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1) <u>Degree:</u>

- Awarded Ph.D. in History from University of Calcutta in 2011
- M.A.: Ranked **First class First,** Department of History, University of Calcutta, 2004
- B.A.: Ranked First class First, History (Hons), University of Calcutta, 2002
- Qualified SLET (State Level Eligibility Test) Examination , 2004.

2) <u>Designation:</u>

- Associate Professor, Dept of History, Rabindra Bharati University
- Teaching experience: 17 Years 07 Months. From 19th May 2005 to till date.

3) <u>Specialization:</u>

Contemporary India, Socio political History of 20th Century Bengal, History of Science in Bengal.

4) <u>Research Experience:</u>

• Awarded Ph.D. in History from University of Calcutta in 2011.

Title of the Thesis: "Abibhakto Bangla O Paschimbanglar Congress Rajniti, 1937 -67" (Congress Politics in Undivided Bengal and West Bengal, 1937-1967).

Research work as Supervisor:

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- No. of MPhil student: 19 awarded, 01 pursuing till date
- No. of Ph.D. student: 08 awarded, 02 pursuing till date
- Have examined several M.Phil dissertation of various universities like University of Calcutta, Jadavpur University, University of Burdwan and University of Kalyani.

Research Project in Progress:

University Research Project (URP) entitled "Retrieving the Lost Glory of Ayurveda: A Historical Analysis of Publications in Vernacular in Bengal During the Period from Late 19th Century to Early 20th Century" approved by Rabindra Bharati University on March 14, 2022.(Ongoing)

5) Post Graduate Teaching :

- Currently teaching of post graduate level (a) History of Bengal, (Nineteenth Century and Twentieth Century till 1971), (b) Modern India – Mainstream Nationalism, (c) Contemporary India since Independence, (d) Eighteenth Century India, (e) Nationalist and Popular Protest Movements in Modern India, (Nineteenth Century and Twentieth Century). In MPhil & Ph.D. courses: Research Methodology & Research Oriented Theoretical Studies.
- Consultant Visiting Faculty (CVF) to teach History subject at Biswa Bangla Biswabidyalay, Bolpur, Birbhum from January 2022 to July 2022.

6) Honour(s), Award(s) & Grant(s) :

- **THE PRESIDENT OF INDIA MEDAL** for General Proficiency, 2005 from University of Calcutta in 2007.
- Recipient of the **Charles Wallace India Trust (UK)** short research grant in 2019.
- Received UGC sponsored Foreign Travel Grant from Rabindra Bharati University for attending 4th International Congress of Bengal Studies, held during 12th- 13th December 2015, in the Tokyo University of Foreign Studies, Tokyo, Japan.
- Recipient of the Indian Council of Historical Research (ICHR), Foreign Travel & Maintenance Grant (FTG) for data collection abroad in 2007.

- **Medal awarded** from University of Calcutta (For First class First in MA History Exam, 2004) in September 2012.
- Awarded by Chattagram Parishad (For 1st class 1st in MA History Examination)
- State funded Research Scholarship (for qualified in the UGC accredited SLET 2004 for lectureship)
- Kuruvilla Zacharia Memorial Prize (For 1st Class 1st in BA History-Hons Examination)
- Himani Devi Memorial Prize (For 1st Class 1st in BA History-Hons Examination)
- Ajoy Banerjee Memorial Prize (For 1st Class 1st in BA History-Hons Examination)
- Purnalekha Banerjee Memorial Prize (For 1st Class 1st in BA History-Hons Examination)
- Prof Kalyan Kumar Dasgupta Prize (For 1st Class 1st in BA History-Hons Examination)
- Hemchandra Roy Prize (For 1st Class 1st in BA History-Hons Examination)
- National Scholarship holder for Secondary, Higher Secondary studies.

