

Personal Details:

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Qualification: MA (English), Ph.D., Certificate Course (level-II) in Arabic Language.

Areas of Interest/Specialisation: Arab Diaspora; Culture and Identity Studies; Women's Writing; Nation and Nationalism.

Teaching Experience: 2010 – Present as Assistant Professor of English

Classes Taught: BA, MA, M.Phil., Ph.D.

Ph.D. Guidance: 01

M.Phil. Guidance: 05

Recent Publications:**Articles:**

- “The Triumphant Cleopatra: Locating the Voices of Resistance in the Select Works of Ahdaf Soueif and Fadia Faqir”, *Literary Oracle*. ISSN 2348-4772. 2022. pp. 94-102.
- “A Duologue with Dissanayake”, *Literary Oracle*. ISSN 2348-4772. 2022. pp.135-141.
- “Amar Sunderbon Safar o Jhorer Tran’’, *Nakshtra: Antorjatik Sommanolobdho Monon Riddho Bangla Sahityo Potrika*. ISSN 2230-8377. Vol. LI, No. 214-217, 2021. pp160-164.
- ‘Competitive Nationalism vs. Cooperative Nationalism: Re-reading Rabindranath Tagore in Times of War’, *Colloquium: New Philologies*, Vol. 3, No. 2, 2018, pp. 177-180.
- ‘Choli Ke Peeche: A Comparative Study on the Representation of the Female Body in Mahasweta Devi’s “Behind the Bodice” and Ahdaf Soueif’s “The Wedding of Zeina”’, *Research Chronicler*, Vol. V, Issue IX, 2017, pp. 25-30.

Translations:

- Barui, Santosh Kumar. “The Historic Event at Duttadanga: A Humble Retrospection”. *Guruchand and Matua: Transcending Religion*. Trans. Debabrata Das. Kolkata: Chaturtha Duniya, 2021.
- Halder, Bimalendu. “Salty”. *Hundred Years’ Bengali Dalit Prose Literature*. Trans. Debabrata Das. Amazon, 2021.

- Mondal, Debashis. “We’ll Light Up”. *Dalit Poems, Songs and Dialogues from Bengal in English Translation*. Trans. Debabrata Das. Kolkata: Ababil Books, 2019.

Book and Book Chapter:

- “Beyond Burqa: Studying an Afghan Response to Imperial Feminism”, *Afghanistan: Politics, Society and Regional Challenges*, Dr. R Raut et al. Bharati Publications, New Delhi. ISBN 978-93-94779-78-5, 2022, pp34-40.
- Edited, *The Popular: A Critical Reader* (forthcoming).

Papers Presented in National/ International Seminars/Conferences:

- “The Future of Higher Education: Some Observations”, presented in a National conference on “75 Years of Independence: State of Higher Education in India”, on 17-19 March 2023, organised by All India Federation of University & College Teachers’ Organisations.
- “Understanding the Relationship between Academic Activism and Academic Excellence: A Commentary”, presented in a National conference on “Seventy Five Years of Independence and the Education Scenario in India”, on 11th February, organised by West Bengal College and University Teachers’ Association.
- “Decoding Democracy: Post-Independence India in Context”, presented in Two-Day International Webinar on "Dissent and Democracy: Critical Perspectives", on 8th-9th Nov, 2021, organised by Rabindra Bharati University Teachers Association.
- “Poetry as Performance: Gendering Representation in Select Poetry of Sabrina Mahfouz”, presented in International Seminar on Re-reading British Poetry across Time and Space: Themes, Issues and Perspectives, on 12-13 March 2019. University of Gour Banga: India.
- “Is Diaspora a Dead Subject: A Study on the Indian Immigrant Communities of Little India in Malaysia”, presented in International Conference on Performing the Nation: Memory and Desire in Contemporary Literature, on 8-9 February 2019. Berhampur University: India.
- “Competitive Nationalism vs. Cooperative Nationalism: Re-reading Rabindranath Tagore in Times of War”, presented in International Conference on Language, Literature, Politics. 1918-2018. (Un)doing Nationalism and Resistance, on 20-22 September 2018. Alpen-Adria-Universitat: Austria.
- “Beyond the Cult of Cleopatra: Exploring The Arab Diasporic Female Voices of Resistance in the Selected Works of Ahdaf Soueif and Fadia Faqir”, presented in International Conference on Contemporary Perspectives on/in Postcolonial and Diasporic Literature and Theory, on 25-26 July 2018. University Sains Malaysia: Malaysia.
- “Re-reading the History of Partition from the Perspective of an Outsider”, presented in International Seminar on Partition and its Aftermath: In Retrospect, on 21-22 March 2017. Rabindra Bharati University: India.

