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**Prof. Raghunath Ghosh**  
**Emeritus Professor, NBU**



Raghunath Ghosh is an esteemed philosopher and academician renowned for his contributions to Indian philosophy. With expertise in Indian and modern philosophies, he has authored numerous scholarly works and supervised several impactful theses. Prof. Ghosh has held esteemed positions such as Professor Emeritus at the University of North Bengal, where he has taught and led departments, while also serving as a Visiting Fellow at prestigious institutions worldwide. Currently, he continues his academic journey as a Senior Fellow at the Indian

Council of Philosophical Research (ICPR), further enriching the realm of philosophy with his profound insights.

**Prof. Rakesh Batabyal**  
**Jawaharlal Nehru University**



Dr. Rakesh Batabyal is a distinguished scholar in the field of Modern History and Media Studies, holding the position of Associate Professor at the Centre for Media Studies, School of Social Sciences, Jawaharlal Nehru University. With a Doctor of Philosophy degree focused on Communalism in Bengal during 1943-47, he has authored significant works on nationalism, communalism, and media history. Prof. Batabyal's contributions extend internationally, as seen in his roles as an Hon. Visiting Fellow in Nepal and an International Visiting Scholar in Japan.

His extensive publication record includes books such as "Communalism in Bengal: From Famine to Noakhali" and "JNU: The Making of a University." He continues to inspire through his research, teaching, and editorial engagements.

**Prof. Rupkumar Barman**  
**Dept. of History, JU**



Dr. Rup Kumar Burman, a distinguished Professor with an extensive academic journey, has made significant contributions to History and Dalit Studies. His career includes pivotal roles such as Lecturer at renowned institutions like St. Joseph's College and Jadavpur University, progressing to his current designation as Professor in History at Jadavpur University. He holds the position of Coordinator at the Centre for Ambedkar Studies and has published 36 articles and 12 books/chapters in esteemed journals. Dr. Burman's expertise encompasses colonial and postcolonial India's social and political history, Dalit Studies, Human Rights, and Environmental History.

**Dr. Amitava Mukherjee**  
**Former Senior Advisor, Government of India**



Dr. Amitava Mukherjee, a globally acclaimed scholar and practitioner in development, focusing on food security, poverty reduction, and hunger, holds a remarkable career spanning over three decades. Educated at prestigious institutions including Stanford University and London School of Economics, he has served as Senior Adviser to the Government of India and held prominent roles at the United Nations, contributing to macroeconomic policy and poverty alleviation. Dr. Mukherjee is presently the Executive Director of Development Tracks Research, Training and Consultancy Pvt. Ltd., New Delhi, and Managing Trustee of Probhas Kalyani Priti Trust, India. He co-founded Partners in Change and PRAXIS, making substantial contributions to corporate responsibility and participatory research. His prolific work includes numerous reports, papers, and nearly 40 books on poverty and food security.

**Prof. Urmi Basu**  
**Kolkata , Social Worker**



Urmi Basu, a distinguished and academically accomplished individual hailing from Kolkata, founded New Light in 2000 after gaining experience in various organizations focused on supporting street children and marginalized women. New Light has since grown into a prominent community development project in Kolkata, addressing the needs of vulnerable populations through education and HIV/AIDS prevention, care, and treatment programs. Basu's visionary leadership and unwavering commitment have made her a trailblazer in the fields of social work and community development.

**Prof. Samir Das**  
**Calcutta University**



Dr. Samir Kumar Das is a distinguished Professor of Political Science and currently holds the esteemed position of Director at the Institute of Foreign Policy Studies, University of Calcutta, India. His illustrious career encompasses roles as the former Vice-Chancellor of the University of North Bengal, Dean of the Faculty of Arts at the University of Calcutta, and Adjunct Professor at the School of Foreign Service, Georgetown University. Dr. Das currently serves as the Coordinator for the University Grants Commission-Departmental Research Support (UGC-DRS) Programme focused on 'Democratic Governance'. With a Post-Doctoral Fellowship from the Social Science Research Council (South Asia Program) and a prestigious Visiting Professorship at Universite 13 Sorbonne Paris Cite, he is a notable authority in the domains of ethnicity, security, migration, rights, justice, and democracy.

**Prof. Raktima Mukhopadhyay  
(IBRAD)**



Dr. Mukhopadhyay is an accomplished professional with an MSc and PhD in Geography, lending over 25 years of expertise to the Institute of Bioresources and Sustainable Development (IBRAD) since 1991. She has orchestrated the design and execution of impactful action research initiatives and provides comprehensive training for diverse stakeholders both nationally and internationally. As a distinguished leader, she spearheads IBRAD's project implementation, capitalizing on her extensive background in participatory resource management, governance, and gender sensitization. Dr. Mukhopadhyay's outstanding contributions encompass training high-ranking government officials, community organizations, and successfully orchestrating large-scale multi-stakeholder projects, solidifying her reputation as an adept collaborator on the global stage.

**Prof. P. S. Mukhopadhyay  
Kalyani University**



Dr. Parthasarathi Mukhopadhyay is a distinguished Professor and Head of the Department of Library and Information Science at Kalyani University. Renowned for his open-source advocacy and development, he has received accolades including the Best Young LIS Teacher award from IASLIC. With a prolific academic record, he has authored over 100 papers, published multiple books, and notably authored a book on Interoperability and Retrieval by UNESCO. Prof. Mukhopadhyay's impactful contributions extend to advisory roles for national library projects and e-learning initiatives, making him an accomplished leader in the field.

**Prof. S. N. Dhar**  
**Dept. of Commerce, NBU**



Dr. Samirendra Nath Dhar is a distinguished academician and finance expert with extensive expertise in finance, management, cost accounting, and direct taxes. With over 30 years of teaching experience at the postgraduate level, he has supervised four Ph.D. students and is currently guiding six ongoing research projects. Dr. Dhar is the author of five books and has published prolifically with 40 journal papers and numerous conference presentations. His research interests span financial inclusion, microfinance, taxation, and women's empowerment. He currently holds

the position of Professor at the Department of Commerce, North Bengal University, and is a recognized life member of prestigious academic associations.