7) Select Publications :

- > Book :
 - From Hegemony to Decline: The Congress Politics in Undivided Bengal and West Bengal 1937-1967, ISBN : 978-81-8064-338-5, July, 2020, Progressive Publishers.
 - A Collective Consciousness: Mass Awakening and Mass Resistance in Historical Prespective (ed.), ISBN: 978-81-8064-392-7, January, 2022, Progressive Publishers.
- Articles in Peer-reviewed / Refereed /UGC enlisted Journals In English:
 - I. 'The Second Identity: Sakharam Ganesh Deuskar and the Swadeshi Movement in Bengal'. *Social Scientist*, Vol. 33 Numbers 3-4 ,ISSN 0970-0293, , March-April 2005, pp. 66-73.
 - II. 'The Communist Challenge in Indonesia: From a Historical Hindsight', Asian Studies, Vol XXVI, No 1, ISSN 0970-7301, Jan-June 2008, pp. 38-47.

- III. 'Recent Trends in Urban History: A Study of the Eighteenth Century Murshidabad', *Modern Historical Studies*, A Refereed Journal of the Department of History, Rabindra Bharati University, Kolkata, Vol. 7, ISSN 0972-6756, March 2010-2011, pp. 62-67.
- IV. 'Post Colonial Popular Protest: A Case Study of the Movement against Bengal Bihar Merger Proposal', *Modern Historical Studies*, A Peer Reviewed Journal of the Department of History, Rabindra Bharati University, Volume 11, ISSN 0972-6756, 2016, pp: 45-52.
- V. 'A Study of the Political Changes in Undivided Bengal and West Bengal (1937-1967)', a peer- reviewed International Journal of Advanced Research (IJAR), September, 2018, ISSN: 2320-5407, Int. J. Adv. Res. 6(9). 201-205, <u>http://www.journalijar.com/</u> current-issue/ ?mn=09&yr=2018&Ln=upload24933.
- VI. 'People's Uprisings against the Food Policy in West Bengal (1959 and 1966): A Reappraisal", in *Modern Historical Studies*, Journal of the Department of History, Rabindra Bharati University, (UGC approved journal SI. 45393), Volume 12, ISSN 0972-6756, 2018, pp 1-15.
- VII. 'Bengal's Day of Challenge, Persistence and Sacrifice: A brief Historical Study', Multi-Disciplinary & Peer Reviewed Journal Manan, Vol. 9th Issue 1, January, 2019 (UGC Approved Journal No. 40975), pp. 361-367.
- VIII. 'Bengali Society and Its Conjugal Life in Late Colonial Period'- a jointly written article published in UGC (India) Listed 40820 journal *The Research Journal of Social Sciences*, American-Eurasian Network For Scientific Information, ISSN : 0025-1348(P), 2456-1356(O), Cosmos Impact Factor : 5.650(2018), DOI: 10.105373/00251348, Vol X, Number VI, June 2019, pp 383-390
- IX. 'Jamini Sen: An Early Medical Practitioner's Journey', a jointly written article published in UGC Care listed journal *Bengal: Past & Present*, Journal of the Calcutta Historical Society, Vol.139, Year 2020, ISBN 0005-8807, pp. 70-85.
- X. 'Significance of the Basics: Charlie Chaplin and the Culinary World' a jointly written article published in *Ebong Prantik* An International Peer-

Reviewed Multi – Disciplinary Journal SJIF Approved Impact Factor: 7.16 Vol. 8th Issue 17th , May 2021. ISSN : 2582-3841(O), 2348-487X(P), pp720-728

- XI. 'Books for bullets: a story of resistance' a jointly written article published in a Peer Reviewed and UGC Care listed journal *RBU JOURNAL OF LIBRARY & INFORMATION SCIENCE*, ISSN 0972-2750, 2021, pp1-6.
- XII. 'Decoding Honour: In the name of Honour-Mukhtar Mai, the voice of Dissent', a jointly written article published in a UGC Care listed journal, *Journal of the Asiatic Society*, ISSN 0368-3308, 2022,pp.73-94.

In Bengali:

