

Curriculum Vitae

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6. **Academic Qualification** :

Name of Exam	Board / University	Year of Passing	Subject taken	% of Marks	Class / Division
Madhyamik Pariksha	West Bengal Board of Secondary Education	1980	Bengali, English, Sanskrit, Physical Science, Life Science, History, Geography, Work Education	63.90 %	1 st Division
Higher Secondary	West Bengal Council of Higher Secondary Education	1982	Bengali, English, Physics, Chemistry, Mathematics, Biology	52.30 %	2 nd Division
B.A. Three Years (Honours)	University of North Bengal	1985	Hons. : Economics Pass : Mathematics & Political Science	55.75 %	2 nd Division
M.A.	University of North Bengal	1987	Economics. Special Papers – Econometrics & Agricultural Economics	62.75 %	1 st Class 1 st
M. Phil.	University of North Bengal	1990	Economics	61.20 %	B+
Ph.D	Arunachal University	1999	Economics	---	---

7. Work Experience (in chronological order):

- a) From 10/08/1991 to 26/09/1996 as Lecturer-in-Economics at Govt. College, Bomdila, Arunachal Pradesh.
- b) From 27/09/1996 to 18/09/1997 as Lecturer-in-Economics in Arunachal University, Itanagar.
- c) From 19/09/1997 to 09/08/2000 as Lecturer-in-Economics and subsequently from 10/08/2000 to 31.03.2008 as Reader-in-Economics at Cooch Behar College.
- d) From 01.04.2008 to till date as the Principal of Cooch Behar College, Cooch Behar, West Bengal.

8. Professional Recognition /Award/ Prize/Certificate, Fellows:

- a) Trained Assessor of NAAC since 2012
- b) Visited Colleges of different States as Member Co-ordinator (2 Visits) and as Member (24 Visits) of the NAAC PEER TEAM since 2012
- c) Performed the duty of the Co-ordinator, Netaji Subhash Open University, Cooch Behar College Study Centre, for 3 years from 01-04-1998 to 31-03-2001.
- d) Have been acting as i) Member of the Court, Executive Council, Court, Sports Board, NSS Advisory Board, Development Committee, Library Committee, Examination Committee & High Power Committee of Cooch Behar Panchanan Barma University since 2016.
- e) Have been acting as the Member of the Governing Body of Cooch Behar Engineering College since 2001.
- f) Performed the duty as a member of the Governing Body of Cooch Behar College since 2002 (two consecutive terms).
- g) Performed the duty of the Convener, Academic Sub-Committee of Cooch Behar College since 03-12-1998 (three consecutive terms).
- h) Performed the duty as-
 - i. an elected member to the Executive Council of North Bengal University since 03-08-06. to 17-03-2010
 - ii. an elected member to the Faculty Council for Post Graduate Studies in Arts, Commerce & Law of North Bengal University since 10-08-06.. to 17-03-2010
 - iii. an elected member to the Council for Under Graduate Studies in Arts, Science, Commerce & Law of North Bengal University since 17-07-06. to 17-03-2010
- i) Acted as Hostel Superintendent of Govt. College Bomdila, Arunachal Pradesh for 4 years (from the session 1992-93 to 1995-96)

- j) Performed the duty of the Co-ordinator for Career Oriented Programme in Eco-Tourism Management since 2006-07 sessions to 2010-11 sessions.
- k) Acted as the observer of the Under Graduate Examination of North Bengal University.
- l) Performed the duty of the Head Examiner of Business Economics including Mathematics of H.S. Examination of W.B.C.H.S.E. for 3 years from 1998 to 2000.
- m) Performed the duty of Surprise Inspector of Examination Centers for All India Secondary / Senior School Examination of the C.B.S.E.
- n) Performed the duty of the Joint Convener, UGC National Seminar held on December 11-12, 2004 at Cooch Behar College.
- o) Performed the duty of the Head, Dept. of Economics, Cooch Behar College.

