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Positions held

- ♣ Research Associate, National Institute of Small Industry Extension Training (GOI), Hyderabad
- ♣ Research Officer/Asst. Director, Raja Rammohun Roy Library Foundation (GOI), Kolkata
- ♣ Librarian, S N Bose National Centre for Basic Sciences, (GOI), Kolkata
- ♣ Librarian, Indian Institute of Science Education & Research, Kolkata (GOI), Kolkata
- ♣ University Librarian, National University of Juridical Sciences, Kolkata
- ♣ University Librarian, Visva-Bhartai Central University, Santiniketan (GOI)

[Programme-in-Charge, MLIS, BLIS, PGDLAN, CICTAL programmes, Indira Gandhi National Open University at Kolkata (1995-2007)]

Qualifications

- M. A. (Economics)
- MLIS (Master in Library and Information Science)
- Ph. D. (Library and Information Science)

Publications

Books

1. Public Libraries in India: Development and Finance. Vikas, New Delhi, 1997
2. Public Library Development in Developing Countries: Trends and Prospects, (co-edited), Vikas, New Delhi, 1996

Papers

Economics

1. New Indicators of Development - Analysis of India's PQLI, Productivity, 1982, 22(44), 97- 104. [award winning paper]
2. The Concept of Backwardness-Shift in Foci, The Economic Times, August 20, 1997
3. The Railway Budgets- A Study in Real Terms, Monthly Commentary on Indian Economic Conditions, January 1984.
4. Trends in Indian Exports, SENDOC Bulletin II (Economics & Development), 1983, 11(11), 603-623 & 11(12), 656-671.
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2. Public Library Financing- Analysis of Raja Rammohun Roy Library Foundation Schemes of Assistance, Herald of Library Science , 1999, 38(1-2), 27-39
3. Computerisation of Public Libraries in India: A Study. Seminar on the Role of Public Libraries in India in the Age of Rapid Growth in Information Technology, New Delhi, 16 Feb. 2001.
4. Scientific Communication in Public Library Systems, 7th Annual Convention of Society for Information Science, Calcutta, 18-20 January, 1988
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8. Emerging Challenges in Academic Librarianship; V. K. Thomas, Chitra Satpathi, J. N. Satpathi, Academic Librarian 2: Singing in the Rain Conference towards Future Possibilities, PaoYue-kong Library of The Hong Kong Polytechnic University in conjunction with University Library System of The Chinese University of Hong Kong 11-12 March 2010, Hong Kong SAR, China.
9. Emerging Challenges in Academic Librarianship & Role of Library Associations in Professional Updating, V. K. Thomas, Chitra Satpathi, J. N. Satpathi, Library Management, 2010, 31(7)
10. Abhijit Dasgupta, IACS, Kolkata and V. K. Thomas, NUJS, Kolkata, Sematic Web Technology: A Key for Effective Knowledge Management: A Case Study on Facets of Law, 12th International ISKO Conference on Categories, Relations and Contexts in Knowledge Organisation, University of Mysore, Mysore, 6-9 August 2012
11. Copyright Laws in India and its Application in Electronic Environment in National Workshop on Intellectual Property Rights with reference to Patents and Copyrights, DLIS, Mizoram University, Aizawl, 27- 28 August 2012.
12. Efficient Use of Electronic Resources: Present & Future, Key Note Address, National Seminar on Efficient Use of Electronic Resources: Present & Future, Narula Institute of Technology, Kolkata, 11 July 2011.
13. Public Library: The People's University- its Future Role, Public Library Support Services, Govt of WB, for Learners of NSOU, Kolkata, 6 June 2014.

Education

1. Possibilities through Open Learning: Experience at MLIS Programme of IGNOU. Local Level Seminar on Educational Reforms: Issues of Priority, Kolkata, 24 Feb. 2001.
2. Teaching of Library and Information Science through Distance Mode, Indian Journal of Open Learning, 1999, 8(2), 171-186 (Joint authorship)
3. Seminar Component as a Change Agent- Experience of IGNOU MLIS (Presented at ICDE Asian Regional Conference, New Delhi, 3-5 Nov. 2000) (Joint authorship).

Also many articles of socio-cultural nature and book reviews