**Dr. D. P. Duari**  
**Director, M. P. Birla Planetarium, Kolkata**



Dr. Debiprasad Duari currently holds the position of Director of Research & Academic Affairs at the M. P. Birla Institute of Fundamental Research, situated at the M. P. Birla Planetarium in Kolkata. Concurrently, he serves as Honorary Faculty within the Physics Department of Presidency College. His academic journey encompasses a Bachelor's and Master's degree in Physics from Jadavpur University, followed by a doctorate attained at the Inter University Centre for Astronomy & Astrophysics, Pune. Notably, he was awarded a Postdoctoral Fellowship from

the Tata Institute of Fundamental Research. Dr. Duari has established associations with prominent academic establishments such as the Institute for Advanced Studies in Iran, the University of Cambridge, and the Manchester Institute of Science & Technology in the United Kingdom. His scholarly pursuits have earned him recognition as a Fellow of the Royal Astronomical Society and membership in the International Astronomical Union.

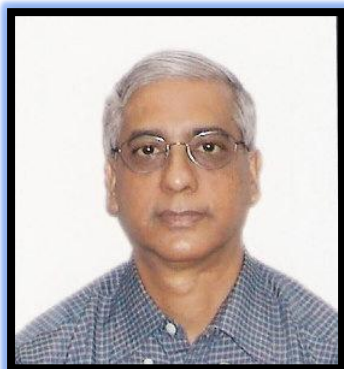
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**Prof. Arun Bandyopadhyay, CU**



Professor Arun Bandyopadhyay is the Nurul Hasan Professor of History and Former Dean of the Post-graduate Faculty of Arts at the University of Calcutta. With a specialization in Economic History, Environmental History, and History of Science & Technology of modern South Asia, he has established himself as a prominent figure in academia. His distinguished career encompasses a wide range of achievements, including notable publications such as "The Story of Jessop and Company" and "History of Gun and Shell Factory, Cossipore." He has held Visiting Fellowships at esteemed institutions such as Maison des Sciences de l'Homme, Paris, and the University of Uppsala, Sweden. In addition, Professor Bandyopadhyay has served as the Secretary of the Indian History Congress and has been an active participant in international conferences. Currently, he holds the esteemed position of Nurul Hasan Professor of History, contributing significantly to the academic landscape.

**Prof. Ranadhir Chakraborty  
Dept. of Biotechnology, NBU**



Dr. Ranadhir Chakraborty, a distinguished academician, is a Professor of Molecular Microbiology at the University of North Bengal. His expertise lies in microbial genetics and genomics, with an extensive publication record in esteemed journals and books. He has received numerous accolades, including awards like the Bose Institute Junior and Senior Research Fellowship, and has been recognized as a speaker in international conferences such as FEBS EMBO Conference and the Next Generation Sequencing Data Congress. Dr. Chakraborty's unwavering dedication to scientific inquiry and his significant contributions to the field make him a prominent figure in the realm of microbiological research. His administrative roles include heading the Department of Biotechnology, and he has significantly impacted the field through his research on microbial genetics and genomics.

**Dr. Jamaluddin**  
**Dept. of Commerce, NBU**



Dr. Jamaluddeen is an accomplished academician holding the position of Assistant Professor in the Department of Commerce at the University of North Bengal. With a Ph.D. awarded in 2015, his research has been centered around Microfinance, showcasing his expertise in the field. Dr. Jamaluddeen's scholarly contributions include an impressive record of 22 research papers and articles published in both national and international journals, alongside active participation in seminars and conferences with 34 presented papers. He has been recognized with prestigious fellowships, including the UGC Research Fellowship and the Dr. S. Radhakrishnan Post-Doctoral Fellowship. Serving as an Assistant Editor in the renowned Hermeneutics journal, his dedication to academia is evident through his continuous commitment to research and teaching.

**Prof. Anup Sekhar Chakraborty**



Dr. Anup Shekhar Chakraborty is a prominent faculty member in the Department of Political Science & Political Studies at the Netaji Institute for Asian Studies, Kolkata. He holds a pivotal role as a member of the Mahanirban Calcutta Research Group (MCRG). With more than 17 years of rich teaching and research experience, Dr. Chakraborty has garnered numerous accolades, including the SEPHIS CODESRIA Young Historians Laureate 2006 and the "India Social Science Research Award 2009" for his research on social exclusions and inclusions in Mizoram. His expertise spans diverse fields, and he has been recognized with the 'National Young Political Scientist Award 2020.' Dr. Chakraborty's profound contributions encompass published works on gender studies, masculinity, media, climate change, and indigenous perspectives, exemplified by his co-edited books and guest editorships for esteemed journals.

**Prof. D. K. Maity**  
**Calcutta University**



Prof. Dilip Kumar Maiti, Ph.D., FRSC, is a distinguished faculty member in the Department of Chemistry at the University of Calcutta. With a remarkable academic journey spanning over 17 years at Calcutta University, he has held positions of increasing responsibility, currently serving as a Professor. His research encompasses catalysis and organic synthesis, focusing on areas such as C-H activation, photocatalysis, organometallic catalysis, and sustainable catalysis. Prof. Maiti's outstanding contributions have been acknowledged with numerous awards and recognitions, including his fellowship with the Royal Society of Chemistry and the Indian Chemical Society. He has published extensively in prestigious journals, showcasing his profound expertise and dedication to advancing the field. His role as Editor-in-Chief and his editorial board memberships in various international journals further underscore his leadership in the scientific community.

**Prof. P. M. G. Nambissan**  
**Saha Institute of Nuclear Physics, Kolkata**



Dr. P.M.G. Nambissan is a distinguished Senior Professor in the Applied Nuclear Physics Division at the Saha Institute of Nuclear Physics, Kolkata. With a solid foundation in Physics, he completed his MSc from the University of Calicut and pursued his Ph.D. at the same institute, where he later joined as faculty. Dr. Nambissan's expertise lies in defect characterization using positron annihilation spectroscopy, applied across a diverse range of materials including semiconductors, superconductors, nanomaterials, and more. His extensive contributions are evidenced by around 150 research papers in reputable journals and an equivalent number of presentations at national and international conferences. His dedicated mentorship shines through in his guidance for MSc, MTech, and Ph.D. projects, while his role as an elected member of the International Advisory Committee of Positron Annihilation highlights his influence in the field.



