

## CURRICULUM VITAE

1. NAME: PROFESSOR GOPA DATTA

2. DATE OF BIRTH: JUNE 20, 1956

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OFFICE: VICE-CHANCELLOR,  
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5. EDUCATION:

Year	Examination/Degree	Board/College/University	Division/Class
1971	HIGHER SECONDARY	BOARD OF SECONDARY EDUCATION, WEST BENGAL	FIRST DIVISION
1974	B.A (HONS.) IN BENGALI	CALCUTTA UNIVERSITY  (PRESIDENCY COLLEGE, CALCUTTA )	STOOD FIRST AMONG ALL THE BENGALI (HONS) STUDENTS OF C.U.  SECOND CLASS
1977	M.A. IN BENGALI	JADAVPUR UNIVERSITY	STOOD FIRST IN FIRST CLASS

## 6. MEDALS & PRIZES

1974- From University of Calcutta for standing First in Bengali Honours:

- 1) Santamoyee Memorial Gold Medal
- 2) Ksheroda Sundari Silver Medal
- 3) Santirani Basuraychaudhuri Silver Medal
- 4) Saradasundari Gupta Silver Medal
- 5) Surendra-Nalini Silver Medal

1973- From Presidency College

- 1) A.S.M. Silver Medal as Best Student in Bengali Honours in Part (Arts) Examination
- 2) Prize money for purchasing books.

7. Ph. D. DEGREE: 1990- Ph.D. in Bengali Literature, Jadavpur University  
Thesis Title: Purabi'r Pandulipi Path: Kabita O Chhabi

## 8. EMPLOYMENT:

YEAR	POST HELD	COLLEGE / ACADEMIC INSTITUTION / UNIVERSITY
1979 - 1986	LECTURER (IN BENGALI), WEST BENGAL EDUCATION SERVICE	LADY BRABOURNE COLLEGE, KOLKATA.
1986- 1992	ASSISTANT PROFESSOR (IN BENGALI), WEST BENGAL EDUCATION SERVICE	SAME COLLEGE
1992- 1996	READER (IN BENGALI), WEST BENGAL EDUCATION SERVICE	SAME COLLEGE

1996-1998	PROFESSOR (IN BENGALI), WEST BENGAL SENIOR EDUCATION SERVICE  & HEAD, DEPARTMENT OF BENGALI	LADY BRABOURNE COLLEGE, KOLKATA
1998-2004	PRINCIPAL	LADY BRABOURNE COLLEGE, GOVT. OF WEST BENGAL, KOLKATA
2004-2009	PRESIDENT	WEST BENGAL COUNCIL OF HIGHER SECONDARY EDUCATION
June 2009	VICE-CHANCELLOR	UNIVERSITY OF GOUR BANGA, MALDA

9. TEACHING EXPERIENCE:

- i) Taught Bengali Literature in H.S. and Undergraduate (Hons.) classes at Lady Brabourne College, Kolkata from 1979 to 2004.
- ii) Taught Bengali literature in Post-Graduate classes at Jadavpur University, Kolkata, for 3 years.
- iii) Taught Post-Graduate courses in Bengali as guest teacher at Calcutta University from 2004 to 2008.

10. RESPONSIBILITIES:

- a) Academic responsibilities :
  - i) Paper setter, Moderator & Examiner of B.A. and M.A. examinations of Calcutta, Jadavpur and other Universities.
  - iii) Examiner of Ph.D and M.Phil dissertations of Jadavpur University, Calcutta University.
  - iv) Project evaluator of U.G.C. ( Eastern Region ).

b) Administrative and other responsibilities:

i) 1996- 1998: Head, Department of Bengali, Lady Brabourne College, Kolkata.

ii) 1998- 2004: Principal, Lady Brabourne College , Kolkata

Shouldered as Principal of a more than 60 year old college the responsibility of preserving the standard of the college at a height where it stood and improving further the scope and visibility of the college to the outside world. Improved to a great extent the hostel facility in the girls' hostel of the college accommodating more than 200 girl students.

During the tenure as Principal two new undergraduate courses in Statistics and Microbiology, and for the first time a Post-graduate course in Geography were introduced in the college. A number of research projects, minor and major, were brought to the college from UGC and other funding agencies. Organized many national seminars and workshops on topics relevant to the teaching programme of the college. Career counseling and placement services were also started in the college.

iii) Member, Education Commission, Govt. of West Bengal, 2001 which was chaired by Prof. Ranju Gopal Mukherjee.

iv) Government representative in selection committees for the career advancement of Lecturers and Readers in the colleges of West Bengal.

v) Government representative in selection committees of Public Service Commission for the appointment of Lecturers.

vi) Member, Standing Committees of C.U. and J.U., 2004-2009.

vii) 2004- June 2009: President, West Bengal Council of Higher Secondary Education.

