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Department of Human Rights and Human  
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**Specialisation:** Social Sector, Disability, Gender and Child, Inclusive Education,  
Human Rights Law – Mechanisms and Instruments, Research  
Methodology

**Areas of Interest:** Constitution of India, National and International Human Rights  
Law, Gender and Development, Humanitarian Law, Feminist  
Movements, Peace and Conflict Resolution.

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#### **ACADEMIC HONOURS/ SCHOLARSHIPS**

- **Swedish International Development Agency (SIDA) Full Scholarship** awarded by the **Raoul Wallenberg Institute (RWI), Government of Sweden;**
- **Gold Medal - Master of Arts (First – Class – First) in Human Rights and Duties,** University of Calcutta, India
- Received **Annual Prize waiver on University Tuition fee** for obtaining **highest marks** in the University in M.A. (Master of Arts) in Human Rights;
- **Topped Senior School (district) for Indian School Certificate (ISC).**

**Post Graduate Teaching Responsibilities (current)**

Philosophical and Conceptual background of Human Rights, Constitution of India, National and International Human Rights Law, Gender and Development, Humanitarian Law, Peace and Conflict Resolution, Child, Refugees and Migrant workers, Corporate Social Responsibility, Social Science Research Methodology

**Administrative Responsibilities (current)**

- **Coordinator**, Department of Human Rights and Human Development, November 2013 onwards.
- **Member**, Board of Studies in Human Rights and Human Development, Department of Human Rights and Human Development, November 2013 onwards.
- **Member**, Board of Studies, Centre for Human Development and Human Rights, November 2013 onwards.
- **Member**, Women's Studies Centre, June 2015 onwards.
- **Member**, University Committee for Annual Convocation, November 2013 onwards.
- **Member**, University Admission Committee, November 2013 onwards.
- **Part of the University team** (for preparation of Self Study report, power point presentation and protocol services) for visit by the **University Grants Commission - National Assessment and Accreditation Council (NAAC) peer team** during 11-14 January, 2016
- **Paper setter/ Examiner** for all semester examinations in Master of Arts in Human Rights and Human Development, Rabindra Bharati University.
- **Field Guide and Dissertation Supervisor** for M.A. programme in Human Rights and Human Development and M.Phil Programme in Women Studies (Dissertation Supervisor), Rabindra Bharati University

**PREVIOUS TEACHING EXPERIENCE**

- Lecturer – Human Rights, Vivekananda College, Kolkata, India.
- Researcher and Assistant Professor - Human Rights and Citizenship Studies, *The West Bengal National University of Juridical Sciences*, Kolkata, India.
- Lecturer (in *Substantive post*)– Human Rights, *Loreto College*, Kolkata, India.

**Dissertation Supervision for**

- Master of Arts in Human Rights and Human Development, Rabindra Bharati University
- M.Phil Programme in Women Studies, Women's Studies Centre, Rabindra Bharati University
- Master of Arts in Human Rights, Ballygunge Science College, University of Calcutta

**Field Guide to**

- Master of Arts in Human Rights, Ballygunge Science College, University of Calcutta (week long in Sundarbans for Field Study Report)
- Bachelor of Arts (elective in Human Rights), Loreto College, University of Calcutta (week long in Delhi)

**VISITING/GUEST FACULTY assignments**

- Guest Faculty at the National Institute for Locomotor Disabilities (NILD) under the Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment (MSJE), Govt. of India, for the **Post Graduate Diploma Programme in Disability Rehabilitation, 2016 - 2017 onwards.**
- Guest Faculty at Women's Studies Centre, Rabindra Bharati University for the **M.Phil Programme in Women Studies, 2015 - 2016 onwards.**
- Guest Faculty for **Master of Social Work (MSW) Course** in Vivekananda College under the Vivekananda College-Indira Gandhi National Open University (IGNOU) convergence scheme during academic session 2010 – 2011 on
  1. **Development: Human Rights Perspective Module** (includes Social Ideals of Indian Constitution, Social Work and Human Rights, Indian Judicial System) and
  2. **Social Legislations Module** (includes Legal Provisions for Women, Legal Provisions for Persons with Disabilities, Legal Provisions for Children and Legal Aid, Social Advocacy and Role of Social Worker)
- Visiting Faculty at the **Institute of Language, Culture and Rural Development (ILCRD), Thailand** for Language, Culture and Rural Development degree programme.
- Guest Faculty at the **Department of Human Rights, University of Calcutta** situated at Ballygunge Science College, for the Master's Programme in Human Rights and Duties. (2012 onwards)

**SELECT PUBLICATIONS (*Representative List*)**

**Book**

**Rai Chowdhury, Payel.** “*Manobodhikaar o Manobunnoyon*” (in Bengali), Progressive Publishers, Kolkata. 2015. ISBN: 81-8064-219-4.