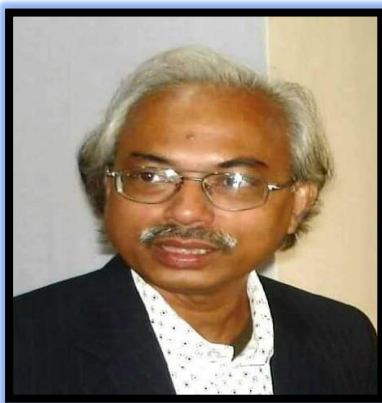
**Prof. L. K. Padhi**  
**Dept. of Philosophy, NBU**



Dr. Laxmikanta Padhi is an accomplished Associate Professor in the Department of Philosophy at the University of North Bengal. With a rich academic background including M.A., M. Phil, and Ph.D. degrees, he specializes in Practical Ethics, focusing on areas like Environmental Ethics, Sustainable Development, Animal Ethics, Meta-Ethics, and Philosophy of Religion. As a respected figure in the field, he is a Life Member of the Journal of ICPR, Indian Philosophical Congress, and a Member of the Afro-Asian Philosophical Congress. With a strong commitment to

scholarly pursuits, Dr. Padhi has authored numerous publications, co-edited books, and played vital roles in academic governance and institutional leadership, showcasing his dedication to the advancement of philosophy and ethical discourse.

**Dr. Sankar Nath**  
**Oncologist, Kolkata**



Dr. Sankar Nath is a distinguished Oncologist with a remarkable career spanning decades. He graduated from Calcutta Medical College with an MBBS from Calcutta University in 1975 and completed his DMRT (Oncology) from Calcutta University in 1980. Having served as a Senior Oncologist at prestigious institutions like Calcutta Medical College, Bankura Sammilani Medical College, and R.G. Kar Medical College, he retired in 2009. Presently, he works as a Consultant Oncologist at "Oncolink," a free cancer center in Kolkata, and also at the Oncology Department of Rishra Seva Sadan. Dr. Nath has published

numerous papers, delivered lectures, and received several awards, including the Rabindra Puroskar in Science from the Government of West Bengal in 2014. Alongside his medical achievements, he is an avid musician, painter, amateur astronomer, and a prolific writer on various subjects.

**Shri. Debasish Pal**  
**JFO, Jadavpur University**



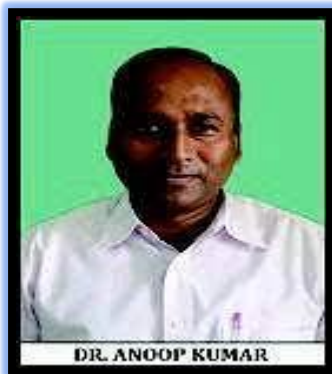
Shri. Debasish Pal, a seasoned academic administrator, possesses an impressive academic background. Holding an M.Com from the University of Calcutta and being a Fellow member of the Institute of Cost Accountants of India, Pal's expertise extends across multiple domains. He further enhances his academic credentials with an MBA from Annamalai University and a successful qualification in the State Level Eligibility Test (SLET) conducted by the West Bengal College Service Commission. Notably, Pal is a life member of the esteemed Indian Accounting Association. His substantial experience spans over two decades and encompasses significant roles like Joint Finance Officer at Jadavpur University, Kolkata, and former Finance Officer at Sikkim University. Additionally, he has contributed as a visiting faculty to various educational institutions and has audited numerous PSUs and MNCs.

**Dr. Mossaraf Hossain**  
**Assistant Professor, HRDC, NBU**



Dr. Mossaraf Hossain, an accomplished academic in the field of Organic Chemistry, currently serves as an Assistant Professor-Assistant Director at the UGC-Human Resource Development Centre (UGCHRDC) affiliated with the Chemistry Department at the University of North Bengal, Siliguri. With a Ph.D. in Organic Chemistry from the same university, he has made significant contributions to the realm of synthetic organic chemistry, new reaction methodologies, and green chemistry. His rich academic journey includes notable achievements such as a granted patent on novel compounds for combating multiple cancers and a substantial publication record, including research papers in renowned journals. Dr. Hossain's dedication extends beyond research, as he actively engages in coordinating academic programs and serving as a resource person in various educational initiatives.

**Dr. Anoop Kumar**  
**Dept. of Biotechnology, NBU**



Dr. Anoop Kumar, holding a Ph.D. in Biotechnology, currently serves as an Assistant Professor in the Department of Biotechnology at the University of North Bengal, where he has been contributing since 2012. He also worked as a Senior Demonstrator at the Experimental Medicine and Biotechnology department of PGIMER, Chandigarh. His research focuses on Cell and Molecular Biology, particularly in understanding anticancer drug resistance mechanisms and the synergistic effects of autophagy inhibitors and anticancer drugs on normal and cancer cells. Dr. Kumar's substantial publication record, including patents and research papers in reputable journals, reflects his commitment to advancing knowledge in his field. His extensive teaching experience and participation in academic activities further exemplify his dedication to scientific advancement.

**Dr. Ajit Kumar C.**  
**Assistant Professor, IGNOU**



Dr. Ajit Kumar C is an accomplished academic currently serving as an Assistant Professor at the School of Education, IGNOU, New Delhi, since 2011. With a rich educational background encompassing M.Ed. in Science Education, M.Sc. in Physics, M.Phil. in Education, PGDDE, and a Ph.D. from prestigious institutions, his expertise spans educational technology, statistics in research, science education, teacher education, and open and distance learning. With more than 17 years of teaching experience, he has authored numerous publications, including research papers, articles, and edited books, alongside contributing to ODL institutions. A prolific speaker, he has delivered over 300 talks in national and international seminars and workshops. He currently coordinates key programmes and initiatives while supervising doctoral research scholars.

**Prof. Amiya Kr. Panda**  
**Vidyasagar University**



Prof. Amiya Kumar Panda is an accomplished academician with a distinguished career in the field of Chemistry. He currently holds the esteemed position of Professor in the Department of Chemistry and Chemical Technology at Vidyasagar University since October 2015. With a specialization in membrane mimetic systems, novel drug delivery systems, and amphiphilic monolayers, his research has significantly contributed to the advancement of scientific knowledge. Prof. Panda's outstanding contributions have been acknowledged with numerous awards, including the

Hyogo Overseas Research Network Fellowship and the Siksha Ratna Award in 2019. He has also received accolades such as the DST-JSPS Short Term Visiting Fellowship and the Endeavour Award in 2008, further cementing his reputation as a leading figure in the field of Chemistry.

