Brief Bio

Name: Rangan Datta

Qualification: BCom (H), MBM (Marketing)

Designation: Guest Faculty

Blog: www.rangandatta.wordpress.com

Academics and teaching:

• A graduate from St. Xavier's College, Kolkata and a post graduate from Calcutta University

• Two decades of management teaching experience in various management and engineering colleges as a visiting faculty

Publications (Print):

- Contributed six articles in the book **Dictionary of Historical Places, Bengal, 1757 1947** edited by **Prof. Ranjan Chakrabari** (Presently VC of Vidyasagar University)
- An article on Synagogues of Mumbai published in Forbes India Magazine in Oct 2020
- Columnist at the Kolkata Darshan column of Bhraman (top Bengali travel magazine)
- A regular contributor in leading news papers of Kolkata including The Telegraph, The Statesman and Hindusthan Times
- A regular contributor in inflight magazines like Vistara, Jet Wings and Spice Route
- Contributed six photos in the book India in World Economy by Prof. Tirthankar Roy of London School of Economics

Publication (online):

- A regular blogger since 2011 and blog contains 350 + posts and ranked amongst India's Top Travel Bloggers
- A regular contributor in Wikipedia, along with Wikimedia Commons and Wikivoyage

Seminars and Workshops:

- Spoke at an International Seminar on Heritage Tourism in West Bengal co hosted by the Ministry of External Affairs, Government of India and Institute of Social and Cultural Study (ISCS)
- Spoke on Kolkata's Open Space at Festival of Places in New Delhi
- Spoke on Sustainable **Development through Heritage Tourism** at Department of Travel & Tourism Management, **Amity University**, **Kolkata**
- Spoke on **Minority Communities of Kolkata** at the History Department, **Loreto** College
- Was a speaker in the discussion Bhroman Rasik Bangali in Apeejay Bangla Sahitya Utsab in 2017
- Conducted regular photowalks and workshops for Wikipedia

Recognition:

- Blog mentioned in the reference section of the best selling travel guide Lonely Planet
- Featured in the travel blogger review by Ei Samay (Bengali newspaper of TOI group)
- Interviewed by The Times of India and The Telegraph
- Appreciated by the bestselling authors Amitav Ghosh and William Dalrymple