**Papers in Refereed Journals (International)**

1. **Rai Chowdhury, Payel.** “**Judicial Activism and Human Rights in India: A Critical Appraisal**”, *The International Journal of Human Rights*, 2010, Volume 15 Number 7, pp. 1055–1071, Routledge Publishers, Taylor and Francis, London. ISSN: 1364-2987.
2. **Rai Chowdhury, Payel.** “**Human Rights Education: A Pedagogical Practice towards Empowerment and Social Justice**”, *The Journal of Human Rights Education*, 2011, pp. 11 – 14, Stampfli Publishers, Switzerland. ISSN: 1663-7542.
3. **Rai Chowdhury, Payel.** “**The Right to Inclusive Education of Persons with Disabilities: The Policy and Practice Implications**”, *Asia Pacific Journal on Human Rights and the Law*, Volume 12, Number 2, 2011 , pp. 1-35, Martinus Nijhoff Publishers. ISSN: 1388-1906.
4. **Rai Chowdhury, Payel.** “**The Special Case of the Right to Primary Education of Children with Disabilities in India: Legally Lacking**” *Global Education Magazine* (digital journal inscribed in bibliographic database of the Ministry of Culture of Spain) Issue no 6, published on 10th December, 2013, pp. 42 – 44. ISSN 2255-033X.
5. **Rai Chowdhury Dutt, Payel.** “**Of Dalits, Disabilities and Devadasis**”, *Contemporary Voice of Dalit*, Volume 08, Number 2, 2016, pp. 177-185, SAGE Publishers. ISSN: 2455-328X.

6. **Rai Chowdhury Dutt, Payel. "Hate Speech as an Abiding Threat to Justice: The Case of Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes in India", *Contemporary Voice of Dalit*, Volume 11, Number 2, 2019, pp. 1-9, SAGE Publishers. ISSN: 2455-328X.**
7. **Rai Chowdhury Dutt, Payel. "Book Review: Jyothibai Pariyadathu, Mayilamma: The Life of a Tribal Eco-Warrior. Orient Blackswan, 2018, 152 pp.,`675.", *Contemporary Voice of Dalit*, Volume 11, Number 2, 2021, pp. 1-2, SAGE Publishers. ISSN: 2455-328X.**

**Papers in Recognised and Reputed Journals – Sole Author**

8. **Rai Chowdhury, Payel. "Protection and Promotion of the Right to Education of Persons with Disabilities under the Human Rights Regime", *Calcutta Law Times*, Volume 03, 2005, pp. 49-62. ISSN 0971-748X.**
9. **Rai Chowdhury, Payel. "Right to Healthcare of Persons with Disabilities under the Human Rights Regime", *Calcutta Law Times*, Volume 04, 2005, pp. 1-22. ISSN 0971-748X.**
10. **Rai Chowdhury, Payel. "Right to Primary Education of Persons with Disabilities in the State of West Bengal", *Calcutta Law Times*, Volume 03 No. 2, 2011, pp. 25-36. ISSN 2230- 7036.**
11. **Rai Chowdhury, Payel. "Human Rights and Intellectual Property: Issues and Challenges", *Indian Human Rights Law Review*, Volume 02, No. 2, 2011, ISSN: 2230-7036, pp. 202 – 214.**
12. **Rai Chowdhury, Payel. "Human Trafficking: A Human Rights and Security Threat", *Indian Human Rights Law Review*, Volume 05, No 2, 2011, ISSN: 2230-7036, pp. 197 – 234.**

13. **Rai Chowdhury, Payel. "Right to Primary Education of Persons with Disabilities in the State of West Bengal", *Calcutta Law Times*, 2011, Volume III Part II, pp. 25 – 36. ISSN 0971-748X**
14. **Rai Chowdhury, Payel. "Right to Primary Education and Children with Disabilities", *Indian Human Rights Law Review*, Volume 03, No. 2, 2012, ISSN: 2230-7036, pp. 323 – 327.**
15. **Rai Chowdhury, Payel. "Right to Inclusion as a Human Right: An International Perspective", *Indian Human Rights Law Review*, Volume 04, No. 2, 2013, ISSN: 2230-7036, pp. 219 – 229.**
16. **Rai Chowdhury Dutt, Payel. "Right of Persons with Disabilities: The Philosophical Foundations", *Indian Human Rights Law Review*, Volume 06, No. 2, 2015, ISSN: 2230-7036, pp. 205 – 222.**
17. **Rai Chowdhury Dutt, Payel. "Monitoring Mechanism of the United Nations Human Rights Treaties: An Overview", *Indian Human Rights Law Review*, Volume 06, No. 1, 2015, ISSN: 2230-7036, pp. 153 – 155.**
18. **Rai Chowdhury Dutt, Payel. "Defining Disability: Using the lens of WHO, ILO and UN", *Indian Human Rights Law Review*, Volume 07, No. 2, 2016, ISSN: 2230-7036.**
19. **Rai Chowdhury Dutt, Payel. "Defining Disability: International Domestic Level", *Indian Human Rights Law Review*, Volume 08, No. 1, 2017, ISSN: 2230-7036, pp. 65-70.**
20. **Rai Chowdhury Dutt, Payel. "Defining Disability: Using the Legislative Lens", *Indian Human Rights Law Review*, Volume 08, No. 2, 2017, ISSN: 2230-7036, pp. 143-147.**

