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Dr Sarkar has got several publications to his credit in national dailies, journals (national and international), and in the form of mimeograph. Authored and edited books on infrastructure issues. Presented a number of important papers in several conferences. He had also organized several training program in India and abroad.

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