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Date of Birth: 30-12-1967

Schooling: Loreto Convent, Shillong

College: St. Mary's College, Shillong

University: North Eastern Hill University, Shillong

JOINING DATE IN VISVA-BHARATI-09/08/1997

LECTURER TO SENIOR LECTURER -09/08/2002

SENIOR LECTURER TO READER-31 /12/2007

READER TO ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR-31/12/2010

**Highest Qualification: Ph.D.**

**Title of Thesis: The Irish Influence on the Indian National Movement**

Areas of Expertise: Modern Indian History with special reference to the Irish Influence on the Indian Nationalist Movement, Tribal Studies in North-east India with special emphasis on Christianity and Conversion among the Khasis as well as the Brahmo Movement among them; Identity Politics in North-east India with special reference to Assam; and the princely state of Cooch Behar; as well as Gender Studies.

## **List of Publications (31)**

### **Refereed Journals**

1. Representations of Ireland in the Political Thinking of Sri Aurobindo Ghosh in **Studies in History**, January–June 2007, Volume XXIII Number 1, ISSN: 0257-6430, pp. 93-134.
2. The Proscription of An Irish Text and the Chittagong Rising of 1930 in **Indian Historical Review**, July-December, 2007, Volume 34, No. 2, pp. 95-121.
3. A Man with a Mission: Babu Jeebon Roy and his works (1838-1903) in **Journal of the Asiatic Society** Vol. LV Nos. 3-4 2013, ISSN 0368-3308 pp. 95-106.
4. The Healing Hand: Missionaries and their Medicines in the Khasi Hills (1879-1899) in **Journal of History**, Vidyasagar University, Volume 2, 2013-2014, ISSN 2321-0834, pp. 141-16.
5. 'The Sadharan Brahmo Samaj Movement Among the Khasis in Late Nineteenth Century Colonial India,' in **The Heritage**, Multi-Lingual Research Journal on Indology, Volume – VII, Issue-2, 2016, ISSN 2229-5399, Guwahati, pp. 25-40

### **UGC Care listed Journals**

1. **Pedagogy For Religion: Missionary Education, Evangelization and the Conversion of Khasis in Nineteenth century Colonial India**, in ed. Ishrat Alam, Proceedings of the Indian History Congress, 76<sup>th</sup> session held at Malda, 2015, published Aligarh, 2016, ISSN 2249-1937, pp. 532-538.
2. **Belonging to One Nation: The Role of Two Irish Ladies in Fostering Nationalist Consciousness in India**, in ed. Ishrat Alam, Proceedings of the Indian History Congress, 78<sup>th</sup> session held at Jadavpur University, Kolkata, 2017, published Aligarh, 2018, ISSN 2249-1937, pp. 797-804
3. **Camouflaging the Irrefutable: The Politics of Linguistic Nationalism in Assam** in edited Irfan Habib et.al., Proceedings of Indian History

Congress, 80<sup>th</sup> Session, Kannur ,Published by R. Mahalakshmi,Delhi,2022, ISSN 2249-1937,pp.763-771.

**4.Joyful Memories of Idyllic Times: Remembering Shillong in Leela Majumdar's *Pakdandi* (1911-1919)** in MAN and SOCIETY A Journal of North-East Studies Volume XVIII, Winter 2021 , Published by ICSSR-NERC, Shillong, 2023,ISSN 2229-4058,PP.129-150.

**5. Gandhi's First Sojourn in Assam, 1921: His Reflections and Reverberations in CLIO An Annual Interdisciplinary Journal of History,** VOL.22 No.22, December,2022,Corpus Research Institute, Kolkata, ISSN 0976-075X, pp.70-93.

**6.Beyond a Nationalist Model: Ireland in the Myriad Musings of Jawaharlal Nehru** in Proceedings of Indian History Congress,81<sup>st</sup> session, Tambakaram, Published by Syed Ali Nadeem Rezavi,Aligarh,2023,ISSN 2249-1937,pp.963-971.

**7. Negotiating the Impossible: Eamon de Valera and Ireland's policy of neutrality during World War-II** in Proceedings of Indian History Congress,82nd session, Warrangal, Published by Syed Ali Nadeem Rezavi,Aligarh,2024,ISSN 2249-1937,pp.920-928.

**8.To Hate or Love an Opponent: Gandhi and the Irish models of anti-colonial resistance(1907-1932),**in Gandhi Marg ,Volume 46, Number 3, October-December 2024, Published by Gandhi Peace Foundation, New Delhi, pp.316-335.

**9.'Get Rid of the British Vampire': Positing Ireland and Irish Revolutionary leader, Eamon de Valera in Indian Nationalist Discourse,'** in Journal of History, Vidyasagar University, Vidyasagar University Publication Division, Volume XII 2023-24, ISSN 2321-0834,pp.1-11.