- XIII. 'Banga Vanger Prathamdin', Itihas Anusandhan 21, pp. 460 -463
- XIV. 'Bhasa Bhittik Rajya Punorgathon Ebong Bangla Bihar Sanjuktikaraner Udyog O Parinati', *Nandan*, UGC approved journal Sl.No. 1022, 52 barsho, xii sankhya, December 2017. pp. 38-44.
- XV. 'Jatiyo Sangramer Itihas e *Desher Katha* : Punorpath', Peer-reviewed Journal *Antorjatik Pathsala* (UGC enlisted Journal No. 41299) Vol VII : Issued 2, ISSN: 2230-9594, January March 2018, pp. 66-76.
- XVI. 'Itihase Nagarayan: Rup-Rupantor', International Refereed Multi-Disciplinary Journal *Ebong Prantik* DIF Approved Impact Factor: 2:29
 Vol.5th Issue 2nd, (UGC approved Journal No. 45563), ISSN: 2348-487X, 2nd April, 2018, pp 113-125.
- XVII. 'Congress Rajnitir Rupantar: Oupanebashik Bangla O Uttar Oupanebashik Paschim Banga', An inter disciplinary Half Yearly Research Oriented Refereed Journal of History *ITIKOTHA*, Vol. VI, No. 2, (UGC Journal No. 48001), ISSN :2320-3447, July 2018, pp. 128 148.
- XVIII. 'Unobingsho Shatake Banglar Dharmochinter Swarup: Prasango
 Ramakrishna Vivekananda Bhabandolon' a jointly written article
 published in a refereed journal *Rabindra Bharati Patrika*, New Series,

Volume Twenty Two, Rabindra Janmotsab Number, ISSN 0975-0037,9th May, 2019,pp. 89 -100.

- XIX. 'Rastra Birodhi Janogon: Bharat Charo Andolon Ebong Bhinna Rajnitir Oyekko
 Prasango', UGC care listed peer reviewed journal *Antarmukh*, Parbo -9,
 Sankhya-3, ISSN: 2249-3751, January-March, 2020, pp.47-61.
- XX. '1960- er Dashoke Paschimbanger Pradesh Congress er Antardanddo : Birodhitar Samaj – Oykko ', a Peer Reviewed and UGC care listed journal Antarmukh, ISSN 2249-3751, July- September 2020, pp. 132-146.
- XXI. 'Swadhinata Uttar Paschimbange Sharnarthi Andolon O Rajnoitik Patparibartan : Ekti Oitihasik Mulayan (1947-1967)', a Peer Reviewed and UGC Care listed journal *Rabindra Bharati Patrika*, ISSN 0975-0037, 2021, pp.89-100.
- YXII. 'Fire Dekha: Abibhakta Banglar Pradeshik Rajniti O Deshbhag (1946-1947)', Refereed and UGC Care listed journal *Itikotha*, ISSN 2320-3447, 2022,pp. 153-173.

Book Chapters :

XXIII. Essays published in *Dictionary of Historical Places Bengal, 1757-1947* edited by Prof. Ranjan Chakrabarti, first published in June ,2013, Primus Books, Delhi-Dept. of History, Jadavpur University, 2013. ISBN : 978-93-80607-41-2, pp :180-181 (Dhaniakhali) & pp: 331-332 (Kanchanpalli or Kanchrapara)

> News Papers:

- An article published on 'Science of breaking glass ceiling' published in *The Times of India*, Kolkata, Saturday, March 7, 2020, Women' Day Special edition, p.8
- Article review published in https:// biswabanglasanbad.com/ 2021/06/26/ change- of – politics-in- bengal-and-the-fall-of-the-congress-history-in-thestudy-of-dr-ajanta-biswas/ on 27/06/2021

8) Editorial Advisory Board:

Modern Historical Studies, A Peer Reviewed Journal of the Department of History, Rabindra Bharati University, ISSN 0972-6756.

9) <u>Select Lectures/ Talks Given at International and National Seminars/</u> <u>Conferences:</u>

