

A short profile of Dr. Nita Mitra



Designation

- Associate Professor in Geography, Siliguri B.Ed. College
- Visiting Faculty, Dept of Education, University of North Bengal

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Area of specialization

- Geography,
- Method of teaching Geography,
- Education, Guidance and Counselling
- Teacher Education
- Psychology (Special paper: Counselling)

Present area of interest other than teaching

- Research guidance and independent research in the Interdisciplinary/Multidisciplinary areas of Teacher Education, Psychology, Urbanization and Social Change
- Counselling of school going children and adolescents
- Organizing Children's Science Congress for inculcating Science awareness
- Providing Remedial Education to Less Advantaged Children

Educational qualification

- Ph.D. (Geography); Ph.D.(Education)
- B.A. (Hons in Geography, Gold Medallist) .M.A.(*Geography*; Gold Medallist), M.A.(*Education*), M.Ed., M.A. (*Distance Education*), M.A. (*Psychology; Special paper- Counselling*)
- P.G.D.D.E., B.Ed.

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Research experience

- Ph.D. Research Supervisor (Joint) under Baba Saheb Ambedkar Education University(BSAEU), Kolkata, (erstwhile WBUTTEPA)
- M.A. (Education) dissertation supervisor (IGNOU)
- Ph.D. in Geography
- Ph.D. in Education
- Research on Innovations in Teaching appreciated by the NCERT (1997-98)
- Minor Research Grant from the UGC (Received in 2003, Project for 2 years)
- A Project sponsored by Sarva Shiksha Mission, District Project Office, Siliguri (2005-07)
- Minor Research Grant from the UGC (Received in 2008, Project for 2 years)
- Minor Research Grant from the ICSSR (Received in January, 2018 for 1 year)

Publications (Geography, Education and Geography Education)

- Geography: Ten
- Education and Geography Education: Twenty four (in Journal), Seventeen (Edited book chapter)
- Other publications of common interest: Twenty three.
- Edited books: Eight (Published); Two (in Press)

Experience in organizing workshop/seminar etc.

- *UGC Sponsored seminar (two)*
- *DST (West Bengal) Sponsored workshop (one)*
- *Webinars (ten)*

Teaching career

- Barlow Girls' High School, Malda, West Bengal(1990-1999)
- Govt. Teachers' Training College, Malda, West Bengal (1996-1999): As a part-timer(Govt. approved)
- Sliguri B.Ed. College: B.Ed. (Full Time- from1999, continuing:), B.Ed. (Distance Mode (IGNOU,NSOU) - from 2010 to 2014
- D.El.Ed.(Distance Mode-NSOU)-from 2013 to 2015
- Sliguri College Study Centre, NSOU: M.A. in Education (Distance mode)-from 2011 to 2017
- Visiting Faculty, Department of Education, University of North Bengal, from 18 April 2023

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Recognition and award

- Obtained Gold Medal and Jawaharlal Nehru Award (for securing the first position with first class in the University Examination of B.A. (Hons. In Geography).
- Obtained Gold Medal (for securing the first position with first class in the University Examination of M.A. (Geography).
- Awarded in All India Competition (1997-1998) of innovative experiments and practices in school education organized by NCERT
- Obtained Bharat Jyoti Award, Gold Medal and Distinction from the Delhi-based NGO, India International Friendship Society on 26 March 2014.
- Obtained Glory of India Gold Medal from International Institute of Success Awareness on 26 March 2022.
- Obtained Lifetime Achievement Award from International Benevolent Research Foundation (IBRF), Kolkata, on 05 September, 2021
- Obtained Global India Excellence Achievement Award 2021 from Bharat Rattan Publishing House.
- Obtained Bharat Siksha Awards 2023 for Outstanding contribution in Teaching & Learning on the 5th September, 2023, Teacher's Day from WBR Media and Publishing OPC Private Ltd
- Obtained "Author of the Year Award-2023" presented by AUTHOR OF THE YEAR: RECORD BOOK (An ISO 9001:2015 Certified). ISBN-978-81-960056-9-6