**Prof. Ranjan Roy**  
**Dept. of Geography, NBU**



Dr. Ranjan Roy, an esteemed academic in the field of Geography, currently serves as a Professor with a strong focus on Cartography, Population Geography, Agricultural Geography, Urban Geography, and more. He is a dedicated member of several geographical societies and associations, showcasing his commitment to the field. Dr. Roy's extensive research interests encompass various critical areas including agricultural geography, transport, urbanization, and rural development. With a notable publication record, including monographs and journal articles, he has significantly contributed to the academic discourse. His supervision of

Ph.D. and M.Phil. students underscores his dedication to nurturing the next generation of scholars.

**Dr. Anindya Bose**  
**Burdwan University**



Dr. Anindya Bose currently holds the position of Senior Scientific Officer at the Department of Physics, University of Burdwan, West Bengal, a role he has undertaken since 1996. His teaching responsibilities extend to the M Tech in E&CE (Microwaves) program and the M Sc in Geospatial Science course. As an alumnus of both the National Physical Laboratory in New Delhi and the International Space University in Strasbourg, France, he brings a diverse educational background to his work. Dr. Bose's notable achievements include being a recipient of the URSI Young Scientist Award and holding esteemed memberships in various professional organizations such as the International Union of Radio Science (URSI), Institute of Electronics and Telecommunication Engineers (IETE), and more. He currently serves as the Chairman of IETE's Burdwan Sub Center and has a prolific research focus on Global Navigation Satellite Systems (GNSS), Microwaves Antenna, and Communications. His expertise is further evident through his involvement in numerous sponsored R&D and Manpower Training Projects sponsored by government agencies. Dr. Bose also plays a pivotal role in industry-academia collaboration and career guidance initiatives at the University of Burdwan, while also consulting for the Indian GNSS Industry.

**Dr. Nandan Bhattacharya,**  
**Assistant Professor, HRDC, JU**



Dr. Nandan Bhattacharya serves as the Assistant Director of the UGC-Human Resource Development Centre at Jadavpur University in Kolkata, India. He achieved academic milestones with an MSc in Zoology in 1992 and later a PhD in Zoology in 2004, both from Vidyasagar University. His scholarly contributions are evident through numerous articles published in reputable journals, showcasing his expertise. In addition to his publications, he has shared his knowledge by delivering lectures at various colleges and institutes within and beyond West Bengal. These educational initiatives are specifically crafted for college and university teachers and librarians, aligning with UGC Guidelines. His interests span diverse domains, including ecology, education, and the development of communication skills. Moreover, he has a keen involvement in the realm of applied theatre, particularly Theatre in Education and Forum Theatre.

**Dr. Dipsikha Acharya**  
**Department of History, NBU**



Dr. Dipsikha Acharya is presently serving as an Assistant Professor in the Department of History at the University of North Bengal. Her extensive academic contributions encompass various themes of ancient and medieval India. She has been recognized for her expertise as a Resource Person at esteemed institutions, including Vidyasagar University and Sanskrit College and University. With a Ph.D. in Archaeology and a Post-Doctoral Fellowship from the Indian Council of Historical Research, her research focuses on the archaeological aspects of river valleys and iron workings in Eastern India. Dipsikha

Acharya's dedication to education is evident through her supervision of students, involvement in ethnographic work, and numerous published articles in reputable journals

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**Dr. Sanjib Bhattacharya**  
**HRDC, NBU**



Dr. Sanjib Bhattacharya holds a distinguished position as Associate Professor-Deputy Director at the UGC-Human Resource Development Centre and also serves as Adjunct Faculty in the Department of Physics at the University of North Bengal. With an impressive academic journey, he earned his MSc (Physics) from the University of North Bengal in 2002, followed by a PhD (Science) from INDIAN ASSOCIATION FOR THE CULTIVATION OF SCIENCE AND JADAVPUR UNIVERSITY in 2008. Dr. Bhattacharya's research interests span Condensed Matter and Composite-Material, Dielectric Spectroscopy, Glass and Glass-Nanocomposites, and more. His accomplishments include being the Principal Investigator of multiple research projects funded by DST and CSIR, as well as the recipient of various awards such as the INSA Visiting Scientist Award and the "Teacher Award" from Maulana Abul Kalam Azad University of Technology. With a prolific publication record, numerous memberships in professional societies, and substantial teaching and research experience, Dr. Bhattacharya significantly contributes to the academic and scientific community.

**Dr. Arpan Kr. Maiti**  
**Zoology, NBU**



Dr. Arpan Kumar Maiti, an accomplished academic, is currently serving as an Assistant Professor in the Department of Zoology at the University of North Bengal. With a strong foundation in subjects like Ecology and Environmental Science, Biochemistry, Toxicology, and Cell Biology, Dr. Maiti has made significant contributions to the field. He boasts an impressive publication record of 37 journal articles and 2 book chapters. His remarkable achievements include prestigious awards like the Korea Digestive Disease Week 2019 Award for Best Paper and fellowships such as the Fulbright-Nehru Post-Doctoral Fellowship and a Visiting Fellowship funded by the Soderbers Foundation, Sweden. His academic journey spans across esteemed institutions, such as Dayananda Sagar University and Tulane University Health Sciences Center, and he continues to excel in both research and administrative roles.

**Dr. Swagata Ghosh**  
**Assistant Professor, Dept of Philosophy, NBU**



Dr. Swagata Ghosh is an Assistant Professor in the Department of Philosophy at the University of North Bengal. Born on January 17, 1986, she holds a Ph.D. in Philosophy from Jadavpur University, earned in 2022. Her research prowess is highlighted by her thesis titled 'Puruṣacaitanya Revisited: A Critical Study of the Sāṃkhya Concept of Consciousness'. Dr. Ghosh's academic journey is adorned with numerous accolades, including various medals, scholarships, and awards, such as the Alumni Association NCE Bengal & Jadavpur University medal and the University Grants Commission's Post Graduate Merit

Scholarship for University Rank Holder. Her dedication to academia is further demonstrated by her role as a member of the Editorial Board of the Departmental Academic Journal, Philosophical Papers.