- Acted as a Resource Person in two-day International Webinar on Bengal-Paradigms and Perspectives in History organised by Gour Mohan Sachin Mandal Mahavidyalaya, Department of History in collaboration with IQAC from 29th September to 30th September, 2020. Presented a paper on " Provincial Politics in Bengal from 1937 to 1947: A Study" in this seminar on 29th September 2020.
- Acted as a Chairperson in two-day International Webinar on Bengal-Paradigms and Perspectives in History organised by Gour Mohan Sachin Mandal Mahavidyalaya, Department of History in collaboration with IQAC on 30th September, 2020.
- iii. Guest of Honour Speech on 'Women Empowerment' at Aditya Birla Vani Bharati, Higher Secondary English Medium School on 26 th January, 2020.
- iv. Presented a paper entitled ' Demolished or Divided: Histories on the Great Calcutta Killings of 1946' in the two-day International Seminar on "Situating Memories: Political Violence in Colonial and Post Colonial India" sponsored by the Indian Council of Historical Research and the Department of History, Rabindra Bharati University, Kolkata on 28-29 March, 2019.
- v. Chaired a Research Scholars Session in the two-day International Seminar on "Situating Memories: Political Violence in Colonial and Post Colonial India" sponsored by the Indian Council of Historical Research and the Department of History, Rabindra Bharati University, Kolkata on 28-29 March, 2019.
- vi. Chaired in a session of IQAC Sponsored International Seminar on "The Bangladesh Liberation War: A Retrospect" organised by Dept. of History, Raja Rammohun Roy Mahavidyalaya, Radhanagar, Hooghly, West Bengal, India on 11th May, 2018.
- vii. Presented a paper entitled "Anti Imperialist Movement in 1942: Role of the Bengal Provincial Congress" in the two day long International Seminar on "Revisiting 1942" organized by the Department of History, Rabindra Bharati University, Kolkata on 20th and 21st March, 2018.
- viii. Presented a paper entitled "Adhunik Nagar O Nagarik Itihascharchar Kichu Dik: Ekti Oitihasik Bislesan" on 25th January ,2018 in the Modern India Section in the XXXIV Annual Conference of Paschimbanga Itihas

Samsad held from 24th to 26th January, 2018 at School of Women's Studies, Jadavpur University.

- ix. Presented a paper entitled "Transition in Congress Politics: The Perpetual Change in undivided Bengal and West Bengal" in Section III: Modern India in the 78th Session of Indian History Congress held at Jadavpur University on 28-30 December 2017
- Acted as Chairperson in the International Conference on "Parichannatar Itihas" organized by the Corpus Research Institute held on 25-26 August 2017 at Jadavpur University Campus area.
- xi. Presented a paper entitled "Paschimbanglar Pradesh Congress e Ginger Gosthir Utthan : Ekti Oitihasik Parjalochona" in Modern India section in the xxxii Annual Conference of Paschimbhanga ItihasSamsad held from 24th to 26th January, 2016 at Derozio Memorial College, Rajarhat-Gopalpur, North 24 Paraganas.
- xii. Presented paper entitled "Desher Katha: A bridge between literature and history" in the 4th International Congress of Bengal Studies, held during 12th- 13th December 2015, in the Tokyo University of Foreign Studies, Tokyo, Japan.
- xiii. Presented a paper entitled "Ideologies of Ambedkar through his writings" in the two day UGC sponsored National level seminar on 'Jawaharlal Nehru and B.R. Ambedkar in Light of 125th Birth Anniversary: Convergence, Conflict and Charisma' organized by the Department of History in collaboration with Dr.B.R. Ambedkar Studies Centre, Rabindra Bharati University, held on 26-27 March 2015.
- xiv. Presented a paper entitled "Identical Crisis in Provincial Congress Politics of West Bengal, 1947-1967"in the UGC sponsored Two-day International Seminar organized by Department of History Rabindra Bharati University on 5th and 6th March 2012.
- xv. Presented a paper entitled "The Partition of Bengal: A Study of politics of Bengal Provincial Congress (1945-1947)" in UGC sponsored National Seminar organized by Department of History Rabindra Bharati University on 2nd and 3rd March 2011.
- Presented a paper entitled "Post Colonial Factionalism in Congress politics: A Case Study of West Bengal , 1947-1967" in UGC sponsored National Seminar organized by Department of History Rabindra Bharati University on 9 th March 2010.

xvii. Presented a paper entitled "1947 – in Historical Perspective" in UGC sponsored National Seminar organized by Department of History Rabindra Bharati University on 24th February 2006.