21. **Rai Chowdhury Dutt, Payel.** “Violence against Persons with Disabilities: The Hidden Nature of the Crime”, *Indian Human Rights Law Review*, Volume 09, No. 1, 2018, ISSN: 2230-7036, pp. 84-92.
22. **Rai Chowdhury Dutt, Payel.** “An Overview of Case Studies of Current Violation of Migrant Workers’ Rights: General Patterns of Abuse in Asia”, *Indian Human Rights Law Review*, Volume 09, No. 2, 2018, ISSN: 2230-7036, pp. 315- 320.

**Chapters in Edited Volumes published by National level publishers – Sole Author**

23. **Rai Chowdhury, Payel.** “**Human Rights, Folklore, Traditional Knowledge and Protection of Intellectual Property**” in *Jhunjhunu Journal of Legal Education*, Vol. I (2009) (Special Issue on Intellectual Property Rights).
24. **Rai Chowdhury, Payel.** “**Social Justice and the Constitution of India**”, *Bodhi Kala, A Journal of Humanities*, Volume 02, Number 2, 2011, pp. 133 – 140 (08). ISSN: 2277 4831.
25. **Rai Chowdhury, Payel.** “**The ILO’s Declaration on Social Justice for Fair Globalization: Reviewing International Labour Regulation after the Financial Crisis**” in *Indian Journal of Law and Justice. Special Issue on Employment Laws in India. Department of Law. University of North Bengal. March 2014. Volume 5. No 1*, pp. 124 - 131. ISSN 0976 – 3570.
26. **Rai Chowdhury Dutt, Payel.** “**Social Justice: The Constitution of India and Beyond**” in *Rabindra Bharati Journal of Political Science, Kolkata*, 2016. Vol. 10, pp. 39 – 48. ISSN 2393-8218.



**Full Papers in Conference Proceedings**

27. **Rai Chowdhury, Payel. "Human Rights of Persons with Disabilities: A Conceptual Discourse"** in *Human Rights in Twenty First Century- An Anthology* ed. Manik Chakraborty, 2014. ISBN 978 - 81 - 89659 - 19 - 6, pp. 179-213.
28. **Rai Chowdhury Dutt, Payel. "The Right to Truth: A Paradigmatic Conundrum"** in *Dimensions of Truth* ed. Kakoli Ghoshal, Aditi Das and Madhu Kapoor, 2015, ISBN 978 - 93 - 82549 - 26 - 0, pp. 87 -105.
29. **Rai Chowdhury Dutt, Payel. "Value - based Human Rights Education and Ethics: Chartering Social Justice and Development"** in *Aami, Apni o Nitir Sholpokotha* ed. Kakoli Ghoshal, Aditi Das and Madhu Kapoor, 2015, ISBN 978 - 93 - 82623 - 25 - 0, pp. 206 -211.
30. **Rai Chowdhury Dutt, Payel. "Not without Dreams"** in *Dreams Yonder* ed. Madhu Kapoor, Aditi Das and Kakoli Ghoshal, 2015, ISBN 978-93-84652-08-1, pp. 60 -70.
31. **Rai Chowdhury Dutt, Payel. "Children with Disabilities - The Inclusive Education Question"** in *Caring Children* ed. Sabir Ahamed, 2016, ISBN 978-81-92824-65-9, pp. 99 -105.
32. **Rai Chowdhury Dutt, Payel. "Of Belief and Self: Paradigmatic Conundrum"** in *Exploring the Edges of Belief: A Cognitive Myth* ed. Bibekananda Sau, Kakali Ghoshal and Sushmita Bhowmik, 2017, ISBN 978 - 81 - 32156 - 12 - 7, pp. 149 -154.
33. **Rai Chowdhury Dutt, Payel. "People with Disabilities: Towards a Barrier-free Environment"** in *Rethinking Marginality: Conjunctions and Contradictions*. Seminar Proceedings of the National Workshop cum Orientation Programme organized by the Women's Studies Centre, Department of Human Rights and Human

Development and Dr. B. R. Ambedkar Studies Centre, Rabindra Bharati University and supported by Indian Council for Social Science Research – Eastern Regional Centre (ICSSR-ERC) Kolkata on 29<sup>th</sup> to 31<sup>st</sup> March, 2017, pp 43 – 51.