**Dr. Utpal Mondal**  
**Bengali, NBU**



Dr. Utpal Mandal, a distinguished academician, currently holds the prestigious position of Professor in the Department of Bengali at the University of North Bengal. With a Doctoral degree (Ph.D.) from the University of Kalyani in 2001, his scholarly contributions stand tall, including 28 published papers in journals, 6 articles/chapters in edited volumes, and 9 published books or edited volumes. Prof. Mandal's expertise has been sought beyond academia, as seen in his role as a Subject Expert in various college and university selection boards, as well as in Doordarshan, Prasar Bharati. He has also held significant administrative roles, including being a

Former Chairman of UGBOS at the University of North Bengal and serving as an External Member of BOS for multiple universities. Furthermore, his commitment to literature is evident through his roles as Managing Director of the Sangsaptak Literary Journal and Chief Advisor of the Ekolovya Literary Journal.

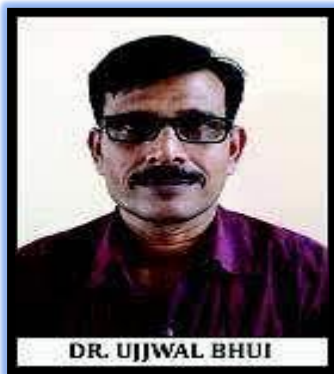


**Prof. Sumit Ray**  
**English, NBU**



Dr. Sumit Ray is a dedicated scholar whose research pursuits encompass an array of compelling subjects, including poetry, Indian Writing in English, Postcolonial literatures, Translation studies, Popular Culture, and Ecocritical studies. His scholarly contributions are evident in his poetic works featured in esteemed platforms such as Café Dissensus and Setu, alongside his insightful non-fiction compositions comprising book reviews and forewords for Authorspress India. With a solid academic foundation and an illustrious teaching career, Sumit has held the position of an Assistant Professor in English at Tufanganj Mahavidyalaya, Cooch Behar. Presently, he continues to enrich the academic sphere as an Assistant Professor in English at the prestigious University of North Bengal, Darjeeling. His multifaceted engagement with literature and academia underscores his profound commitment to scholarly pursuits.

**Dr. Ujjwal Bhui**  
**Professor, CHS, NBU**



Dr. Ujjwal Bhui, a highly regarded scholar, holds the position of Assistant Professor at the Centre for Himalayan Studies (CHS), University of North Bengal. His academic journey is anchored in the realms of Industrial Sociology, Labour & Social Welfare. A dedicated researcher, Dr. Bhui's interests span the dynamic domain of Social Dynamics. He has made substantial contributions to the scholarly discourse, evident in his extensive list of publications exploring diverse themes such as the Gorkhaland Movement, tourism's impact on society and environment, women empowerment through self-help groups, and the intricacies of inter-ethnic relationships. With a commendable mentoring record, Dr. Bhui has supervised and is currently guiding multiple Ph.D. and M.Phil. students. His commitment to understanding and illuminating societal intricacies in the context of the Himalayan region underscores his academic prowess and dedication.

**Dr. A. K. Jana,**  
**Pol. Sc., NBU**



Dr. A. K. Jana is a distinguished Professor in the Department of Political Science at the University of North Bengal. With an accomplished academic profile, his research interests encompass diverse aspects of political science. Notably, he has authored and edited several significant books, including "Development and Disorder: The Crises in Governance in the Northeast and East of India" and "Class, Ideology and Political Parties in India." Dr. Jana's scholarly contributions extend to various articles published in reputable journals, shedding light on themes like ethnic parties in multi-party democracies and communalism's impact on Indian democracy. His dedication to research is evident in his involvement in research projects such as "The Movement for Separate State of Kamtapur and Greater Cooch Behar in North Bengal," and "The Jharkhand Mukti Morcha (JMM) and the Politics of Identity in North West Odisha (2000-2016)." With a dynamic blend of academic achievements and research projects, Dr. Jana embodies a prominent figure in the realm of political science.

**Dr. P. Verma**  
**History, NBU**



Dr. Verma is an accomplished Assistant Professor in the Department of History at North Bengal University. Her academic journey is marked by significant milestones, including a Ph.D. from Jawaharlal Nehru University, where her thesis focused on "Socio-Economic and Political Empowerment of Women in Bhutan since 2008." Her M.Phil. dissertation delved into the status of women in Bhutan from 1980-2010. With a profound interest in the field, she has published articles on diverse topics such as Buddhism and society in Bhutan, the status of women in Tibet and Bhutan, and women's socio-economic status in Bhutan. Dr. Verma has showcased her expertise through various fellowships and grants, including being a Junior Research Fellow at the Indian Council for Historical Research. Her academic pursuits have also earned her distinctions, such as the Shakuntala Devi Memorial Scholarship Award and a second position in the University rank for History.

**Dr. Ranjita Chakraborty**  
**Professor, Dept. of Political Science, NBU**



Dr. Ranjita Chakraborty is an esteemed Professor in the Department of Political Science at the University of North Bengal. With a comprehensive academic background, including a Ph.D. from Jawaharlal Nehru University, Dr. Chakraborty's expertise lies in fields such as Public Administration, Gender Studies, India's Government and Politics, and Research Methodology. Her extensive research interests encompass Gender Studies, Human Rights, Public Administration, Development Studies, Environmental Studies, and India's Government and Politics. As a prolific scholar, she has authored 17 publications, including books, articles in books, and journal articles. Her notable achievements include being a Life Member of the Indian Association of Political Science and the West Bengal Association of Political Science. Dr. Chakraborty's exceptional dedication to teaching and research is evident in her 15 years of experience in the field. Additionally, her active involvement in research projects, publication, and academic associations underscores her commitment to advancing knowledge in her areas of specialization.

**Dr. Santanu Mukherjee**  
**Regional Director, IGNOU**



Dr. Santanu Mukherji is currently serving as the Assistant Regional Director at IGNOU Regional Centre, Kolkata. With 15 years of teaching experience in both conventional and Open and Distance Learning settings, he has exhibited a deep commitment to education. His research journey of 10 years in Seed Science and Technology within the field of Agriculture showcases his dedication to advancing knowledge and innovation in the agricultural sector. Dr. Mukherji's career is characterized by his significant contributions to education and research, reflecting his dedication to the enhancement of learning and the betterment of the agricultural industry.