10) <u>Popular Talk Show</u>

Participated in the popular talk show on 'Future of education and pandemic' organised by News18banglalive on 9th July 2020

11) <u>Courses and Workshops:</u>

- Participated in the UGC-Sponsored Workshop on MOOCs, E-Content Development and Open Education Resources organised by University Grants Commission Human Resource Development Centre (HRDC) University of Calcutta from 19th March 2019 to 25th March,2019.
- Participated in the UGC Sponsored Short Term Course in Digital India organised by UGC Human Resource Development Centre (HRDC), University of Calcutta, from 21st December 2018 to 27th December 2018.
- iii. Participated in the Two Week Course on Feminist Research Methodology organized by the Women's Studies Centre, Rabindra Bharati University, with support from the Indian Council of Social Science Research- Eastern Regional Centre (ICSSR-ERC), spanning 2nd April, 2018 to 13th April, 2018 at the Jorasanko Campus of the University.
- Participated in the workshop on 'Research Methodology for Indological Studies' held during September 19-26, 2016 at the Asiatic Society, Kolkata
- v. Participated in the two-day workshop on 'Research Methodology of Ancient Indian History Writing: Epigraphy as a Tool and Source' held under the auspices of The Asiatic Society and in collaboration with UGC DSA Programme, Dept of History, Jadavpur University during 14th -15th September ,2016.
- vi. Participated in the day long workshop on 'Perceiving and Pursuing Indian Environmental History: Recent Trends and Trajectories',

reflecting on the existing literature, research methodologies and future possible lines of Inquiries, organized by the Institute of Development Studies Kolkata on June 5th, 2015.

- vii. Participated in the week-long workshop on 'Quantitative Methods for Researchers in Social Sciences' organized by the Institute of Development Studies Kolkata during October 27-31, 2014.
- viii. Participated in the UGC sponsored Refresher Course in History conducted by the Academic Staff College, University of Calcutta and department of History during the period of December 27th 2012 to January 16th, 2013, University of Calcutta and obtained Grade A.
 - ix. Participated in the UGC sponsored Refresher Course in History conducted by the Academic Staff College, University of Calcutta and department of History, University of Calcutta during the period of January 28, 2009 to February 18, 2009 and obtained Grade A.
 - Participated in the ICHR Sponsored Three day National Level Workshop on 'Mughal India' organized by Department of History, Rabindra Bharati University held on 29-31 March 2008.
 - xi. Participated in the UGC sponsored Orientation Program (OP71) organised by the Academic Staff College, University of Calcutta during the period of July18 to August14 2007 and obtained Grade A.

12) <u>Conference / Seminar Organised :</u>

- Joint Co-ordinator of the two-day International Seminar on "Situating Memories: Political Violence in Colonial and Post Colonial India" sponsored by the Indian Council of Historical Research and the Department of History, Rabindra Bharati University, Kolkata on 28-29 March, 2019.
- Joint Coordinator of the two day long International Seminar on "Revisiting 1942" organized by the Department of History, Rabindra Bharati University, Kolkata on 20th and 21st March, 2018.
- Joint Coordinator of the two day UGC sponsored International Seminar on "Partition and its Aftermath : In Retrospect" organized by the Department of History, Rabindra Bharati University, Kolkata on 21st and 22nd March, 2017.

- Organised a UGC sponsored National Seminar in Department of History Rabindra Bharati University on "Colonial And Post Colonial Eastern India: New Perspectives" held on 2nd and 3rd March 2011.
- Member of the organisation team in "Capacity building of women manager in higher education" organised by Rabindra Bharati University in January 2008.

13) <u>Participation in Recent Seminars/Conferences</u>

- Participated in the International Webniar entitled "History of pandemics and its multifaceted impact on the global world" organized by the Department of History, Department of Political Science in collaboration with IQAC, Prafulla Chandra College on 10-11th, August, 2020.
- Participated in a one day International Webinar on 'Bengali Women in the 19th & 20th Centuries: Aspects of Education & Progress' organised by Dept. of History of Swami Dhananjoy Das Kathiababa Mahavidyalaya, Bhara, Bankura, West Bengal on 14th August, 2020.
- Participated in International Webinar on "Revisiting History from Different Dimensions" jointly organised by Department of History & Seminar Committee, Bejoy Narayan Mahavidyalaya, Itachuna, Hooghly-712 147, West Bengal, India on August 24-25, 2020
- Participated in One Day State Level Webinar titled ,"Dynamics of Historiography in Post-Independence Bengal" organised by Department of History, Kanchrapara College, in collaboration with IQAC on 23rd August, 2020.
- Participated in a International Webinar on "Missionary Women and Governesses: Mission, Passion and career in Colonial Bengal" on 24th August, 2020 jointly organised by the Department of History & IQAC, Kishore Bharati Bhagini Nivedita College(Co-Ed) in collaboration with Dept. of History & IQAC, New Alipore College. Certificate No. KBBNC/CW2020/069
- Participated in the 36th Annual Conference of Paschimbanga Itihas Samsad held at Brahmananda Keshab Chandra College, Bonhooghly, Kolkata, from 24th to 26th January, 2020.