Membership of academic associations

- Full-member, National Academy of Psychology (NAOP)
- Coordinator, Find_Mind (a unit of ALLR for Psychological Research and Counselling)
- Life member, and acted as judge for last 10 years of *Bagiyo Bhugol Manch*
- Life member, *All India Association for Science Teachers*
- District Coordinator for National Children's Science Congress (NCSC), *Siliguri Mahakuma Parishad Educational District*, under the coordination of SCF, Kolkata
- Vice-President, *Association for Liberal Learning and Research (ALLR)*
- A Member of CKNKH Foundation Author Committee for the session 2023-2024
- Member, Alumni Association, North Bengal University.

Involvement with academic bodies

- Member, Board of Studies (BoS) for the UG Programme of the Department of Education, Salesian College (Autonomous), Siliguri, West Bengal.
- The Ambassador of "View of Darjeeling", CKNKH Foundation
- Former Member, Under Graduate Board of Studies (Education) of the University of North Bengal
- Former Member, Under Graduate Board of Studies (Psychology) of the University of North Bengal
- Former Coordinator, Examination Co-ordination centre (Siliguri B.Ed. College), Baba Saheb Ambedkar Education University (BSAEU), Kolkata, (erstwhile WBUTTEPA)

Important roles played in academic institutions

- Acted as moderator, resource person, and key-note speaker in national and international webinars.
- Occupied the chair of chief guest on the graduate day (convocation) of Salesian College, Siliguri Campus, West Bengal on 8 June 2022 and delivered a lecture on *Career planning in the 21st century*.
- Delivered a lecture on Career Counselling entitled '*Education in 21st century needs another paradigm shift: a look through the window of some local issues*' on 16 January 2023 at Surya Sen College.
- Acted as a Judge and the Chief guest in the Science cum Social Science Exhibition Organised by DAV School, Siliguri, on 22 October 2023.
- Occupied the chair of chief guest on the Foundation day of Kalyan Asram, Siliguri Campus, West Bengal on 29 January 2023 and delivered a lecture on *Gaidinliu- Daughter of the Hills*.
- Acted as a chairperson and delivered a lecture on *Perceived Returns for Higher Education: A Case Study with XII Students in Siliguri* in an International Seminar on *Emerging Trends in Indian Education and Culture* organised by Siliguri B.Ed. College, West Bengal on 28 April, 2023.
- Acted as the chairperson in the National Conference on *Digital Learning and Transformation in Education :Problems and Prospects* organised by Vidyasagar College of Education, West Bengal on 20 May 2023 and delivered a lecture on *Digital Divide and Education for All: Conceptual Analysis for Typically Indian Less Privileged Children*
- Delivered a lecture on *Access and Quality of education* in a Seminar organised by Siliguri Primary Teachers' Training College and Terai B.Ed. College on *Access Quality and Teaching Proficiency* on 22 May 2023
- Delivered a lecture on 'Impact of Psychology in Career Choice for adolescents' on 8 June 2023 in a seminar organised by Siliguri Mahila Vidyalaya, West Bengal.
- Acted as the Chairperson for the Fortieth Expert Lecture of Prof.R.G.Kothari Lecture Series on "Research Proposal and Report Writing" delivered (online) by Dr. Savita Mishra on the 28th September 2024.
- Acted as a resource person for the seminar entitled "Impact of National Education Policy 2020 on Inclusive Education" during 3rd to 5th November, 2023, organized by West Bengal Handicapped Rehabilitation Society.
- Delivered an interactive speech (online) on "Stress Management" in a State Level Seminar organized by *Institute of Education for Women*, Hastings House, Kolkata, on the 5th January 2024.
- Advisor of Organising Committee for the National Seminar on "Population. Development and Environmental Challenges" to be held on 24 & 25 February, 2024 being organized by Bangiyol Bhugol Mancha.