**DR. Achin Chakraborty**  
**Professor & Director, IDSK**



Dr. Achin Chakraborty is a distinguished Professor and the Director of the Institute of Development Studies Kolkata (IDSK). With a Ph.D. in Economics from the University of California at Riverside, obtained in 1995, Dr. Chakraborty has significantly contributed to the field of economics. He has co-authored the book "Limits of Bargaining: Capital, Labour and the State in Contemporary India" in collaboration with Subhanil Chowdhury, Supurna Banerjee, and Zaad Mahmood, published by Cambridge University Press in 2019. Additionally, he co-edited the book "The Land Question in India: State, Dispossession and Capitalist

Transition" with Anthony P. D'Costa, published by Oxford University Press in 2017. Dr. Chakraborty's scholarly impact extends to his journal articles, where he delves into complex subjects. He has explored themes like caste-gender intersectionalities and child nutrition, construct validity of self-rated health in India, and the decomposition of nutritional inequality by caste and class. His expertise is evident in his research's quantitative rigor and insightful analyses, making him a prominent figure in the realm of economics and development studies.

**DR. Kalyan Rudra, Chairman**  
**WB State Pollution Board**



Dr. Kalyan Rudra is a distinguished geographer renowned for his specialization in river and water management. Presently, he holds the esteemed position of Chairman of the West Bengal State Pollution Control Board, while also having served as a member of the Central Pollution Control Board. In 2007, he embarked on a research journey focused on water resources and dynamic river systems in West Bengal, stepping away from his teaching career. Dr. Rudra has garnered accolades for his significant contributions as an expert member in vital committees addressing environmental concerns, including the restoration of the Ganga and flood management. With an impressive literary

portfolio, he has authored and edited multiple influential books and research papers. Among his noteworthy works are "Indo-Bangladesh Transboundary River Atlas," a profound exploration into historical mapping, and publications like "The River of Ganga Brahmaputra Meghna Delta" and "Dui Banglar Nodikothe." Notably, his insights extend to the Sundarbans with the publication "Bharatiya Sundarban," showcasing his dedication to preserving and understanding river ecosystems. Dr. Rudra's exceptional contributions have solidified his reputation as a key figure in the realm of river studies and environmental conservation not only in India but in the world.

**MR. Sourav Sarkar**  
**Film-maker, Kolkata, West Bengal**



Sourav Sarkar is an accomplished filmmaker whose creative journey commenced with the impactful short film "Anoochcharito" (Unuttered) in 2012. Screened at renowned festivals like the India International Film Festival, Tampa Bay, and ViBGYOR International Film Festival, Kerala, the film has been utilized for sensitization initiatives by the Ministry of Home Affairs, Government of India. In 2015, Sarkar's directorial prowess manifested in the classic Bengali feature film "Dugdhonokhor – The Milky Nails," exploring the poignant narrative of motherhood within the context of a maid-servant's life. His documentary

"Nibhritochari Solitary Soul" (2016) earned recognition as the best documentary film at the Prayag International Film Festival, illustrating the positive environment of an old-age home in West Bengal. His subsequent films, including "The Humane Judicature" (2019) and "□□□□□□□□ □□ □□ - Journey Towards Revolution" (2023), continue to explore diverse themes, from judicial activism to the Right to Information movement in India. Sarkar's filmmaking journey is marked by his commitment to social issues and storytelling excellence, earning him recognition from esteemed institutions and festivals.

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**Prof. Arnab Sen**  
Professor, NBU



Dr. Arnab Sen is a distinguished Professor known for his expertise in the fields of Nano-technology, Cytogenetics, Meta-genomics, Bio-informatics, Drug designing, and Network pharmacology. A Fellow of the Linnean Society, London, and the Indian Association of Angiosperm Taxonomy, he has an impressive academic background with a PhD from North Eastern Hill University. With a prolific research portfolio, Dr. Sen has published over 180 publications, including books and chapters, contributing significantly to the scientific community. He has supervised 21 PhD students and currently oversees 8 ongoing research projects. His contributions extend beyond academia, as he has played pivotal roles in establishing the Biswa Bangla Genome Centre and the Bioinformatics Facility Centre at the University of North Bengal. Dr. Sen's dedication and expertise have earned him numerous awards, including the DBT CREST Award and the DST Fast Track Young Scientist Award.

**Dr. Ardhendu Mandal**  
Associate Professor, NBU



Dr. Ardhendu Mandal is an Associate Professor renowned for his expertise in the field of Computer Science. He holds a Ph.D. from NBU and boasts an academic background from prestigious institutions. As a Life Member of renowned organizations such as the Computer Society of India (CSI) and the Indian Society for Technical Education (ISTE), his subject specializations encompass a wide array of areas, including Software Engineering, Object-Oriented Analysis and Design, HPC, Data Structures, Operating Systems, and Web Technologies. With a significant focus on research, he has authored numerous publications, including journals and conference papers, and has led research projects funded by institutions like UGC and the University of North Bengal. Dr. Mandal's dedication extends to his contributions to academic committees and responsibilities, making him a valuable asset to his institution.

**Prof. Paramartha Dutta**  
**Professor, Visva Bharati University**



Professor Paramartha Dutta is a distinguished academic currently holding the position of Professor in the Department of Computer and System Science at Visva Bharati, Santiniketan. His academic journey boasts remarkable accomplishments, including the successful completion of an M.Stat from the prestigious Indian Statistical Institute, Calcutta, in 1990. He further expanded his horizons by obtaining an M.Tech in Computer Science from the same institute in 1993, showcasing his commitment to excellence in his chosen field. His academic pursuits culminated in the award of a Ph.D. from Bengal Engineering and Science University, Shibpur, in 2005. His doctoral research, titled "Evaluating Performance of Evolutionary Algorithms," exemplifies his dedication to advancing the knowledge and application of computer science principles. Professor Dutta's invaluable contributions continue to fortify the academic landscape, positioning him as a prominent figure in his area of expertise.

**Prof. Shuvo Roy**  
**Professor, CU**



Professor Subho Roy is a distinguished academic with a profound background in Anthropology, holding a Ph.D. from the University of Calcutta. His research interests encompass a wide array of critical topics, ranging from reproductive and sexual health, adolescent reproductive health, and menopausal health to biocultural perspectives of breastfeeding and anthropology demography. His remarkable contributions are exemplified through his involvement in various impactful projects, including studies on menopause, menstrual health, and adolescent male reproductive health in both rural and urban areas of West Bengal. Professor Roy's significant findings have been disseminated through his notable publications in esteemed journals and books, such as his work on the historical perspective of biological anthropological research in India and investigations into the dietary patterns of urban adolescent girls. His commitment to advancing anthropological knowledge and understanding earned him recognition in the academic community.