- Participated in a State Level Seminar on "National Education Policy-2019" organised by Jadavpur University, Kolkata jointly with West Bengal College and University Teachers' Association(WBCUTA) held on 23rd November, 2019 at Shibananda Hall, Ramakrishna Mission Institute of Culture, Golpark, Kolkata.
- Participated in the National Seminar on "Academic Audit in Higher Education Institute: Importance and Implementation" organised by Internal Quality Assurance Cell (IQAC), Rabindra Bharati University and sponsored by National Assessment and Accreditation Council (NAAC) held on 20th November, 2019.
- Participated in the two day National Seminar on "Bangla Sahitya, samaj o sanskriti: 1950-2000" organised by Dept of Bengali, Rabindra Bharati University, on 11th March and 12th March, 2019.
- Participated in a National Seminar on "Contemporary India: Issues and Challenges in Historical Perspectives" organised by Centre for Advanced Studies, Department of History, University of Calcutta on 19th September 2018.
- Participated in the National Seminar on "e-Learning and MOOCs in Higher Education" organised by Guru Angad Dev Teaching Learning Centre of MHRD, SGTB Khalsa College, University of Delhi in collaboration with Rabindra Bharati University, Kolkata on 25 June 2018.
- Participated in the Two Day International Seminar on "The Bangladesh Liberation War: A Retrospect" organized by Centre for Bangladesh Studies, Rabindra Bharati University held on March 26 & 27, 2018 at the Department of History, RBU.
- Participated in the workshop programme on Exploring New Avenues of Research and Research Funding organized by IQAC, Rabindra Bharati University on 28th February,2018 at RBU, Kolkata.
- Participated in the one day long National Level Seminar on "Indian News Paper: Yesterday & Today" to commemorate 200 years of the inception of Vernacular Press organized by Vidyasagar Centre of Indological Studies,

Rabindra Bharati University held on February 23, 2018 at the History Department, Rabindra Bharati University.

- Participated in a State Government sponsored State Level Seminar in collaboration with Vidyasagar Evening College and Bangiya Itihas Samiti , Kolkata, on November 2017.
- Participated in an International Conference on "Partition in Bengal: Looking Back after 70 years" jointly organized by Victoria Memorial Hall and Indian Museum, Kolkata and New Zealand India Research Institute, Victoria University of Wellington at Asutosh Birth Centenary Hall, Indian Museum, Kolkata held on 17-18 August, 2017.
- Participated in a one & half day long International seminar on 'Many Faces of Nationalism : Pluralist Tradition in Indian Subcontinent' organized by Vidyasagar centre of Indological Studies in association with Department of History, Rabindra Bharati University held on 16-17 February, 2017.
- Participated in the xxxiii Annual Conference of Paschimbanga Itihas Samsad held from 24th to 26th January 2017 at Basanti Devi College, Kolkata.

12) Honorary Member

- Former Member of the state level gender unit of 'Sarba Shiksha Mission' West Bengal
- Former Representative/Nominee on behalf of Students Health Home in National Service Scheme (NSS), Rabindra Bharati University.

13) Administrative Experiences:

- Former Member of the undergraduate board of study (History) University of Kalyani .
- Member Post Graduate Board of Studies in History, Rabindra Bharati University.
- Member Under Graduate Board of Studies in History, Rabindra Bharati University.

14) Affiliation to Professional Bodies:

• Annual Member of Indian History Congress.

- Ordinary member of The Asiatic Society, Kolkata
- Life Member of the Paschimbanga Itihas Samsad.
- Annual Member of Bangiya Itihas Samiti, Kolkata.
- Life Member of Indian School of Social Sciences, Calcutta.
- Annual Member of International Society of Bengal Studies
- Member of Itihas Academy Dhaka .

The above said statements are all true to my knowledge and I have all the supportive documents with me.

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