## **Edited Volumes**

1. **The Integration of the Cooch Behar State** in ed. Sajal Nag et.al. Making of the Indian Union: Merger of Princely States and Excluded Areas, August 2007, ISBN 978-81-8370-110-5, pp.72-85.
2. **The Colonial Impact on the Khasis: An Overview** in ed. Bhaskar Jyoti Basu, Explorations in Economic and Social History, 1200-1900, December 2008. ISBN 978-81-7522-464-3, pp.59-88.
3. **'The Missionary Among the Khasis,'** in Mapping the Path to Maturity A Connected History of Bengal and the North –East edited by Bipasha Raha and Subayu Chattopadhyay, Manohar Publishers, 2017, ISBN 978-93-5098-180-1, pp.137-180
4. **'A Dark Age: Crisis and Decline of the Cooch- Behar State in the eighteenth Century,'** in edited Tejimala Gurung, The Falling Politics Crisis and Decline of States in North-East India in the Eighteenth Century, Guwahati, 2018, ISBN 978-93-85839-12-2, pp.199-218.
5. **Ideas of Guru Nanak and Sankaradeva :An Analogical Study** in edited Chhanda Chatterjee -Traditions, Personalities and Memories Aspects of Sikh History, 1469-1914 ,Published by Primus Books, Delhi, 2022, ISBN 978-93-5572-338-3, pp.221-255.
6. *Unbingsho O Bingsho Sataker Shesh Parjayer Bangalee Brahmoder Atmajiboni aalekhkey Khashi Samajer Protipholon* in Adhapak Susil Chowdhury Smarak Grantha edited by Mohd Shah Noorur Rahaman and Subrata Roy-Bakti O Samaj Samayer Itihas, Progressive Publishers, Kolkata, February, 2024, ISBN: 978-81-961522-5-3, pp.240-260.
7. **A Site of Patriarchal Contestation: Revolutionary Activities of Irish and Bengali women in early 20<sup>th</sup> century** in edited by Palash Mondal, ESHANA 4

Published by Aruna Prakashan in association with Bangiya Itihas Samiti Kolkata, , ISBN No. 978-81-970482-7-2, pp.108-117.

### **UGC Approved Peer Reviewed Journals**

- 1. 'Bengal vs. Assam': The Story behind the Merger of Cooch Behar with West Bengal in 1950** in Proceedings of North East India History Association, edited and published by Amrendra Thakur on behalf of NEIHA, Volume 34, Shillong 2014, ISSN 2349-753X, pp.553-567.
- 2. 'The Kamarupa- Sikh Connection: An Appraisal,'** in Proceedings of the North East India History Association edited and published by Amrendra Kumar Thakur, on behalf of NEIHA, Volume 38, Shillong, 2017, ISSN 2349-753X pp.412-424.
- 3. 'The Contributions of the Brahmos to the Improvement of the Education in the Khasi Hills'**, in Proceedings of the North East India History Association edited Amrendra Kumar Thakur, Volume 38, Shillong, 2018, ISSN 2349-753X pp.415-427.
- 4. 'Contesting Identities: Some Representations of the Khasis in Colonial Discourse,'** in Proceedings of the North East India History Association edited and published by Amrendra Kumar Thakur on behalf of NEIHA, Volume 39, Shillong 2019, ISSN 2349-753X pp.247-256.
- 5. A Brahmo Missionary and the Temperance Crusade in the Khasi Hills (1889-1916)** in Proceedings of the North East India History Association edited and published by Amena N. Passah on behalf of NEIHA, Volume 40, Shillong, 2020, ISSN 2349-753X pp.398-405.
- 6. 'The Immigration Imbroglia in Assam: A Case Study of Marisbari/Morichbari Mauja, 1956,'** in Proceedings of North East India History Association, edited and published by Amena N. Passah on behalf of NEIHA, Volume 41, Shillong, 2023, ISSN 2349-753X pp.553-562.
- 7. Of Wrathful Demons and Benign Gods: The Village of Shella as Depicted in Missionary Accounts** in Proceedings of North East India History

Association, edited and published by Amena N. Passah on behalf of NEIHA, Volume 42, Shillong, 2024, ISSN 2349-753X, pp.54-63.

### **Non-Refereed Edited Volumes**

1. **Glimpses of Social life in the Memoir of a Bengali Brahmo Lady(1885-1922)**in ed.A.Kumar,Proceedings of North East India History Association, Volume31,Shillong,2011,pp.232-241 NO NUMBER
2. **Health, Homeopathic Medicines and a Brahmo Missionary in the Khasi Hills (1889-1899) in** ed.A.Kumar,Proceedings of North East India History Association, Volume 32, Shillong, 2012pp.290-299 NO NUMBER
3. **Khasi Society through a gendered lens of an Autobiography *Atmajibansmriti*(1889-1916)**in ed. A.Kumar,Proceedings of North East India History Association,Volume 33,Shillong 2013,pp104-114 NO NUMBER

### **Chaired Sessions**

1. ***Chaired* a session** at the International Seminar held on 8<sup>th</sup>-9<sup>th</sup> March,2019 on **Dalits in India: Socio-Cultural and Literary Representations** organized by the Department of English of PDC Girls' College and SFS Mahavidyalaya, Bolpur in collaboration with Sahitya Akademi
2. ***Chaired* a sub-section** in Modern Indian History at the 37<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference (International Level) of the *Paschimbanga Itihas Samsad* held from

11<sup>th</sup> to 13<sup>th</sup> March,2022 at Raja Narendra Lal Khan Women's College, Gope Palace,Paschim Medinipur.