**Prof. Debasish Sur**  
**Professor, BU**



Dr. Debasish Sur holds the esteemed position of Professor of Commerce at the University of Burdwan, West Bengal. He is a dedicated scholar with an extensive academic background, having earned his M.Com, M.Phil, and Ph.D degrees from the same university. With over 25 years of teaching experience, including 12 years as a Professor, he has contributed significantly to the field of commerce education. Dr. Sur's influence extends beyond the classroom as he actively engages in various academic bodies and committees, including NAAC Peer Team and AICTE Evaluation Committee. His prolific research career encompasses more than 120 papers in reputable journals, along with 4 authored books. As a mentor, he has supervised the completion of numerous Ph.D and M.Phil degrees, showcasing his dedication to nurturing future scholars. His expertise is further recognized through his role as a member of editorial boards for distinguished journals and as a reviewer for prestigious international publishing houses. Dr. Sur's research interests span Financial Statement Analysis, Corporate Performance Measurement, Corporate Financial Management, and International Accounting.

**Prof. Bikash Ch. Paul**  
**Professor, NBU**



Dr. Bikash Chandra Paul, a distinguished academic figure, holds the position of Professor and is a luminary in the field of Theoretical Physics with a specialization in Astrophysics and Cosmology. He boasts a remarkable academic journey, including a Ph.D. and an M.Sc. with Gold Medal distinction. Dr. Paul's extensive research interests span across cosmology and astrophysics, encompassing areas such as Relativistic Cosmology, Dark Matter, Dark Energy, Neutron Stars, and Black Holes. His significant contributions have been recognized with honors such as the prestigious Fellow of the Royal Astronomical Society (FRAS) and membership in the International Astronomical Union (IAU). Dr. Paul has demonstrated his commitment to academia through leadership roles, including serving as Dean of the PG Faculty of Sciences and as a Registrar at NBU. His affiliation with esteemed institutions like IUCAA and his international engagements further underscore his profound impact on the field of theoretical physics.



**Dr. Tanwir Arshed**  
**Presidency University**



Dr. Tanwir Arshed, currently associated with Presidency University, is a dedicated researcher with a profound focus on Indian foreign policy and socio-economic empowerment. With a doctoral thesis investigating the role of the United States in India-Pakistan relations, he also holds valuable field research experience, notably in women's empowerment through NGOs and Self Help Groups (SHGs) in rural West Bengal. His academic pursuits extend to exploring regional integration, sub-regional forums, and identity politics within the framework of India's Act East Policy. Dr. Arshed's interests also encompass the socio-economic conditions of marginalized communities in North Bengal, investigating the impacts of government policies and organizations on their empowerment. His diverse research interests highlight his commitment to understanding complex socio-political dynamics.

**Dr. Partha Karmakar**  
**JDPI, HED**



Dr. Partha Karmakar is a distinguished figure in the realm of Mathematics and education, holding the esteemed positions of Joint Director of Public Instruction, Government of West Bengal, and Advisor at the West Bengal Central School Service Commission. With an extensive background as an administrator in the West Bengal Education Service (W.B.E.S), he has served as a professor in prestigious institutions like Bethune College, Bidhannagar Government College, and Jalpaiguri Government College. He earned his Ph.D. in Mathematics from N.I.T Durgapur in 2013 and has since guided P.G. students, authored several mathematics textbooks, and contributed 17 research papers to national and international journals. Dr. Karmakar's profound impact extends to organizing and participating in seminars, workshops, and conferences, earning him accolades including the Bharat Ratna Dr. A.P.J Abdul Kalam Excellence Award and Academic Excellence Award for his remarkable contributions to education and research.

**Prof. Subash Ch. Roy**  
**Professor, NBU**



Dr. Subhas Chandra Roy is a distinguished Professor with a profound academic journey marked by his M.Sc in Botany, M.Tech in Biotechnology, and Ph.D. He is a notable member of the Indian Society of Genetics & Plant Breeding and the Indian Society of Plant Genetic Resources. Specializing in Cytogenetics & Molecular Breeding and Biotechnology, his research centers on rice genetics and molecular breeding, focusing on high-yielding rice varieties. With 23 years of professional experience, including a stint at the Central Silk Board and the West Bengal Education Service, Dr. Roy's expertise has earned him the Siksha Ratna Award 2019. He has notably headed the Department of Botany at NBU and has made significant contributions to rice research, with over 35 publications, a book on Molecular Breeding and Genetic Resources of Tulaipanji Rice, and international recognition through visits and participation in conferences.

**Prof. Selim Box Mandal**  
**JU**



Dr. Selim Box Mandal is an esteemed Associate Professor in the Department of Bengali, recognized for his significant contributions to the field of literature. Holding a Ph.D. from Rabindra Bharati University in 2008, his specialization lies in Post Independent Bengali Fiction. With a strong research background and a substantial number of publications, Dr. Mandal's academic journey showcases his dedication to advancing literary scholarship. As an Associate Professor, he continues to inspire and engage students while leaving a noteworthy mark on the realm of Bengali literature.

**Dr. Rakesh Kumar Mandal**  
**Comp. Sc, NBU**



Dr. Rakesh Kumar Mandal is an accomplished Associate Professor in the Department of Computer Science & Application at the University of North Bengal. With a diverse academic background encompassing B.Sc. (Non-Medical), DCCTM, MCA, and a Ph.D., his specialization lies in Artificial Neural Networks, Medical Image Processing, and Cloud Computing. Dr. Mandal's impactful research contributions are evident through his 24 international journal publications and active participation in numerous national and international seminars and conferences. His commitment to innovation and excellence has earned him awards such as the Computer Society of India (CSI) Innovation Award and the Bharat Vikas Award. Additionally, he has demonstrated his proficiency in various fields, including qualifying for the Territorial Army Infantry Officers exam and achieving a Blue Belt in Kyokushinkaikan Karate. With over a decade of teaching and research experience, Dr. Mandal continues to make a significant mark in the realm of computer science and academia.