9. Peer Reviewed Publications :

- i. "Continuity and change of Conventional Religion: An Empirical Study of Tribes of Arunachal Pradesh", in Asian Profile, Richmond, B.C.Chanda, Vol.26, No.6, Dec.1998.
- ii. "History of Co-operative Movement in NEFA(1954-72)" in the Proceedings of North East India History Association, 13th Session, Shillong, 1993.
- iii. "Strategy of Modernization of Agriculture in Arunachal Pradesh-Quest for an integrated Development", in (ed) book Agricultural Modernization in Eastern Himalayas-Problems & Prospects, M.C. Behra, Commonwealth Publishers, New Delhi, 1998.
- iv. "Environmental Sustainability of Forest Village: A study of Buxa Tiger Reserve Forest" in the (ed) book Economy and Society of North Bengal, P.K.Debnath & S. Bhattacharjee, Progressive Publishers, Kolkata, 2008.

10. Details of Patents (if any) : NIL

11. Books /Reports/Chapters/ General Articles etc :

- i. "Economy of Arunachal Pradesh"- P.K.Debnath
N.L. Publisher, Siliguri, 2006.
- ii. "Economy and Society of North Bengal"- ed. by P.K.Debnath & Subhashis Bhattacharjee, Progressive Publishers, Kolkata, 2008.

12. Ongoing /completed Projects during the last 5 years :

Title of the Project	Funding Agency	Year of Submission
"Economics Structure of Forest Villages: A Study of Buxa Tiger Reserve Forest"	U.G.C (Minor Research Project)	2006

13. Any other information (Maximum 500 words) :

a) Conducted & submitted a "Survey Report of Backward Villages (09 Nos.) of Cooch Behar District" funded by Uttar Banga Unnayan Parshad, Cooch Behar District Administration, during Dec '07-Jan'08.

b) Topic / Title of the Thesis of M. Phil.

- "An Investigation into some Empirical Aspects of Engel curve Analysis: A Case study of Two villages in the Alipurduar Subdivision"

c) Topic / Title of the Thesis of Ph.D

- "Hill Area Development: A Case study of West Kameng District of Arunachal Pradesh Since 1971"

The above information is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Dr. Pankaj Kumar Debnath, Principal

Date: 24.07.2024

Bio-sketch

Dr. Pankaj Kumar Debnath is a distinguished academician as well as academic administrator and the current Principal of Cooch Behar College, Cooch Behar, West Bengal, India. Dr. Debnath has an extensive academic background, having completed his Madhyamik Pariksha in 1980 and Higher Secondary in 1982, both from the West Bengal Education Boards. He earned his B.A. (Honours) in Economics from the University of North Bengal in 1985, followed by an M.A. in Economics, where he graduated first in his class in 1987. Further enhancing his expertise, he completed his M. Phil. in Economics from the same university in 1990 and earned a Ph.D. in Economics from Arunachal University in 1999.



Dr. Debnath's professional journey began as a Lecturer-in-Economics at Govt. College, Bomdila, Arunachal Pradesh, in 1991. He later served at Arunachal University (presently Rajib Gandhi Central University) and Cooch Behar College, where he was promoted to Reader-in-Economics. Since April 2008, he has been leading Cooch Behar College as Principal. His professional contributions are vast, including serving as a trained NAAC assessor, member of various academic and administrative bodies, and coordinator for multiple programs and committees. He has been also assigned the responsibility of State NAAC mentor of West Bengal. His research and scholarly works include peer-reviewed publications on topics such as Conventional Religion among Tribes in Arunachal Pradesh, the Cooperative Movement in NEFA, and agricultural modernization in Eastern Himalayas. Additionally, he has authored and edited books focusing on the economy of Arunachal Pradesh and North Bengal.

Dr. Debnath has been actively involved in numerous academic projects and has a notable presence in academic and administrative circles. His ongoing commitment to education, research, administration is evident from his participation as resource persons in various national seminars, workshops, and his roles in academic governance and quality assurance. Dr. Debnath can be reached at Pankaj.debnath.econ@gmail.com or +91-9832436849.