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Publications

Books :

1. Glimpses of tribal life in North-East India (Jointly with P.K. Bhowmick)
2. Sparks from Bidisha, Vol one, Tribal Development.
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- 2005 Tribal Welfare Administration And Development in Orissa (in Deepak Kumar Behera and Georg Pfeffer Ed. Contemporary Society: Tribal Studies, Vol. VI, Tribal Situation in India), Concept Publishing Company, New Delhi).
- 2006 In Search of a Strategy for Sustainable Development (Research Report submitted to University Grants Commission).
- 2007-09 Ethnographic profiles of some Scheduled tribe of Andhra Pradesh
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Directed Research (Doctoral)

- a. Binjhal – A Royal Tribe of Orissa: A study of their Traditional System: 1982.
- b. Ethnicity and social Interactions among Christians: Data from Brajarajnagar and Sambalpur Towns, 1985
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