During this tenure the Higher Secondary Council introduced the reformed syllabus and modernized the examination system. The course structure as well as the final H.S. examination was split into two parts – one part for class XI and the other for Class XII - reducing the load and stress on the students at the same time maintaining the standard and credibility of the curriculum unaltered

and undiluted. Changed question structure was introduced. Major modification of the H.S. examination system was made through the introduction of the letter grade system for the evaluation of the achievement level of a student.

viii) 2009-June: Vice-Chancellor, University of Gour Banga

Assumed charge as the Vice-Chancellor of the Gour Banga University.

#### 11. ACADEMIC ACTIVITIES:

- a) Author of more than 60 articles in Bengali published in Books, Journals of Calcutta University and Jadavpur University, Little Magazines and Literary Serials. (See list of publications.)
- b) Reviewed books and writings of various renowned authors in different Bengali journals.(See selected list of publications)
- c) Taught in refresher courses organized by Calcutta University, Jadavpur University , Burdwan University. Some of the topics discussed were:
  - i) Chokher Bali , Ghare Baire – Chalachitrayan
  - ii) Unabinsha Shatabdir Mahilader Atmakatha
  - iii) Bangla Sahityer Nayika Charitra- Bankim, Rabindranath O Saratchandra.
  - iv) Rokeya Sakhawat Hossain- Tnar Sahitya O Samajseva.
  - v) Oitihasic Romance.
  - vi) Bangla Kathasahitya: Lekhikader Drishtikon.
- d) Delivered invited lectures many times at conferences, seminars and Orientation Programmes organized by the Visva Bharati University, Jadavpur University; Departments of Bengali, Philosophy & Education of Calcutta University; Sahitya Academy, Bangla Academy. Also took part in the discussion sessions in Vidyasagar Mela and delivered lecture. Some of the topics discussed were:
  - i) Swadhinata uttar Bangla Prabandha Sahitya..
  - ii) Restructuring of undergraduate studies.
  - iii) Samayer Chhabi Achintya Kumar Sengupta.
  - iv) Rokeya – Unish Shataker Ek Ananya Jatak.
  - v) Rabindranather Srishta Naree Charitra.

- vi) Kalantarar Pathe Meyera.
  - vii) Saratchandra- Ekti Punarbeekshan.
  - viii) Satinath Bhaduri and his work
  - ix) Condition of women reflected in the autobiographies of nineteenth century.
  - x) Leela Majumdar and her work.
  - xi) Contribution of Ashapura Devi in childrens' literature.
  - xii) Main female characters of Ashapura in the perspective of their time.
  - xiii) Subodh Ghosh and his work.
- e) Participated actively in the discussions of the “National Curriculum Framework 2005” workshop organized by NCERT and NIEPA in New Delhi in 2005. Also took part in the deliberations on “Life Skill Education” organized by COBSE in Kolkata and deliberations by “Knowledge Commission”, Government of India

## 12. TOPICS OF CURRENT INTEREST:

- i) Actively interested in the improvement of education with particular emphasis on reducing the stress factor on the young minds through reforms in examination and in curriculum.
- i) Recent trends in form and content of Bengali short stories and novels in the backdrop of changing socio economic and cultural scenario in comparison with the world literature.
- ii) Condition of women in nineteenth and twentieth century as reflected in the autobiographies of women and other writings in Bengali literature.

## 13. OTHER INTERESTS:

Have commitment towards women's socio-economic problems and took part in various discussions held on it in different forums and NGO's.

Have intense love for music and paintings.

14. MEMBERSHIP OF PROFESSIONAL BODIES:

Member of many literary societies and associated with many social organizations and women study centers.

15. PUBLICATIONS:

**Published Books**

1. Galpo Upanyaser Path Prasanga, January, 2006; Publisher: ABAVASH
2. Kathar Alinde, January, 2006; Publisher: Ebong Mushayera