Invited Speaker / Resource Person / Chaired Sessions:

- Delivered lecture as a resource person on “Writing a Research Paper: A Sociological Approach”, on 6th March, 2023, in a Value Added Course on “Technical Content Creation and Management” organised by the Department of Library & Information Science, RBU, during 27th Feb to 13th March, 2023.
- Delivered speech as an Invited speaker on “The Global Perspective of NEP”, on 1st Sept 2022, in an International Training Programme Tuning Rishi held on 1st -5th September, 2022 organised by University of Calcutta in collaboration with Programme of the European Union.
- Chaired a Technical Session at an International Conference on “Mapping the “Wastelands”: Literature and Beyond” held on 15th March, 2023, Organised by the Department of English, RBU.
- Delivered Speech as an Invited Speaker on “Adapting Hybrid Teaching in Higher Education Institutions during the COVID-19 Crisis: Challenges and Experiences”, on 18th January, 2022 in a National seminar organised by Vidyasagar University Teachers Association (VUTA).
- Delivered Speech as an Invited Speaker on - "Dhormiyo Sontras ar Nisorger Sonkot" on 16th January, 2022, in a webinar organised by Paschim Banga Vigyan Manch.
- Chaired a session at Two-Day International Webinar on “Dissent and Democracy: Critical Perspectives” on 8th-9th November, 2021 organised by Rabindra Bharati University Teachers Association.
- Delivered Speech as an Invited Speaker on “Postcolonialism: Theory and Praxis”, on 17th December, 2021, at Amdanga Jugal Kishore Mahavidyalaya.
- Delivered Speech as an Invited Speaker on National Education Policy 2020: Future of Education in the Webinar Series organised by Universal Briefing at Jadavpur University on 5 September 2020.
- Chaired a Technical Session in International Seminar on Redefining the Margin: A Literary Perspective at Rabindra Bharati University, Kolkata, on 27 March 2019.
- Chaired a Technical Session in International Seminar on Re-reading British Poetry across Time and Space: Themes, Issues and Perspectives at the University of Gour Banga, Malda, on 13 March 2019.
- Delivered Speech in National Seminar on Contribution of Women to Arabic Literature in the 20th Century as a Resource Person at Dewan Abdul Gani College, Harirampur, South Dinajpur, on 6 March 2019.
- Delivered Sri Parasor Chatterjee Memorial Lecture as Invited Speaker at Raja Peary Mohan College, Uttarpara, Hooghly, on 11 August 2018.

Popular Articles:

- “Putting on a Show to Keep People Engaged”, Published in The Statesman, 5 Aug 2022.
- “No One Killed KK”, Published in The Statesman, 11 June 2022.
- “Parenting Redefined”, Published in The Statesman, 26 Oct 2021.

- “Loha Diyei Loha Katar Poth Khnujehhen Mamata”, Published in Swabhumi, Kolkata, on 2 October 2012.
- “Chitfund Jakhan Chichingfnak-- Sadhu Sabdhan”, Published in Swabhumi, Kolkata, on 28 April 2012.
- “IPL Entertainment O Udbritter Cocktail”, Published in Swabhumi, Kolkata, on 7 April 2012.
- “Bishwayaner Bajare Byartho Ferriwala Dravid”, Published in Swabhumi, Kolkata, on 15 March 2012.
- “Sadya Ghoti Park Street ‘Kando’ O Rashtriyo Santrash”, Published in Swabhumi, Kolkata, on 23 February 2012.

Member of Academic Bodies:

1. Member of Collaboration and Community Committee 3 of Research Development Cell at Rabindra Bharati University.
2. Member of Academic Committee of Research Week Programme at Rabindra Bharati University.
3. Member of Board of Studies, both UG and PG, at the Department of English, Rabindra Bharati University, Kolkata.
4. Member of Board of Moderation, both UG and PG, at the Department of English, University of Gour Banga, Malda.
5. Convener of National and International Seminars/Workshops at the Department of English, Rabindra Bharati University, Kolkata.
6. Life Member of Paschimbanga Itihas Samsad.

Member of Teachers’ Union:

1. Member of National Executive Committee of AIFUCTO (2020- 2023)
2. General Secretary of Rabindra Bharati University Teachers’ Association (RBUTA) (2019-2023)
3. Member of Executive Committee of Arts Teachers’ Council (ATC), RBU (2019-2023)
4. Secretary of Arts Teachers’ Council (ATC), RBU (2017-2019)

Other Academic Activities:

1. Writer and Editor of A Number of Modules for DDE RBU and Some Other Universities.
2. Writer and Translator of Short Stories.
3. Delivered Invited Lectures / Engaged Special Classes at A Number of Universities.

4. External Examiner of Various Universities.
5. Panelist of Television Programmes on Education.