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Profile Summary:

Utpal Datta is a highly accomplished individual with a diverse range of expertise in various fields, including journalism, film making, writing, and radio production. With an educational background in Marketing Management and a Master's degree in Arts, Utpal has dedicated his career to promoting and contributing to the arts and media industry. He is currently serving as the Dean (Honorary) of the Programme of Performing Arts at Assam down town University. Utpal has also held positions such as Political/Social Media Consultant at NeetiShastra Global Services and Station Director at All India Radio, Ranchi.

Educational Qualifications and Special Training:

M.A. (Master of Arts)

P.G. Diploma in Marketing Management

Special Training in Election Broadcast and Social Media Management

Professional Experience:

Dean (Hony) Programme of Performing Arts, Assam down town University

Contributor to Niyamiya Barta, Dainik Janambhumi eCine India, and FCCI Journal

Former Political/Social Media Consultant at NeetiShastra Global Services

Former Head of Programme (Asstt Director) at All India Radio, Ranchi

Awards and Fellowships Received:

Utpal Datta's notable achievements include receiving several awards and fellowships in recognition of his contributions to the media and arts industry. Some of these awards and fellowships include:

Moonlight Media Best Cine Journalist Award 1999

Jyotirupa Best Film Critic/Cultural Reporter Award 2006

RAPA Award 2007 for Radio Programme Production

National Film Award, Jury Special Mention – Best Writing in Cinema '06

Laadli Media Award for radio program on Gender Sensitivity

Panos South Asia Fellowship

The Union Fellowship, Paris

Best Director, Short Film, Assam State Film Award 2015 & 2018

Best Book on Film Award, Assam State Film Award 2019

Filmography:

Utpal Datta has made significant contributions as a filmmaker, having written, directed, and sound designed various films. Some of his notable works include:

By Lane No 2 - Writer, Sound Designer, Director (official selection for Indian Panorama International Film Festival of India 13, Mumbai International Film Festival, and screened in more than 10 International Film Festivals)

Through Trust and Fear

Borgeet- Ati Dhrupadi Ratna

Bohubritta (Best Film and Best Director at various competitions and festivals, screened at Indian Panorama of International Film Festival of India, Mumbai International Film Festival, and more than 5 Major International Film Festivals)

Ji Galpar Ses Nai (one of the 3 Directors of this anthology film)

Journalism and Writing:

Utpal Datta has a strong presence in the world of journalism and writing. He has worked for publications like Bismoi and Rangghar and contributes to various Assamese journals on topics including politics, film, theatre, literature, painting, and music. Additionally, Utpal has authored multiple books and translated works into different languages. Some of his published books and translation works include:

Original Writing:

Ami Kene aso - Play
 Aparupa Andaman - Travelogue
 Naishayatri - Novel
 Maramar Neha - Novel (First Assamese novel written in letters)
 CineQuiz - Film Quiz Book
 Chalachitra - Articles on film aesthetics
 24 Frames - Film criticism
 Mozartor Awaralipi - Detective Novel
 Ki Naam ai premor - Love story
 Mantramugdha - Novel
 Chalachitrar Rasaswadan - Film appreciation

Books Translated into Other Languages:

Maramar Neha - Translated into Bodo
 Mantramugdha - Translated into English
 Chalachitrar Rasaswadan - Translated into English

Edited Published Books:

Chalachitra Katha - Film Study, first Assamese book on film study
 Nobel Bata Bijayi Lekhakar Galpa - Short stories from Nobel Winners
 Ganje Fariste - Writings of Sadat Hasan Mantoo
 Chalachitra- Samoi, Samaj, Nandantatwa - Film appreciation

Translation Work - Published Book:

Tughlak and Nagamandala - Plays by Girish Karnad
 Matra ata sparsatei barasun diya megh - Poems of K Satchidanandan
 Duryodhan - Novel by Dr. Dipak Chandra
 Ailoi cithi - Poems by Narendra Modi (Prime Minister)
 Herai jowa bastubor - K Satchidanandan's Akademi Award-winning poetry
 Raktakta burburanir Mmalita - Poems by Dr. Ratan Bhattacharya (with Karabi Hazarika)

Other Contributions and Activities:

As a still photographer and print graphic designer, Utpal publishes an annual calendar featuring specially crafted photos of famous personalities from Assam.
 Worked as an Assistant Director for films such as Bhavedra Nath Saikia's "Kolahal" and "Saroithi," and Waesqurni Bora's "Priyajan" and "Rangman."
 Writer of more than fifty television dramas, documentaries, and radio features.
 Participated in Sangeet Natak Academy's Drama Festival.
 Approved lyricist and B High-grade actor for All India Radio.
 Participated in Audio Production workshops organized by NCERT.
 Participated in Radio Programme Production workshops.
 Participated in Voice Culture workshops.

Participated in the "eGranthalaya" workshop conducted by NIC.
Served as a jury member for the Assam State Film Award in 2005-2006 and 2019.
Served as a jury member for the Indian Panorama at the India International Film Festival.
Delivered guest lectures on Film Appreciation at the Mass Communication Departments of Guwahati University and Cotton College, as well as Tezpur University.
BoS (Board of Studies) member at KKHSO University, Guwahati.
Served as a jury member for the Excellence in Radio Award in 2008, 2009, and 2010.

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