34. **Rai Chowdhury Dutt, Payel. “Building an Innovative Society for Persons with Disabilities: The Policy Path”** in *Innovative Approaches and Practices for Building an Inclusive Society*. Seminar Proceedings of the national conference organized by the National Institute for the Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities (Divyangjan), Regional Centre Kolkata, Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment, GOI, on 20-21 December, 2017, pp 55 – 69, ISBN 978-81-929219-5-2.
35. **Rai Chowdhury Dutt, Payel. “Violence: New Implications with regard to Women with Disabilities”** in *State, Politics and Contemporary World*. Seminar Proceedings of the Workshop organised by *Paschimbanga Anchalik Itihaas O Lok sanskriti charcha Kendra*, pp 76 – 86. 2018. ISBN 978-93-88207-03-4

#### **Other Articles (News)**

1. **“Seeing Red”** in *‘The Statesman’*; October 16, 2001.
2. **“The Rights Stuff”** in *‘The Telegraph’*; November 11, 2003.
3. **“Of Marginalised Men”** in *‘The Statesman’*; November 11, 2003.
4. **“Right Here, Right Now”** in *‘The Statesman’*; December 03, 2002.
5. **“Go Green”** in *‘The Statesman’*; April 6, 2004.
6. **“A Living Standard”** in *‘The Statesman’*; September 07, 2004.
7. **“Worthy of Time and Effort”** in *‘The Statesman’*; – January 26, 2010.
8. **“Tackling Disappearances”** in *‘The Bengal Post’*, January 04, 2011; Editorial, page 8.

**Invited Lectures/ Extension Lectures/ Special Lectures/ Papers Presentations and Chairing Sessions:**

**At International level**

*South Asian Forum For Human Rights (SAFHR), Lahore, Pakistan; Institute of Language And Culture For Rural Development, Mahidol University, Salaya, Thailand; Asian Forum for Human Rights and Development (FORUM-ASIA) and United Nations, Bangkok, Thailand; Human Security Alliance and the Swedish International Development Agency, Phnom-Penh, Cambodia, South Asian Forum For Human Rights (SAFHR), Kandy and Colombo, Sri Lanka.*

**At National level**

National Human Rights Commission, National Commission for Women, National Institute for Locomotor Disabilities (NILD) Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment (GOI), National Institute for the Empowerment of Persons with Intellectual Disabilities (NIEPID), National Institute for Empowerment of Persons with Visual Disabilities (NIEPVD), National Institute of Homeopathy (NIH) and institutions such as Indian Psycho-Analytical Society (IPS), Human Rights Law Network (HRLN), Indian Statistical Institute (ISI) and the West Bengal National University of Juridical Sciences (WBNUJS).

**At State level**

West Bengal Human Rights Commission, West Bengal Commission for Women, West Bengal Commission on Protection of the Rights of Children, Office of State Commissioner for Protection of the Rights of Persons with Disabilities - Department of Women, Child Development and Social Welfare (Govt. of WB), and institutions such as ChildLine and the British Council, University of Calcutta, Jadavpur University, Vidyasagar University, Burdwan University, North Bengal University, Bankura University and Rabindra Bharati University (Women's Studies Centre, Centre for Human Development and Human Rights; Adult Continuing Education,

Extension Work and Field Outreach, and Departments of Social Work, Disability Studies, Sociology).

**At Local/Regional level**

Vidyasagar College, Loreto College, Maulana Azad College, Shri Shikshayatan College, Jaipuria College, Ram Krishna Sharada Mission Vivekananda College, Muralidhar College, Katwa College, Andul College and institutions such as Sruti Disability Rights Center, Calcutta Samaritans, Barrackpore Police Commissionerate.

**External Assignments (current):**

- *External Member to Internal Complaints Committee (ICC), NILD*
- *Board of Studies Member, West Bengal University of Health Sciences (WBUHS)*
- *Advisory Board Member, Women's Studies Centre, Vidyasagar University*
- *UG and PG Paper Setter/Examiner/Moderator for West Bengal University of Health Sciences and University of Calcutta*
- *Reviewer to Sage Journal "Contemporary Voice of Dalits" (Sage Publishers) ISSN: 2455-328X.*
- *Associate Editor to the Journal of Research in Peace, Gender and Development (JRPGD) (ISSN: 2251-0036)*