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Graduated from Presidency College, Kolkata, in 1996 in Bengali Language & Literature, Dr Mandal completed his Master's from the University of Calcutta in 1998 in Bengali with a specialisation in comparative literature and subsequently cleared UGC-NET in 1998. He earned his PhD from the University of Calcutta in 2006. He joined as a lecturer at Tamralipta Mahavidyalaya, West Bengal, in 2001 and subsequently joined Netaji Subhas Open University as an Assistant professor in Bengali in 2007.

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Dr Mandal has published several research articles in national & international peer-reviewed journals of Bengali & English in the field of literary studies and Open learning (ODL) in general. He has a handful of monographs and edited volumes to his credit. Dr Mandal has presented papers at the national & international level conference in Tokyo (Japan), Manila (Philippines), Dhaka (Bangladesh) and Shanghai (China) sponsored by the respective host institutions or by the various funding agencies (COL, Vancouver) along with the Dept of H.E of Govt. of W.B. He was invited as resource person in the university/ college workshop/RC/OP and national & international seminar in the field of Bengali literary studies.

Dr Mandal is a member of several academic bodies of the University and learned societies like Bangiyo Sahitya Parisat, Kolkata; Asiatic Society, Kolkata etc. He attended NAAC Orientation Programme at NAAC, Bangalore, in 2020 and registered as a NAAC assessor. He has planned and organised several national & international seminars/workshops/ lectures as convener.