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Dr. Nigamananda Das, is currently working as a Professor of Chemistry, Utkal University, Bhubaneswar. He obtained his Ph.D. and D.Sc. from Utkal and North Orissa Universities, respectively. Previously he served as Scientist at CSIR-National Metallurgical Laboratory, Jamshedpur (2000-2005) and Professors of Chemistry at North Orissa University, Baripada (2005-2014) and Ravenshaw University, Cuttack (2014-2015). Currently he is in charge of Director, College Development Council and Coordinator, World Bank-Odisha Higher Education, Programme for Equity & Excellence Programme of Utkal University.

Dr. Das has undertaken Post Doctoral research works as BOYSCAST (DST, Govt. of India) and INSA visiting Fellows in CNRS Laboratory, France and CSIR-Central Leather Research Institute, Chennai. His current research interests mainly focuses on development of adsorbents and photo/electro catalytic materials for wastewater treatment. He has published more than 110 National and International research articles in referred journals with more than 4000 citations, h-index of 30 and i-10 index of 59 besides publications of one book and one Indian patent. He has successfully guided 15 Ph.D. students and a few more are working. He has also undertaken 13 projects as Principal Investigators/Co-Investigators. He is also a recipient of 'Best PG Chemistry Teachers Award - 2018' by Association of Chemistry Teachers, India.

During last 17 years in the University system, Dr. Das has successfully discharged several academic administrative responsibilities including Chairperson, Post Graduate Council; Directors, College Development Council; Director, Research & Development and also served as Members/Chairman of several academic and administrative bodies like Syndicate, Senate, Academic Council, Board of Studies, Subject/University Research Committee, etc.. Dr. Das has successfully completed a MHRD, Govt. of India sponsored 'Leadership for Academicians Programme (LEAP)' conducted at Tata Institute of Social Sciences (TISS), Mumbai and University of Pennsylvania, USA in 2019.

Dr. Das is an active National Assessment & Accreditation Council Peer Team Member since 2012. He is a member of many Professional bodies and also a Fellow of Royal Society in Chemistry (FRSC), UK.