

Curriculum Vitae

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Current status: Assistant Professor in English at Birapra College, affiliated to the University of North Bengal and located in the district of Alipurduar, since 1st September 2015.

Education:	EXAMINATION	INSTITUTION	PERFORMANCE
2005	Master of Arts Final Examination (English Literature)	Department of English, Jadavpur University	1 st class (70.7%)
2003	Bachelor of Arts Final Examination (English Literature)	Department of English, Jadavpur University	1 st class (61.7%)
2000	West Bengal Higher Secondary Examination	Ramakrishna Mission, Residential College, Narendrapur	1 st division (71%)
1998	School Certificate Examination	Patha Bhavana, Visva-Bharati	1 st division (85.5%)

2020: Awarded Doctor of Philosophy (Arts) by Jadavpur University, for my thesis on the role of Calcutta's Anglo-Indian community in the early history of hockey in India, on January 21, 2020.

Cleared the UGC-NET for lectureship in English in June 2005.

Professional

Experience:

2014-16 Was guest lecturer in the Editing and Publishing Course in 2013-14, 2014-15 and 2015-16 conducted by the School of Cultural Texts and Records at Jadavpur University.

2014-15 Was Guest Lecturer at Ananda Mohan College in Kolkata, teaching English (Honours) to first- and second-year students.

2012-13 Worked as a project fellow on Early Bengali Books under Dr Abhijit Gupta of the Department of English, Jadavpur University.

2008-12 Worked as a sports journalist in *Hindustan Times*. My regular beat was cricket, but I also wrote on hockey, rugby and football.

2005-08 Worked in the editorial team of *The Telegraph*. My responsibilities included coordinating with reporters, editing their stories and working on page layout.

2000-01 Worked for a few months as a freelance reporter contributing brief news-articles to *The Telegraph*, *The Times of India* and *The Statesman*.

Research

Experience:

2015 As part of my doctoral research, I spent forty days in Lausanne, Switzerland, in May-June 2015 looking through the archives at the Olympic Studies Centre (OSC) and the International hockey federation (FIH). This was followed by two months in the UK in July-August 2015 for library and archival work in the British Library, the University of East London and The Hockey Museum.

Professional

Skills: Good grasp of English, ability to carry out independent research and work under tight deadlines.

Other: Attended an orientation course in “Bibliography, Printing Practices and Editorial Methods” conducted by the School of Cultural Texts and Records, Jadavpur University in 2005.

Select list of

Publications:

2024 Nikhilesh Bhattacharya, “Priests, Bearers, Schoolboys, Sailors: Pioneering Indian Field Hockey Players from Bengal in the 1890s,” *The International Journal of the History of Sport*, 1–21. (doi:10.1080/09523367.2024.2430684)

2021 Nikhilesh Bhattacharya, “A City and a Sport: Hockey in Calcutta,” in *Sports Studies in India: Expanding the Field*, eds Padma Prakash, Meena Gopal, and Sujata Patel (Delhi: Oxford University Press, 2021), 175-89.

2016 Nikhilesh Bhattacharya, “Reclaiming History from Personal Memory,” in *Equal-News*, 3.3 (May 2016), 9-11.

2016 Nikhilesh Bhattacharya, “Where the English Refused to Tread: India’s Role in Establishing Hockey as an Olympic Summer Sport” (Final report submitted to the IOC Olympic Studies Centre in the framework of the 2015 PhD Students Research Grant Programme), published in Rero.doc, the online library of the Olympic Studies Centre. <http://doc.rero.ch/record/259007>

2015 *Astracharcha* (The collected writings of Indian freedom fighter Pulin Behari Das on indigenous martial arts). Eds. Deeptanil Ray and Nikhilesh Bhattacharya. Kolkata: Jadavpur University Press, 2015.

2013 Nikhilesh Bhattacharya, “Review of Bhiwani Junction: The Untold Story of Boxing in India,” by Shamy Dasgupta. *The International Journal of the History of Sport*, (Jan. 2013). DOI:10.1080/09523367.2012.751231.

2013 Nikhilesh Bhattacharya, “Sport and the ‘Nation’: Heterogeneous Perspectives”, review of *People at Play: Sport, Culture and Nationalism*, edited Amitava Chatterjee. *Sephis e-magazine*, 9.3 (July 2013): 40-43. [\(10\) \(PDF\) JULY'13 \(17.7\)-update | Henry Kah - Academia.edu](#)

2012 Nikhilesh Bhattacharya, “Sukumar Ray: The History of a Humorous Man”, published in *The Crazy Tales of Pagla Dashu and Co.*, 147-187. Gurgaon: Hachette India, 2012.

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2012 Nikhilesh Bhattacharya, “India’s Olympic program Under Spotlight Again”, a review of India’s performance in the 2012 London Olympics published in the India Ink blog of the *New York Times*.

2012-13 My articles published in the *Mint* newspapers can be found on the link: <https://www.livemint.com/Search/Link/Author/Nikhilesh%20Bhattacharya>

Extra-curricular

Activities:

2000-15 Worked in a voluntary organisation, Foundation for Economic Rehabilitation of Rural Youth (FERRY), which runs free vocational courses for economically deprived young men and women of rural Bengal.

Other interests:

Playing and watching sport; reading books.