**Published Articles:**

1. Smrititarpan- Dr. Devipada Bhattacharya; 'Rabindrabhavana', 136-141, May 1989.
2. Ekti Bideshi Aynay Dui Mejajee Kabi; 'Pramanya Bishnu De', April 1990.
3. Rabindranath Tarun Prajanmer Chokhe; 'Jugantar Patrika', May 1990.
4. Lila Majumdar- satya O Swapner Aat Dashak; 'Jugantar Patrika', July 1990.
5. Matribhasha: Astitwer Sankat?; 'Pa Patrika', 9-26, 1992.
6. Rabindra Chitrakala: Rekha Bibhor Ek Pandulipi; 'Pa Patrika', 78-91, October 1993.
7. Prasanga : Sita Devi; 'E Jug O Amader Katha', 42-43, 1993.
8. Ashapura Devi: Purnatar Sandhane Ekti Sahitya Jiban; 'Shikha Patrika', 18-23, October 1995.
9. Duti Deerga Kabita: Rabindranather Parthiba Anudhyaner Patbadal; 'Chitrak', 19-24, April 1997.
10. Ekhon Little Magazine; 'Abyay', 69-76, January, 1998.
11. Ascharya Sei Golper Baksa, 'Sandesh', 96-100, April 1998.
12. Tarashankarer Swadesh Bhavna: Upanyaser Canvase; 'Anweeksha', 9-16, 1998.
13. Gour Bairageer Galpo; 'Abyay', 71-74, July, 1998.
14. Jyotirmoyee Devi : Tar Adhunikata ; 'Prama', Sharadiya, 167-171, 1999.
15. "Prithibeer Rup Khunjite Jai Naa Aar"; 'Shikha', Boimela Sankhya, 41-45, 1999.

16. Jeebananander Kalyanee: Bidroha Athaba Bedana; 'Anweeksha',33-37, 1999.
17. Ajitesh Bandyopadhyay-er Moulik Natak : Kichu Bhavana ; 'Pa Patrika', 90-101, January- June, 1999.
18. Nareeshiksha: Ekti Chalchitra; 'Brabourne College Patrika',Diamond Jubilee Number, 48-52, 1999.
19. Sharadindu Bandyopadhyay-er Chhotogalper Jagat; 'Bangla Bibhagiya Patrika', Jadavpur University, 47-62, 1999-2000.
20. Bismrita Lekhika Bela Devi Prasange; 'Abyay', January, 2000.
21. Sharadindu-r Srishtilok: Itihasashrayee Upanyas; 'Prama', 43-48, June, 2000.
22. Nareer Mulyer Saratchandra: Anya Ek Mukh; 'Korak', Sharad Sankhya, 136-144, 2001.
23. Ekjon Pray Bismrita Galpakar: Mite Mitiner Shailajananda; 'Riti' Shailajananda Sankhya, 47-53, 2001.
24. Anya Dharar Galpakar : Ashish Ghosh and Sajal Dasgupta; 'Abyay', 80-84, January 2002.
25. Rokeya Sakhawat Hussain; 'Utsa Manush', 44-47, 2001.
26. Chhotogalper Nazrul Islam; 'Jigynasa', Nazrul Bishesh Sankhya, 215-222, 2002.
27. Holdey Pakhir Palak: Satya Aar Swapner Puran-Katha; 'Korak', Leela Majumder Sankhya, 39-46, 2002.
28. Rokeya Smarak Baktrita; Pustika, Vishwakosh Parishad, 1-8, 2002.
29. Chhak Bhanga Galpakar: Subrata Sengupta; 'Ebong Mushayera', Galpa O Galpakar, Bishesh Sankhya, 310-318, 2002.
30. Saratchandra: Ekti Punarbeekshan; 'Chatushkon', Sharadiya, 251-264, 2002.
31. Bamuner Meye: Dwidha Muktir Upekshita Itihash; 'Bingsha Shatabdir Samaj Bibartan: Bangla Upanyas', 38-49, 2002.
32. Urukku: Bipannatar Barnamala, Pratibader Aakhar; 'Parikatha', Samaj O Samay, Bangladesh Sankhya, 218-230, 2002.
33. Shibramer Manik Jor; 'Korak', Shibram Shatabarshikee Sankhya, 23-34, 2003.
34. Charitrabaner Jashogatha: Saratchandrer Charitroheen, 'Ebong Mushayera', Sharadiyo, 18-27, 2003.
35. Bangla Bhasha Shiksha: Bipannata O Bishad, 'Akashdeep', 47-49, April 2003.

