrimination of Scheduled Caste and Scheduled Tribe for National Development"*	16th February, 2016	Equal Opportunity Cell, A.B.N. Seal College, Cooch Behar
2	National Workshop on *"LaTeX"*	29th August– 31st August, 2016	Department of Computer Science, Cooch Behar College, Cooch Behar in Collaboration with Spoken Tutorial, IIT BOMBAY
3	International Workshop on *"What Do We See When See? Talking About Prejudices and Stereotypes"*	13th February, 2019	A.B.N. Seal College, Cooch Behar
4	Ten Days Faculty Development Programme (Online) On *"Museum and Archives, Art and Architecture and Tourism"*	10th July-19th July, 2020	Department of History, Prabhu Jagatbandhu College

5	**Seven Day Online National Workshop on *"Historiography from Hindu-Buddhist Sources"***	**20th July-26th July, 2020**	**Bharatiya Itihas Sankalan Samiti, West Bengal, in collaboration with Centre for Buddhist Studies, Visva-Bharati and supported by Maulana Abul Kalam Azad Institute of Asian Studies**
6	**30th Orientation Course (Online)**	**28th July-17th August, 2020**	**UGC HRDC, Mizoram University**
7	**Special Summer School (Online)**	**20th July-2nd August, 2021**	**UGC HRDC, Mizoram University**
8	**Two-day National Level Workshop on *"SWAYAM"***	**12th May-13th May, 2023**	**Central Library, A. B. N. Seal College, Cooch Behar**
9	**Interdisciplinary Refresher Course on *"History and Culture of India"***	**12th September-25th September, 2023**	**UGC MMTTC, Mizoram University**
10	**National Faculty Development Programme (Online Mode) on *"Research Structuring & Publication Process"***	**23rd June-27th June, 2025**	**Centre for Research & Training, National Foundation for Entrepreneurship Development (NFED), Coimbatore, Tamil Nadu**
11	**Massive Open Online Course (MOOCS) on *"Emergence of Early Historic India"***	**12th January-30th April, 2026**	**St. Xavier's College, Kolkata under Consortium For Educational Communication (CEC), New Delhi in Swayam Platform**
12	**5 days' Workshop (Online) on *"Research Methodology in History Writing"***	**19th September-23rd September, 2026**	**Historiologus- Knowledge in Narratives**

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