3. Was ***Chairperson*** at one day National Seminar-“**Independence, Violence and Women: Negotiating the Personal/Political in mid 20<sup>th</sup> century Bengal**,” organized by the Department of History, Gokhale Memorial Girls' College on 3<sup>rd</sup> December, 2022.

4. ***Chaired*** a session titled, ‘**Chinta O Chetana,**’ in the Modern Section in the XXXVIII Annual Conference (International Level) of *Paschimbanga Itihas Samsad* held from 17<sup>th</sup> to 19<sup>th</sup> February, 2023 at Jangipur College, Jangipur Murshidabad.

5. ***Chaired the session; Special Lecture-I*** at the two –day national conference on “Biography as History” organized by the Department of History, Vidya-Bhavana, Visva-Bharati, Santiniketan, held on 05-06<sup>th</sup> March 2025.

1. ***As Resource Person-*** ‘**The Sacred Forests of Mawphlang: A Study in Indigenous Knowledge and Environment,**’ in the **International Seminar** organized by the Department of History, Vidyasagar University in collaboration with Eco-Lab Network, Nottingham Trent University, United Kingdom on 25-03-2025.

## **Delivered Lectures**

**Delivered two Invited Lectures** as Resource Person at the UGC-HRDC SPONSORED Refreshers Course in History and Culture,(online mode) Manipur University from 25 March-8 April 2022. Titles and dates of Lectures delivered are as follows:-

1. A Nationalist in a Quandary: Aurobindo Ghosh and the Irish model on 29<sup>th</sup> March,2022.
2. Interpreting the Autobiography of A Brahmo Missionary in the Khasi Hills (1889-1916)through a Gendered lens on 31<sup>st</sup> March,2022.
3. **Delivered Keynote address** in one day National Seminar-“**Independence, Violence and Women: Negotiating the Personal/Political in mid 20<sup>th</sup>**

century Bengal,” organized by the Department of History, Gokhale Memorial Girls’ College on 3<sup>rd</sup> December, 2022.

**M.PHIL. degrees awarded-4**

**1. Laboni Saha (Awarded 2019)**

**Gender-Female;Category-General**

**Registration No.VB-1041 of 2015-16**

**TITLE: The Development of Calcutta as a Metropolis and Its Related Crimes in the Nineteenth and Early Twentieth Centuries**

**2.Sanghopriyo Mandal (Awarded 2020)**

**Gender-Male; Category-General**

**Registration No.VB-412 of 2007-08**

**TITLE:The Political History of the Burdwan District 1757-1947**

**3. Abhijit Das (Awarded 2023)**

**Gender-Male; Category- SC**

**Registration No. VB-4321 of 2020-21**

**TITLE: THE RELATIONS BETWEEN AHOM ROYALS AND BRAHMA SANGHATI SECT (1603-1805 A.D.): AN ANALYTICAL STUDY**

**2.Rajib Roson Ghosal (Awarded 2023)**

**Gender-Male; Category-EWS**

**Registration No. VB-4327 of 2020-21**



**TITLE: MESMERISM IN COLONIAL CALCUTTA: SOME RESPONSES AND CHALLENGES (1830-1870)**

**PH.D. Degrees Awarded -3**

**1. Chitta Sen Paramanik (Awarded 2020)**

**Gender-Male; Category-OBC**

**Registration No.VB-748 of 2003-04**

**TITLE: Representing Nation as Mother in Colonial Bengal (1882-1947)**

**2. Manadev Roy (Awarded 2021)**

**Gender-Male: Category-SC**

**Registration No.VB-1660 of 2012-2013**

**TITLE: Changing Profile of Some Major Tribes in Jalpaiguri District in the Twentieth Century**

**3. Gourishwar Choudhuri (Awarded 2023)**

**Gender-Male; Category-General**

**Registration No. VB-1700 of 2013-14**

**TITLE: Insurgency Movement in Tripura (1947-2000)**

**MEMBER OF THE FOLLOWING ASSOCIATIONS**

**ANNUAL- INDIAN HISTORY CONGRESS**

**LIFE-NORTH EAST INDIA HISTORY ASSOCIATION**

**LIFE-PASCHIM BANGA ITIHAS SAMSAD**

**NOMINATED MEMBER OF CENTRAL ADMISSION COMMITTEE,**

**VISVA-BHARATI (2022-2025)**

**ELECTED MEMBER TO THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF THE  
INDIAN HISTORY CONGRESS (IHC, WARRANGAL, DECEMBER, 2023  
and again in PATIALA, DECEMBER, 2024)**