36. Achintya Kumar Sengupta: Kayekti Golper Darpane; in the book 'Chotogalpo Bikash, ,Parinati O Upalabdh', Ed. Ujjwal Kumar Majumdar, 153-165, August 2003.
37. Jagadish Gupter Jyotirmoyee; Shubhasree', 71-81, 2004.
38. Chalochitrer Saratchandra; 'MileMishe' , 90-92, 2004.
39. Jibaner Nivrita Kuhak: Kabitar Nirmiti; 'Parikatha' , 227-233, May 2004.
40. Rabindra Upanyaser Chalachitrayan:Ghare Baire O Chokher Bali'; Banga Bhasha Sahitya Bibhag, C.U.,145-157,August 2004.
- 41.Sadh O Sadhyer Dwandapate Narendranath Mitrer Upanyaser Nayikara; 'Shubhasree',172-181,2005.
42. Rama Ghosher Kabita: Matir Meye, Kalaser Mati Aar Matir Kalas; 'Ebong Mushayera', 268-275, 2005.
43. Kalantarer Pathe Meyera; 'Bangla Sahitya Patrika', University of Calcutta, Bengali Department, Vol. 14, 195-205, 2005.
44. Bishadbriksha: Ekti Bishanna Bratakathar Pathadukhha; 'Parikatha', January 2006.
45. Panchatantrer Punarnirman; 'Tirpurni', 122-128, January 2006.
46. Bazar O Samparker Tanaporen; 'Parikatha', 256-262, May 2006.
47. Soneter Madhusudan; 'Granthi' , 161-172, May 2006.
48. Subrata Neogy'r Galper bhuban; 'Ebong Mushayera', Special Issue, 24-32, July-September 2006.
49. Bisarjan O Pratistha: Bankim Upannyaser Kayekjan Meye; 'Ebong Mushayera', Upannyas Issue, 9- 25,July-September 2009.
50. Ekti Mridu Narikanther Swatantrya; 'Mile Mishe', Sharadiya, 83-93, 2006.
51. Vishnu Sharma Haite Malashree : Dhrupad Theke Kathakata; 'Banglar Mukh'- Utshab Issue, 167-175, October 2006.
52. Dukhe Keora Ubacha; 'Ebong Mushayera', Special Upannyas Issue, 143-153, July-September 2007.
53. Chilekotha'r Sepoy Ebong Khijir, Chengtura; 'Shubhasree', 91-108, 2006-2007.
54. Bhinna Padabali; Bhumika – Tar Paharer Padabali by Mihir Sengupta, 9-17, 2007.
55. Bibhutibhushan Mukhopadhyayer Galper Duranta Barnalee;'Padakshep'; Chotogalpa Issue, 23-38, December 2007.
56. Uccha Madhyamiker Sampratik Paribartan Samuha, 'Siksha Darpan' published by Govt.of W.B., 2007.

57. Leela Majumdarer chhotora O Barora; 'Bangla Bibhageeya Patrika', Jadavpur University, Vol.18, 61-76, 2007-2008.
58. Pitripurush: Shikar Aar Danar Upakhyan; 'Shubhasree', Kabir Kathasahitya, 126-139, 2007-2008.
59. Subarnalata O Aaro Kayekjan; 'Ebong Ei Samay', Ashapurna Devi Centenary Issue, Ed. Arun Bandyopadhyay, 1-17, 2008.
60. 'Chhotoder Ashapurna'; Satabarser Aloy Ashapurna, Department of Bengali, Calcutta University, Ed. Chhanda Roy, 106-119, January 2009.
61. 'Satyabatee O tar Samay'; 'Shiksha O Sahitya' – Teachers' Journal, ABTA, 246-250, March 2009.
62. Sadharaner Subodh Ghosh, Banglar Mukh (to be published).
63. Satinath Bhadurir Chitragupter File, 'Shubhasree', (to be published).
64. Annya Ek Parankatha; 'PARABAS' Internet Journal, (to be published).
65. Mahabbatnagarer Meyera Ebong Jamila; 'Ebong Mushayera' 'Lal Salu', Special Issue, (to be published).
66. Chhak Bhanga Ekjan: Subarnalatar Jagubattakur; Subarna Jayanti Sankalan, Bengali Department, Jadavpur University (to be published)

**Book Reviews :**

1. Abahaman Bangla Kabita- Pratham Parba; 'Aajkal', May 1990.
2. Akshay Malberry –Pratham Parba; 'Chittrak', 13-16, 1997.
3. Aalaap Theke Bistar: Alpana Roy; Bangla Boi, Paschimbanga Bangla Academy, November, 1999.
4. Abahaman Bangla Kabita- Dwitiya Parba; 'Chittrak', November, 2000.
5. Jashodhara Roychowdhury-r Kabita; 'Parikatha', December, 2000.
6. Kompanir Shasane Bangla Gadyer hanti hanti Pa Pa; AnandaBazar Patrika, 2nd June, 2001.
7. Jinkgol O Anyanya; 'Abyay', 73-76, January 2004.
8. Madhyabitter Jibanpat- Suchitra Bhattacharyer Dashti Upanyas; 'Desh', 97-98, March 2004.
9. Meyeder Lekhalekhi: Tatparyapurna Ekti Boi; 'Newsletter', School of Women Studies, 32-34, November 2004.
10. Dhulomatir Romantikata- Bani Basu r Dashti Upanyas; 'Desh', 95-98, January 2006.

### **Short Stories**

1. Kharid; 'Pa Patrika', 51-59, July 1989.
2. Ashray; 'Jugantar Patrika', December 1990.