**Prof. Anjan Chakrabarti**  
**HRDC, NBU**



Dr. Anjan Chakrabarti, holding a Ph.D. in Economics, is a distinguished academic figure currently serving as the Professor-Director at the UGC Human Resource Development Centre at the University of North Bengal. With an extensive professional journey, he has held roles such as Associate Professor at UGC-Human Resource Development Centre, Burdwan University, and Assistant Professor of Economics at Darjeeling St. Joseph's College. Dr. Chakrabarti's wide-ranging academic and research affiliations include membership in international societies like the International Society for Sustainability and Development (ISDS) in Japan and advisory positions at Tilltoma Foundation, Kolkata. He has significantly contributed to various conferences, associations, and editorial boards while also engaging in insightful columns and articles on socio-economic matters for esteemed platforms like Multidimension and Viento Sur. His research endeavors have taken him to multiple countries, including Singapore, Athens, Greece, Colombo, Sri Lanka, and Bangladesh, where he has presented his findings. Beyond his academic pursuits, Dr. Chakrabarti is an enthusiast of paintings, dramatics, and cricket.

**Dr. Sudash Lama**  
NBU



Dr. Sudash Lama, with an academic background of M.A. and Ph.D., currently holds the position of Associate Professor in the Department of History at the University of North Bengal. A dedicated scholar and educator, Dr. Lama is actively engaged in research and academic leadership. With memberships in esteemed organizations like the Indian History Congress and Paschim Banga Itihas Samsad, Dr. Lama has supervised Ph.D. and M.Phil. students while contributing significantly to research projects. Notably, he has led various editorial roles, including being the Editor in Chief of the UGC-approved journal "Karatoya" and has

undertaken research projects funded by ICSSR and UGC. His administrative accomplishments include heading the Department of History and serving as the Director of NBU AKMH Museum, showcasing his commitment to academic and administrative excellence.

**Dr. Somenath Chakraborty**  
Violinist, Lalgola College



Somnath Chakraborti is an Assistant Professor and Head of the English Department at Lalgola College, Murshidabad, where he has been dedicatedly serving since 2006. With a versatile profile, he has not only excelled in academia but also contributed significantly to the world of arts and music. He has successfully held the position of acting Principal for nine years and has been recognized as a researcher through a UGC-funded Minor Research Project on Swami Vivekananda. As a resource person in UGC-sponsored seminars and a poet featured in the Sahitya Akademy Journal, Indian Literature, he has made a mark in literary circles. Beyond academia, his musical talents shine; trained

under Professor Sisir Kana Dhar Choudhury of Maihar Senia Gharana, he is an accomplished violinist with performances spanning Doordarshan, community halls in Bengal and across India, as well as international stages like the Bonn festival in Germany. His expertise extends to literary criticism, phenomenology, and musical stylistics, with a significant focus on the intersection of music and literature.

**Prof. Debabrata Mitra**  
**Hon'ble Vice Chancellor & Professor, NBU**



Prof. (Dr.) Debabrata Mitra is an accomplished academic leader currently serving as the Vice Chancellor of Dakshin Dinajpur University. With a strong background in Commerce and Management, he has held positions of prominence and responsibility throughout his career. He has served as a Professor in the Department of Commerce at North Bengal University and Sikkim University, with a notable role as the Head of the Department of Commerce at North Bengal University. His administrative contributions extend to being a Member-Coordinator of NAAC Peer Team Visits and the Honorary Director of UGC HRDC, NBU. Prof. Mitra's research prowess is

reflected in his supervision of Ph.D. scholars and successful completion of a UGC-sponsored Major Research Project. He has received numerous awards, including the Gold Medal for Best Business Academic and the Rashtriya Vidya Saraswati Puraskar for his significant contributions to Commerce and Management. His extensive involvement in academic societies, viva voce examinations, and multiple life memberships showcases his dedication to education and research advancement.

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**Prof. Bulbul Dhar James**  
**Professor, JMIU**



Dr. Bulbul Dhar-James is a distinguished academic leader currently serving as the Honorary Director of the Sarojini Naidu Centre for Women's Studies and an Associate Professor in the Department of Political Science at Jamia Millia Islamia. With an impressive academic background, including a Post-Doctoral Fulbright Fellowship in Global Political Economy and a PhD from the University of London as a Commonwealth scholar, she brings a wealth of knowledge to her role. She has been actively engaged in teaching and research, focusing on areas such as Political Science, Human Rights, and Global Political

Economy. Dr. Dhar-James is a member of various academic and professional bodies, including the Fulbright Commission in India and the Association of British Scholars. Her contributions have been recognized with prestigious fellowships and honors, including being a Fulbright Fellow, a Charles Wallace India Trust Fellow, and a Commonwealth Scholar. Her dedication to academia and her role as a Jury Member for significant awards underscore her commitment to advancing education and social issues.

**Dr. Tapan Barui**  
**LIS, NBU**



Dr. Tapan Barui is an accomplished academic professional serving as an Assistant Professor with expertise in Community Information Services (CIS). With a strong academic background including a B.Sc. in Botany (H), MLIS, and M.Phil., Tapan Barui's contributions to the field of information science are remarkable. He is a dedicated life member of various prestigious organizations such as BLA, IASLIC, CGLA, and IBSA. His research interests encompass areas like Information Retrieval, Knowledge Organization, and Reference Services. Tapan Barui has actively engaged in scholarly activities, publishing several articles in esteemed journals and contributing to book chapters that explore topics like Digital Library initiatives and Total Quality Management in libraries. His dedication to the field is evident through his administrative experiences and his knowledge of the French language.

**Prof. Sanjoy Roy**  
**Professor of Sociology, NBU**



Dr. Sanjay Kumar Roy is an accomplished Professor with a profound academic journey and a wealth of expertise in Theoretical Sociology, Urban Sociology, Refugee Studies, and Tribal Studies. With an extensive teaching and research experience spanning over three decades, he has significantly contributed to the field. Holding a Ph.D. from Delhi School of Economics, DU, he has supervised multiple Ph.D. students and authored 53 publications, including articles and books. Dr. Roy's scholarly contributions have earned him numerous awards, including a Gold Medal for First Position in M.A. and prestigious fellowships like the Commonwealth Post-Doctoral Scholarship. He has also held editorial positions for various academic journals and has taken on administrative roles, such as Head of the Department of Sociology and Chairman of Board of U.G. Studies in Sociology. His dedication to the field and his active engagement in research and academic leadership underline his substantial contributions.